

# **OPEN HOUSE**

## **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**



**Dr. Joanne Shelmidine & Mr. Todd Manley**

# Purpose Of Open House

- Learn about district initiatives
- Review important policies
- Meet your child's teachers
- Learn about class expectations and procedures

# Open House Agenda

- Introduction Of Staff
- Procedure Updates
  - ◆ Attendance
  - ◆ Athletic/Extracurricular
  - ◆ Cell Phones
  - ◆ Chromebooks
  - ◆ DASA
  - ◆ Dress Code
  - ◆ SchoolTool and ParentSquare

# **Administrative and Pupil Services Staff**

**Mrs. Laura Dutton** - Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. Joanne Shelmidine** - Interim MS-HS Principal

**Mrs. Courtney Johnston** - Director of Special Education/Asst. Principal

**Mr. Greg Haver** - Athletic Director

**Mrs. Janice Watrous** - Director of Guidance & MS/HS Counselor

**Mrs. Danielle Dutcher** - School Nurse

**Mrs. Delana Clive & Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman** - Social Workers

**Miss Paige Parker** - Behavior Specialist

**Deputy Heather Dupont** - Resource Officer

**Mrs. Krissy Rommel & Mrs. Ashley DeLucia** - MS-HS Office Secretaries

**Mrs. Danielle Roark** - Business Official

**Mrs. Allyson Hallick** - Transportation Supervisor

**Mrs. Tanya Steves** - Food Service Director

# 6-12 Teaching Staff

## Middle School

- ❑ **Mrs. Lisa Dousharm** - Math & Soc. St. 6
- ❑ **Mrs. Teri Zuchowski** - ELA & Sci. 6
- ❑ **Miss Brandi Cavallaro** - MS Spec. Ed.
- ❑ **Miss Hannah Slawson** - Math & PACE 8
- ❑ **Mrs. Erica Daniels** - English & PACE 7
- ❑ **Mr. Joel Allen** - Social Studies & PACE 8

# 6-12 Teaching Staff

## High School

- ❑ **Miss Avery Evans** - Special Education
- ❑ **Mr. Tom Basel** - US History/CN US Hist/CN Psych & /CN Soc.
- ❑ **Miss Autumn Diamond** - Global 9 / Global 10
- ❑ **Mrs. Erin Meeker** - Algebra I / Geometry
- ❑ **Mr. Scott Kurdziolek** - Algebra 2/Basic Algebra/CN  
Pre-Calc/CN Calc/CN Stats
- ❑ **Mr. Mike Gagnon** - English 9/ English 10
- ❑ **Mrs. Tracy Theilmann** -English 11/English 12/CN Lit/CN Public  
Speaking/CN Writing
- ❑ **Mr. Kevin Ford** - Earth Science/CN Geology
- ❑ **Mr. Glenn Manning** - Driver's Education

# 6-12 Teaching Staff

## Shared MS/HS Staff

- ❑ **Mrs. Mercedes Kraszewski** - Spanish
- ❑ **Mrs. Judy Weakley** - ASL
- ❑ **Mrs. Emily Dusart** - Art
- ❑ **Mr. Derek Bowen** - Science 7/ Chemistry/Physics
- ❑ **Mrs. Jessica Meyer** - Science 8/Field Bio/CN An. & Phy.
- ❑ **Ms. Roxanne Przeliski** - Health
- ❑ **Mr. Paul Brown** - Music/Band
- ❑ **Miss Margaret Kraeger** - Music/Chorus
- ❑ **Mr. Jason Potempa** - PE
- ❑ **Mr. Jon Hodge** - PE
- ❑ **Mr. Trevor Harter** - PACE 7/ Global 9

# Procedure Updates

- Lockers - Backpacks, Coats, Hats and Cellphones
- 3 minute pass time between classes
- Bathroom/Hall passes - Electronic Sign Out/In.
- Advisement - 10th Period
  - ◆ (time to meet with teachers for extra help)

# Attendance

- School starts at 7:45am - 1st Bell
- School ends at 2:44pm - Last Bell
- Please notify the school if you know your child will be absent
- Parents may submit a note through ParentSquare when they return
- High School Credit Denial Thresholds
  - ◆ 7 unexcused absences for a 0.5 credit course or 15 for a 1.0 credit course

# Athletic & Extracurricular Participation

Participation is a privilege!

- You are a “Student... Athlete”
- Use weekly gradebook report to determine the “U”(s) for the week.
- Gradebook shared with teachers on Thursday @12:30
- Students have until **Friday @12:30** to be removed.
- **2 or more “U”s** for the week or **1 U for the same class 3 weeks in a row** and you are ineligible to participate the following week.
- Ineligible to compete or participate, but may still practice (Coaches/Advisor/Principal decision)
- Sunday to Saturday

# Cell Phone

**NYS Mandate:** *If a personal internet-enabled device is seen (or heard) on school grounds during the school day, and the incident is the:*

1. First Offense:

The student immediately gives the device to the district employee.

The employee will turn the device over to the building administrator.

The student will be able to collect the device from the school office at the end of the school day.

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## 2. Second Offense:

The student immediately gives the device to the district employee.

The employee will turn the device over to the building administrator

AND

The student will serve one (1) detention from 3:00-5:00 pm that day,

AND

A parent/guardian will need to make arrangements to retrieve the device from the office.

*\*Any day a 5:00 pm bus is not available, the parent/guardian must provide transportation.*

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## 3. Third Offense:

The student immediately gives the device to district employee.

The employee turns the device over to building administrator

AND

The student will serve (2) detentions from 3:00-5:00 pm on that day, AND

A parent/guardian will need to make arrangements to retrieve the device from the office.

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## 4. Additional Offenses:

Additional offenses will be addressed using the range of appropriate interventions included within the Code of Conduct.

# Chromebooks

- All students in grades K-12 are assigned a district owned and managed chromebook.
- Students are responsible for the care and charging of their chromebook for daily use at home and/or the classroom.
- Restitution for intentional abuse and damage to a district owned chromebook will be enforced.

**If your Chromebook is damaged, you and your family could be responsible for the replacement.**

Replacement Costs

- Dell 3110 Chromebook - \$379.00
- Dell Charger - \$26.00



# Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

What is Bullying?

- Acts of aggression intended to cause harm (verbal, physical, relational or cyber).
- Inflicted by a peer/group of peers or adult operating from a position of strength or power.
- Usually repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

# Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

## *What you need to know:*

- Dignity Act Coordinator's are Mrs. Kochan, Mrs. Johnston and Mr. Haver
- Forms in the office or on school website if student feels that bullying and harassment has happened.
  - Student → Student
  - Teacher (Adult) → Student

# DRESS CODE

**Basic Principle:** Undergarments and certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.

## **Clothing and Attire to Avoid:**

1. Attire or accessories with offensive or disruptive writing or images likely to disrupt the educational environment.
2. Attire or accessories with logos or emblems that depict drugs, tobacco, nicotine products, or alcohol, the abuse of guns or weapons, illegal drugs; or encourage illegal or violent activities;
3. Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments.

**If a student is found in violation of the dress code, the student will be asked to change or modify attire before returning to class.**

# SchoolTool & ParentSquare

- Student grades can be viewed through Parent/Student Portal
- Communication from school is primarily through ParentSquare
- Make up Work - No student, who has an excused or unexcused absence, will be refused an opportunity to make up work if he/she is absent from school.
- **The student will be given, at minimum, the same number of days he/she was absent to turn in the work.**

**The Poland Faculty &  
Staff want to wish you  
and your child a  
successful and productive  
2025-2026 school year.**



**THANK YOU!**