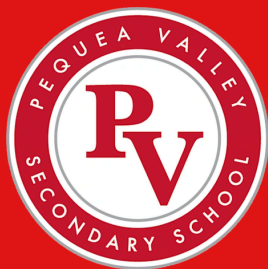


2026-2027



SUMMER FUN



Our TRIBE learners completed an unforgettable Appalachian Trail adventure, hiking from the Mason-Dixon Line to historic Harpers Ferry. Along the way, they built resilience, strengthened friendships, and discovered the power of perseverance.



A group of our learners participated in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP), spending two weeks in Germany at the end of the school year. During their visit, they immersed themselves in a new culture, strengthened international friendships, and created lasting memories with their German peers.



A group of our learners went on the PV Exploration trip and spent five unforgettable days in Florida, participating in incredible activities, observing amazing wildlife, and gaining valuable knowledge through hands-on learning experiences.

PEQUEA VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

LEARNERS GRADES 7-12

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome learners in grades 7-12 to Pequea Valley Secondary School! This guide contains important information, procedures, and resources to help learners and families prepare for a successful start to the school year. Please take a few minutes to review all of the information carefully.



7-12 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

When: August 18, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 PM

For: Grades 7-12 Learners & Families



What: Join us to meet teachers, explore the building, locate classrooms, review schedules, and learn about clubs, activities, and student support services. Representatives from Technology, Athletics, Social Work Services, Restore Counseling, SAP, First Choice, and more will be available to answer questions and provide information. Whether you're new to Pequea Valley Secondary School or returning for another year, this is a great opportunity to start the school year informed, connected, and prepared for success.



7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

When: August 21, 2026, from 8:00 am-11:00 am

For: This is exclusively for our incoming 7th-grade learners

What: Incoming 7th-grade students are invited to attend our 7th-grade Orientation to help make the transition to middle school a smooth and exciting experience. Students will have the opportunity to learn where their classes are located, explore the building, review their schedules, and become familiar with their new school environment. Orientation will be led by our 8th-grade student leaders, who will share their experiences and provide incoming learners with valuable insight into life as a PVS student.

MEAL INFORMATION



Breakfast and lunch are free for all learners. To qualify as a free meal, learners must select at least 3 of the 5 meal components (Dairy, Fruit, Vegetable, Grain, Protein), including ½ cup of fruit or vegetable.

Learners who wish to purchase snacks or additional items must have funds in their meal account or cash on hand.

Adding Funds:

- Online: MySchoolBucks (service fee applies)
- Check/Cash: Make checks payable to Pequea Valley Food Service Department. Place payment in an envelope labeled with the learner's full name, homeroom facilitator, and student ID number. Please note "For Cafeteria" on the envelope.

If your child requires a special diet or has food allergies, please get in touch with the Food Service Department at 717-768-5551. A Medical Plan of Care form may be required for dietary accommodations.

TECHNOLOGY COVERAGE



All learners in grades 5-12 are automatically enrolled in Pequea Valley's Technology Coverage Program, which helps reduce family costs for accidental damage to school-issued laptops.

A \$10 fee per learner will be billed in September. Families who choose not to participate must contact their child's building administrator by September 11, 2026. Please note: Families who opt out of coverage are responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices or accessories.

For more information about technology coverage, please visit the district website at pequeavalley.org → Menu → Parents and Families → Technology Coverage Program.

Laptop Reminder: Please remind your learner to charge their laptop each night, so it is ready for daily instruction.

VAPING AND SEARCHES

Pequea Valley Secondary School is taking additional steps to help prevent vaping and maintain a safe learning environment, including increased staff monitoring, the use of electronic detection devices, and disciplinary consequences for learners found with vaping devices or substances in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school safe and healthy. Questions may be directed to the school office.



ATTENDANCE & TIMELINES

Attendance is managed through the Sapphire Community Portal. Absence excuses must be submitted within five days of the absence by:

- Completing the Absence Excuse Form in Sapphire (Student Data Forms)
- Emailing pvattendance@pequeavalley.org (include the learner's name, date(s) absent, and reason)
- Sending a signed written note with the learner (include the learner's name, date(s) absent, reason, and signature.)

For complete attendance procedures, see the Student Handbook on pequeavalley.org or visit pvs.pequeavalley.org and select Attendance.

- School Hours: 7:55 AM–2:37 PM
- Learners must be in homeroom by 7:55 AM or face disciplinary consequences.
- Suggested arrival: 7:40–7:50 AM
- Arrivals after 9:30 AM or dismissals before 1:00 PM count as a half-day absence.
- Educational field trip forms must be submitted at least one day before the trip.
- Up to 10 parent-excused days (including illness, family trips, etc.) are permitted each school year. After 10 days, a doctor's note may be required for an excused absence.

STUDENT PARKING & PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK UP

- Parents/visitors should use the West Lot (stadium/Route 772 side).
- Student drop-off begins at 7:35 AM and uses the west-side traffic loop.
- The East Lot (New Holland Road side) is for buses and staff only. No parking or student drop-off is permitted.
- Parent dismissal pickup must be arranged directly with the learner; the school office does not coordinate pickups.



BUS SCHEDULES

Parents/Guardians must log in to pvsd.mybusplanner.com to view bus schedule information. To access your child's busing information, you will need their Student ID number. This information can be found in the Sapphire Community Portal.

Please direct any requested changes to the Transportation Office by August 18th. Routes are continually being adjusted to meet family needs. Email Dawn.Dixon@pequeavalley.org, Transportation Coordinator, with questions or changes.

SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PORTAL

Each parent/guardian MUST have a Sapphire Community Portal Account. Electronic letters, parent communications, and district notification calls/texts (including weather delays and cancellations) are distributed using Sapphire.

To create an account, go to sapphire.pequeavalley.org > Click Community Portal > Click Apply for a Sapphire Community Portal Account. (Please note - all parent account applications are reviewed for verification before access is granted. Creation of the account is not instant, so please plan accordingly!)

Update Learner Demographic and Medical Data if you have changes or updates to your child(ren)'s demographic or medical data throughout the school year. You can visit the Sapphire Community Portal or contact Heather.Yoder@pequeavalley.org (717-768-5530 x5609).



SCHOOL SAFETY

Learners are expected to be in the right place at the right time throughout the school day. This includes:

- Using restrooms closest to their classrooms
- Reporting directly to their assigned location and avoiding unnecessary roaming

After-school activities are a privilege. Learners must remain in their assigned location at the conclusion of the school day. Failure to follow these expectations may result in progressive disciplinary consequences, including loss of after-school privileges.

SCHOOLGY

PVS classrooms use Schoology for digital learning and communication. This platform allows learners, parents/guardians, and facilitators to access learning materials, collaborate, and communicate.

Parent Access: Parents may view their child's general activity in Schoology. For a more detailed view of assignments and activity, use your child's login credentials through Clever:

1. Log in to Clever using your child's pequeavalley.net email address and password.
2. Select the Schoology icon to access their account.

Parents may also create a free Schoology parent account. A unique access code is required to connect your child(ren) during setup. Contact your child's facilitator to receive the access code. To create an account:

1. Go to www.schoology.com
2. Select Register
3. Choose Parent
4. Enter your child's unique access code and select Continue

CELL PHONE POLICY

Learners may not use cell phones during instructional time.

Classrooms have designated cell phone storage areas to help minimize distractions. Use of these areas is optional but encouraged.

Learners who use devices during class will be referred to the office for progressive disciplinary consequences, which may include loss of cell phone privileges.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO SEE ALL THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PV LEARNERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!



WEBSITE: PVS.PEQUEAVALLEY.ORG