

2022-2023 SCHOOL INFORMATION

Update 8-5-22



Good afternoon, Spartan Families,

Wednesday, August 10th, is the first day of school, and I cannot wait to welcome our students back to the building. Please review the procedures below to make sure everyone has a successful first day.

Sincerely,

Erin Phelps

School Hours: 9:40 am – 4:10 pm

***Students may not get dropped off prior to 9:15 a.m.**

- 9:25 am – Gates Open and students report directly to first period or the cafeteria.
- 9:30 am – 1st bell
- 9:40 am – 1st period begins.

Bell Schedule: We are following the Alternative Bell Schedule B this week. This schedule will be posted on the website and Canvas.

Student Schedule: Student schedules are posted in FOCUS. It is important students print out or write down their 1st period class as they will need to know their 1st period room number and location. Students will also receive a hard copy of their schedule on the first day of school.

Water Bottles: Students should bring their own water bottle. We have multiple filling stations around campus.

Drop Off/Entry Zones:

- **Car Circle:** The car circle is in the front of the building. Cars will enter the car loop from Florida Avenue, and will exit onto Sunset.
- **Bus Drop Off:** The bus drop-off/pick up is located on the East side of campus, in the back of the parking area.
- **Car riders/Walkers:** Will enter the west side (Florida Avenue) of the building near the gym. The bike rack is still located in this area and a staff member will monitor the gate.

Communication: School communication will be posted on our website for easy reference. School messenger will be our primary source of communication via calls and emails for priority information. The Remind app and emails will also be utilized by teachers to share information.

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PCS Connects: Students will receive a device. Device forms for the 22-23 school year will get sent home in the first day packet and are also available online using the following link: <https://focus.pcsb.org> . You will need your p.username and unique case sensitive password. The parent account must be active and have the student linked to the user to access the Re-Enrollment Packet. If there are multiple parent FOCUS accounts for a student, only one parent can submit the re-enrollment packet.

Arrival: This year, morning arrival will begin no earlier than 9:15 am. Students may not gather in the front or sides of the building, and will not be able to gather or cluster once inside of the building. Students will report to the cafeteria for breakfast, or should go directly to their first period class once the gates open at 9:25 a.m.

Walkers/Bike Riders: Students who walk or ride their bike to school will enter campus through the designated gate near the bike rack/gym. Gates open at 9:25 a.m.

Visitors/Volunteers: We welcome parent volunteers. Please contact 943-5511 or email carpenterlau@pcsb.org if you are interested in volunteering at TSMS.

Lunch Room: We have three lunches. The assigned lunch seat is located under “locker number” on the schedule.

Dismissal: We will conduct a staggered dismissal the first three days beginning at 4:07 pm. Please pull to the very end of the car circle if you are picking your student up via car.

Early Pick-up: Parents who need to pick- up their child early from school will need to schedule an appointment with the office to pick up before 3:45 p.m. There will be no exception made to this pick-up time.

Parent Portal: Report cards and other essential information will be shared via the parent portal. Please make sure you are able to access your parent portal account.

Beginning of the Year Information Packet: Families are encouraged to complete all forms online this year using the aforementioned link. Paper copies are available upon request.

PTSA membership information & School Spirit Wear Information: Our TSMS PTSA is an amazing organization. They can be counted on for support and current information related to our school. Please join the PTSA. Information can be found in the first day of school packet.

Backpacks: Students may carry a backpack that fits on the back of their chair or under their desk space. No rolling backpacks or large duffel bags are permitted.

Please remember, students need support from home and school to be successful. We are ready to teach your children. It is my hope they are ready to learn!

Remember, we are training to triumph, and all Spartans will succeed!