

# 2021-2022 SCHOOL INFORMATION

Update 8-9-21



Good afternoon, Spartan Families,

Wednesday, August 11th, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> bell
- 9:40 am – 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The water fountains are shut down for safety, but we do have a bottle filler on campus.

**Masks:** Masks/face coverings are recommended.

**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 new 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.

**Daily Pre-entry Screener:** The safety and wellness of our students and staff is our number one priority. As a school community, we must ALL be committed to keeping each other safe by monitoring COVID-19 symptoms and staying home when necessary.

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**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.

**PCS Connects:** Students will receive a device. Device forms for the 21-22 school year will get sent home in the first day 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:** During this time our campus is still somewhat restricted to visitors. Please understand you must make an appointment. Please contact 943-5511 or email [TSMS@pcsb.org](mailto:TSMS@pcsb.org) to schedule an appointment. Ms. McCord will be stationed in the visitor parking lot to address any registration/immunization questions you have.

**Lunch Room:** We have three lunches and still plan to maintain social distancing. Students will be seated apart from each other and faced forward. Students may bring a lunch, but food deliveries to campus are not allowed. Students will also have assigned seating in the cafeteria. The assigned lunch seat is located under “locker number” on the schedule.

**Dismissal:** We will conduct a staggered dismissal the first few 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.

**Sanitation:** Sanitation stations have been placed throughout campus. We encourage students to wash their hands with soap and water, but sanitation stations are also available for convenience. Students may also keep a small bottle of hand sanitizer and wipes in their backpack.

**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:** Every student will receive a *Code of Conduct* with a packet of forms the first day of school. Please complete and return all forms. Forms may also be scanned to [TSMS@pcsb.org](mailto:TSMS@pcsb.org).

**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.

**Lockers/Backpacks:** Lockers will not be issued this year. 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!