

July 1, 2019

Welcome to Piqua Junior High School

On behalf of the Piqua Junior High School faculty and staff we would like to welcome all 7th and 8th grade students and their families to our school. We hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation and that you are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Our bell schedule will change slightly for this coming year. School will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will end at 2:23 p.m.

Please note our Piqua Junior High Mission Statement:

Our mission at Piqua Junior High School is to provide a safe, academically-challenging, and quality learning environment which will enable all students to realize their highest potential as respectful and responsible members of society.

As we gear up for another great year, we have attempted to provide you with some helpful information in this newsletter. As always, please call the school office (778-2997) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Indian Days

What are Indian Days? Indian Days are an opportunity for students to pick up their schedules, get their student ID picture taken, tour the building, and have their school pictures taken. Also you will have the opportunity to pay school fees, and pay to participate fees. All of these are required in order to pick up your schedule. Indian Days are scheduled at Piqua Junior High School for seventh graders on August 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Indian Days for eighth graders will be August 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Again, seventh graders are scheduled for August 13 and eighth graders for August 14. These days will also serve as our Open House for this year, as teachers will be available in their rooms to meet students and parents. Mark your calendar now.....see you then!

Student Drop off and Pick up

Just a reminder that students being dropped off or picked up by parents, are to use the front doors by the commons. This is due to the fact that bus students are dropped off and picked up in the back lot. Thanks for your cooperation with this procedure.

Dress Code Reminder

For the benefit of all students, we ask that certain guidelines be followed. Students are not permitted to wear clothing with profane, suggestive, or questionable logos, including alcohol or other inappropriate substances. Students should also refrain from wearing tube tops, halter/spaghetti strap tops, hats, bare midriff shirts, over-sized tank tops, or clothing with cuts and tears. Piqua Junior High School does not permit extraordinary coloring of hair.

School Fees

School fees this year are **\$20.00** for junior high school students. You must pay the fees at school during Indian Days on August 13 and 14. Junior high fall athletic team members (football, volleyball, cross country, football cheerleaders) are required to pay a \$30.00 participation fee that can also be paid at Indian Days. To assist in the payment of these fees, we will again accept credit cards this year.

Lockers

Students will receive their lockers during Indian Days. Students are encouraged to locate their lockers and work their combination during Indian Days. The locker number and combination will be printed on the student's schedules.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

In an effort to better serve the students of Piqua Junior High School, school pictures will be taken during Indian Days on August 13 and 14. This will eliminate pictures being taken in the fall during school. Retakes have been scheduled for September 9, 2019. These will be the only two times students will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken this fall. Seventh grade pictures will be taken August 13 and eighth grade pictures will be taken August 14. Picture packets will be mailed to student addresses by LifeTouch prior to Indian Days. Please bring the picture packet order form with you to Indian Days. Students not wishing to place an order on that day must still have their picture taken for school record purposes at no cost to the parent.

School Supplies

Great news for parents! The only school supplies that you are required to supply for your PJHS student this year are a book bag, supply of pencils, and a set of earbuds for use here with their Chromebooks, and a lunch bag if not eating cafeteria lunches. The rest of their school supplies will be waiting on them here the first day of school.

Cafeteria News

Did you know that you can put money on your child's lunch account 24 hours a day, seven days a week? With LunchPrepay.com you never have to worry about lost lunch money again. LunchPrepay.com is a secure, easy, and convenient way to apply funds directly to your student's account. Go to www.lunchprepay.com today and check out the wonderful features the program provides.

Lunch and breakfast prices for the 2018-2019 school year will be as follows:
School lunches will be \$2.05 a day (\$10.25/week) and breakfast will be .95 a day (\$4.75/week).
Reduced lunches will be .40 a day (\$2.00/week) and breakfast will be free.

You will be able to put money on your students account during Indian Days.

Sports Information

It's time to start gearing up for our fall sports teams. If your child is interested in playing a fall sport, the following information is provided for you.

7th and 8th Grade Volleyball Tryouts

Before trying out, girls must have a completed physical packet.

For more information contact Macarena Dunn (dunnm@piqua.org) or Jordan Drake (drakej@piqua.org).

7th and 8th Grade Football

July 15 - 17 there will be a K – 8th Football Camp at Alexander Stadium. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. \$40.

Mandatory Practice Starts August 1st – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the practice field next to the stadium.

Cross Country Practice

For information about Cross Country, please contact Coach Downs at downsc@piqua.org, Coach Peltier at peltierm@piqua.org, or visit the website at www.piquacrosscountry.com

A completed physical packet is required before you can participate.

Transportation

The Transportation Department is currently pre-routing for the 19/20 school year. Address changes and Transportation Plan forms must be completed no later than **July 22nd**. The form is available at www.piqua.org or at the Transportation Office @ 719 E. Ash St. **Routing information will be available at Indian Days.** If the address change or the Transportation Plan form is not completed by **July 22nd**, we will not guarantee transportation can be provided when school begins. In this case, the student will be placed on a list and provided with their bus assignment/schedule as soon as possible in the order the request was received.