



Home of the Gators

Plum Point Middle School

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Dear Plum Point Middle School Families,

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer! Our summer has been very busy! The media center received a face-lift with new carpeting while tile was placed in all of the 6th grade academic wing, some of the 7th grade classrooms, and two of the computer labs.

We also welcome new staff members to Gator Country:

- Mrs. Yankanich as our Vice Principal. Ms. Booros transferred to WHMS as Vice Principal
- Ms. Arroyo- Spanish
- Mrs. Arter- 8th Grade Math
- Mrs. Heffner- Functional Skills
- Ms. Kustusich- Speech Language Pathologist
- Mrs. Remington- Media Specialist
- Mrs. Ealley- Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Palmer- Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Stern- Instructional Assistant

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Friday, Sept. 1st Orientation: All 6th Grade and New 7th/8th Grade students to PPMS

Sale of PE uniforms and Agenda books (Unisex shirt with short- \$10, Unisex shirt with capri- \$18)

(Please review the attached information in regards to bus information for pick-up/drop-off)

Tuesday, Sept. 5th FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

Sale of PE uniforms, agenda books- Sept 5th-8th during lunch

Thursday, Sept. 7th Summit Learning Platform Information Night 6-7pm

Friday, Sept. 8th Emergency Forms, Electronic Device Registration Forms, Statements of Understanding, and Fall Athletic Paperwork (physicals and clinic fees) due to the main office

Tuesday, Sept. 12th 6th Grade Back to School Night 6:30-8pm

Thursday, Sept. 14th 7th/8th Grade Back to School Night 6:30-8pm

Important Information:

6th and 7th grade students will be utilizing the Summit Personalized Learning Platform this school year. The platform will support our Maryland State Standards and house our CCPS curriculum. Students are encouraged to bring their own device however, students will be able to borrow a laptop for use if they are not able to bring their own. 6th grade students will be using HP streams and 7th grade students will be using their assigned Chromebook from last school year. A \$30 insurance fee will be collected for each student that uses a school device. These devices will be transported to and from school daily for students to complete assignments at home. An information night will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7th for those parents who were not able to attend our previously scheduled presentations that were held in May.

Attention Volunteers: All volunteers for Calvert County Public Schools must complete an online application through KeepNTrack prior to volunteering or chaperoning field trips every year. All previous volunteer information has been deleted from the system as of Aug. 14th. You can begin completing your new application after Aug. 21st. The link to this application process can be found in the Volunteer section of our district website. <http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/departments/instruction/volunteer/applicationprocess.asp>

We will continue to use **Tuesday folders and the PPMS Bits and Bites** to convey weekly updates and information. Tuesday folder information will be distributed beginning Sept 5th. We are asking students to keep the folders in their book bags to place all of the information for your review. Students will be rewarded TWO Gator Bites each week for having their folder available for the weekly communication.

PPMS Bits and Bites Newsletter will be sent electronically on Fridays to communicate information for the following week in regards to school events and activities. If you are a parent or guardian of a student in CCPS, you will automatically receive SchoolMessenger (SM) notifications to the email address and phone numbers that you have on file in HAC. Updates to emails or phone numbers must continue to be made in HAC by parents/guardians via the InfoCenter tab.

As in previous years, parents are able to view their child's gradebook, interim reports, and report cards online through the Home Access Center (HAC). Families who do not have computer access may contact the guidance office to obtain a paper copy of an interim report or report card. As a reminder, HAC account credentials follow users throughout their child's career with CCPS—you will use the same login and password information until your child graduates. Letters regarding credentials will only be provided to students new to CCPS. If you haven't yet customized your HAC password, please do so by logging into your HAC account, hovering over your name in the top right corner, and selecting My Account. On this page, you can change your password and add/edit your challenge questions as needed. You can also contact the guidance department if you need help with your log in credentials for HAC. The HAC website can be accessed from the Calvert County Public Schools website or by logging on to <https://hac.calvertnet.k12.md.us>.

PPMS 6th and 7th Grade Students and Parents should access their child's Personalized Learning Platform to view their academic progress. Interim and Report Card grades will be placed in HAC for reporting purposes, however individual grades will be able to be accessed via the platform. Login information will be sent home on during the first week of school so that you are able to access your child's platform immediately.


Planners have been ordered for all students. The cost of each student planner is \$7. Please take a moment to review the Parent /Student Handbook which is located in the planners. Students are required to use their planner on a daily basis. This planner will be used as a communication tool between teachers and parents regarding homework and classroom expectations.

Bus information can be found on the Calvert County Public Schools website (www.calvertnet.k12.md.us) on the right side of the homepage. Please review them carefully to confirm routes, bus numbers, and pick-up times. Students should ride their regular bus to school on the first day. This gets the students in a routine and they will arrive to school on time every day.

Our school hours are 7:55-3:10pm. Car riders and buses begin arriving at 7:55am and all buses are have dropped off all students by 8:10am. Students who arrive after 8:15am are considered tardy and **MUST** sign in via the school office. 1st period begins at 8:15am sharp. Frequent late arrivals to school will be addressed using the policy outlined in the student handbook.

Students are not permitted to leave school grounds with someone other than their parent/guardian without written notification provided to the front office. Please make sure that you include parent/guardian contact information since all notes are verified.

As always, ensuring the **safety and security of our students, staff** and visitors is paramount. We do not want to deter visitors, however please remember the protocol for entering the building.

- The main entrance to the school will remain locked during school hours.
- Access at the main entrance will be granted by standing at the black [X] to the right of the doors and pushing the bell. 
- The main office will answer and you should give them your reason for entering the school.
- Visitors must still report directly to the main office upon entering.

School Meal Prices for 2017-2018: Secondary School Lunch = \$2.80 Student Breakfast = \$1.65
Milk= \$0.55 Reduced Price Lunch= \$0.40 Reduced Price Breakfast = \$0.30

Medications occasionally have to be administered to students by our school nurse, Ms. Brady. According to Maryland State Guidelines, any medications-including over the counter-must have a “Physician’s Authorization Form” on file in the health room before they can be administered at school. Your child’s medication must be in the original container and have the child’s name on the bottle. Medications must be brought to school by the parent or guardian. Please have your medical provider complete the appropriate form found on the CCPS website. All 7th and 8th grade students are required to have a single dose of Tdap and Meningococcal Vaccines prior to entering Calvert County Public Schools this year. The Calvert County Health Department is offering free Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines on August 29th from 3:00PM until 7:00PM (walk-ins), and on Wednesday, September 20th from 9:00AM until 3:30PM (by appointment only).

Sports physicals must be completed prior to a child’s participation in a sport. If your child is interested in trying out for fall sports: soccer or volleyball, they need to have the completed physical evaluation form, try-out form, informed consent to participate in athletics form, insurance waiver form, and clinic form along with \$35 turned into the Main Office by Sept 8th. These forms are located on the school website on the sports tab. Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Pellock, with any questions.

Photographs and videos of students taken in school and at school events may be used in print or electronic media, including newspapers or the internet. This may include photographs and videos taken in classrooms, in other areas of the school building, and at events normally open to the public. Students may be identified by name in photograph captions. Parents who do not want photographs or videos of their children used in print and electronic media should notify the school principal in writing by September 29th of each school year.

As a reminder, the CCPS Code of Student Conduct outlines a dress code that shall be followed by all students in kindergarten through grade 12. (Each student will receive a complete copy of this document at the start of the school year.)

When shopping for school clothes, please remember:

- Skirts/skorts/shorts must be longer than the longest fingertip when student stands with arms fully extended at their sides.
- Tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops and garments which are too tight, “see-thru,” expose one’s cleavage or midriff area, or have spaghetti straps are not permitted. Sleeveless garments must fit closely under the arms.
- Clothing with inappropriate scenes or wording is prohibited.
- All pants must be worn around the waist.

Please review the attached **School Supply List, Orientation Information from Transportation, and Credit Card Payment directions for needed supplies** for the upcoming year. **Student schedules** will be distributed to 6th and NEW 7th/8th grade students on Sept 1st. Returning 7th and 8th grade students will receive schedules on Sept 5th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon,

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