



Plum Point Middle School

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Dear Plum Point Middle Families,

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer! The 2016-2017 school year is right around the corner and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of over 700 students at PPMS.

As we all know changes come with a new year and we welcome new staff members to Gator Country:

- Ms. Bredin will be teaching Art.
- Mr. Cook is joining our Science Department.
- Ms. Chubb, our IEP Facilitator, will be working with us on Mondays.
- Ms. Domyan and Ms. Flanders will be our Speech Language Pathologists
- Ms. Metz will be joining our Special Education team.
- Mrs. Patton will be joining our ELA Department.
- Mrs. Rice will be joining our Math Department.
- Mrs. Watson, our Safety Advocate, will be with us on B days this school year.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

August 26th -All 6th Gr. and New 7th/8th Gr. students to PPMS- Orientation

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

August 29th- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

Aug. 26th – (6th Gr. Orientation) and During Lunch Aug. 29th- Sept 2nd - Gym Uniform Sale

Sept 2nd –Emergency Forms, Electronic Device Registration Forms, and Statements of Understanding due to main office

Tuesday, Sept. 6th –6th Grade Back to School Night- 6-8pm

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

Important Information:

For the safety of our students, **this year, all** volunteers for Calvert County Public Schools must complete an online application through KeepNTrack prior to volunteering or chaperoning field trips. **Beginning volunteers must re-apply annually through KeepNTrack.** All previous volunteer information has been deleted from the system. It is important to apply before you plan to volunteer. 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>

Current CCPS staff members do NOT need to do the volunteer application. They have already been loaded into the system as a staff member as well as a volunteer. Thank you for your understanding and continued dedication to the safety and education of our students.

We will continue to use **Tuesday folders and the PPMS Bits and Bites** to convey weekly updates and information.

Tuesday folders information will be distributed beginning Aug. 30th. We are asking students to keep the folders in their book bags to place 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 are on file for you in HAC. Updates to emails or phone numbers must continue to be made in HAC by parents/guardians. In InfoCenter, all parents/guardians may configure where they wish to receive the different types of messages.

Be sure you update your contact information in HAC in order to receive these weekly updates.

Parents of Calvert County Public Schools students are able to view their child's gradebook, interim reports, and report cards online through the Home Access Center (HAC), the online application that allows families to view grades and monitor progress throughout the school year. Middle and high schools will no longer print paper interims and report cards. 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>.


Planners have been ordered for all students. 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. Replacement copies are \$5 each.

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 here 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. If a late arrival to school does not constitute a dentist/doctor appointment or family emergency, after the 3rd "late arrival" the family will receive a phone call seeking clarification. 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 2016 – 2017: 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 Thursday, August 25th from 4:00PM until 7:00PM (walk-ins), and on Wednesday, September 14th 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 Mr. Pellock by Sept 2nd. These forms are located on the school website on the sports tab.

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 30th 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** for the upcoming year. Supplies are listed by grade level and subject area in order to assist you in purchasing your supplies **before** the first day of school! **Student schedules**

will be distributed to 6th and NEW 7th/8th gr. students on Aug. 26th. Returning 7th and 8th gr. students will receive schedules on Aug. 29th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon,

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