



Liberty Middle School News and Information

August 2019

Happy Friday Liberty Families & Friends,

I hope this initial email finds you enjoying the remaining days of summer! As my team and I begin to get back into the swing of things and begin planning another school year at Liberty, I wanted to share a few pieces of information for your planning purposes.

While it seems as if we have been at Liberty for a much longer time; we will be entering **YEAR 5** the upcoming school year! We continue to have a great deal of pride in what we have established but we are even more proud of our willingness and commitment to keep reflecting and improving. Some of that reflecting and improving is shared in this communication.

We are so excited to kick-off another year with you as we work together to create the best middle school experience we can for your student(s).

We look forward to seeing you later this month and ***GO LIONS!!***

August 21, 2019:

- **7th & 8th Grade Schedule Pick-Up & Picture Day @ 9a.m - 1 a.m & Noon - 2p.m**

August 22, 2019:

- **6th Grade WEB Day @ 9a.m.- Noon**

August 22, 2019:

- **6th Grade Schedule Pick Up & Picture Day @12:30-2:30p.m**

September 3, 2019:

- **First Day of School (Half-Day-Dismissal @ 11:14 a.m.)**

September 12, 2019:

- **Open House/Curriculum Night @ 6 p.m.**



Back 2 School Registration

If you have not visited the district website yet, the PCCS Back To School Communication is ready for your review. For your convenience, I have downloaded a PDF version and included in this communication. All of the information you need regarding the 2019-2020 school year is there for you.

School-Wide Grading Scale & Common Practice

During the 18-19 school year the Liberty staff made a greater commitment to our students by brainstorming additional ways to ensure greater success across all of their classes. During those brainstorming conversations, we made sure we kept the fact that our students have a tough job navigating the number of requirements/expectations that come with each of their classes. Late work, quiz retakes, grade weighting, and common grading were all topics of conversation. Each content area was diligent in developing common practices at each grade level as it relates to those topics. Moreover, we challenged ourselves to think about the impact a building-wide grading scale would have on our students. Imagine a student starting the school year knowing that the target for an A grade or B grade is the same in all of their classes!

You can expect to find the specific information in your student's syllabus as well as hear about it during Open House/Curriculum Night.

There Is Still Time To Curb The Summer Slide

We know our families are still enjoying the summer and having a great time! As we approach the start of the 19-20 school year, I wanted to provide a number of resources that will allow students to get those minds fired up in preparation for school. Carving an hour or two aside for students will assist them in starting the year strong. These are the resources we also shared at the end of the last school year.

Research shows that the one of the best ways to prevent "summer slide" is to foster reading in your student throughout the summer months. It can often be challenging to find the right book to get your student hooked, but no fear! Your PCCS middle school librarians have teamed up to create a resource guide for you and your student. Check it out here:
<http://bit.ly/lmssummerreading>.

PSAT Practice

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>



Khan Academy – All Subjects

<https://www.khanacademy.org/signup>

A world class education for anyone, anywhere. 100% free.

Join Khan Academy to get personalized help with what you're studying or to learn something completely new. We'll save all of your progress.

Algebra Nation

<https://www.algebration.com/mi/>

A FREE, POWERFUL MATH TOOL

Algebra Nation is a dynamic free resource now available to all Algebra 1 students and teachers in Michigan! Aligned to the Michigan Mathematics Standards by professors from Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan-Flint, Algebra Nation is customized to help students succeed in Algebra 1 and beyond.

Hassle-Free Fundraiser

Liberty's Hassle-Free Fundraiser is a convenient way for families to help Liberty raise funds to enhance the educational experience of our students. There is nothing to sell and nothing to deliver. This is the ONLY All-School Fundraiser we host and all the money raised will go directly to serving our students. Based upon our anticipated needs, we have set our fundraising goal at \$12,000. While any donation is greatly appreciated, if families can donate \$25.00 per child, we will meet our goal.

This year we have two methods of donating.

1. Simply go to the link <https://pccsk12.revtrak.net/liberty-middle-school/> and make your donation.

OR

2. Complete the bottom portion of the attached document and return to the main office along with your donation.



Away For The Day

Over the past few years, we continue to experience the impacts that cell phones are having on many of our students during the school day. Attached is an overview of the *Away For The Day* initiative we will launch the upcoming school year.

Bell Schedule

With a slight shift in the school day for middle school, we have adjusted our bell schedule to reflect that change. You can find the 2019-2020 Liberty bell schedule attached.

6th Grade Camp Information

Our AWESOME 6th grade teachers are excited to orchestrate another cool camping experience in collaboration with Camp Storer. Attached, you will find all of the information you need regarding Camp. We are currently collaborating with the district to launch an online payment option through RevTrak. Once this platform is finalized, we will provide the link prior to the start of school.

**Please enjoy the rest of your summer and
we will see you soon!**

