




SEPTEMBER LETTER SCHEDULE

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	7 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day	8 First Day of School A	9 B	10 C	11
12	13 D	14 E	15 F	16 A	17 B	18
19	20 C	21 D	22 E	23 F	24 A	25
26	27 B	28 C	29 D	30 E		

Opening day is
**Wednesday,
September 8th,**
for students!

Teachers report Aug. 31, Sep. 1 & 7,
for three full days of workshops and
preparation for students.

The school day begins at 7:45 a.m.

The school day ends at 2:27 p.m.

Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Applications for the free and reduced program are included in this newsletter on **page 9!**

Alternate Letter Day Bell Schedules Return

A, B, D, E

Period 1 7:45-8:32
Period 2 8:35-9:19
Period 3 9:22-10:06
Period 4 10:09-10:53
LUNCH 5L 10:53-11:23
Period 6A 11:27-12:11
Period 7 12:14-12:55
Period 8 12:58-1:41
Period 9 1:44-2:27

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LUNCH 7L 12:28-12:55
Period 8 12:58-1:41
Period 9 1:44-2:27



C, F

Period 1 7:45-8:30
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Period 3 9:16-9:56
Period 4 9:59-10:39
LUNCH 5L 10:39-11:09
Period 6A 11:13-11:53
Period 7 11:56-12:33
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Period 9 1:18-1:58
Period X 2:01-2:27

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Period X 2:01-2:27





PICTURE DATES:

September 13, 2021

H.S. Fall Pictures

September 13, 2021

Senior Picture Retake Day

September 13, 2021

Fall Sports Pictures

September 14, 2021

Elementary Fall Pictures

October 25, 2021

Picture Retake Day
(H.S. & Elem.)

November 30, 2021

Winter Sports Pictures

January 18, 2022

Modified Boys
Basketball Pictures

March 21, 2022

Spring Sports Pictures

May 1, 2022

Elementary Spring Pictures

May 3, 2022

Pre-K Graduation Pictures

May 16, 2022

Class of 2023 Senior Pictures

May 17, 2022

Class of 2023 Senior Pictures

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School District Emergency Management Plan

The School District Emergency Management Plan represents a concerted effort by the school emergency planning committee to develop a school emergency management plan in compliance with commission of Education Regulation 155.13. The State Education Department's "School Emergency/Disaster Management Planning Guidelines – A Planning Manual" and the "School District Emergency Plan – Model" were used in developing this plan. The plan is developed in order to prepare for any emergencies that might arise at the school or within the community.

The School District's Emergency Planning committee is made up of: Thomas Simon - Superintendent of Schools, Lawrence Welty - Junior-Senior High School Principal, Lynn Corder - Elementary School Principal, Jeff Platt – District Emergency Coordinator, Transportation, Supplies, and Emergency Repairs; Pam Anderson - Assistant District Emergency Coordinator and Information; Paula Brooks - Food Supplies; and Karen Kent - Medical.

Students and employees will be notified of an emergency via an announcement over the public address system and/or ringing of the fire alarm. Depending on the type of emergency, one of the following actions may be taken: school cancellation, early dismissal, evacuation, and/or sheltering.

The following radio stations will broadcast information on emergency situations at Portville Central School: WMNS (AM)/WMXO (FM); WLSV (AM)/WJQZ (FM); WGGO (AM)/WQRT (FM); WHDL (AM)/WPIG (FM); and Channels 2, 4 & 7. Information will also be posted to the district website and Facebook page.

A copy of the District Emergency Plan is kept in the Superintendent's Office.

Caution: Caution: Caution:

SECTION 504 ANNUAL NOTICE

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 commonly known as § 504, the School District hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the School District duties under the Regulations to § 504.

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified disabled child who resides in the School District regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The School District shall educate each qualified disabled child with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled child, and shall also ensure that disabled children participate with non-disabled children in nonacademic and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A disabled child shall be afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities.

The School District shall provide disabled children an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics.

The School District shall conduct pre-placement evaluations, and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with § 104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic reevaluation shall be conducted of children who have been provided special education or related services.

Placement decisions shall draw upon information from a variety of sources and shall be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. The School District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

For questions regarding Special Education, please call Tanya Burke, CSE Chairperson, at 933-6036.

Portville College Scholarships

Portville College Scholarships is open to all 7th grade thru 12th grade students at Portville Central School. Hours can be earned by working at the Portville Den School Store, at the phone-a-thon and attending monthly meetings. If a student joins the PCS board extra monies can be earned.

The Portville Den School Store continues to be a viable place for students to purchase school supplies. If at any time school supplies are needed please call Nannette Giberson at 716-307-9881 or email your list of school supplies needed to rangiberson@gmail.com.

Portville College Scholarships gave out \$5450 in scholarships in June. The recipients are Felecia Capito, Regina Tkacik, Alyssa Bushnell, Faith Capito, Kayleigh Forrest, Lucas Smith, Dominic Pascucci, Alexis Steighner, Jacqueline Daley, Kaitlyn Williams, Mia Hlasnick, and Hailey Wyant. Congratulations to all!

We are always looking for students and parents to join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Portville Central School in room 203 for our monthly meeting. If you have any questions please call Nannette Giberson at 716-933-8855.

Portville College Scholarships' Facebook page is now able to accept your online donations!

If you would like to donate please send you check made out to CRCF/Portville College Scholarships to PO Box 236 Portville NY 14770.



Asbestos Plans Available for Review

In compliance with Sections 763.85 and 763.93 of the Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools Rule, all facilities owned by the Portville Central School District have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials. Asbestos management plans have been developed for all facilities and submitted to the New York State Education Department. Copies of the management plans are available for public inspection during business office hours in the district business office. For questions concerning the inspections and management plans, contact Tom Simon at 933-7140.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

As has been done in the past, Five Star Bank will continue to collect the school taxes on behalf of Portville Central School. If you want to save some gas and mail your tax payment, please send your check and tax bill to Five Star Bank, Box 177, Warsaw, New York, 14569. If you want to pay your taxes in person at the bank, payments made by check can be paid at Five Star Bank, 129 North Union Street, Olean, New York, where the tax bill can be placed into the designated drop-box for the Portville Central School District.

Cash payments for Portville Central School District taxes may be converted to cashier's check, free of charge, at Five Star Bank, 129 North Union Street, Olean, New York, and subsequently placed with the tax bill in a sealed envelope and placed into the designated drop-box for the Portville Central School District.

Please call Robin Owens at 933-7126 for School Tax related questions.

How to Reach your Board of Education

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By Mr. Larry Welty, High School Principal

2020-2021 School Year

The 2020-2021 School Calendar has been delivered in the mail. You will find pertinent information for the entire school year. Great effort is taken to ensure that the calendar of events is complete and accurate. Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 there are many changes with the schedule that could take place. For news, pictures, scores, lunch menus, and up to date scheduling throughout the year, visit our school website at www.portvillecsd.org or download the app Portville CSD.

School Day

This year our school day for grades 7-12 will begin with first period starting at **7:45 am**. Students will be dismissed from school at **2:27 pm**. Included in the newsletter is a daily bell schedule. We will have period X two days out of the six day cycle. This will result in a different class schedule on days C and F.

Face Masks

Face masks will be required by everyone upon entrance into the school. Face masks will be provided by the school daily. The only times students will be able to take off their masks is when eating lunch.

Visitors

During the Covid-19 Pandemic there will be no visitors to the high school building.

Bussing

There will be an AM and PM bus run. Due to Covid-19 and capacity concerns, students must get on and off at their designated bus stop. Students will not be able to ride to a friend's house on a different bus route.

Student Code of Conduct

The Portville Central School Code of Conduct can be found in student issued agendas. Copies are also available in the main office. Every student will receive an agenda. A replacement agenda costs \$5.00 in the Main Office.

Front Entrance

When picking up your child or visiting during school hours there are 11 available parking spaces inside the front circle. The parking spaces should be used for brief periods of time. Please do not park in the bus circle during school hours. Upon entering the high school, you will be required to walk through the main office and sign in. Students that are being dropped off at the school in the morning must use one of three entrances at the front of the building (Gym Lobby, Auditorium Entrance, or Main Entrance). All other doors to the building will be locked.

Homeroom Listings

Homeroom listings will be posted on the school website, in the north gym lobby, and outside the high school main office.

Student Schedules

Student schedules can be viewed on student and parent portals through PowerSchool. A hard copy of the schedule will also be provided on the first day of school when students report to homeroom. Students may report to guidance for scheduling problems IF: Students are missing a Core class, missing a period on your schedule, or missing any necessary class for graduation requirements. Students wishing to add or drop courses must wait until September 15th. Forms will be available in guidance.

School Issued Laptops

Every child in grades 7-12 will receive a laptop. Students will have the computers for instructional use at both school and home. Students that are scheduled to receive a school issued computer laptop for the first time must sign a contract effective for their entire high school career. Parents are also required to sign a contract prior to their child receiving a laptop. The District will collect a one-time \$25.00 insurance fee from every student. The insurance fee does not cover vandalism or gross negligence resulting in damage to a computer.

Welcome Back

As the 7-12 principal, I welcome everyone back to the 2021 – 2022 school year. The million dollar question that students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators ask as we move closer to the upcoming academic school year, "What can we expect the year to look like?" We want nothing more than to operate under a full day schedule from 7:45 AM to 2:27 PM. A school year full of all academic courses and extracurricular opportunities. Ongoing planning and preparation has been taking place to make this a reality. Of course, health and safety of our students and staff will remain a number one priority and we must remain vigilant in our safety protocols surrounding Covid-19.

It will never be our preference for students to learn remotely from home, but at some point during the school year it may be out of our control, and we must be prepared for this scenario to occur. Students, teachers, and parents showed their true strength over the last year and half. You were able to work together, communicate, accommodate, adapt, and learn throughout the many challenges faced. I am confident in our collective ability to continually work towards progress and success, no matter what circumstances we will face. Once again, thank you for your commitment to the education and development of our children. I wish you the best for the 2021 – 2022 academic school year. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at lwelty@portvillecsd.org or at (716) 933-6005.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Welty

Envisioneering Center

As we continue to prepare students with skills necessary for college and the workplace, many of our children take advantage of our multi-use Envisioneering Center. Students are able to build, invent, create music, fabricate, and work on projects. We have staff members that are willing to assist with the use of technology and equipment. Due to Covid-19, the Envisioneering Center is currently closed to the public. When safe to do so, the Envisioneering Center will reopen to the public on Wednesday nights.

David Waugh Fitness Center

Portville Central School's state of the art fitness center is used daily by our students in the physical education program and extra-curricular sports programs. We feel it is important for our community members to have the opportunity to stay fit by having access to the same state of the art equipment. The David Waugh Fitness Center is open to the public Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. However, due to Covid-19 the fitness center is closed to the public. The normal schedule will resume as soon as possible.

Parent Portal

We will be providing students, as well as parents, secure on-line access to his/her schedule, academic progress, and attendance. This has the ability to improve communication between school and parents. If at any time the Parent Portal is not working properly please let us know so we can correct the issue. The Parent Portal is not intended to take the place of face to face meetings. If you wish to set up a meeting with any of your child's teachers we encourage you to call the guidance office. If you are new to the District or have never signed up for Parent Portal be sure to contact the Main Office so we can issue an id and password.

SUPA Classes

We will be entering our eighth year of partnership with Syracuse University. Students can currently gain up to 38 credits from Syracuse University during their high school career. The following courses will be offered: SUPA Spanish (4

credit hours - 2 semesters), U.S. History (6 credit hours - 2 semesters), Biology (8 credit hours - 2 semesters), Forensics (4 credit hours in Chemistry - 2 semesters), Calculus (4 credit hours - 2 semesters), Economics (3 credit hours - 1 semester/offered Fall and Spring), Psychology (3 credit hours - 1 semester/offered in the Fall), English Academic Writing (3 credit hours), and English Creative Writing (3 credit hours).

Release of Junior and Senior Directory Information

Upon request, military recruiters, institutions of higher learning, and other organizations are to have access to junior and senior student's names, addresses and telephone numbers. Parents have the right to refuse the release of this information. If you choose not to allow the school to release the requested information, please inform the Guidance Office, in writing prior to the last school day in September. If the District does not receive a response by Friday, September 28th, student information will be forwarded as requested. Notification, in writing, following the September date will halt any release from the date received.

Pesticides

School law requires that the District maintain, on an annual basis, a list of parents who wish to receive advance notice of pesticide applications at the school their child attends. To have your name included, a formal request must be submitted. Forms are available in the District newsletter or can be obtained by contacting the school.

Points of Emphasis for Grades 7-12 Attendance

In regards to attendance issues, we will focus from the beginning of the school year on written excuses, tardy students, and individual course attendance.

Tardies: Students who are tardy should arrive with a written excuse as to the reason for the tardy. If the student has none, then a written excuse should be brought in the following school day. Students with unexcused tardies will receive disciplinary action.

Early Excusal: Students who are to be excused during the school day should take their written excuse to the nurse's office prior to first period. A parent is required to come into the office to sign their child out when a student does not have a written excuse. Parents are not to excuse their child by phone.

Absences: For students who were absent from school, a written excuse stating the reason should be taken to the nurse's office prior to first period on the day of return to school. When a student is absent, we ask that the nurse's office be notified prior to 8:00 am. This will save the nurse the time of contacting you and may prevent you from being interrupted at work. The High School Nurse's Office phone number is 933-6708.

Other Items: For additional attendance information, including the definition of excused absences and tardies, please refer to page 7 of the School Calendar

Electronic Device Policy

Students will not misuse personal electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, palms, mp3 players, etc) in classrooms, study halls, computer and science labs, the gym, library, testing areas, etc.

• **Cell phone usage will be allowed at personal lockers and during lunch. At all other times, cell phones must be off and out of sight.**

• Cell phones must be turned over to the instructor or proctor during testing situations. Cell phones will be labeled and returned at the completion of the exams.

• Personal listening devices are not to be used in the hallways.

Misuse of an electronic device during the academic day will result in the device being confiscated and a parent picking up the device. Repeated infractions will result in additional detentions or ISS. Refusal to hand over a cell phone will result in suspension.

Student Dress Code

During the month of September and the warm months of Spring many students wear shorts. Please check to make sure that your child's shorts are

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Welty's World Continued...

half the length of their thigh. Tops must be long enough to cover a student's stomach and waist. It is much easier if this is addressed before leaving the house. Otherwise, students will be asked to call parents for a change of clothes and face disciplinary action for inappropriate dress. A full description of the dress code can be viewed in the student code of conduct.

Vaping/E-cigarettes

Vaping and e-cigarettes have become a national epidemic among teenagers across the nation. We are making a concerted effort to educate our students on the dangers of using vaping devices. The following information is from the Student Code of Conduct:

E-11 in the Code of Conduct: Possessing or smoking a cigarette, electronic or fake cigarette, vape, cigar, or pipe. Possessing or using chewing or smokeless tobacco, as well as consuming nicotine in any form.

The consequence for first time offenders is an automatic Two Days In School Suspension. If a second violation occurs the consequences will be increased.

Student Driving Privileges

Licensed drivers in the 11th and 12th grade have the privilege of driving to and from school. To do so, they must register their vehicle with the main office. The cost to register and receive a parking permit is \$5.00. Students have designated

areas in which to park and once parked, students are not to return to their cars during the school day. Parking outside of designated student parking areas will result in an automatic detention. A school parking permit does not allow students to drive to BOCES. Driving to BOCES without permission from the principal will automatically result in a suspension. Failure to follow student driving rules may result in loss of privileges. A complete listing of regulations regarding student driving can be found on page 17 of the school calendar.

Cafeteria 'No Charge' Policy

This is a reminder that we have a "No Charge Policy" in effect in our school cafeteria. Our computerized registers and photo ID system afford the convenience to pre-pay on accounts much like a debit card. The website myschoolbucks.com can be used to prepay and track your child's account. Additional responsibilities of overseeing outstanding balances and trying to collect on debts takes time and ultimately will lead to increased prices.

Students that get a full or reduced price meal should; 1) pre-pay/maintain an account balance, or 2) bring money daily, or 3) bring a meal from home. Students who were approved for free or reduced meals for the 2021-2022 school year will continue their status for the month of September.

• Again, parents, and students will be allowed to pre-pay on accounts. Charging will not be allowed.

• Should a student not have money in their account, pocket money, or a meal from home, that student will be afforded toast and juice for breakfast and a sandwich and milk for lunch. These will be provided at no cost to the student for a period not to exceed (10) ten school days.

• At no time will a student be allowed to go hungry.

2021-2022 School Year Costs:

Student Lunch- \$2.30

Student Breakfast- \$1.30

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Applications need to be completed before free or reduced status can be determined. For the free or reduced meal status to continue, a new application must be received and approved **before October 1, 2021**. Please take the time to complete and submit an application even if you are not sure if you will qualify or even if you do not plan on taking advantage of the program. A number of funding sources such as State Aid and grants utilize the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced meals when determining allocations. In reality, the more students we have who are eligible, the more money the District could receive. Applications for the free and reduced program are included in this newsletter. If you need assistance, or have questions on eligibility, please contact Paula Brooks.

Notice for Transportation Requests

The deadline for transportation requests to non-public schools is **April 1, 2022**. Parents are reminded that written transportation requests for non-public schools must be received by April 1, 2022, to be eligible for the 2022-2023 school year. Send requests to:

Thomas J. Simon, Superintendent
Portville Central School
PO Box 790
500 Elm Street
Portville, NY 14770



Annual Title 1 Notification

If your child is receiving Title 1 services, you have the right to have professional credential information on your student's Title I teacher or paraprofessional. You have the right to know whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria, what type of certification is held, major and degree of the teacher, and, if your child is receiving services from a paraprofessional, what qualifications they hold.

Please call the building principal for this information.

PORTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

2021-22 CALENDAR

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8/31-9/1 Staff Development Days
8/31 PK-6 Meet the Teacher Night
9/6 No School - Labor Day Holiday
9/7 Staff Development Day
9/8 First Day of School for Students
9/14 7-12 Meet the Teacher Night
10/8 Marking Per. 1 Progress Reports
10/8 PK-6 Half Day
10/11 No School - Columbus Day
11/3-11/9 Progressive Exams
11/11 No School - Veterans Day
11/12 PK-12 End of First Quarter
11/12 Grades Due in Guidance
11/12 PK-6 Half Day
11/22 PK-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (11:30-6:15)
11/23 PK-6 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
11/24-11/26 No School - Thanksgiving Recess
12/17 Marking Period 2 Progress Reports
12/23-12/31 Holiday Recess
1/17 No School - Martin Luther King Day
1/12-1/19 Progressive Exams
1/25-1/28 Regents Exams
1/21 PK-12 End of 2nd Quarter
1/21 Grades Due in Guidance/PK-12 Half Day
1/25 HS Report Cards Mailed Home
1/27 Elementary Report Cards Distributed
2/21 No School-President's Day/Spring Break
2/25 Marking Period 3 Progress Reports
2/25 Half Day PK-6
3/4 HS Grade Due in Guidance by Midnight
3/16-3/22 Progressive Exams
3/29-3/31 NYS ELA Testing
4/1 PK-12 End of Third Quarter/PK-6 Half Day
4/1 Grades Due in Guidance
4/5 HS Report Cards Mailed Home
4/7 Elementary Report Cards Distributed
4/11-4/22 No School - Spring Recess
4/26-4/28 NYS Math Testing
5/3 Annual Public Hearing
5/13 Marking Period 4 Progress Reports
5/17 Budget Vote/Open House/PK-6 Half Day
5/30 No School - Memorial Day Holiday
6/10 PK-6 Half Day/Elementary Grades Due
6/13-6/14 Final Exams
6/15-6/24 HS Regents Exams
6/17 End of Fourth Quarter
6/19 Baccalaureate @ 6:00 p.m.
6/22 PK-6 Half Day
6/20 No School - Juneteenth Holiday
6/23 Last Day for Students/PK-5 Report Cards Dist.
6/24 Rating Day/HS Grade Due in Guidance
6/24 Graduation

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JUNE S- 16 T- 17				
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Calendar Days					
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Aug	0	1	Feb	19	19
Sept	17	19	Mar	23	23
Oct	20	20	Apr	11	11
Nov	18	18	May	21	21
Dec	16	16	June	16	17
Jan	20	20			
Total Student Days =					181
Total Teacher Days =					185

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Paula Brooks Title: Cafeteria Manager

Telephone Number: 716-933-1170

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ___ R ___ D ___

2021-2022 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call 716-933-1170, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **Portville Central School**
PO Box 790
Portville, NY 14770

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __

I do not have a SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Paula Brooks, Portville Central School, PO Box 790, Portville, NY 14770.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 716-933-1170. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDIPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDIPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint), (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

"Start your day out RIGHT with an energy boosting breakfast!!"
We are an "Offer vs Serve" district. Students can build their own breakfast but must consist of 2 portions of meat and/or grain. 1 fruit and/or juice and/or milk (3 total portions) for a balanced meal.



1% and Skim milk are offered at breakfast

Breakfast Prices	
Student	\$1.30
Adult (includes tax)	\$2.56
Reduced-student	\$0.25
Additional Milk	\$0.35

***Ask us about the convenience of myschoolbucks.com to pre-pay on your account using your credit/debit card and track your child's purchases.

For additional information contact:
PCS kitchen
716-933-6000 x 1169

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Free & Reduced Meal forms can be obtained throughout the year in the main offices and in the cafeteria. If you are eligible for free or reduced lunch, you are also eligible for breakfast. Not sure... call us!



Portville Central School District Breakfast Menu



September 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	2 Scrambled Eggs Toast Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	3 Warm Cinnamon Roll Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup
6 Pancakes Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	7 Sausage Gravy Biscuit Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	8 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	9 Breakfast Sandwich Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	10 Rainbow Muffin Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup
13 Waffles Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	14 Yogurt Graham Crackers Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	15 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	16 Bagel Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	17 Donut holes frosting dip Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup
20 Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	21 Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	22 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	23 Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	24 Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup
27 English Muffin Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	28 Comed Beef Hash Toast Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	29 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	30 Sausage Burrito Assorted Cold Cereal Apple or Orange Juice 1% or Skim Milk or Fruit Cup	

The USDA and Portville Central School are Equal Opportunity Employers.

We are an "Offer vs. Serve" district. Lunch consists of 5 items: Proteins, Grains, Milk, Fruit and Vegetables. Students must choose 3 of the 5 items, but may take all 5. K-6 can choose the hot meal, sandwich of the day or PB&J along with the other components. 4-12 can choose the hot meal, sandwich of the day or salad bar along with the other components. K-12 can choose soup/sand alternate.



1%, Skim milk offered at lunch.



Lunch Prices	
Student	\$2.30
Reduced-student	\$0.25
Additional Milk	\$0.35
Adult (includes tax)	\$4.33

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Portville Central School District Lunch Menu

September 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll Ham and Cheese Cheddar Broccoli SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	9 Pizza Chef Salad SAND: SOUP Turkey Croissant SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	10 Taco in a Bag Assorted Toppings Rice Peas Bologna Chicken Noodle SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk
13 Taco Tots lettuce, salsa sour cream SAND: SOUP Ham and Swiss Mexican Chicken Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	14 Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Biscuit Carrots Salami Beef Tortellini SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	15 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Green Beans Homemade Roll Turkey Vegetable SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	16 Pizza Logs Marinara Cucumber Slices SAND: SOUP Tuna Tomato SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	17 Nachos with Taco Meat Assorted Toppings Black Beans Chicken Salad Zuppa Toscana SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk
20 Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries Corn Chicken Salad French Onion SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	21 French Toast Sticks Sausage Breakfast Potatoes SAND: SOUP Italian Sub Hamburger Vegetable SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	22 Homemade Mac'n Cheese Seasoned Tomatoes Homemade Roll SAND: SOUP Turkey Beef Noodle SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	23 Pizza Fresh Cut Veggies SAND: SOUP Egg Salad Cheesy Cauliflower SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	24 Toasted Cheese Green Beans SAND: SOUP Bologna Cream of Tomato SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk
27 Ground Beef Philly French Fries Corn SAND: SOUP Bologna Chicken Rice SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	28 Chicken Parm Spaghetti Side Fresh Garden Salad SAND: SOUP Ham Beef Barley SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	29 Hamburger Sweet Potato Fries Peas SAND: SOUP Turkey Bean and Ham SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	30 Pizza Sub Fresh Cut Veggies SAND: SOUP Italian Sub Buffalo Chicken SAND: SOUP Variety Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	

The USDA and PCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer, in the operation of Child Nutrition Programs, no child shall be discriminated against because of his or her race, age, sex, disability or national origin

Breakfast & Lunch Menus Are Also Available in the Mobile App!

Transportation Rules and Guidelines

from PCS Transportation Supervisor: David Youngs

Please review the rules concerning dismissal for all students, both those who ride on a bus and those who walk.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO BUSSING:

- ★ All students must wear a face mask while on the bus.
- ★ All students will have an assigned seat and remain in that seat for the duration of the trip.
- ★ No out-of-district students will be transported by a Portville Central School bus.
- ★ Students may only have ONE destination in the morning and one in the afternoon. The district will create bus seating charts once these destinations are set. There will be no changing destinations unless it is a PERMANENT change.

BUS RULES:

The **bus driver has entire authority** while students are on the bus. Below is a list of school bus safety rules that all pupils should follow:

- 1) The student shall board the bus, take a seat and remain in it for the duration of the trip.
- 2) Books, lunch boxes and feet are to be kept out of the aisles.
- 3) Boarding and departing from the bus should be orderly.
- 4) No articles are to be thrown in or out of the bus.
- 5) Bus drivers may assign a definite seat to a student.
- 6) No unnecessary noise.
- 7) Wrongful conduct or foul language will not be permitted.
- 8) Students should always cross the road 10 feet in front of the bus, and only when directed by the driver.
- 9) Students may only have ONE destination in the morning and one in the afternoon. The district will create bus seating charts once these destinations are set. There will be no changing destinations unless it is a PERMANENT change.

ROUTE SCHEDULES:

The school day for students is **7:45 a.m. to 2:27 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021.**

Buses will pick up Pre-K through 12 students between 6:40 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Buses will depart the bus circle at 2:35 p.m.

All students in grades 4 through 12 who reside in the village are required to walk to school.

Because every year there are adjustments made to bus numbers, routes, and drivers, it is very important for the children to be at the bus stops a little early the first few days, so they don't miss their ride and so we can avoid delays in running our transportation routes.

Please be patient with our transportation program the first few days while we work out any bugs in the system. Safe and timely travel for your children is our top priority.

NO PASSING – IT'S THE LAW!

Remember that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. This is the time when students are getting on and off the buses. This includes buses parked in **SCHOOL PARKING LOTS AND PRIVATE ROADS**. People in violation of this law will be turned in to the proper authorities. The fine when you pass a stopped school bus ranges from a minimum of \$250 for a first violation to a maximum of \$1,000 for three violations in three years. If you are convicted of three of these violations in three years, your driver license will be revoked for a minimum of six months.

CONDUCT ON THE BUS:

The bus driver assumes the responsibility for the safety and welfare of the students riding school buses. If a student does not abide by the rules and regulations of bus transportation, then he/she could relinquish his/her privilege of riding the school bus. When misconduct occurs on the bus, the driver will report the incident through our "Bus Misconduct Report Policy" to the administration. The administration will follow up on the report and take the necessary action.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

A written request (**NO PHONE CALLS**) from the parent must be sent to the school to cover any situation on the part of the student that is not ordinarily expected, such as:

- 1) Leaving with parents or relatives.
- 2) Going to music lessons, barber-shop, doctor, dentist, etc.
- 3) Remaining after school for an activity
- 4) Riding a bicycle.

If a student walks to school, the request should be given to the teacher. If the student rides a bus, he or she should show the request to the teacher and then give it to the bus driver. School authorities are responsible for bus children from the time they get on the bus in the morning until their departure in the afternoon.

BUSES EQUIPPED WITH CAMERAS

Each bus is equipped with four cameras -- three interior and one exterior. The exterior camera will record students crossing and cars approaching. Cars that pass the bus while their red lights are flashing will be easily identified. The three interior cameras will record both audio and video, giving us an opportunity to review student activity on the bus when issues arise.



**Welcome to the
2021-2022 school year!**

The first day of school for our students is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 8th**. We continue to plan and await guidance in preparing school for the upcoming 2021/22 year. We ask for your continued patience as we work through this planning. Here are some updates:

- **Meet the Teacher Family Picnic:** This event scheduled for August 31st **has been cancelled**.

We unfortunately are still not in a position to plan for such a gathering. We will be sending out information for PreK and Kindergarten visitations only prior to the opening of school.

- **Class Assignments/School Day:** We are anticipating a typical classroom setting this year whereas PreK through 4th grade are self-contained rooms and 5th and 6th grade will travel between classrooms. Student assignments to classrooms will be mailed home in late August once we have received guidance and know that we can finalize our planning.

- We additionally are planning for a return to a full school day from 7:40 AM-2:25 PM.

- **Supply Lists:** Supply list documents can be found on the District's web page at portvillecsd.org, under the Documents tab. They are created by grade level for the coming year,

which means all teachers at a grade level require the same materials.

We are planning for yet another school year while living through the pandemic with many unknowns still facing us. As I stated in this communication, we are planning for traditional classrooms this school year, whereas your child would be assigned to just one classroom teacher for grades PreK-4th. We are additionally opening the Dubots room as a Cafeteria for elementary students this year for grades 2nd through 6th. PreK through 1st grade students will be eating in their classrooms. This is just part of our overall planning for safety precautions during this pandemic. Families will receive a communication for the classroom placement of your child(ren) by the end of August. The PCS 2021/22 calendar has been mailed to all District families. I encourage you to use this tool to track important information, events, and activities at school.

I will also remind you that we are running our traditional start and end times as noted above for each school day. The After School YMCA Child Care will be available for families starting at 2:30 PM daily. Please contact the Olean YMCA at 716-373-2400, if you have any questions about this program.

Although the 2021/22 school year will once again look different than a typical year, we are confident that returning the children to in-person learning is what's best for their development. We also believe now more than ever, that continuing our work across the school district in building resilient children/students is more important than ever. This year we will be expanding our resiliency instruction from Kindergarten through 2nd grade. It is a program called **Toolbox**, which targets resiliency terms whereas the children learned to use tools such as breathing, personal space,

empathy, garbage can, and choosing our words to mention a few. We believe at PCS that the key to being resilient is to teach our children the basic fact that we are all in charge of our own thoughts, feelings, emotions and reactions. Granted at times this may be difficult, but what we believe is best for our kids is to provide them the tools to control these beliefs and their reactions. Learning to handle these encounters on their own, will provide them the skills necessary to better cope in their futures.

Our focus this year will be to continue our work with our staff and students to help them get comfortable with our new "normal." We fully understand that although what we are planning is not what we would all hope for, you can be assured that our teachers and support staff will do everything in their power to support our PCS students. We will continue working to build emotionally strong kids.

I want to end by saying how proud I am to be a part of this wonderful community. Never has this been truer than during these trying times of the pandemic we continue to experience. Our kids, families, staff and community members have demonstrated resilience beyond measure. We returned a year ago to in-person learning knowing that it was what was best for everyone. We will continue to follow this belief while keeping safety of all at the forefront of our planning. I look forward to welcoming our staff and students back to school in September! I am thankful each day for my role as the elementary principal in supporting our school community and our collective commitment to this great school where "Pride Creates Success!"

Thanks for all you do!
~Lynn Corder

For Information About PCS Anytime... Visit Us on the Web:

www.portvillecsd.org



Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Portville Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Portville Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with Portville Central School District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Portville Central School District to include information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Portville Central School to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the Portville Central School in writing by September 10, 2020. Portville Central



School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph, video or audio recording, or live-streamed image.
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user
- A student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

DASA Notice: If you have knowledge or you are a student in our schools who has or is being bullied or harassed on school grounds, on the school bus, or at a school sponsored event, we urge you to contact the following District's Dignity Act Coordinator: Monica Pascucci, (716) 933-6761.

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security: The Portville Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. In accordance with Education Law §2-d, the District wishes to inform the school community of the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored and transferred;
4. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed.

Child Find Notification: The Portville Central School District Child Find policy requires that all children below twenty-one (21) years of age residing within the district, who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated in accordance with all federal regulations and state standards. Children might have deficits in behavior, communication, cognitive abilities, physical development, sensory development, hearing, and social-emotional abilities. If you suspect that your child might have a disability, please contact Tanya Burke CPSE Chairperson, at (716) 933-6036.

General School Policies Outlined

Review of Jr./Sr. High Excuses

• *Sickness:* When a student is absent from school, the school nurse should be notified the morning of the absence. The excuse should include an explanation of the absence, the dates of the absence and the parent's or legal guardian's signature.

• *Excused Early:* Students are to bring in the excuse to the nurse before the start of school. The excuse should state: what time the child will be excused, who will pick up the student, and the signature of the parent or legal guardian. If the student does not have an excuse, the parent or legal guardian must come in to the office to sign out the child. Telephone calls cannot be accepted. (All students must sign out before leaving.)

• *Tardy:* Students tardy to school should bring an excuse stating why the student is late, the date, and have the parent's/legal guardian's signature.

Sexual Harassment Policy

The Board of Education affirms its commitment to nondiscrimination and recognizes its responsibility to provide for all District students and staff, an environment that is free of sexual harassment and intimidation. Sexual harassment is a violation of law and stands in direct opposition to District policy. The Board prohibits and condemns all

forms of sexual harassment by employees, school volunteers, students, and non-employees which occur on school grounds and at all school-sponsored events, programs and activities. Generally, sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

A copy of this policy is available upon request to the superintendent. Any questions regarding sexual harassment issues should be directed to the superintendent.

Gun-Free Schools Policy

No student shall bring onto school premises, or have in his/her possession on school premises, any "firearm" as defined in federal law. The word "firearm" is a very broadly defined word that includes any weapons that discharge projectiles, any "destructive devices" (e.g., explosives, incendiary, poison gas, bombs, grenades, rockets, etc.).

Very serious penalties are to be imposed on anyone found in violation of this Board of Education Policy. A copy of this policy is available upon request to the Superintendent of Schools. Any questions regarding this gun-free policy should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

Student Image Usage Notification:

From time to time, photographs, video, audio recordings or live-streams may be taken of your child during any number of activities in school, from sporting events to classroom happenings. These photos may be used in a school publication throughout the year.

If you do NOT want your child's photograph being used in any school publications, please notify the school at 933-7140.

Custodial Paperwork:

If you have custodial paperwork for your child, you should provide your child's school with a copy. Without the custodial paperwork on file, the school assumes that both parents have full rights. For your child's safety, if an order of protection exists, please submit a copy to your child's principal. If you are a non-custodial parent, who would like to receive information regarding your child's academics and invitations to parent-teacher conferences, you should submit an annual request to your child's principal.

Update Contact Information For Parents/Guardians:

If you have changed your address, phone number, or acquired a cell phone, please make sure to notify the school office so that we have up-to-date information.



ATHLETICS & TITLE IX

Athletics are an integral part of a well balanced educational program. Therefore, the PCS Board of Education supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with an emphasis on maximum participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity. The District will comply with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding Title IX equal opportunity for males and females in the District's total athletic program.

Portville Central School's interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Additionally, the Board approves the use of the selection/classification process for all secondary school interscholastic team members. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of those procedures.

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Theater Camp in the Park!

By: Cheri Maxson, Drama Club Advisor

July 12th–15th was a busy time at Pioneer Park for the PCS Theater Boosters and Drama Club! Over 30 students participated in Theater Camp in the Park. Grades 2-4 (Littles) rehearsed and performed a mini-musical titled “Arf!” that focused on celebrating differences and working together.

Grades 5-8 (Middles) staged a short play titled “The Whatzit,” an adventure in magic and time travel.

Over the four rainy days the campers were immersed in stage craft, stage etiquette, and performance skills. The culminating shows were performed to an audience of approximately 150. Many thanks to the Village of Portville for allowing our theater program to use the park. The campers had a wonderful time!



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