



# Pulaski County High School

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Welcome back, PCHS students and families!

We are excited to see everyone in a few weeks to get the year started! Please peruse this packet and check out some important information that will help you get the school year started smoothly.

Our PCHS Class of 2027 is invited to attend Freshman Orientation Night on August 7th from 4-7 pm. Please follow us on Facebook for updates regarding this event. We hope to create a productive evening for our freshmen to make their first day on August 10th as informed and stress-free as possible!

All returning PCHS students are invited to attend our Open House on August 8th from 4-7 pm. On this night, schedules will be available on StudentPortal, sports passes will be sold, and parking passes can be obtained. Please be sure to stop by and see our nurses to turn in the health information form included in this packet and any care plans or medication orders needed. The health information form is required for all students at the start of each school year. Students who do not turn this form in will not be allowed to participate in sports or extracurricular activities.

Seniors, please note: Our nurses will also be collecting immunization documentation for the meningococcal conjugate vaccine required for all rising seniors. Seniors who fail to provide this documentation will not be eligible to attend school until the state requirement is met. Please call Mary Hall, PCPS Supervisor of School Nurses, at 540-643-0531 or email at [mahall@pcva.us](mailto:mahall@pcva.us) if additional information is needed.

Thank you to our school community for supporting our students and our school!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bolling, Principal  
Kenneth Arnold, Assistant Principal  
Becky Blevins, Assistant Principal  
Nancy Dillon, Assistant Principal  
Bryan Ward, Assistant Principal

Enclosures

## 2023-2024 Quick Notes

### OPEN HOUSE DAYS

We will have an open house night on the following dates with schedules available. Schedules will also be available via Parent Portal. On these dates, we will have parking passes available for purchase, schedule change request information, health forms/CareDox information, and Parent and Student Portal information.

Freshman Open House	Monday, August 7	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sophomores Open House	Tuesday, August 8	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Juniors Open House	Tuesday, August 8	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Seniors Open House	Tuesday, August 8	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### STUDENT DRIVERS

Student Parking Permit (REQUIRED for all student drivers)

**All students with a valid Virginia Driver's License only:** With a valid driver's license issued to the student, a parking permit can be issued at Open House.

After the Open House Nights, completed applications may be returned to **Mrs. Alger** in the main office beginning **August 10<sup>th</sup> (between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.)** for issuance of parking hang tags. All students with a valid driver's license MUST register their cars by the end of September. Vehicles parked on campus without proper parking permits may be towed at the owner's expense.

### PARENT PORTAL

Parents have an opportunity to access Parent Portal, an internet based program that allows parents to view information such as their child's attendance and grades. Student records are updated in real time so this will be the most up-to-date method for obtaining information regarding the progress of your child. The portal also provides a parent-to-teacher email option for obtaining answers to quick, simple questions. This method of communication is intended to supplement, not replace, current modes of communication used by teachers, parents, and students.

Due to security and confidentiality requirements, parents will have to personally visit the school to pick up their password. Please plan to bring a picture I.D. (driver's license) to verify your identity.

Additionally, PCHS will only be able to provide the option to individuals who have legal access to a particular student's records. One Parent Portal account will be available per student. We are excited to offer parents this additional opportunity and hope that the parent portal will provide a convenient and easy way for parents to monitor their child's daily progress.

### DRIVER EDUCATION

This school year, all 10th grade students will receive the 36-hour class phase of driver education as an integral part of P.E. 10. The behind-the-wheel phase will be a 14-hour experience (seven hours driving experience and seven hours in-car observation) and will be conducted outside of school hours at a cost of **\$209**.

### **SENIOR PICTURES**

Senior formal pictures will be made **August 7th at PCHS (9am to 4pm), August 8th (9am to 3pm) & August 9th (9am to 2pm).**

### **YEARBOOKS**

The 2023-2024 Cougar Pinnacle yearbook will be on sale at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Information about placing a non-internet order will be available after school begins.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Information regarding needed supplies for this semester's courses will be provided by teachers during your student's first day of school as needs will vary amongst courses.

### **BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

All PCPS students will be provided the opportunity to take both a breakfast and lunch through Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Breakfast will be available upon arrival each day. Students are assigned a lunch time dependent on their 3rd block class assignment. Students will go to the lunch room (COMMONS) during their designated time.

### **All Sports Pass**

This pass will grant admission to all fall, winter, and spring home contests (excluding benefit games, district tournaments, and state playoffs). This is a great money saving option for PCHS Sports Fans. The All Sports Passes will go on sale Monday, August 7th online.

### **Health Notes**

Every student must turn in a completed Health Information Form, to the nurse, within the first 14 days of every school year.

Upcoming Seniors must provide documentation of a meningitis vaccination, per the updated state requirements, prior to the first day of school. No senior may attend school until this documentation has been provided to the school nurse.

No student may carry or have medication in the clinic without an order signed by a physician and the parent. A Medication Authorization Form, Allergy Care Plan, Seizure Care Plan, Diabetes Care Plan, and Asthma Care Plan can be found on our school website or picked up at the main office. Please contact your school nurse if you have questions or concerns.

## PARKING EXPECTATIONS

1. Any classmen with a valid driver's license may apply for a parking permit.
2. All financial obligations to the school must be cleared before a student parking permit may be issued.
3. Vehicles should be locked during the school day. The school is not responsible for property stolen from any vehicle parked on campus.
4. Enter and leave school grounds in a safe manner. The speed limit on school grounds is 10 MPH.
5. Get out of your vehicle immediately after you park and leave the parking lot. Students may not return to the parking lot during the day without a pass from an administrator.
6. Any changes in license numbers or vehicles must be reported to Ms. Alger.
7. The privilege to park on school grounds may be suspended if a student driver has excessive tardies to school, and/or fails to maintain good attendance and behavior, and/or is involved in skipping a class or school. A driver who takes other students off campus illegally is considered involved in skipping and will be subject to disciplinary measures that include the loss of driving privileges.
8. The student also accepts the responsibility to observe all regulations pertaining to student drivers contained in the Student Handbook.
9. Students may park in ASSIGNED student parking spaces only, which are designated in the GYM lots. Student parking along curbs, teacher lots, CTE lots on school grounds is strictly forbidden.
10. Students who park their car on school property after their privilege to drive to school has been revoked will have their cars towed at the students' expense.
11. All students with a valid driver's license, who plan to park on PCHS property, must have their vehicles registered with PCHS by September 29th. The parking tag must be displayed on the vehicle at all times or it will be considered illegally parked and subject to be towed at the owner's expense. Students who lose their parking tag will be charged \$5.00 for a new parking tag.
12. Students who have early release passes must leave the parking area within five (5) minutes after their release from class.
13. Student drivers are to abide by the campus rules and also need to be aware that school personnel and/or law enforcement officials can search their vehicles. Also, legal action can be taken relative to search and seizure of any contraband or weapons.
14. Student parking is first come, first served. Senior parking is noted by a red square and honors parking is noted by a yellow square. All Seniors will be issued a Senior Parking Pass. If a student arrives after the Senior parking lot is full, s/he will park in the overflow parking in the lower lot. Any honors student arriving after the honors parking lot is full will need to park in the overflow parking in the lower lot.
15. Parking tags are not to be shared with other drivers.

## PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

- First offense – Loss of driving privileges for 5 school days
- Second offense – Loss of driving privileges for 10 school days
- Third offense – Loss of driving privileges for 20 school days
- Fourth offense – Loss of driving privileges for the remainder of the school year



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**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT  
PARKING PASS APPLICATION**

**Va. Code § 22.1-205.1:** Each public high school shall require any student who applies to obtain a pass to park a vehicle on school property to provide evidence that the student possesses a valid driver's license or driver privilege card. The Department of Education shall develop, and each public high school shall utilize, a standard application form for students to use to obtain a pass to park a vehicle on school property.

**STUDENT REGISTRATION**

*Please print clearly.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

                    Last                      First                      Middle

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

                    Street                      City                      State                      Zip

**Driver's License Information** (Select One):

TDL/DTS-B: #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License: #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Privilege Card: #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

*Please print clearly.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

                    Last                      First                      Middle

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

                    Street                      City                      State                      Zip

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

*Please print clearly.*

**Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**License Plate #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Company:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Policy #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Teen Driving Restrictions**

Virginia's driving restrictions are not meant to penalize teen drivers, but to help them stay safe while they gain valuable driving experience. Studies have found that these restrictions work to reduce the number of car crashes among young drivers.

**Curfew Restrictions**

If you are under age 18, Virginia law prohibits you from driving between midnight and 4 A.M. except when driving:

- to or from a place of business where you are employed;
- to or from an activity that is supervised by an adult and is sponsored by a school or by a civic, religious, or public organization;
- with a licensed spouse age 18 or older, parent or other adult acting in loco parentis who is occupying the front passenger seat,
- in case of an emergency, including responding to emergency calls as a volunteer firefighter or rescue squad personnel.

**Restrictions on the Number of Passengers**

**If you are under age 18**, you may carry only one passenger under age 21, unless accompanied by a licensed parent, or other adult acting in place of a parent, in the front passenger seat. However, after you have held your license for one year, you may carry up to three passengers under age 21 in the following situations:

- Travel to and from a school-sponsored activity;
- A licensed driver 21 or older is in the front passenger seat; or
- In case of an emergency.

Learner's permit holders may not carry more than one passenger under age 18.  
(Passenger restrictions do not apply to family members)

**Cellular Telephone Restrictions**

**§ 46.2-818.2.** Virginia's cellular telephone law prohibits any person from holding a handheld personal communications device while driving a moving motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information submitted in this application is correct. I also certify that I have read and understand the juvenile licensing restrictions discussed above.

**Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature                      \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Decal #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Verified:**  Driver's License/Driver Privilege Card  Vehicle Registration **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_