

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Families,

We hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer break! As we look forward to another great school year, here is some important information about upcoming events and procedures at Park Junior High.

Buses: General bus routes will be posted on our website before **August 17th** and can be used for 7th Grade Orientation. Specific bus assignments will be emailed to bus riders before August 24th.

Lockers: Students will receive their locks and locker assignments in Advisory on the first day of school, August 24th. They are encouraged to bring their school supplies on that day.

Schedules: Student schedules will be available through the parent portal **after August 19th**. You will receive an email, indicating that the schedules are ready for viewing. **Students, please be sure to bring a printed copy of your schedule on the first day of school.** Advisory teachers will go over schedules and help you understand them.

School Fees/PE Uniforms: Curriculum and Tech Fees were added to Pushcoin accounts on July 25th. Transportation fees will be added later, once we have confirmed our list of bus riders. All students will need at least one PE shirt and one pair of PE shorts. These items, along with optional sweatpants and hoodies, are also available for purchase in *PushCoin*. PE items purchased will be distributed during the 1st week of school in PE class.

Cell Phones: Cell phone use is not allowed in the school building, during the school day. Cell phones must be kept in students' lockers. Students may obtain a pass to use the phone in the main office to call home if an urgent need arises. Students not feeling well may obtain a pass to go to the Health Office. Parents/guardians may call the main office if they need to get a message to their student.

Student I.D./Pictures will be taken on Friday, August 26th. These pictures will also be used for our yearbook. Students who take a bus will have their bus numbers put on their IDs. Picture retake day is Wednesday, October 6th.

Lunch: Lunch service will begin on our first full day, Thursday, August 25th. Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch in our cafeteria using their ID, which is directly linked to their Pushcoin wallet. *For the first 2 days, before IDs are distributed, students can either give the cashiers their names and food purchases will be entered into Pushcoin manually, or they may bring cash.* Cafeteria purchases will immediately appear in students' Pushcoin accounts. The monthly menu will be posted to our website.

We do NOT accept food deliveries from restaurants or mobile delivery services (Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc) If your student forgets to bring their lunch you may drop off the lunch in the lunch bins next to the main office. Students are responsible for checking the lunch bins if they are missing a lunch.

Upcoming Dates

August 16th, 4-6pm/August 18th, 5-7pm: PTC School Supply Pickup for students who ordered their school supplies *through the PTC*. Pickup will be in the cafeteria. Please enter through **Door 8**, in the back of the building. If you are unable to pick up your supplies during these times, you may call Park's main office to pick them up AFTER August 18.

August 17th, 9-11:30: 7th Grade Orientation. This is a team-building day for 7th Graders, with the goal being to help familiarize the students with Park, the staff, and each other. The day's events will be led by Park staff members. Students do NOT need to bring anything with them on this day. Buses will be running. Bus routes will be posted on Park's website shortly before this event.

August 18th, 9 - 12noon: New Student Placement Testing. This is **only** for students who are new to District 102. NOTE: Chromebooks will be distributed to the new 7th and 8th grade students at this time. Your child's attendance is appreciated. Students will check in at the main office. They do not need to bring anything with them.

August 24th: First Day of School: The first day of school will be a half day (8:30-11:30am). Buses will be running. Students will report to their Advisory classrooms. **Students, please be sure to bring your printed schedules and charged Chromebooks.** As mentioned previously, you may also bring school supplies, as you will be assigned a locker and lock on this day.

Thursday, August 26: Regular hours begin

8:30-3:26 pm (M/Tu/Th/F)

8:30-2:30 pm (Wednesday Only)

If you have any further questions, please contact the main office at 708-215-7100 or email pk-office@dist102.k12.il.us

Sincerely,

THE PARK OFFICE STAFF:

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