

Principal's Corner

Welcome back Vikings!
I'm so excited for this school year!
I hope everyone is ready to
come back, work hard, and have fun!

Aug 1st

- Enrollment @ PHS 9:00am – 6:00pm

Aug 19th

- First Day of Fall Sports Practice

Aug 22nd

- First Day of School for 6th Grade & New Students ONLY – Dismiss @ 12:45pm
- Open House 6:00pm @ PMS

Aug 23rd

- First Full Day of School (All Grades)
7:55am – 3:15pm
- HS Football Blue/Gold Scrimmage 6:00pm

Aug 30th

- Fall Pictures



Completed Sports Physical Packets are due in the office **BEFORE** you can practice! Fall sports practices begin on Monday, August 19th!

Viking News

The Middle School Newsletter

6th, 7th, 8th | August 2019



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Enrollment for All Students

Enrollment will be held on Thursday, August 1st, at the Parsons High School Gym from 9:00am – 6:00pm. Parents of new students should provide proof of birth and copy of immunizations records.

Textbook Fees 2019-2020

Full Price - \$35.00

Reduced Price - \$17.50

First Day of School

The first day of school will be Thursday, August 22nd beginning at 7:55am, for all **new students and 6th graders only with early dismissal at 12:45pm.**

(Lunch will be served.)

Staff will be in front of the cafeteria to let students know where their 1st hour class is.

All students (6th, 7th, and 8th) will report to school on Friday, August 23rd, with a regular schedule of 7:55am to 3:15pm.

Please enter through the front South or side West doors in the morning.

Open House

Mark your calendar for the evening of Thursday, August 22nd for our annual Open House. The activities for the evening will begin with a general assembly at 6pm followed by classroom visits. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies that evening and put in their lockers.

Infinite Campus

Go to www.vikingnet.net then to the quick links for the Infinite Campus for Student/Parents login. Infinite Campus is available for parents to check schedules, lockers, grades, behavior and update any personal information that may need changed. If you do not have a username or password, please stop by the office for us to give you one or request one at enrollment.



Food Service Program

Meal Applications – Applications for meal benefits are distributed with your back to school packets for each student. **Families must complete a new application for meal benefits each school year.** This should be done immediately as families may be asked to pay for meals purchased during the approval period. Some applications may take several days to process. Only one application per family is necessary. Accuracy is important as we are required to verify a certain percentage of applications each school year.

Breakfast Service – Breakfast is served from
7:30am – 7:50am

Lunch Service – Parsons Middle School operates a closed lunch period. All students are required to remain at school during the lunch period. Students may purchase their lunch at school or bring a lunch from home.

1st Lunch is from 11:29am – 11:59am

2nd Lunch is from 12:23pm – 12:53pm

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Full Price \$2.05

Reduced Price \$.30

Lunch

Full Price \$3.05

Reduced Price \$.40

Meal Modification forms are available in the office for parents to fill out for students with food allergies. A Physician must sign the request. Please send forms back to the office.

Tdap Booster/Chicken Pox Vaccine

If you received a letter regarding needing a booster vaccine, this must be completed before school begins in August. One of these new requirements is a **booster dose of Tdap** (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) is required for all **7th – 10th graders** if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since last Td vaccine. Also required is a **2nd dose of varicella** (chickenpox) vaccine for all students grades **K-3rd** and **7th - 8th**, unless history of varicella disease is documented by a licensed physician. You may go to your physician for the immunizations **or** CHC of SEK. If you have already received the booster, you can bring your paperwork to enrolment so that we can update your health record.

Attendance Procedures

Students are required by law to be in attendance each day of school unless they are ill or there is serious family emergency. If your child must be absent from school, please call us at 421-4190 by 8:30am on the day of the absence. Otherwise, the school will attempt to contact you to obtain information concerning your child. If telephone contact is not made between home and school, please send a Dr. note to the office for your students absence. Otherwise it will be unexcused.

Tardy Policy

If a child is late to school, not only is your child missing out on instruction that started on time in the classroom, other students are impacted. In an effort to emphasize the importance of being on time, students will be allowed 2 tardies in a quarter. On the third and all subsequent tardies, students will be assigned a detention to be served within the next two days at either 7:05am or 3:15pm. Because of the large number of students who arrived to school late last year, students late for school will be given an unexcused tary as well as those between classes.

We Are A Nut Free Building

Please **DO NOT** bring anything nut related to the school!

***Food allergies affect approximately 15-32 million Americans, including 6 million children.**

***When a person with a food allergy eats the food, his or her immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, including histamine, that trigger a cascade of symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, the gastrointestinal tract, the skin, and/or the cardiovascular system.**



LOCATION OF ASBESTOS IN USD 503
Annual Notification
Parsons Middle School
2019-20

In compliance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), all schools in USD 503 were inspected for asbestos in the summer of 1988 and were inspected in November, 1991; May, 1995; November, 1997; October, 2000; September, 2003; February, 2006; September, 2008; June, 2011; and June, 2014. The inspections were done by accredited inspectors. Samples of building materials were tested for asbestos by accredited laboratories.

Transite pipe in north halls, vibration dampening cloths in room 110 & welding shop, boiler insulation, breeching core material, pipe insulation & mud pack in boiler room and tunnels were removed prior to renovation in 1999.

Each building in USD 503 has an Asbestos Management Plan that has been developed by the company that did the building inspections and tested the materials. Copies of the Management Plan are on file in each principal's office and at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. The plans are available for review.

A three-year asbestos re-inspection was conducted on June 13, 2017.

Please be informed that some building materials with an asbestos content of more than one percent were found in the following areas of Parsons Middle School.

- > Core material in fire doors, all floors
- > Floor tile mastic in entries & gym area of multi-purpose building

The asbestos-containing materials in the areas listed above are not causing harmful exposure to students or staff. It is the school district's responsibility to monitor the condition of all asbestos-containing materials and to take appropriate steps in the event damage to any of the listed areas should occur. Periodic inspections are part of our Asbestos Management Plan.

If you have any questions, please call or come to the district office at 2900 Southern Boulevard (421-5950).