



**2023 - 2024  
School Year**

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## Registration Information

**It's registration time!** Enclosed are the required forms to complete the registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. A new registration must be filled out every year by both new and returning students. As always, we ask that you carefully read through each page and complete all forms that are necessary for your child. We encourage you to return your registration packets as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Packets can be turned in using the following methods:

1. Drop off in the school office during office hours (7:30-3:30)
2. Send completed forms with your child to the school before the last day of school
3. Email to [thill@2paws.net](mailto:thill@2paws.net)
4. Place in the drop box located outside the main entrance (to the left of the doors)
5. Mail to: Paw Paw School, PO Box 37, Paw Paw, IL 61353

If you would prefer to register In-Person, our registration date will be **Tuesday, August 1st from Noon-6:00pm**. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office at 815-627-2671.

**No Fees are due at this time. Registration fees may be paid between July 1, 2023 - August 1, 2023 online at [2paws.revtrak.net](http://2paws.revtrak.net), cash or check made out to Paw Paw School.**

Registration fees are as follows:

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| • Kindergarten | \$65.00 |
| • 1st - 8th    | \$85.00 |

Junior High sports fee is **\$35 per sport**. All sports and registration fees must be paid before the student will be permitted to participate in sports practices or attend extracurricular events.

Information regarding free/reduced lunch applications and fee waivers are available online or in the school office.

**REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

- Completed Registration Packet  
(One packet per student)
- **All New Families and any family with an address change must provide proof of residency.**  
(See "Residency Requirements Form" in Registration Packet)
- Physical, Dental and Vision Exams for selected grade levels.  
(See "Required Physicals and Immunizations Form" in Registration Packet)
- Immunizations need to be current for their grade level.  
(See "Required Physicals and Immunizations Form" in Registration Packet)

## SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION

The regular school day goes from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Students will not be allowed in the building until 7:45 am. In order for your student to have success, it is important they arrive to school on time every day.

If your student is going to be absent for any reason, **the student's parent or guardian is required to call the school before 10:00 am to explain the reason for the absence.** A voicemail can be left on the Attendance Line 24 hours a day.

**ATTENDANCE LINE: 815-627-2671 OPT 8**

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

In the case of an overnight snow event, we may delay the start of school one or two hours to allow snow plows time to make the roads safe. Please develop a plan for your family in the event that this takes place.

If we cannot safely open school, we will cancel it for the day. The day will be made up at the end of the school year. This will be communicated at the time of the event. Every effort will be made to make this announcement by 6:00 am.

## CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

Please remember to notify the school office if any of the following changes:

- Residence
- Cell numbers, phone numbers, including emergency contacts
- Email addresses
- Employment information
- Health information

## TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes for the 2023-24 school year should be very similar to the current routes. Parents will be notified if there are any major changes. Information collected from registration will be used to set up the bus routes with any needed changes.

Any questions can be directed to Dan Garza at [dgarza@2paws.net](mailto:dgarza@2paws.net), 815-627-2671, ext 242.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for the Elementary and Junior High are available on the Registration Information page on the school website at [www.2paws.net](http://www.2paws.net).

## LOST AND FOUND

The school office keeps a lost and found area for lost items. Any unclaimed items are donated to charity every few months. If your student is missing something, please call the school office at 815-627-2671.

## PE UNIFORMS

Junior High students must have the required Paw Paw PE uniform. Students are able to purchase a new uniform directly from the school. Students are able to use a uniform from a previous school year but it must be approved by the PE teacher. PE lockers must be locked when not in use. Locks can be rented from the school or you can bring a lock from home.

PE Shirt	\$12.00	PE Shorts	\$10.00	PE Lock	\$2.00
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## ATHLETICS

All athletes must have their sports forms, physical, and sports fee turned into the school office prior to the first day of practice (forms can be found on the district website or school office). In addition, registration fees must be paid on or before this date.

### JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC TENTATIVE START DATES

Soccer, Volleyball	August 7, 2023
Boys Basketball, Cheer, Poms	October 12, 2023
Girls Basketball	January 2, 2024
Track	To Be Announced

## LUNCHES

### DIRECT CERTIFICATION

Students who are direct certified through assistance from the State of Illinois through SNAP, TANF, or Income-Based Eligibility Medicaid, are automatically qualified for free lunches and in association with that eligibility, will have their registration and most school fees waived. The school districts throughout Illinois receive the lists approximately July 1st of each year. Decisions on free/reduced lunches and fee waivers through the direct certification process will not be applied to your students account until that list is received by Paw Paw School District. It could take up to two weeks after July 1st for direct certification status to be applied to individual student accounts. You will receive notification from us when your student's account has been changed to reflect direct certification status either through email or through USPS mail.

The direct certification list is sent out the first of every month throughout the school year. Once your student qualifies as direct certified, that status remains in place for the entire school year.

### FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

If your student is not direct certified by August 1st, you will need to fill out an application for Free/Reduced lunches. Free or reduced lunch eligibility is based on total household income and proof of eligibility must be provided to the school district. Only one application is needed for the entire family and you must complete a new application each school year.

These applications are not made available to the District until August 1st. You may apply after that date or at any time throughout the school year if you have a change such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed, or receive SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid eligible benefits for your child(ren). In the operation of the free lunch program, no child will be discriminated against because of color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

### HOT LUNCHES

Students may either purchase their lunch at school through the hot lunch program or bring a sack lunch from home. Students with sack lunches may purchase a carton of milk. Monthly menus are available on the district website and on the App.

Lunch deposits can be made online through RevTrack or turned in before school. There will be no deposits accepted in the lunch lines.

### 2023-2024 LUNCH PRICES\*

K - 5th	\$2.35
6th - 8th	\$2.60
Adult	\$2.85
Milk	\$0.35

\*Prices subject to change as established by the NSLP guidelines

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

The Health Office welcomes you to a new school year. Please use the information in this letter to prepare for the upcoming school year by scheduling appointments early to avoid the rush prior to the start of school. Please feel free to reach out to the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns by calling 815-627-2671 ext. 217.

All physical examination and immunization requirements are due by **August 18, 2023**.

Per Board of Education Policy 7:100, unless an exemption or extension applies, the failure to comply with the below requirements by October 15th of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who register after October 15th of the current school year shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

The State of Illinois requires physical examinations for students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, and Ninth Grade. The examination must have taken place within one year prior to the first day of school and documented on the School Physical Form.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

All immunizations that are required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, including the month/day/year and correct number of doses at the correct intervals, must be verified by a health care provider. Parents/Guardians who object to examination(s) or immunization(s) on religious grounds are not required to submit their child or wards to either, provided they present a completed Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption form. This form must be completed in its entirety by the parent/guardian and signed by the physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant performing the examination. The statement must set forth the specific religious belief which conflicts with the examination(s). Each vaccine that is objected must be listed.

## **DENTAL EXAMINATIONS**

The State of Illinois required dental examinations for students entering Kindergarten, Second Grade, Sixth Grade, and Ninth Grade. The examination must have taken place on or after November 15th of the previous school year, documented on the Illinois School Examination Form by a licensed dentist and is due prior to May 15th of the current school year.

## **EYE EXAMINATIONS**

The State of Illinois requires eye examinations for students entering Kindergarten as well as students entering Illinois schools for the first time. The examination must have taken place on or after October 15th of the previous school year and documented on the Illinois Eye Examination Report.

## **STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO PAW PAW SCHOOL**

Students coming from another Illinois school have 30 days to provide copies of mandated health requirements. Students coming from out of state or out of country have 30 days to provide proof of a physical examination completed within the last 12 months and contains all State of Illinois examination requirements, all State of Illinois vaccine requirements, and proof of an eye examination which was completed within the last 12 months. Students entering the Illinois school system at the Kindergarten level or higher for the first time are required to have the eye examination regardless of grade level. If a child transfers in from out of state, out of country, or homeschooling and has never before been in the Illinois system, the eye examination would be required.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION**

Sports examinations are required annually for students wanting to try out and participate in sports in Fifth through Eighth grades. The mandated Department of Human Services form required for Sixth grade will meet the sports requirement. The IHSA form will not meet mandated physical requirements.

**\*\*ALL FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE\*\***