



Monthly Newsletter January 2021

Parent Portal & Canvas: The Infinite Campus parent portal is used to view attendance and to put money on your student's lunch account. To view grades and assignments, the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) is used. Please visit the website at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> to access both the Infinite Campus parent portal and Canvas LMS. Also, on the district website are activity schedules, lunch menus, school calendar and weekly announcements. If you have not been able to access your parent portal, please call our office at 764-6185 to receive your activation key.

Viewing Semester Grades: Due to our Semester 1/Quarter 2 ending on December 22nd and the Winter Break starting on December 23rd, semester and quarter grades will be ready for viewing on the Infinite Campus parent portal at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> by Wednesday, January 13th. Please note that any attendance reported reflects individual period attendance.

Communication – Parents, just as a reminder regarding communication - if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please take the time to reach out to the appropriate personnel. We are always here to help, but we also must be aware before we can support you and your child and work as a team. Our staff directory can be accessed at <https://pms.pcsd1.org/Staff>.

Student Safety on the Internet: As students interact with technology and use the internet, we encourage parents to set family rules for technology and internet use. By talking to children about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, parents can help their children surf the internet safely.

Free Breakfast and Lunch Extended: U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced recently that the department is extending flexibilities for free meals to all children for the entire 2020-2021 school year. This unprecedented move is part of USDA's unwavering commitment to ensuring all children across America have access to nutritious food as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The USDA previously extended child nutrition waivers through December 2020 based upon available funding at the time. The flexibilities extended recently will allow schools and other local program operators to continue to leverage the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to provide no cost meals to all children, available at over 90,000 sites across the country.

PCSD1 will continue to offer free lunch and breakfast to all enrolled students. A la carte items and extra milks still need to be paid by cash or money on the student's lunch account.

PCSD1 has partnered with the Powell Valley Health Care (PVHC). PVHC is offering breakfast and lunch pick-up on all days that PCSD1 school is in session, for all those not enrolled in a program that provides lunch, including children five and under. The pick-up location is the care center located on Grand Street and is available from 9 am – 11 am. The last day of free meals has been extended to May 27, 2021.

2020-2021 Yearbooks: If you would like to purchase a yearbook, you may order one (see Mrs. Catlin or Mrs. Allred) in the Learning Commons for \$10.00.

The list below is from “PEN Notes” which is a publication from the Parent Education Network:

- 1) Keep computers and tablets in high-traffic areas like the family room or kitchen - not in bedrooms, unsupervised.
- 2) Children ages 9 and under shouldn't be allowed to surf the Web alone, as they need close supervision.
- 3) Older children need to have clear rules about using the Internet alone. Tell children that you need to know where they are going online and what they are doing there.
- 4) Keep track of the files your children download, join them when they are in private chat areas, and ask often who they are chatting with on the internet.
- 5) Put time limits on the computer. Children need to allow time for physical activity, homework, and friends, too.
- 6) Tell children never to trade personal photographs in the mail or scanned over the Internet.
- 7) Tell children never to reveal personal information, never to agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person, and never to respond to threatening emails or messages.
- 8) Tell children that violating the family internet rules will result in lost privileges to go online - and then enforce the rules you've set.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 No School	5 No School	6 School Resumes 2nd Semester (3rd Quarter) Begins	7	8 Orange Schedule	9
10	11	12 6 th ELA & 7 th Math WY-TOPP Testing	13 6 th Math WY-TOPP Testing	14 7 th & 8 th ELA WY-TOPP Testing	15 Black Schedule	16 7 th - 8 th Boys Basketball at Worland – 9 am and at Thermopolis - 12 pm
17	18	19	20 8 th Math WY-TOPP Testing	21 8 th Boys Basketball at Powell - 4:15 pm 7 th Boys Basketball at Cody - 4:15 pm	22 Orange Schedule	23 7 th - 8 th Boys Basketball at Riverton – 10 am and at Lander – 1 pm
24 7 th Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 8 th Boys Basketball at Cowley – 4:15 pm	25	26	27	28	29 Black Schedule	30 7 th Boys "A" Basketball at Sheridan – 10 am and 12:30 pm 8 th Boys "A" Basketball at Sheridan – 11:15 am and 1:45 pm
31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2 8 th Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 7 th Boys Basketball at Lovell – 4:15 pm	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5 8 th Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 7 th Boys Basketball at Worland – 4:15 pm	Feb. 6 7 th Boys Basketball at Powell – 9:00 am 8 th Boys Basketball at Powell – 10:30 am

MATHCOUNTS meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am in Mr. Estes' room.
Creative Writing Club meets every Wednesday after school until 4 pm in Ms. Faxon's room.
Girls Who Code Club meets each Wednesday after school in Mrs. Hanks' room.