



# Penn-Trafford School District

*Our Mission: "Effective, Efficient, Quality Education"*

To the parents and guardians of Penn Middle Students,

This has been a difficult year with plenty of challenges. Nevertheless, I am very proud of our students and teachers. I am reminded of the old saying, "When times are tough, the tough get going". We certainly did this this year. Through shutdowns and quarantines, we have persevered, and this might be the most important lesson for our students. Inevitably, our children are all going to experience difficult times. Hopefully, their experience this past year will provide them with a model of reacting positively to adversity. Life threw us a curve this past year and for the most part, I am proud of our response. Were we perfect? No way. Did we make the best out of difficult times? Definitely.

I also want to thank all the parents who were patient with us as we had adjust to different rules and directives as the year progressed. 99% of you were understanding when you got the quarantine call or some other communication. Your support of our efforts is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Yearbooks

We will have a limited number of yearbooks on sale Thursday for anyone who wishes to purchase one that has not already done so. The cost is \$40. Please see Mrs. Datz in room 103 to purchase. Yearbooks will be first come, first served. We have a limited quantity. There will be a yearbook signing on the track field on Thursday afternoon.

## Digital student return of school items

If your son or daughter was a digital student (worked online at home full-time), he/she will need to return items to school. Students/parents can come to Penn Middle during the regular school day (8am to 3pm) to return these items.

**Books** - Books should have a post-it note with the student name and teacher written on it. Mrs. Beck will direct parents/students where to place these books in the snack shop area.

**8th-grade chromebooks** - 8th-grade students are returning their chromebooks. Chromebooks and powercords can be delivered to Mrs. Bondra in the library. Students and/or parents must check-in with Mrs. Bondra for this process. Chromebooks should not be left out in the foyer or snack shop area. If the student is taking a summer course at the high school, he or she should keep his or her chromebook. Students will be given new chromebooks as Freshmen in August at the high school.

**Locker clean out** - the building will be open from 3 to 7 pm, today, Thursday, and Friday. Parents can bring students to "clean out" their lockers during this time.

If this schedule doesn't work for you and your family, please contact me via email and we will set something up that works for you.

### Summer Schedule

Beginning June 1 the building will be open from 7am to 3pm Monday through Thursday. The building will be closed every Friday during the summer. I suggest calling the building (724-744-4431) during the summer before stopping in.

### Friday Early Dismissal Schedule

We will run an early dismissal schedule Friday May 28. Students will be dismissed at 1pm instead of 3pm.

### Important Dates

Monday August 16 - 6th-grade Orientation  
Tuesday August 17 - PTHS Freshman Orientation  
Wednesday August 18 - New (7th & 8th) Student Orientation  
Thursday August 26 - First Student Day of the 21-22 School Year

Again, thank you for your continued support this year. Here is to a much smoother 2021-2022 school year.

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