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Penn Middle Parent Email 11/2/20

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Penn-Trafford School District

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Hello parents and guardians of Penn Middle School Students,

I hope you got an extra hour sleep this weekend. I don't know about you, but getting up when it is dark is depressing to me. I feel so much more invigorated when there is daylight in the morning.

Today is the first day of the 2nd Quarter - 1st Quarter Report Cards will be finalized Thursday, November 5 and posted on Powerschool. You can view a pdf copy on the [Powerschool parent portal](#). As per the handbook, if you would like a paper copy, please contact Mrs. Beck in the office. Once you review Jim's report card, if you have concerns, please contact the individual teacher. He or she can give you the best insight as to what can be done to improve the situation. The biggest hurdle we encounter is incomplete work. This can be countered by checking the teacher websites and Google Classroom weekly and making sure there is a scheduled homework time and place each school night. If Jim is struggling to get work done on time, I strongly suggest not allowing him/her to do homework in his/her bedroom.

Job Opportunities - We need a full-time paraprofessional for our special education classes. We also need sub paraprofessionals for when staff is out. If you are interested in full-time, part-time, or even some-time work, please call me to discuss (724-744-4431). We can work around your schedule if you have to put younger students on the bus or something similar.

Students late or returning from appointment - If you are dropping off your child late or returning from an appointment, please remember all parents must enter the building at the main office doors and sign their children in/out. This procedure has not changed. Please keep this in mind.

Picture Day Make-ups - We have numerous pictures in the snack shop area to be picked up. Most of these are digital students. Picture make-up day is December 1st. If Jim was absent on the original day, he or she can get his or her picture taken on this day. You can order pictures through the [Lifetouch website](#). The Penn Middle Make-up Code is EVT33QRHC. If you are not satisfied with the picture taken, Jim should bring in the set of pictures you received and he or she will have a new set taken. For digital students, we will have the pictures station set up in the auditorium, please come to the side Auditorum entrance at 8:30am.

Election Day - As an American, I respect your choice to vote for that person you deem as best fit for the job. No matter which candidate wins, a significant number of Americans are going to be disappointed in the outcome. Once a winner is declared, there is concern that extremists on both the left and the right will cause turmoil, I sincerely hope not. We are so much better than that, and most importantly let's all remember our children are watching. I am proud to call each and everyone of you my fellow Americans - no matter who you support for President.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events

Wednesday November 11 - Veterans Day - Out of respect for veterans, please wear red, white, and/or blue

Thursday November 12 - Save-A-Day in morning before & during Homeroom.

Wednesday November 25 - Early Dismissal for students 1pm

Thursday November 26 through Monday November 30 - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - Picture Retake Day

Thank you for your continued support and thank you for taking time to review this email.

Jim Simpson, Principal

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