

Dear Families,

Picture Days are next week! Students in grades PreK, K, 2, 3, 5, and Ms. Racicot's class will have their photos taken on Wednesday, October 5th. Students in grades 4, 6, 7, 8, and Mrs. Kendall's class will have their photos taken on October 6th.

We have several middle schoolers coming to school with sugar-loaded, highly caffeinated energy drinks. Please have your students leave these beverages at home. We converted the majority of our drinking foundations to bottle filers, so all they need is a refillable bottle to stay hydrated.

We have several morning activities that are underway. Student Council meetings begin at 7:30 am. Jazz band begins at 7:45. The Pomfret Recreation Department runs a before-school sports program that begins at 7:50 am. Please do not drop students off early for these programs as we do not have supervision for them until the programs start.

If you are in need of extra support, our Pomfret Power Pack program provides weekly bags of free groceries. This program is sponsored by TEEG, Christ's Church, and Pomfret School. All you need to do to sign up is call or send me an email with the number of people in your household. My email is imschweiler.s@pomfretcommunityschool.org.

Child Find Developmental Screening for Pomfret residents ages 3 and 4 is coming soon. Our Child Find team will screen your child's developmental skills, answer questions about growth, development, and speech and identify children who may be in need of further evaluation and special services. This screening will take place on October 12th and 13th between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm here at PCS. To schedule an appointment, please contact Debbie Morrisette no later than September 30, 2022, at 860-928-2718 or morrisette.d@pomfretcommunityschool.org.

If you have experience working with children, are 18 or older, and are seeking part-time work, consider applying to be a substitute teacher! We always need substitutes. Just stop by to pick up an application.

We also have a full-time teaching assistant position open. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:20 to 3:25 when school is in session. If you are interested, please give me a call at 860-928-2718.

We have had 1 new case of COVID-19 this week in seventh grade. Please be sure to conduct a home health check before your students come to school. Any student with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea should stay home until they are at least 24 hours symptom-free. This is a protocol that has been in place for many years. For students exhibiting respiratory symptoms(cough, congestion, runny nose), please test them for COVID-19. We have an ample supply of tests if you need one. If they test negative, be sure to send them to school wearing a face mask until their symptoms resolve.

Looking ahead . . .

October 5 6:30 PM PTO meeting

October 7 12:30 PM dismissal

October 10 no school

October 13 COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic 4:00-6:00 PM