

Middle School News

BARTELS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 1, 2017

Registration Day

On-line registration for current students will start July 5th. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign onto your Infinite Campus Portal and click on the on-line registration link. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to use school computers to register students from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 23rd in the school gym. Parents are asked to either pay fees on-line or bring a **CHECK** made out to Portage Schools with them to registration. Students will receive their class schedules and locker assignments after payment is received.

STUDENT SUPPLY FEES:

6th grade (and students new to our district):	\$22.75
7th grade and 8th grade:	\$ 6.00
Concert Band Fee (8th Grade) :	\$10.00
(used to clean the uniforms)	

September 5th – First day of school for 6th grade students and students new to our district only

September 6th – First day of school for all 6th-8th grade students

On Thursday, September 5th, only the sixth grade students and students new to our district will attend school for a day of orientation and activities. The goal is to have a smoother transition into the middle school for our sixth grade students.

Prescription Medication

A written, signed statement from the parent/guardian and a written, signed instruction from a practitioner* must be on file at the school authorizing school personnel to administer any medication. Requests must be renewed each school year or more often if changes in dosage occur. Prescription medications must be supplied in a legible pharmacy-labeled container indicating the correct dosage and administration instructions.

Non-prescription Medications

Non-prescription medications (over-the-counter) which is FDA approved can be administered. A written, signed statement from the parent/guardian must be on file at school authorizing school personnel to administer (Medication Request/Consent form). A practitioner's* signature will be required for a dosage that does not match the package's labeled weight-or age-appropriate dose.

Please use the district form located on the Nursing Services webpage under Medications.

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:55AM
ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 5th FOR 6TH GRADE,
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH FOR ALL STUDENTS**

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS

An open house will be held on Wednesday evening, **August 30th, 2016** for the parents of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Parents will have time to informally visit each of their child's teachers. The open house will begin at 4:00 PM and last until 5:00 PM.

Please mark Wednesday afternoon, **August 30th** on your calendar and plan to attend the open house.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Students are expected to be in school everyday unless they have a legitimate reason to be absent. Excused absences include: personal illness, hospitalization, medical appointments, death or serious illness in the family, family emergencies, family vacations, and emergency situations. When a child is going to be absent from school, the parents/guardians **must** call the middle school office at 742-2165 between **7:30 - 8:00 AM** to inform the school of the child's absence. If a call is not received, the school will attempt to contact the parents during the morning to learn the whereabouts of their child.

All students, parents, and staff in the Portage Community Schools are required to observe the compulsory school attendance law (s.118.15)

118.16 School attendance enforcement. "Habitual truant" means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse under sub (4) and s. 118.15 for part or all of 5 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

CHECK THE WEBSITE:

One of the most frustrating things for parents of middle school aged students is the all too frequent reply "I don't have any homework" when they ask their child if they have any assignments to do.

Many Teams have projects/tests/assignments posted on the school website as well. See portage.k12.wi.us, pick Bartels Middle School, and pick the team that your student is on. Homework will be listed here.

LUNCH PROGRAM:

LUNCH PRICES:	\$2.90	Reduced: .40
BREAKFAST:	\$1.60	Reduced: .30

LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker and lock for his or her use during the school year. The lockers do not belong to the students. They are the property of the Portage Community Schools and are provided for the students' convenience and use. Students are not to share lockers with any other student. Students should not keep anything in their lockers they would not want the principal, a teacher, a police officer, or their parents to know about, anything illegal, or anything that would endanger the health and safety of other students and the school staff. The school retains the right to conduct both announced and unannounced searches of the student lockers. Searches may take place in association with local law enforcement officials. Students should report any damage to their locker immediately to the office. Students are responsible for lost locks. **The fee for a lost lock is \$5.00.**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students will need basic school supplies for the first day of school. A list of school supplies for your child is on our website and located at Walmart and Walgreens in Portage. Do not buy a lot of supplies that are not on the list.

If any specialized supplies or materials are needed for a class, the students will be informed early in the school year by their teachers of those specific items.

LATE AFTERNOON STUDY SESSIONS

Homework study sessions meet in the LC from 3:25 – 4:10 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The purpose of the study sessions is to provide students with the opportunity to study in a structured, supervised area, to receive assistance with homework and study skills, to use reference and other library materials, and to have access to a school computer.

Expectations at Study Sessions:

1. Be on time.
2. Bring all necessary materials, pencils, books, notes, assignment notebook, paper, etc.
3. Study and work quietly.
4. Respect the rights of others.
5. Whispering with study buddies is permissible, but just talking and not getting homework done is NOT.
6. Before dismissal, all materials must be picked up from the tables and the floor. Chairs must be pushed in.
7. Do not wander around the school building.
8. Have someone here at 4:10 PM to pick you up. Poor behavior results in warning of 1 week restriction from homework club & further problems results in ban from homework club for the rest of the year.