



Forward Together

A Community Newsletter from the Portage Community School District

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Watch for additional District information on our website (<https://portage.k12.wi.us>); in the local newspaper; via emails, text messages and voice messages through Infinite Campus; and on our social media pages (Facebook *Portage Community School District*, Instagram *@Portagecsd* and Twitter *@Portagecsd*)

WELCOME to the 2018-2019 School Year!



Margaret Rudolph,
District Administrator,
Portage Community
School District

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I love this time of year. The beginning of a new school year is filled with excitement! This year is no exception. Over the course of the past few months, my administrative staff, returning teachers and staff, new teachers, and I have started to lay the groundwork for this school year. We are excited to move forward together and build a positive school culture in the classroom and throughout the community.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Margaret Rudolph, District Administrator for the Portage Community School District. I am beginning my 36th year in education. I started working in the Portage Community School District in 1999 and worked as the principal of John Muir and Woodridge schools. Then I transitioned into the Director of Business Operations, the position I held for the past 10 years. Prior to working in Portage, I was a teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director and principal. I am married with three adult children. We spend time with my mom, who is turning 80 this year, and our extended family.

I am so grateful for the support I have received so far in my new position, support to move forward together to create a positive environment. Some people have even asked how they can help make this a great school year.

The best thing we can do to improve performance and school safety is to build a positive culture. It is proven that we are more productive when we are "positive" than when we are at negative, neutral or stressed. We are better problem solvers, we are more collaborative and we get more done when we are in a positive frame of mind. We all have an impact on our school culture. Thank you for making it a positive one.

Please review the information in this first of our quarterly community newsletters. You are invited to attend school events. Know that we are committed to the success of every student.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rudolph
District Administrator,
Portage Community School District

Contact Numbers within the District ~

Endeavor Elementary School	(608) 587-2625	Classroom Hours: 8:00 am—3:00 pm	Gerstenkorn Admin. Building	(608) 742-4879
Lewiston Elementary School	(608) 742-2524	Classroom Hours: 8:00 am—3:00 pm	PCSD Food Service	(608) 742-5531
John Muir Elementary School	(608) 742-5531	Classroom Hours: 8:00 am—3:10 pm	Go Riteway Transportation	(608) 745-1501
Rusch Elementary School	(608) 742-7376	Classroom Hours: 8:00 am—2:55 pm		
Woodridge Elementary School	(608) 742-3494	Classroom Hours: 8:00 am—2:55 pm		
Bartels Middle School	(608) 742-2165	Classroom Hours: 7:55 am—3:15 pm		
Portage High School	(608) 742-8545	Classroom Hours: 7:55 am—3:15 pm		
Portage Academy	(608) 742-7376 x6117	Morning Session: 8:30 am—11:30 am		
Portage Academy	(608) 742-7376 x6117	Afternoon Session: 12:30 pm—3:30 pm		



Calendar of Events ~

Please note, event dates and times may change due to the weather or an unforeseen conflict.

Please check the District website for any changes that may occur.

<https://www.portage.k12.wi.us>



September 24: No school—Inservice

September 30 — October 6: Homecoming Week

October 5: Homecoming Parade 2 pm

October 5: Homecoming Football Game 7 pm

October 8: School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

October 18 and 23: Bartels Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences 4 pm—7 pm

October 22 and 23: Elementary School Parent Teacher Conferences 4 pm—8 pm

October 25 and 26: No School

October 29: Winter Sports Meeting for Parents and Student Athletes 6 pm

November 2: First quarter ends

November 3: Portage High School Cabaret 7 pm

November 4: Portage High School Cabaret 2 pm

November 8: Portage High School Parent Teacher Conferences 4 pm—8 pm

November 9: Portage High School Veterans Day Program 2 pm

November 9 and 10: Portage High School Play 7 pm

November 11: Portage High School Play 2 pm

November 12: School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

November 16 and 17: Portage High School Play 7 pm

November 18: Portage High School Play 2 pm

November 21 — 23: No School—Thanksgiving Break

November 26: No School—Inservice

Currently hiring Substitute Teachers and Substitute Teaching Assistants ~ apply online

www.teachersoncall.com



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Board of Education ~

Steve Pate

Chad Edwards

Connie Shlimovitz

Matt Foster

Fred Reckling

Dan Garrigan

Dan Brown



Part-time Crossing Guards Needed!

For more information or to apply online, visit www.portagewi.gov. Interested parties can also apply in person at the Portage Police Department or contact Assist. Chief Keith Klafke at keith.klafke@portagewi.gov. Successful applicants will have to pass a background check. Morning hours are from 7:15 am—8:10 am and afternoon hours are from 2:45 pm—3:30 pm.



Portage High School Fall Sports Athletic Schedule*

*Bold type indicates games to be played in Portage.

GIRLS GOLF

8/13 Stoughton
 8/14 Wisconsin Dells
 8/17 Reedsburg
8/22 Invitational*
8/23 Mount Horeb*
 8/24 DeForest
 8/27 Beaver Dam
 8/28 Baraboo
8/31 Baraboo*
 9/5 Madison
 9/7 Wisconsin Dells
9/13 Waunakee*
 9/14 DeForest
 9/18 Oregon
 9/26-27 DeForest
 10/1-3 Reedsburg
 10/8-9 Verona



GIRLS TENNIS

8/15 Oregon
 8/17 Central
 8/18 Onalaska Luther
8/21 Monroe*
 8/22 Sparta
 8/24 Edgerton
 8/27 Lodi
 8/28 Deforest
9/4 Reedsburg*
 9/6 Waunakee
9/11 Beaver Dam*
 9/13 Baraboo
9/17 Sauk Prairie*
 9/21 Conference Tourney
 9/22 Conference Tourney



GIRLS SWIMMING

8/16 Edgerton
 8/23 DC Everest
 8/28 Baraboo
9/4 DeForest*
 9/8 Lodi
 9/11 Baraboo
9/18 River Valley*
 9/25 Sauk Prairie
10/2 Lodi*
10/9 Beaver Dam*
 10/16 Waunakee
 10/27 Waunakee



FOOTBALL

8/17 Stoughton
8/24 Monona Grove*
 8/31 Sauk Prairie
 9/7 Baraboo
9/14 Waunakee*
9/21 Beaver Dam*
 9/28 Mount Horeb
10/5 Reedsburg *
10/12 DeForest*



CROSS COUNTRY

9/6 Poynette
 9/7 Mayville
 9/11 Mount Horeb
 9/18 Wautoma
 9/22 Reedsburg
9/25 Wyona Park*
 9/28 Green Lake
 10/8 Columbus
 10/13 Beaver Dam



BOYS SOCCER

8/21 Lodi*
 8/25 Berlin
8/28 Watertown*
 8/30 Edgewood
9/4 Adams-Friendship*
 9/6 Reedsburg
9/11 Waunakee*
 9/15 Berlin
 9/18 DeForest
9/22 Roncalli*
9/25 Beaver Dam*
 9/27 Baraboo
10/2 Sauk Prairie*
10/4 Fort Atkinson*
 10/9 Mount Horeb
10/11 Monroe*



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

8/18 Waunakee
 8/24-25 Janesville Craig
 8/30 Sauk Prairie
9/6 Mount Horeb*
9/13 Waunakee*
 9/15 Iowa-Grant
 9/18 Baraboo
9/20 Reedsburg*
9/22 Lodi/Madison/Reedsburg*
9/24 Wisconsin Rapids*
 9/27 Beaver Dam
9/29 Invitational*
10/4 DeForest*
 10/6 Reedsburg
 10/9 Tri-County
10/11 Monona Grove*



Games are subject to change due to weather conditions. For start times, results and schedule updates go to: www.BadgerConference.org

The **BEST** ways to help children succeed:

B is for Bed. Please help your child get to bed. Research shows adolescents need between 9–10 hours of sleep per night.



E is for Electronic Devices. Have your child turn off their electronic devices at night as they disrupt sleep patterns.



S is for School. Help your child get to school. We know children succeed when they regularly attend school.



T is for Together. We achieve more together. Please continue to stay involved with your child's education. We appreciate your attendance to school events.





Portage Community Schools Believe:

- ◆ *Everyone is valued*
- ◆ *Relationships matter*
- ◆ *All students can learn, grow and achieve and we never give up*
- ◆ *Learning is our priority and is:*
 - Ongoing*
 - Academic*
 - Social*
 - Emotional*
 - Preparation for Life*
- ◆ *We learn differently ~*
 - We have different*
 - Learning styles*
 - Cultural differences*
 - Interests*
 - Abilities*
 - Disabilities*



Forward Together ~ District Goals

1. *Each student will make at least one year of growth in each curriculum course area.*
2. *As a school community, we will increase behaviors that promote learning and respectful interactions.*
3. *We will provide professional development for staff that increases learning for all students.*

“The best thing we can do to improve performance and school safety is to build a positive culture.”

Committed to the Success of Every Student

The Portage Community School District will be a leader in education, having high expectations for all students based on a clearly defined curriculum, partnering with parents and the community, and differentiating the instruction to meet the needs of every student in a literacy rich environment.

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