

PENNS GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 2018

Dear Penns Grove Middle School Parent/Guardian:

Now that the summer is coming to a close, it's time to prepare for a great new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our school by providing you with some helpful information.

School opens on Thursday, September 6, 7:52 a.m. with a full day ending at 2:15 p.m. We are finalizing all student schedules and they will be completed soon. Due to updates to Ferpa law class lists will no longer be visible on the district website. Instead parents will log in to the genesis parent portal to view their child's schedule. Upon completion of the schedules this feature will be available to parents/guardians. If you forgot your logon information or are a first time user please go to the district website under parent portal. There is a section there to assist you in obtaining or resetting your password. The district's website is www.pgcpsschools.org. The first day of school there will be homeroom lists posted on the front door. Students will receive their complete schedule on the 1st day of school. We hope this letter will serve to inform you of some important regulations and procedures carefully put together to protect and help your child do his/her best.

Please do not drop students off prior to 7:40 a.m. as there will be no adult supervision prior to this time. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be considered late and must immediately report to the late desk on the main floor for a pass. Student drop off and pick up is on Maple Ave. in front of the school, but not in the driveway or parking lot as this area is reserved for buses and staff. Pick-up is at 2:15 p.m. on full days and at 12:26 p.m. on early dismissal days. Student pick-up after school should be no later than 10 minutes after dismissal. Students that walk home should only cross where a crossing guard is provided on Smith Ave. between P.W. Carleton and Penns Grove Middle School and on Virginia Avenue by the football field. Lunch will be served beginning the first day at a cost of \$2.80. Breakfast is available at 7:30 a.m. beginning September 6, 2018, for \$1.50. The menu for the rest of the month will be distributed on the first day of school.

All students are expected to be in uniform on the 1st day of school.

The student handbook will be available at www.pgcpsschools.org. Please take the time to review the Parent & Student Handbook and additional information on the district website. Please pay particular attention to the Attendance and Lateness Policy, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy and the Dress Code Policy. Penns Grove Middle School follows the approved School Board Dress Code Policy and as a reminder, students are not permitted to wear cargo pants or cargo shorts. Please review and sign the attached form and return to your child's homeroom teacher by September 21, 2018. This information will all be discussed with all students at the opening of school class meetings. Hard copies will not be distributed.

In order to keep parents and guardians informed of school matters, it is extremely important that you notify the school of any change of address or phone number as soon as possible.

**Also please be sure that your child has completed their summer reading project. The information is available on our district website under the parent portal. The students will be graded on the assignment by their Language Arts Teacher.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT PENNS GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- September 6 First Day of School
- September 11 Back to School Night @ 6:00 pm in the PGMS Auditorium
- September 11 Pride Breakfast Grade 6 –Parents/Students
- September 12 Pride Breakfast Grade 7– Parents/Students
- September 13 Pride Breakfast Grade 8 –Parents/Students

We have also included the following important attachments:

- Dr. Cobian letter
- District calendar
- Right to Know / Highly Qualified Teacher Information
- Back to School Night letter
- Important Dates Flyer
- District Student Codes of Conduct Parent Guardian Notice – Please review student handbook on-line and sign attached page and return to your child's 1st period teacher by September 21, 2018.
- PRIDE Welcome Back Breakfast Form
- Book Bag Giveaway Flyer
- Immunization Information – 6th grade only

Tips For Helping Your Students Have A Successful School Year

- Ensure your child is well rested and eats a breakfast.
- Provide supplies – students need the right tools for learning.
- Dress accordingly – enforcing the uniform policy is important.
- Be true to your school – be an enthusiastic school supporter. Carefully read the rules, letters and notices your child brings home.
- Get involved – support your teachers; help with homework; ask your child about their day.

Everyone at Penns Grove Middle School is looking forward to a great year. Please get involved in your child's education from the very first day. Help us to help every child be successful. We look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night.

Sincerely,



Dr. Luis F. Amberths, Jr., Principal

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Handicapped parking/entrance is located on the Smith Ave. side of the building. Please call ahead for assistance. (856)299-0576 then push "0" for the main office.

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Dear Penns Grove-Carneys Point RSD Parents, Guardians and Staff Members,

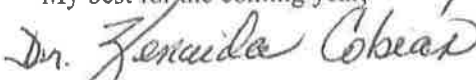
There is excitement in our school district as we embark on another school year. We are beginning our school year with vision, commitment and determination to empower our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders and achievers. Our district will be open for staff on September 4 and 5, 2018, providing full days of professional development. Students will begin with a full day of school on September 6, 2018.

Our district schools are developing specific programs to meet the goals and challenges needed to prepare our students. Penns Grove High School is focusing on addressing cognitive learning, socio-emotional learning and school safety initiatives. A new schedule is in place at the High School that provides the students with a variety of advanced and enrichment courses. The High School courtyard will become an "Environmental Center" for our school district students. This center will provide students with a rich, educational experience for our ever-changing environment. The Middle School is ensuring all students have access to high-quality services that will enable them to become better learners and citizens. The Middle School is currently training staff and students in effective practices in equity and equality to improve school culture and environment while, at the same time, creating a culture of collaboration and shared responsibility. Our elementary schools are developing STEAM programs to expose our young learners to the advances in technology and career exploration. All schools are updating their facilities and main offices to make them welcoming, pleasing and inviting.

The Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District family welcomes new members in Curriculum and Instruction, classroom educators and the administrative team. These professionals are well-educated, well-prepared and competent in their fields. They are charged to continue the high standards of practice that are established to support our learners.

Effective communication, shared responsibility and collaboration is embedded in our mission of "Building a School Community of Leaders and Achievers". The foundation to student academic success is parents, community and educators working with intentional support of improved school culture and development of positive relationships.

My best for the coming year,


Zenaida Cobian, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

CC: Board of Education Members
District Office Administrators
Building Administrators

Our Mission - Building a School Community of Leaders and Achievers

PENNS GROVE-CARNEYS POINT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

SEPTEMBER 18

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OCTOBER 18

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Sept. 3	Labor Day
Sept. 4-5	Staff In-Service
Sept. 6	School Opens-Students
Oct. 8	Columbus Day
Nov. 7	Staff In-Service
Nov. 8-9	NJEA Convention
Nov. 12	Veterans Day
Nov. 13-15	Gr. 6-8 Only Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conference
Nov. 21	Early Dismissal
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 11-13	Gr.PreK-5 Only Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conference
Dec. 21	Early Dismissal
Dec. 24-31	Winter Recess
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Holiday
Jan. 21	Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day
Jan. 28-30	PGHS Exams -Early Dismissal
Feb. 15	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 18	Washington's Birthday
Feb. 12-14	Gr. 6-8 Only Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conference
Mar. 15	Salem County Professional Development Day
Mar. 19-21	Gr.PreK-5 Only Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conference
Apr. 18	Early Dismissal
Apr. 19-23	Spring Recess
May 17	Staff In-Service
May 27	Memorial Day
June 12, 13, 14, 17	Early Dismissal
June 17	Last Day for Students

PUPIL ATTENDANCE DAYS

Sept.	17	Feb.	18
Oct.	22	March	20
Nov.	16	April	19
Dec.	15	May	21
Jan.	21	June	11

Total Projected Student Days 180

Emergency Closure: Please do not schedule any event that would necessitate your absence from school during the months of April and June in the event we would have to extend school due to snow/emergency closings. Should it be necessary to extend the school year, or reschedule dates, approval for requested leaves will not be granted. Please note that there are no snow days built into the calendar.

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JUNE 19

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Early Dismissal

School Closed for Students

Staff In-Service

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Title I – Parents' Right-to-Know Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress late last year and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District. All our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,



Zenaida Cobian, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
ADG/RTKletter

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Titulo I – Carta de Derechos Parentales

Estimado Padre/Encargado:

El ACTA Cada Estudiante Sera Exitoso (ESSA) fue aprobada por el Congreso de Estados Unidos a finales del año pasado y firmada en ley el 10 de diciembre de 2015. La ESSA sustituye el No Niño Quede Atrás (NCLB) y es la más reciente reautorización de la primaria y la ley de educación secundaria (ESEA).

Aunque NCLB fue diseñada para llevar cambios en la enseñanza y el aprendizaje con el fin de aumentar el aprovechamiento académico de los estudiantes, la disposición del maestro altamente cualificado (HQT) bajo NCLB fue eliminada de la ESSA. A pesar de esto, todos los educadores en Nueva Jersey todavía están obligados a mantener el certificado/licencia del estado apropiado para su posición.

En ESSA, todas las escuelas recibiendo fondos de título I debe informar a los padres de su derecho a pedir las escuelas información de la cualificación profesional de sus maestros y para profesionales. Nuestra escuela recibe fondos de título y les harán disponibles la información si usted la solicita.

Nueva Jersey tiene algunos de los maestros más calificados en el país, y estamos muy orgullosos de la calidad del personal docente en el distrito regional de Penns Grove- Carneys Point. Todos nuestros maestros tienen títulos universitarios y muchos tienen grados avanzados. Además, cada maestro sigue el aprendizaje a través de actividades de desarrollo profesional y nuestros maestros son evaluados cada año para asegurarse de que sus habilidades permanecen en el más alto nivel posible.

Le exhortamos a colaborar con nosotros para la educación de sus hijos y comunicarse con el maestro de su hijo regularmente. Para obtener más información sobre ESSA y el rol de los padres, por favor visite el Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos (USDE) en la página web en <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

Colaboración entre familias y educadores pueden proporcionar a su hijo la mejor educación posible.

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Sinceramente,

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Welcome Back!

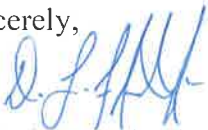
Back-To-School Night – September 12, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Our annual Back to School Night for the Penns Grove Middle School will be held on Wednesday September 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing important information that will help you and your child have a successful school year. This will be followed by a short visit to each of your child's classrooms. Your child can complete the schedule on the reverse side of this letter once they receive their schedule on the first day of school. You will use this parent schedule to follow throughout the evening. Classes are only eight (8) minutes long with a (2) minute passing time. This will allow you to meet all of your child's teachers as they give a brief overview of the classroom expectations.

Individual conferences are not possible due to the time constraints. If you need to schedule a conference with a specific teacher, please call our guidance office to arrange for one or leave a message on the teacher's voice mail. Each middle school teacher has a voice mailbox assigned to him or her as well as a district e-mail account. Your child's teacher will provide this information to you through their student expectations form.

Once again, we hope to see you on Wednesday September 12, 2018.

Sincerely,



Dr. Luis F. Amberths, Jr., Principal



- ❖ Please be advised that handicapped parking and accessibility is available through the Smith Avenue entrance. If you need assistance, please call 299-0576 ext. 4510 for assistance.

PENNS GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Back to School Night
Parent Schedule
September 12, 2018

Student's Name: _____

Period/Time	Room	Teacher	Class
Period 1 6:20-6:28 p.m.			
Period 2 6:30-6:38 p.m.			
Period 3 6:40-6:48 p.m.			
Period 4 6:50-6:58 p.m.			
Period 5 7:00-7:08 p.m.			
Period 6 7:10-7:18 p.m.			
Period 7 7:20-7:28 p.m.			
Period 8 7:30-7:38 p.m.			
Period 9 7:40-7:48 p.m.			

Penns Grove Middle School Important Dates

September 2018

09/06/2018	First Day of School for students (Full Day)
09/08/2018	Book Bag Giveaway
09/11/2018	Back to School Night 6:00 pm
09/11/2018	PRIDE Parent Breakfast 6 th Grade
09/12/2018	PRIDE Parent Breakfast 7 th Grade
09/13/2018	PRIDE Parent Breakfast 8 th Grade



PENNS GROVE-CARNEYS POINT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT
STUDENT CODES OF CONDUCT AND
USE OF DRUGS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE NOTIFICATION**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ School Year: 2018-2019

I acknowledge that I have read my child's school's Student Handbook that addresses Student Codes of Conduct that include (1) the rights and obligations of students and their parents; (2) types of student behavior that are expected and types of behavior that will not be tolerated; and (3) a continuum of rewards for exceptional behavior, recognition for adherence to school codes, and penalties for unacceptable student behavior for both students and parents.

In addition, I am aware that upon written notification presented to the school principal, I may request that my child may be withdrawn from any program or activity dealing with alcohol use, drug use, tobacco use, violence prevention, and/or interpersonal conflict, except classroom instruction that is funded under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*.

Parent/Guardian Signature

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM OR FIRST PERIOD TEACHER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018. THANK YOU.

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR REGIONAL DE PENNS GROVE-CARNEYS POINT

MANUAL DEL ESTUDIANTE

**ACTA DE EDUCACION DE LA ESCUELA ELEMENTAL Y SECUNDARIA
CODIGOS DE CONDUCTA Y USO DE DROGAS Y ACTOS DE VIOLENCIA**

Nombre del Estudiante: _____ Nivel: _____

Escuela: _____ Año Escolar: 2018-2019

Yo reconozco que he leído el Manual del Estudiante de la escuela de mi hijo(a), la cual identifica los códigos del estudiante sobre la conducta, la cual incluye (1) el derecho y obligaciones del estudiante y sus padres; (2) el tipo de comportamiento que son esperados y los tipos de comportamiento que no son tolerados; y (3) reconocimientos por un comportamiento excepcional, reconocimiento para la adhesión a los códigos de la escuela, y penalidades por el comportamiento inaceptable del estudiante como también sus padres.

En adición, estoy consciente que al presentar notificaciones al principal de la escuela, yo puedo pedir que a mi hijo(a) de no participe en niegan programa o actividad que trata de el uso de alcohol, uso de drogas, uso de tabaco, prevención de violencia, y/o conflicto interpersonal, excepto cuando necesario comparte de la instrucción en el salón de clase que es financiada por la *Acta de Educación de la Escuela Elemental y Secundaria*.

Firma del Padre/Encargado

FAVOR DE FIRMAR Y DEVOLVER A LA MAESTRA DE SU HIJO(A) O EN EL PRIMER PERIODO DE CLASES NO MAS TARDAR DE EL VIERNES, 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2017. GRACIAS.

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Title IV-A Assurances

Penns Grove Middle School



Breakfast

Sponsored by New Jersey Education Association PRIDE Grant & Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School Employees Association

Who: Parents/Guardians of Middle School students

What: Continental Breakfast

Where: PGMS Cafeteria

When: *Tuesday, September 11, 2018~grade 6
*Wednesday, September 12, 2018~grade 7
*Thursday, September 13, 2018~grade 8

8:00 am-9:00 am

Why: *Meet with PGMS administration and staff.
*See what's going on at PGMS this year.
*Find out how you can get involved.
*Register to vote.

RSVP by September 10th to your child's first period teacher.

I/We will be attending the  breakfast.
_____ attending (including student)

**Please note, if you have more than one child in the school, you may attend one breakfast with your children, your choice of day, if that is more convenient.*

Student's Name(s) _____ First Period Room # _____

Grade _____ First Period Teacher's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

*Parent/Guardian Email _____

*Parent/Guardian Phone # _____

*Home Address _____

**Parent/Guardian email and phone number will be used to contact you for upcoming PRIDE sponsored event but are not required for attendance at this event.*

PROJECT IV PRESENTS

stay focused
2018-2019

BACK 2 SCHOOL

BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY

Kids must be
present for
giveaway

...While supplies last

BOOK BAGS DONATED BY:
"NinexBoyz MC"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

JOIN US 9AM-12PM FOR A FAMILY, FUN FILLED EVENT. WE WILL
BE GIVING AWAY BOOK BAGS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR
CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8. LIVE DJ, FREE FOOD, AND MORE
@PENNS GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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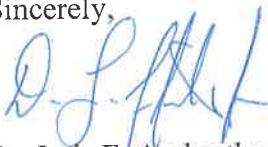
Dear Parent/Guardian of any 6th grade student,

According to N.J.A.C 8:57-4, students in grade six are required to have received a Tdap and a Meningitis vaccine upon entering school this year. You were notified of this requirement at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

- If your child has already received these immunizations please send that information to our school nurse either via mail or fax so we can update our records.
- If your child has not received these vaccines you must make an appointment with your child's physician.

Please remember that this is a State mandatory requirement. Your child will be excluded from school if he/she does not receive the required vaccinations. You may contact our school nurse Mrs. Anderson at 299-0576 ext. 4518 with questions or concerns you may. If you are having insurance issues please call as we may have some resources that may help you. You can have vaccination documentation faxed directly to 299-2179.

Sincerely,



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