



Greetings Panther Family!

We are all so excited for the start of the upcoming school year. The first day for students is **Thursday, August 4th, 2022. Classes begin at 8:50 AM every day.** It is very important to be on time. If students arrive late a parent/guardian will need to come to the office to sign them in, call the office prior to their arrival, or give them a note stating why they are late.

Last year ended with so many great events showcasing students. Every year we continue to offer more opportunities to students so they can grow academically. This year will be even better with lots of clubs and activities for students to find their passions.

COVID Expectations:

This year TUSD will follow the CDC guidance on Community Covid Level to determine the masking requirements. See the email attachment or go to our website to see how we can keep everyone safe.

Back to School Kick-Off for All Grade Levels:

I am hoping for every student and parent to attend our **Back-to-School Kick-Off on Friday, July 29th from 8 AM to 4 PM.** We want students to start this year off strong, prepared, and energized. All students at Pistor Middle School will wear an ID this school year. Laptops will be issued and pictures for IDs will be taken at Back-to-School Kick-Off event.

- Parents/Students who have already completed registration online will...
 - Receive class schedules.
 - Have student ID picture taken.
 - Check out laptop for the school year.
 - Receive an athletic packet (cross country, basketball, soccer, volleyball & track).
 - ALL parents who did not upload proof of address online can bring the paperwork.
 - The health office will be open for immunization records or questions concerning medical concerns for your child.

- Parents/Students who have not completed registration online...
 - This will be your one stop shop to get everything done.
 - It will take more time to register so online options will be available in the building. If you can access online beforehand, that will make the wait time shorter.
 - Schedules will be created for new students and all the above can be completed.

Orientation for Incoming 6th Graders (only):

I am hoping for every 6th grader to attend **Orientation on Friday, July 29^h from 8 AM to 11 AM.** Parents can complete registration while sixth graders participate in orientation or if registration is done, drop off student and return for pick up between 11 and noon.

- 8:00 AM Check In - Cafeteria
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Ice Breaker Activities
 - Campus Tours
 - Schedule Scavenger Hunt
 - IDs and Laptops in the Library (only if online registration is complete)
 - Schedule Pick Up (only if online registration is complete)
- 11:00 AM Ice cream or popsicles on the Patio

There will be **NO** transportation so parents will need to drop off students and pick them up between 11 and 12 PM. Students should wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

Bell Schedule:

The first bell rings at 8:45 AM. School starts at 8:50 AM and ends at 3:50 PM. Dismissal on Wednesdays is 2:50 PM. See the email attachment or go to our website to see this year's bell schedule.

Uniforms:

Pistor is a uniform school. The uniform colors are red, gray, white, black, and khaki. Students will be expected to wear the school uniform everyday throughout the school year. Student IDs will be part of the expected school uniform. See the email attachment or go to our website to see the complete Pistor Middle School uniform policy.

Computers:

Pistor Middle School is 1:1 for computers this school year. All students will be expected to bring their laptop to school every day fully charged.

Supplies:

In addition to their computer, students are expected to bring any supplies needed for their classes daily. See the email attachment or go to our website to see what your child might need.

Site Council & PTO:

To continue to make Pistor the best middle school in TUSD, we need the support of parents and community members. The purpose of both organizations is to get community feedback to implement positive changes, assist in implementing the School Improvement Plan, work on solution ideas, and guide the direction of the school. If you are interested in either Site Council, PTO, or have questions please contact: kathryn.gunnels@tusd1.org

Athletics & Clubs Offered:

- Sports (students need a sports physical to participate):
 - 1st Quarter = Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball
 - 2nd Quarter = Boys Volleyball, Girls Basketball & Coed Flag Football
 - 3rd Quarter = Boys & Girls Soccer
 - 4th Quarter = Boys & Girls Track & Field

- Clubs (more information once the school year starts):
 - Technolochicas (Girls/Boys Technology and Coding)
 - Student Council
 - Christian Club
 - Pride Club
 - Cookies and Cram (tutoring)
 - Yearbook Club
 - Cosplay Club

- 21st Century Enrichment Activities and Tutoring will begin in September before and after school.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the next couple weeks and having a positive, productive school year. Go Panthers!

Don't forget to follow us on social media to see all things Pistor. We are on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @PistorMS.

Sincerely,

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