

Dear Peirce families,

We had an amazing week with our teachers and we are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of the students. To take a quote from Mrs. DeMarco, “I am nervousited for school to start!” On Monday, we will welcome back over 1,000 students for their first day of the 2021-2022 school year. We are ready! Students will receive their schedules in homeroom and we will use a modified bell schedule to review all the little things that will make navigating the school day a little bit easier for students. As reminder, students should bring their computers with them on the first day (charged).

Last week, Dr. Sokolowski shared the updated guidance in regard to the masking requirements for students and staff. For your convenience, I have attached the link which will direct you to this communication ([click here](#)).

Lastly, if you have not had an opportunity to complete the annual “Back to School” paperwork that the district requires at the start of each year, please do so ASAP. This site can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please see the additional “**Back to School**” Information pertaining to Peirce Middle School.

Car line Information

Attached you will find the car line safety information for the 2021-2022 school year. Please take a moment to review the information and feel free to reach out with any questions. Student drop-off and pick-up can be challenging with the high volume of cars that enter the campus. We appreciate your efforts in helping keep our students safe during this time.

Arrival / Dismissal Procedures

Student Drop-Off/ Pick-up: Safety is the top priority at Peirce. Please use the designated lanes to drop-off/pick-up students. While we do our best to maintain a steady traffic flow, please prepare for long lines during drop-off and pick-up. **Please adhere to the 15-mph speed limit at all times.** Due to the start time of the staff workday, Students must not enter school **before 7:30 am** unless directed by a teacher for participation in a predetermined activity or club. Students dropped off before 7:50 AM must wait in either the LGI (6th grade) or cafeteria (7th/8th) until dismissed to lockers/homeroom.

Being On Time to School: Homeroom begins at 8:05 AM and ends at 8:15 AM. Students arriving late to homeroom (after the homeroom bell rings at 8:05 AM) must report to the office for a pass. Lateness will be handled in accordance with the WCASD Attendance Policies, and PA State Laws.

Riding the bus, the car line, and being marked late:

- All Peirce students are assigned to a bus to ride to school. A student whose bus arrives late will NOT be marked late due to the bus's late arrival.
- A student who is driven/walks to school will be marked late if the student is not in his or her homeroom by the time the homeroom bell rings at 8:05.

Attendance

Peirce Middle School enforces the WCASD Attendance Policy and PA State attendance laws as they relate to absences and tardies. Students are required to be in attendance daily to keep current with school work. Parents, when your child must be absent, please call our absence line as early in the day as possible (Please do not call the nurse.)

484-266-2510

Before 9:00 AM

IMPORTANT! Submission of Excusing Notes After Absences:

After an absence, a hand-signed parent or doctor's note must be submitted to the homeroom teacher within three days of the student's return to school or the absence will be considered unexcused/unlawful.

Early Dismissal: If it is necessary for your child to leave school early, a written request by a parent must be presented to the office upon his or her arrival to school. A pass with the dismissal time will then be given to your child (No parent sign-out required). In cases where a note is not provided ahead of time, the parent/guardian is required to sign the student out in the main office.

Please see the School Board Policies section of the WCASD website to access more information about the WCASD Attendance Policy. [Click here.](#)

Items Not Allowed in School: Cell phones, iPads, and other unauthorized electronic devices are not allowed to be carried in school. If a student chooses to bring any of the devices mentioned to school, then they must be turned off and stored in the student's locker for the duration of the school day. Failure to follow this directive will result in the confiscation of the item and possible further disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the student's parent/guardian having to pick the item up from school.

Lockers: Each student will have a locker assigned with a built-in lock. The locker must be locked consistently and the combination kept private to maintain security. All students should bring a combination lock to school to secure belongings in a locker in the P.E. and/or athletic locker rooms.

Web Page: Please check our website as most school and district updates will be listed at this location. You may access the site by [clicking here](#).

Peirce Pride: Every week (Sundays), we will send the Peirce Pride, our school E-blast, through email. The Peirce Pride is filled with important Peirce news, dates, happenings and other announcements. Additionally, you can also follow the school on twitter. Please see the Twitter address listed below.

@PeircePride

Physical Education Uniforms Students should wear the standard Peirce uniform, grey Peirce t-shirt, black or blue gym shorts with socks and sneakers. Please print student's name on the inside of the shorts and t-shirt. The Peirce PTO will be selling spirit wear and the required P.E. shirts at our open house on **September 8 and 9**.

Backpacks/Book Bags: Students are permitted to have backpacks/book bags to transport their books to and from school. Backpacks/book bags will also be permitted to transport materials from classroom to classroom during the school day.

Student Bell Schedule

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Homeroom	8:05 – 8:15 (10)	8:05 – 8:15 (10)	8:05 – 8:15 (10)
Period 1	8:18-9:06 (48)	8:18-9:06 (48)	8:18-9:06 (48)
Period 2	9:09-9:57 (48)	9:09-9:57 (48)	9:09-9:57 (48)
Period 3	10:00 - 10:48 (48)	10:00 - 10:48 (48)	10:00 - 10:48 (48)
Period 4	10:51 - 11:21 (L - 30)	10:51-11:39 (48)	10:51-11:39 (48)
Period 5	11:24-12:12 (48)	11:42 – 12:12 (L - 30)	11:42 – 12:30 (48)
Period 6	12:15-1:03 (48)	12:15-1:03 (48)	12:33-1:03 (L - 30)
Period 7	1:06 - 1:54 (48)	1:06 - 1:54 (48)	1:06 - 1:54 (48)
Period 8	1:57-2:45 (48)	1:57-2:45 (48)	1:57-2:45 (48)

From the Athletic Department

Sports offered in the fall for 7th and 8th graders include cross country, field hockey, football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer, and volleyball. All student athletes should be prepared to start their fall sport on the second day of school. One exception to this is the sport of football. Please see the attached football schedule below. The West Chester Area School District is pleased to announce that all middle school families will now be able to complete the PIAA physical registration information required for sports participation online through www.familyid.com. **We will no longer be accepting hard copies of the physical packet.** Family ID is a secure, user-friendly, registration platform that streamlines the registration process and helps the WCASD be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. Please see the registration link and introduction letter to FamilyID.

Please have the following information when you register:

Doctor information

Health Insurance Information

Current Physical Exam – dated after June 1, 2021

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Parent/guardian click the link to register:

<https://www.familyid.com/e-n-peirce-middle-school>

Physical/Dental Examinations & Immunizations Requirements

Pennsylvania requires that a physical examination be submitted to the school nurse for ALL SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS. A copy of any physical from camp, etc. is fine. Also, dental exams are required for SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS. All PA State immunization requirements must be met within the prescribed timelines or the school must exclude students from attending school as its recourse per PA laws.

Dispensing of Medications

All medications, even Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications, must be dispensed by the school nurse. Do not send medications with your child to take during the day. This is against school policy and the WCASD Discipline Code. Medications which need to be given during school must be accompanied by a signed

permission note from a parent and a written order from the doctor with type, dosage and time. A copy of the prescription to the pharmacy is not the same and cannot be accepted. Students are not permitted to bring their medications to school. A parent/guardian must personally deliver the medication to the school nurse, who must secure and dispense the medication. Students are not permitted to dispense medications to themselves. Our Nurse, Mrs. DiLiberto, will be available for early medicine drop-off at various times in August. Please contact her to schedule the delivery of the medication by calling her at 484-266-2506 or emailing her: ddiliberto@wcasd.net.

Peirce Middle School Code of Conduct

All students will be given access to an electronic copy of WCASD Discipline & Records Policy through the distribution of the 1 to 1 laptops. Additionally, the policy manual will be reviewed with each grade level during their town hall meeting the first week of school. It is vitally important to review every page of these documents with your child. Each child will be required to verify through electronic signature that they have received the policy. Knowing what is expected of each student and what consequences are for various offenses will be important to having a successful experience at Peirce Middle School.

Important Phone Numbers, Links & Email Addresses

Main Office, 484-266-2500

Peirce website: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Mr. Joseph DiAntonio, Principal (6th Grade) 484-266-2501 jdiantonio@wcasd.net

Dr. Phil Matilla, Assistant Principal (7th grade) 484-266-2503 pmatilla@wcasd.net

Dr. Judy Maxwell, Assistant Principal (8th grade) 484-266 2502 jkmaxwell@wcasd.net

Ms. Carol DeMarco, Counselor (6th grade) 484-266-2511 cdemarco@wcasd.net

Ms. Akieda Behlin, Counselor (7th grade) 484-266-2512 abehlin@wcasd.net

Mrs. Stephanie Roesener, Counselor (8th grade) 484 -266 2513 sroesener@wcasd.net

Mrs. Dana DiLiberto, Nurse 484-266-2506 ddiliberto@wcasd.net

Mrs. Ashley Francello, Caseworker 484-266-2520 afrancello@wcasd.net
Mr. Sam Virgilio, Athletic Director 484-266-2525 svirgilio@wcasd.net

Calendar --Look Ahead and Plan

August 30th--Day 1 *First Day of School

August 31st--Day 2

September 1st--Day3

September 2nd--Day 4

September 3rd--Day 5

September 6th--Labor Day=NO SCHOOL

September 7th--Holiday=NO SCHOOL

September 8th--Day 6 *6th Grade Parent Open House Night

September 9th--Day 1 *7th/8th Grade Parent Open House Night

September 10th--Day 2

If you have any questions or cannot access the information for any reason, please call the Peirce Main Office at 484-266-2500. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions. We are here to help and look forward to working with you and your student.

Have a great week!

Joseph DiAntonio, Principal

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[Peirce MS Traffic Flow a.m. and p.m. 21.22.docx](#)

[7th Grade Dental Form.pdf](#)

[6th Grade Physical Exam Form.pdf](#)

[Family ID Intro Letter 21.22.doc](#)

[Peirce-Football-Calendar-2021-\(Final1\).pdf](#)

[Peirce-Football-Pre-Season-Information-2021.pdf](#)

[PIAA 2021.2022 Physical Form English.pdf](#)

[2021.2022 PIAA Physical Form Spanish.pdf](#)