

SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Welcome to Mr. Mills"Pause" Corner - Pause here for School Information

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This edition of the monthly newsletter is highlighting the major events that are happening over the remaining weeks of the summer and is aimed at addressing the types of questions that our community might have as we approach the beginning of the school year.



August 11, 2022 - School Supplies List

We do not wish to publish a generic list of school supplies where some items are essential and other items are purchased and never used. Therefore, our practice for this summer is changing. A list of school supplies is being populated by the teachers and will be made available on Thursday August 11, 2022. This will be emailed through our school messenger system and posted to our school webpage. The lists will be grade-level and content / teacher specific. A student should be able to view their schedule in schoolmax, identify their teachers and then open the supply list to determine the needs for the classes to which they are scheduled. This should help with the reduction of over-purchasing supplies. If a teacher does not have their supplies identified in the document once it is posted, we ask for some patience as this was a summer adjustment and the teachers are currently on summer break and do not officially return to work until August 19, 2022. All supplies should be posted to the documents no later than August 22, 2022.

August 12, 2022 - Student Schedules

Student schedules should be viewable on SchoolMax through the SchoolMax portal. If you have difficulty viewing the schedule, you may need to change the time period to Full Year or "FY" in order to see the list of classes assigned for the year. Students who have recently been registered may not see their schedule immediately; however, checking back within 24 to 48 hours should make it viewable. If you have any difficulty viewing the schedule, please send an email to Mr. Brian Harbel at <u>brian.harbel@pgcps.org</u> for assistance.



August 26, 2022 - New Student Orientation Day

Friday, August 26, 2022 will be the New Student Orientation Day. Students who are new to Samuel Ogle MS will be able to attend on this day to become aware of the school design, their class location and meet their teachers. This will be a half day of school. More details will be provided as we approach August 26, 2022.



The first day of school for ALL students is Monday August 29, 2022



PTSO at Samuel Ogle MS -

Samuel Ogle has an active PTSO that meets regularly at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of each month. These meetings are traditionally held via zoom. Our PTSO board will be providing updates throughout the year and during the opening weeks of school through Back-to-School Night as well. If anyone is interested in becoming part of our PTSO or has general questions, please send an email to samuelogleptso@gmail.com

Back-to-School Night -

For scheduling purposes, please "Save-the-Date" for our Back-to-School Night which is planned for Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. More information will be provided in the September Newsletter and through the school messenger system.



Grade-level Counselors -

This year our Grade-Level professional School Counselors are as follows:

6th Grade - Ms. Selena Archibald <u>selena.archibald@pgcps.org</u>

7th Grade - Ms. Andrea Carswell andrea.hepburn@pgcps.org

8th Grade - Ms. Monica Leftwich monica.leftwich@pgcps.org

Lockers -

This year we will be receiving BRAND NEW Lockers. Students will appreciate having a full size locker and no bottom placed lockers as a result of this renovation and school improvement. The locker installation is scheduled for the first part of October. Therefore, students will be starting the school year without lockers, much like last year. As you prepare for student needs and bookbags, please keep in mind that they will be carrying their book bags to class until locker installation is completed in the fall.

Dress Code -

As shopping is being considered for school clothing, please keep in mind that Samuel Ogle MS is <u>not</u> a uniform school. There is however a dress code in Prince George's County Public School System.

School-Wide Dress Code for Students AP 5152 Rev. 2018

HEAD Headdresses can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons **only.** For safety and identification purposes, no hoods, bandanas, bonnets/sleep caps, do-rags, scarves, ski-goggles or ski-masks should be worn during the school day.

<u>SHIRTS AND BLOUSES</u> Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire midsection **should be covered**. No tank tops or muscle shirts. No clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drugs/alcohol, drug paraphernalia or tobacco products. No identifiable gang/crew clothing or paraphernalia. No see-through clothing.

SKIRTS, DRESSES, AND SHORTS

Skirts, dresses, shorts, and spandex skirts should be approximately six (6) inches below the buttocks, or no shorter than fingertip level (no extra-short shorts are allowed). Students are required to wear spandex shorts under dresses and skirts.

PANTS

Pants should be secured at waist: no **sagging** below waist to expose undergarments. Tights, stretch pants, leggings, and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks. No pajama pants, cozy pants or sleep wear should be worn. No ripped jeans should be worn that will not expose any parts of the leg above mid-thigh. Spandex, compression pants (knee-length or full) or under garments should be worn under jeans with holes in them.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn. For safety reasons slippers, and flip flops are not allowed to be worn in the school building. Crocs shoes should be worn with the straps on the heel of the foot and socks. Students must wear tennis shoes/sneakers for PE classes.

EARBUDS

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 5132, PEDs (Portable Electronic Devices) are not permitted to be worn during the school day. This includes (personal listening devices such as earphones, ear buds, "Bluetooth", etc.) Students should not use cell phones during school hours. In the event, a student needs to call a parent/guardian, classroom or office phones are available for use.

Principal's Final thoughts -

As our year approaches and students will begin their studies again in just a few weeks, we look forward to what the year has in store and the opportunity to work with each of you. A 6th Grade / New Student parent meeting is being planned prior to the orientation day. Please watch for more information on this opportunity. This school year, we will be continuing our transformation era by rebuilding in-person learning, reconnecting with each family and reimagining how our practices will advance academic success for your children. I look forward to working with each of you and serving this community during the course of this school year.

All My Best,

Mr. Millspaugh, Principal