



SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (October)
October 1, 2022

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Greetings Families!

The opening weeks of school have proven to be smooth and successful. The students have adjusted to their schedules, established routines and procedures in their classrooms and have completed the first half of quarter 1 for the school year. We have partnered with many of you in various ways and established avenues of communication through Town Hall sessions, electronic means of sharing information and have even enjoyed a school social opportunity at Skate Zone. The school year is well underway and this edition of the monthly newsletter will provide some highlights for the month of October.

Lockers -



We are still awaiting the arrival of our new lockers. The expected date for installation was the last week of September and the first week of October. Given that time period is now, we are hopeful that we will hear something soon regarding the installation. The lockers do come from private vendors and therefore we are at their mercy in terms of the supply chain and manufacturing. Once we are notified of their arrival, we will share that information with our

school community. In the meantime, students have been doing a great job with their belongings and backpacks.

Baseball -



Our Baseball Team began their season this past week with a solid victory. Congratulations to these players and coaches for a great start to their season. For a copy of the season's schedule, you can contact our Athletic Director, Ms. Selena Archibald at selana.archibald@pgcps.org or Head Coach Willis at casey.willis@pgcps.org

Mark Your Calendars for the following days:



Wednesday, October 5, 2022 - Yom Kippur

Schools and Offices will be closed on Wednesday Oct. 5, 2002 in observance of Yom Kippur.

Monday, October 10, 2022 - Parent / Teacher Conference Day

Schools are closed for students as this is the District-Wide Parent / Teacher Conference Day. Please remember to use SignUpGenius to register for a conference. If you have questions about the conference day, or where to access the SignUpGenius, please contact your child's Professional School Counselor.

6th Grade - Selena.archibald@pgcps.org

7th Grade - Andrea.hepburn@pgcps.org

8th Grade - Monica.leftwich@pgcps.org

Friday, October 21, 2022 - Professional Development Day

Schools are closed for students as the staff will use this day to collaborate and participate in school-based Professional Development. This also coincides with the Maryland State Educators Association Convention, where some staff members will participate in state-wide professional development.

Specialty Programs - 8th Grade Parent Information

8th Grade Parents

The Application to apply for the Specialty Schools opens October 1, 2022 for:

- Science & Technology
 - Aerospace
- International Baccalaureate
 - 3D Scholars
- Visual and Performing Arts
 - Online Campus
- Academy of Health Sciences
- Career and Technical Education programs.

Please click on the link below for information about each program and to access the application.

<https://www.pgcps.org/about-pgcps/applications/high-school-specialty-programs-chart>

The Bowie Summit Scholar Program will have an open house on October 19, 2022 at the Main Building, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD in the Bowie Café at 6:30 pm. Below is a link for The Bowie Summit Scholar Program Course of Study:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ONBqaPYENZtc3_-6ImMESi4xFTW2Oq_dcoGF45VHIU/edit

For further information about the Bowie Summit Program, please contact Sheikisha Thomas at sheikis.jenkins@pgcps.org

PTSO Night - Thursday October 13, 2022



Our 1st PTSO Meeting will be held on Thursday October 13, 2022 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held virtually and a link will be sent out to all families the week of the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at our first PTSO Meeting for the school year. For questions related to PTSO, please contact samuelogleptso@gmail.com

Joe Corbi's Fundraiser - Sept. 26, 2022 through October 14, 2022

The first official fundraiser for the year has recently started. This fundraiser will run through Friday October 14, 2022. Students who are participating have a flier with available options for sale. For more information regarding this fundraiser, please contact nichole.rauf@pgcps.org

Recognition Days -

October is traditionally a month of awareness. There is observance of conflict resolution awareness, drug free awareness, breast cancer awareness and others. Our Student Government Association (SGA) and adult sponsor groups have identified the observances to be planned as follows:

Unity (Wednesday, 10/19) Conflict Resolution = Students and Staff Wear *Orange*

Drug Free (Friday, 10/28) = Students and Staff Wear *Red*

Breast Cancer Awareness, (Monday, 10/31) = Students and Staff Wear *Pink*

We enjoy seeing students in the identified colors to show support of these observances.

October 28, 2022 - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Activity

Samuel Ogle is a PBIS school. This means that we work to reduce student misbehavior and out-of-school suspensions by an intentional focus on positive behavior interventions and supports. The first PBIS incentive activity that recognizes the positive behavior of our students is Friday, October 28, 2022. Students who have demonstrated the behaviors expected as a Samuel Ogle MS student will participate in this school-wide activity. This month is a BINGO game broadcast through our newsroom on classroom Smartboards. Students will have the chance to participate and compete against others throughout the building and win prizes.

Principal's Closing Words -

Samuel Ogle Middle School is an excellent institution for students learning and achievement. While teachers and students are working diligently in their classrooms daily, plans have been made for student social opportunities and support for academic acceleration and enrichment. Teachers are developing their focus for student growth measures and our school performance plan has a direct focus on mathematics for students in all grades. We are looking forward to welcoming families to share in the educational experiences of their children when permissible and to another great month of educational success.

All My Best,
Mr. Millspaugh, Principal

