



SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (February)
February 5, 2023

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

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Families of Samuel Ogle Middle School ~ Here is the February Newsletter for relevant information this month. This is a short month in terms of actual school days with only 19 days for instruction. It is a crucial month for completing some district and state testing and preparations for upcoming state assessments that will begin in the spring. Please review the provided information and let us know if you have any questions.

School Vision and Focus:

It is the continuous Vision of Samuel Ogle Middle School to be a 5-Star Middle School recognized for educating students through Rigorous Academic Models of Success and developing lifelong learners by providing educational services; which ensure that every student in our school, regardless of native language, socioeconomic status or abilities graduates ready for college and careers in a global society.

About this issue:

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find highlighted information by week. Each week is identified in an easy to follow chart and under each chart you will find some more detailed information regarding the events. Information throughout the month will also be sent to you through our school messaging system as reminders, notifications or up-to-date information that may change or be announced throughout the month.

Locker Update -



The lockers have been installed and numbered. There are some minor requirements left to complete that will not delay our distribution. Locker distribution is expected to begin the week of February 6, 2023. All Lockers should be distributed by February 15, 2023. Locks need to be assigned, classes need time to practice with their locks around the current testing that is taking place and student agreement forms need to be completed and returned. All of this should be taking place over the next week and a half. If you have questions about your child's locker assignment, please check with their social studies teacher who will be the one helping them get their locker.



February 6, 2023 through February 10, 2023

Monday 2/6/2023	Tuesday 2/7/2023	Wednesday 2/8/2023	Thursday 2/9/2023	Friday 2/10/2023	Saturday 2/11/2023
Attendance Awareness Month	Attendance Awareness Month	Music Field Trip National	PTSO Special In-Person Community	Attendance Awareness Month	Albright College Visit and Field Trip

		School Counselor Day	Night 6:30pm Hear from community guest speakers on controlled substances and safety measures		
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February 1st - 28th is PTSO Attendance Awareness Month for Samuel Ogle. Students who are present for 90% or more of the month will be eligible to attend the Attendance DANCE in March. The PTSO is working with us in preparing to host a dance during the school day for all students eligible based on attendance percentages. Students with two or less absences (lawful or unlawful) will be eligible. Students with three or more for any reason will not be eligible. This follows the 10% or less rule for county and state accountability. Please encourage attendance for your child. An alternate opportunity will be offered the day of the dance for eligible students who do not want to dance.

Wednesday February 8, 2023 is National Counselor's Day - If you would like to send a message of support or appreciation to one of your child's counselors, you may do so in recognition of National Counselors Week / Day.

Email address and grades are as follows:

6th Grade - Selena Archibald selena.archibald@pgcps.org

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

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



Thursday February 9, 2023 - Special PTSO Night In-Person Meeting - This month's PTSO meeting will be a special presentation with an in-person meeting beginning at 6:30pm at Samuel Ogle MS. The focus of this night will be on hearing from community guest speakers on controlled substances and safety measures. This is a great opportunity to receive pertinent information that is current in educational settings today. Come out and hear this valuable information from community leaders.

Questions regarding our school PTSO can be emailed to: samuelogleptso@gmail.com

Field Trips - There are two field trips this week with music and AVID. The Music groups will attend their field trip on Wednesday to Baltimore to hear the symphony and the AVID Field Trip will be on Saturday to Albright College where students will see the campus and attend a college basketball game. Questions regarding the field trips can be directed to Mrs. Erin Morrison for music and Mrs. Nikki Ra'uf for Albright College. Emails are as follows:

erin.morrison@pgcps.org

nichole.rauf@pgcps.org



February 13, 2023 through February 17, 2023

Monday 2/13/2023	Tuesday 2/14/2023	Wednesday 2/15/2023	Thursday 2/16/2023	Friday 2/17/2023
Attendance Awareness Month	Attendance Awareness Month	National School Resource Officer Recognition Day	Attendance Awareness Month	Honor Roll Assembly

Wednesday February 15, 2023 - National School Resource Officer Recognition Day

If anyone wishes to send an email of gratitude to Mr. James Green, our school security officer, please feel free to do so to recognize him for his work daily with the students and school staff to help ensure a safe and orderly environment. Mr. Green can be reached via email at the following address:

james4.green@pgcps.org

Friday February 17, 2023 will be our Honor Roll Assembly Day - The Honor Roll

Assembly will be for all eligible students and their parents / guardians on Friday the 17th. This assembly will recognize and honor all students from 1st and 2nd quarter. For more information, please contact your child's grade level school counselor.



February 20, 2023 through February 24, 2023

Monday 2/20/2023	Tuesday 2/21/2023	Wednesday 2/22/2023	Thursday 2/23/2023	Friday 2/24/2023
President's Day - Schools	2 hour delayed opening -	Attendance Awareness	National Bus Driver	3rd Quarter Progress

and Offices Closed for Students and Staff	Parent Teacher Conference day (Specific focus criteria apply to have a conference.)	Month	Recognition Day	Report Window Opens for Teachers Emergency Drill Day
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Monday, February 20, 2023 President's Day Holiday Monday the 20th is a holiday. There will be no school for students or staff on this day.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 is a 2 hour delayed opening

This day is partially reserved for parent teacher conferences. School will start for all students at 11:30am. Since there are only two hours for conferences, Parent / Teacher Conferences during the morning of this day will be scheduled by the Grade-Level Counselors by invitation with a focus on students with specific criteria that apply to be eligible for a conference.

Thursday, February 23, 2023 is National Bus Driver Recognition Day -

With the difficulty of finding driver's for buses, we are very thankful for those who have been willing to drive for our district all year long. If you would like to create a card for a bus driver for any particular route, please feel free to create it at home and have your child drop it off in the main office. The note should not be sealed. We will sort them out by route number and give them to the driver on the day of recognition. These notes will be collected through the month of February. Many of our drivers do multiple routes daily to ensure that each child who needs a ride, gets a ride. Help us recognize their hard work this month if you feel so inclined.

Friday, February 24, 2023 is when the 3rd Quarter Progress Reporting opens -

Teachers will begin to publish progress report grades for third quarter on Friday the 24th. Students will need to complete all assignments by this day to receive the highest average for their progress reports. **This is also the next scheduled Fire Drill Day for the school.**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

February 27, 2023 through February 28, 2023

Monday 2/27/2023	Tuesday 2/28/2023
Attendance Awareness Month Day 18 of 19	3rd Quarter Progress Report Window closes for teachers

Tuesday February 28, 2023 is the closing of the Progress Report Window
Teachers will be publishing all final 3rd quarter progress reports on the 28th. All assignments should be completed for accuracy in grade reporting for each student. Please ensure that your child is up-to-date on their assignments prior to the publishing window closing.

Volunteers -

Are you interested in Volunteering at Samuel Ogle MS?

PGCPS has indicated that volunteers are permitted this school year. The background check will need to be completed and some volunteer specific training is required. We are excited to welcome volunteers back to the building and have several opportunities for those that are interested.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please email oluw.akinbulumo@pgcps.org or you can call 301-805-2641.

Thank you to each of you who have been partnering with the school during the month of January. Our community involvement is greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you during the month of February. You are a pleasure to serve!

Principal Millspaugh