

Priest River Junior High Newsletter

September 2017

WEBSITE

WBCSD is currently in the process of updating all of the school and district websites. Once it is completely updated, the Junior High Website will be a useful place for you to find information. You can visit the Junior High website at jrj.sd83.org.

STUDENT PAPERWORK

Thank you to everyone that has went online and completed your student's paperwork. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please log on to <http://www.familyid.com/priest-river-junior-high-school> to complete the paperwork included in the student handbook. If you are unable to access this online, please let the office know so we can assist you.

- ◆ School day
- ◆ Our day begins at 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.
- ◆ Students have free breakfast every morning in their classrooms.
- ◆ School gets out at 2:35p.m.

Principal's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Priest River Junior High currently has 164 students enrolled. Students have been placed into classes that will provide them the support or enrichment that they need in order to be successful, where they are already hard at work, and off to a fabulous start.

This year both the Junior High and High School will be implementing the new Big Ideas math curriculum. We are excited to jump into the new curriculum in both the 7th and 8th grade. Thank you to our community, as the adoption of this new curriculum was made possible by your support of the levy.

In the first couple of weeks of school teachers have been busy assessing each student in order to help them understand what each student understands, and still needs to learn. This is a process that will continue throughout the year, as we want to ensure that students are getting the education that they need, and that they

are learning in a way that meets their needs.

SAFETY NEWS: We will be conducting practice fire drills, lockout drills, and lockdown drills throughout the year in order to help students and staff feel comfortable if any of these are ever needed. Along with this, we will be talking to students about why we practice these drills, and what we do to keep the school safe.

With recent happenings around the area, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any concerns about school safety, or if you feel your child needs to talk to someone in order to feel safe at school.

We look forward to a wonderful year full of learning, growth, and challenges. Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us at PRJH!

Ms. Johnson

WBCSD Mission Statement

Success for all with the
Understanding that
Community, parents, students, and educators will
Empower the
Student to make positive lifelong choices.
Strive for Greatness!

Vision Statement

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UPCOMING EVENTS**September 2017**

23rd: Football @ Libby 10:00 MST
 25th: Volleyball @ Home 4:00p.m.
 26th: Volleyball @ St. Maries
 3:30p.m.
 27th: Football @ Home 3:00p.m.
 27th: Cross Country @ Timberlake
 MS 4:00p.m.
 28th: PTO @ 3:00 PRJH Library
 30th: Cross Country @ Travers Park
 9:15a.m.

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2nd: Volleyball @ Home 3:30p.m.
 3rd: Volleyball @ Sandpoint
 3:30p.m.
 4th: Football @ PRLHS 3:30p.m.
 5th: Volleyball @ Home 3:30p.m.
 5th: Cross Country @ Ranch Club
 3:30p.m.
 6th: Teacher In-service - No School
 7th: Football @ Home 11:00
 10th: Volleyball @ Sandpoint
 3:30p.m.
 11th: Volleyball @ Home 3:30p.m.
 12th: Volleyball @ Home 3:30p.m.
 12th: Cross Country @ Kellogg MS
 3:30p.m.
 14th: Football @ Home 10:00a.m.
 16th: Volleyball @ Kellogg 4:00p.m.
 17th: Volleyball @ Home 3:30p.m.
 17th: Cross Country Districts @
 Ramsey Park 4:00p.m.
 18th: Football @ Bonners 4:30p.m.
 18th: Board Meeting 6:00p.m.
 19th: Volleyball @ Bonners
 3:30p.m.
 22nd: Volleyball Districts @
 Timberlake
 23-27th: Red Ribbon Week
 25th: Drug Dog Presentation by
 Officer Davis
 27th: Dance

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to school. All students have been given information on what bullying is, and how to stand up against bullying. They were all part of an assembly, and then participated in follow up activities in their advisory classes. We will have a culminating school wide event on Friday where we have a guest speaker coming in to talk to the students and staff about the same topic.

PRJH Classrooms

- Keyboarding classes are beginning with the basics and focusing on correct finger positions and practicing good habits in keyboarding.
- 7th grade World History students are currently studying the Byzantine Empire along with the medieval Middle East.
- 8th grade Geography students are currently in unit 2 which consists of the United States and Canada.
- PE classes are working on beginning of the year fitness testing, and they will also be playing football and volleyball.
- Students will be learning about the Constitution in honor of Constitution Day.
- 8th grade Earth Science students started their first unit by reviewing the Scientific Method and writing their own fake experiment. They will start learning about Earth's composition on a microscopic level this week.
- Pre-Algebra students finished fall benchmarking and are reviewing fundamental skills from previous years. They will start their first unit next week, which is solving equations.
- 7th grade science students are starting off the year in Life Science learning about the traits of living

Each month we will focus on a character trait within the school. September's trait is Responsibility. Please talk with your child at home about what this word means, and how they can be responsible in their own lives.

For some tips on how to talk to your child about recent things that are happening in area schools, please visit:

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-prevention/school-violence-prevention-tips-for-parents-and-educators>

things and how living things are classified.

- 8th grade science students are learning basic chemistry concepts, including atomic structure, combinations of atoms, and properties of matter. This information lays the groundwork for upcoming units in Earth Science.
- Exploratory students are working on study skills and organization. Students also looked at the work of M.C. Escher and are creating tessellations which will be on display by the end of September.
- 7th grade language arts students are beginning Collections with the theme of facing challenges fearlessly. They also finished the District Writing Assessment.
- Mr. Martin's classes are reading the books Holes and Winn-Dixie with accompanying writing assignments. They are also working on I Believe posters in advisory.
- Algebra students finished fall benchmarking and are reviewing fundamental skills from previous years.