Welcome Back, Hawks! August, 2026

Greetings Hawk Families!

I am delighted to be sending you the first Hawk News of this 2026-27 school year. This edition holds lots of information, so read carefully. More information and details about the opening of this school year will be emailed to you weekly, but feel free to reach out with questions as we work our way towards September. If you are new to our PBCS community, let me be the first to offer you a heart-felt Welcome! For all of us returning Hawks, I genuinely look forward to seeing what another fantastic school year has in store for us as we work together in community.

See you soon!
Meridith Foley | Principal

PBCS Staff 2026-27

Meridith Foley	Administrator
Greta Secor	Place-Based Education & Dean of Students
Marisol Williams	Lead Secretary
Nicole Bennett	School Counselor
Beth Wharton	Kindergarten
Naomi Piehl	First Grade
Mikayla Cant	Second Grade
Charissa Hohman	Third Grade
Anna Cardwell	Fourth Grade
Andries Fourie	Fifth Grade
Michelle Holliday	Physical Education, K-8

TBD*	MS ELA
Thane Cascio	MS Math
Jasmine Nesbitt	MS Science
Tricia DeMartino	MS Social Studies
Allyson Hamlik	Reading Support
Kim McBride	Special Education
John Wainwright	Building Engineer
Tab Willis, Crista Jones, Jenn Reynolds, Katelynn Hanson	Instructional Assistants / Support Roles
Kimberly Fults, Lisa Forbes, and Karen Gernert	Special Education Instructional Assistants
Susan Dove & Charlotte Madison	Kitchen Staff

**Mrs. Wardle will be on maternity leave for this school year. We are finalizing plans with a fabulous substitute that will teach middle school ELA for this year. More info to come!*

Registration for this School Year

It is very important that all of our families register their students in the Synergy/ParentVue system for this school year. If you have not already done so, please complete this process for your student(s). Registrations will pre-populate last year's information, so please read carefully to confirm student information and emergency contacts. *This is also how you register your student(s) for the bus!*

There are two ways to complete this year's registration:

1) Go to our district website https://www.crookcountyschools.org/online-registration/ and complete the registration steps from there.

2) Using your ParentVue app, click through the prompts starting at the top banner of the screen.

If you run into issues with registration, please contact Mrs. Williams via email (marisol.williams@crookcountyschools.or), ParentSquare or by calling the front office (541-548-1166). If plans for your student(s) school attendance have changed over the summer, please let Mrs. Williams know ASAP as we have students on our waiting list. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

ParentSquare

PBCS will be utilizing ParentSquare as our main source of communication again this year, as we continue to have lots of positive feedback about this tool.. You can download the app from the app store, or we can help families with this tool later this month.

Welcome Day / Supply Night | Thursday, September 3rd, 3:00-6:00

PBCS will be hosting our annual Open House style Welcome Day and supply drop on Thursday, September 3rd. We invite all families to PBCS to drop off school supplies, meet teachers, take some turns on the monkey bars and get excited about Back to School. Stay tuned for more information!

First Days of School!

Grades 1-6: Tuesday, September 8th

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesday, September 9th (this is a change from our previous calendars)

Kindergarten: Monday, September 14th

School Hours Reminder

- Drop-Off starts at 7:30 | Breakfast is open from 7:30-7:43 | Side Gate closes at 7:42
- ***School starts at 7:45*** | *Please have students to school by 7:40 every day.*
- School day ends at 2:30

Facilities Update

We are delighted to share that we will start our school year with:
~A freshly updated gym floor!
~An updated septic system!
~Updated field irrigation!
~Safe sidewalk updates for bus and middle school students!

Traffic Flow / Parking

PBCS drop-off and pick-up traffic flow will continue to go *around* the church. ***Please be part of the solution to keeping students and staff safe by abiding by this traffic pattern.*** We can fit 3 cars in the drop-off circle*, and will have staff/volunteers there to assist smaller students in getting in/out of cars safely. You are welcome to park at the church and use the crosswalk to drop-off/pick-up, *but you still must go around the church to exit*.

*If you are using the drop-off circle, please stay in your vehicle. This supports traffic flow and keeps students safer in the long-run. If your child needs your assistance getting out of the car, please park your car in the church parking lot and walk them through the cross walk between the church and school.

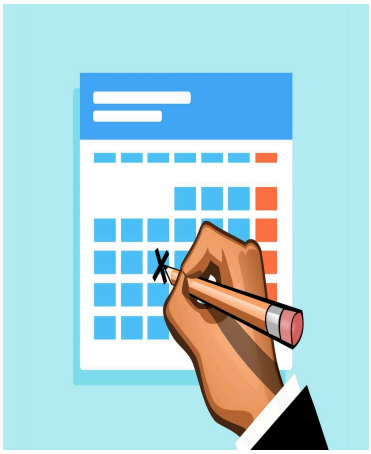
Breakfast & Lunch

At this time, both breakfast and lunch will be provided **free of charge** to all students this year.

BREAKFAST: Breakfast eaters will be allowed in the cafeteria at 7:25. Breakfast is open from 7:25-7:42, allowing students to eat then get to class on time.

LUNCH: Lunch is served in the cafeteria daily. Students eat with their classmates in the cafeteria. Students are served a main dish, fruit/veggies and milk.
Menu and monthly calendar coming soon!

More information about bus routes will be coming soon!



Mark Your Calendars

- *Thursday, September 3rd: Welcome Day / Supply Night*
- *Tuesday, September 8th: 1st-6th Grades First Day of School*
- *Wednesday, September 9th: 7th and 8th Grade First Day of School*
- *Monday, September 14th: First official day of Kindergarten*
    - *All K-8 Hawks in the Nest!*