Marsteller FAQ’s for the start of the 2021-22 School Year

**When will schedules and bus information be ready?**
Student schedules and bus numbers and times can be viewed in ParentVUE and StudentVUE on Friday, August 20.

**What is the Kickoff Event on August 18?**
This event is for all families to familiarize themselves with the building, take self-guided tours, find their 1st period Homeroom classroom which they will get that day, meet the Administrative Team, and purchase spirit wear from the PTO. Times can be found on our website.

**Will lockers be assigned for the first day of school?**
No, lockers will not be assigned the first day of school. Students will be permitted to carry their backpacks with them throughout the day, and minimal supplies are needed! Please do not overload backpacks!

**What should my student bring on the first day of school?**
All students should bring minimal supplies on the first day of school. We recommend a backpack with something to write with (pen or pencil) and a small notebook to write in, as well as a reusable water bottle. Bottle filler stations are available throughout the building. Water fountains will not be in use. We also recommend students bring more than one mask in the event one gets soiled or uncomfortable.

**Does my student have to wear a mask all day?**
Yes, all students and staff are required to wear a mask when in the school building. There are exceptions to vaccinated staff when students are not present, when teachers are teaching and masks may inhibit instruction, and for disabilities and documented health concerns. Teachers will work hard to find opportunities for students to take mask breaks when weather permits, and we encourage students to bring more than one mask. The school will have disposable masks available for students and staff at all times.
Do I need to set up a lunch account?
No, breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Students may bring their own lunch if they choose.

*Students with food allergies are highly encouraged to be aware of what food is being served if they are eating school breakfast or lunch! Student ID’s (which provides the cafeteria staff with a notification of allergies) will not be entered for each student in the cafeteria line.

Will students be able to talk during lunch? Will they have assigned seats?
Yes, students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria to start the school year. We will work with students to find tables of their choice for the first few days – we ask for patience from our students, parents, and staff during this process. After students finish eating, they will replace their mask and can socialize with other students at their table.

Will students get textbooks?
Overall, no, all learning materials will be uploaded in CANVAS. We know some students will need accommodations and specific supplies from the school, and teachers will use the first two weeks to determine this information and work directly with those families.

Will my student be on a computer all day?
No, students will engage in a variety of learning activities. CANVAS will continue to be the primary learning management system, and all students must bring their laptop to school charged and ready for learning each day.

What if my student forgets to bring their laptop to school?
Students will be assigned a loaner device to use for the day and the device must be returned at the end of the school day.

Does my student have to wear sneakers on PE days?
Yes, students need to wear shoes appropriate for PE on the days they have PE. We are not assigning PE lockers or dressing out for the first few weeks. Teachers will notify students and parents when that process will begin. Backpacks will be secured in locker rooms during PE to avoid any damage or lost or stolen items.
**Do parents need to conduct a health screening before sending our student to school?**

Yes! The Daily Home Screening for Students is still required for all families prior to sending their student to school. Please review the Home Screening which can be found on the PWCS website:

[PWCS Daily Home Screening for Students](#)

**Will I know if someone at the school tests positive for COVID?**

Yes, reporting will be similar to last year. Close contacts and anyone required to quarantine will be notified personally. The entire school community will be notified for any positive cases in the building.

**Can my student try out for sports or join an after-school club?**

Yes, athletics are currently planned to start with the Fall season of boy’s soccer, football, girl’s track, and volleyball. Try outs start Wednesday, August 25. Please see our website for details! Clubs will get started after the first few weeks of school. Information will be included in the daily morning email announcement for all families and students. Keep an eye out for information on a club your student might be interested in.

Please visit the PWCS website for more detailed information.