

Face-to-face students starting, book distribution and more



For Thursday, January 14

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First-semester textbook collection now through January 20

As we prepare for the second semester book and materials distribution, we need to first collect first semester textbooks and materials. We ask that you bring books or other materials back to the school anytime between the hours of 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday between now and January 20th. Although our building is closed to visitors, there is a bin for collecting textbooks on the table to your right inside the student vestibule. Thank you for helping us get books back so that we can distribute them to the next group of students for the second semester. See below for more details about our second semester distribution event.

Textbook distribution to second-semester virtual students on January 21

We will be distributing course materials on Thursday, January 21 to students who have selected virtual instruction for the second semester. On the 21st, we ask that you arrive on campus via the Centre Street entrance at your designated pick up time (see below). Upon arrival,



you will receive an entry ticket and will be asked to wait in your vehicle until your number is called over the FM station we will be using for our event. Please come prepared with a mask to wear while in the building along with any books or materials that you were unable to return to the school before the 21st.

Virtual Students with Last Names	Arrive between...	...or between
A, B, C	1:00 P.M. AND 1:30 P.M.	5:00 P.M. AND 5:30 P.M.
D, E, F, G	1:30 P.M. AND 2:00 P.M.	5:30 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.
H, I, J, K, L	2:00 P.M. AND 2:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.
M, N, O, P	2:30 P.M. AND 3:00 P.M.	6:30 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
Q, R, S, T	3:00 P.M. AND 3:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.
U, V, W, X, Y, Z	3:30 P.M. AND 4:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

Face-to-face students will start here on Monday, January 25

You may have seen the [MLive article](#) from Monday’s board meeting, explaining that students whose families chose to have them return to face-to-face instruction will start here in the building on the first day of the 3rd quarter. The district will be sharing more information tomorrow. Then next week we will be sharing more information here about topics like how our kids will wipe down their desks each hour as well as other safety protocols. So thanks for staying tuned for more information in the days ahead.

Face-to-face freshmen getting tours of PC on the first day in the building, on Jan. 25

As we begin face-to-face instruction, we realize that many of our freshmen have never stepped foot inside Portage Central High School other than picking up their books this fall. So, on this day, we will have tours available at the start of the day with some of their Link Crew Leaders. Your student will have a chance to walk through their schedule, find the Commons, where they eat lunch, and better understand the lay of the land. We look forward to seeing them soon.

If you are an online student in the 3rd quarter...

Remember to turn your camera on

This is a change to our practice from the first semester. Back in August we chose to allow students to have cameras off based primarily on concerns about privacy; what happens behind you in your

home is your business and no one else's. But since then, Google Meet has added features that allow you to blur your background or to add your own background with a picture. As always, for high-quality learning to happen, relationships matter. Those relationships happen through communication, and so much of human communication are the nonverbal messages we send -- messages teachers can only see when you have your cameras on. For sure we will allow for exceptions, though, for things like bandwidth issues or health-related concerns. Please share those concerns with your teachers. Thanks, all -- and it will be good to see you.

Online learning for ALL students (no building access) on Tuesday, January 26. For those registered to take the PSAT on that day, please report to the Welcome Center by 7:40 a.m.

Due to the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, January 26, please note that this will be an asynchronous learning day, which means there will be no students in the building except those taking the PSAT. There will be no synchronous class meetings virtually and no classes meeting in-person on January 26. This is more than a little awkward, considering we start face-to-face instruction the day before, and I apologize for that. Thanks for your patience.

For those students who signed up for the PSAT, an email was sent on Jan. 8 with important test-day information.

Attention, seniors going to college

If you have heard from a college that they require your mid-year transcripts, please log into Parchment as soon as you can to make your request. Be sure to select "hold for grades" so that your transcript won't get sent until semester grades are posted.

Also note that if you used the Common Application for your college applications, you would need to request your mid-year transcript to the Common Application, and NOT to the colleges directly. Please make plans to take care of this soon, so that when semester grades are posted in early February, we can process these requests in a timely fashion. Any questions, please reach out to our registrar, Mrs. King, at tking@portageps.org. Thank you!

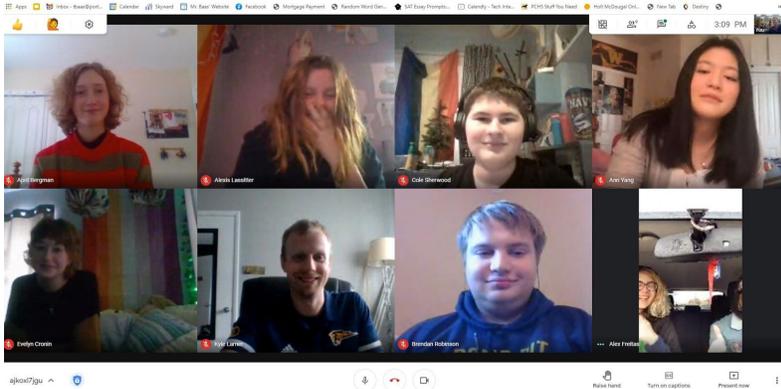
Want to learn more about Career-Tech education, Education for the Arts and Early Middle College?

Here is a [video link](#) for students and families to review opportunities for next year. There are specific and time-sensitive deadlines for students to review the videos, to look through the www.kresa.org/futureready website for course options, and to complete and submit the application.

Featured Club of the Week: Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

This club meets every other Wednesday and aims to create a safe and supportive space where students can discuss topics surrounding sexuality, gender, and various LGBT+ issues. This club

welcomes all students, whether LGBT, ally, or interested in learning more and asking questions about this part of society. If your student would be interested in joining, GSA meets this Wednesday at 2:50pm virtually. Here is the link to that meeting: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/ajkoxl7jgu>.



Looking forward to seeing some of you, safely,
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