

A special edition with news you can use about 2nd Semester



For Monday, January 18

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Important Dates

- Thursday, January 21: Textbook distribution to second-semester virtual students
- Monday, January 25: First day of second semester & orientation for face-to-face freshmen
- Tuesday, January 26: PSAT for registered students. No synchronous virtual or in-person classes. The building is closed to students who are not taking the PSAT.

Second-semester overview

As you know, some students will be returning Face to Face starting Monday and others will remain Virtual. Check out this video to get a sense of what has changed and what remains the same:

<https://youtu.be/4OzEXZ5R9-M>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Today, January 18, 2021 is a day to take time to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. King, to reflect upon his teachings, and to remember the millions and millions of people he inspired -- in life and posthumously -- to serve as leaders within their own communities.

Students from our JEDI Club and National Honor Society worked together to help us install a Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit at school that is connected to a virtual bulletin board accessible from home. Our exhibit was inspired by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. Quotes from the memorial are posted along Mustang Way, and we have pictures of the posters our students made on our virtual bulletin board. On the site, students can also sign up teams to participate in “A Million Steps for Martin,” a virtual march organized by our school’s Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Club. The virtual board is full of multimedia content curated by students and staff, so if you have an opportunity, please take a look! Here is the link: <https://sites.google.com/portageps.org/pcvirtualbulletinboard/home>

A reminder of this week’s daily schedule

Monday January 18	Tuesday January 19	Wednesday January 20	Thursday January 21	Friday January 22
7:40 AM - 10:55 AM Half Day Students (hours 1-4)	7:40 AM - 10:55 AM Half Day Students (hours 5-7)	7:40 AM - 10:55 AM Half Day Students (hours 1-4)	7:40 AM - 10:55 AM Half Day Students (hours 5-7)	No School No Staff
11:55 AM - 2:55 PM Professional Learning / PLC	11:55 AM - 2:55 PM Professional Learning / PLC	11:55 AM - 2:55 PM Professional Learning / PLC	11:55 AM - 2:55 PM Staff Professional Hours	

Half Day Hours 1 - 4	
First Hour	7:40 - 8:20
Second Hour	8:30 - 9:10
Third Hour	9:20 - 10:00
Fourth Hour	10:10 - 10:55

Half Day Hours 5 - 7	
Fifth Hour	7:40 - 8:40
Sixth Hour	8:50 - 9:50
Seventh Hour	10:00 - 10:55

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. Thanks for your help! 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. 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.

Lunch passes and parking privileges

All Face-to-Face students are eligible for a free lunch pass this semester only. Your parents and guardians are receiving an email with an electronic permission slip. If they give the OK, you will need to get a sticker for your ID at the Welcome Center. If you are a new student, we will get you an ID as well.

Too, again with parent permission, all students (with a driver's licence... of course) can drive to school and park in the student parking lot. Still, you do need to register your vehicle at the Welcome Center, and there you will receive a parking pass that you put on the inside of your front windshield.

Face-to-face freshmen and new students 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 and new students 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 Link Crew Leaders and staff. When your 9th grader or new student arrives on that morning, they will be directed to a location in the building to begin their tour. This will last about 20 minutes, and then they will return to their 1st-hour class. Your student will receive an email no later than Wednesday with all the information they will need for this day.

The class schedule for second semester

We built a new daily schedule for our classes in order to accomplish a few goals. We wanted to build in some time so that our face-to-face students could sanitize their desks and make it to their next classes, while not spending too much time in the halls. Too, we wanted students who are learning online from home to continue to get some breaks from their screens. So here is the plan:

LAST NAMES	ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BETWEEN
A, B, C	1:00 P.M. AND 1:30 P.M. OR 5:00 P.M. AND 5:30 P.M.
D, E, F, G	1:30 P.M. AND 2:00 P.M. OR 5:30 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.
H, I, J, K, L	2:00 P.M. AND 2:30 P.M. OR 6:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.
M, N, O, P	2:30 P.M. AND 3:00 P.M. OR 6:30 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
Q, R, S, T	3:00 P.M. AND 3:30 P.M. OR 7:00 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.
U, V, W, X, Y, Z	3:30 P.M. AND 4:00 P.M. OR 7:30 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

ARRIVE VIA THE CENTRE STREET ENTRANCE. BRING A MASK.
FACE-TO-FACE LEARNERS WILL GET THEIR BOOKS IN CLASS THE WEEK OF THE 25TH.
CALL US AT 323-5200 WITH QUESTIONS.

1st Hour	7:40 to 8:20 (face-to-face students release from their class at 8:25)
2nd Hour	8:30 to 9:15 (face-to-face students release at 9:25)
3rd Hour	9:30 to 10:15 (face-to-face students release at 10:25)
4th Hour	10:30 to 11:15 (face-to-face students release at 11:25)
5th Hour	11:30 to 12:50 (face-to-face students release at 12:55)
A-Lunch	11:30 to 12:00
B-Lunch	12:25 to 12:55
6th Hour	1:00 to 1:45 (face-to-face students release at 1:55)
7th Hour	2:00 to 2:40 (face-to-face students release at 2:40)

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.

Grateful to work alongside more of you in person, safely,

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