

Parent Talks Are Important

Parents and caregivers: here are some helpful tips on how to start conversations about the risks of drug and alcohol with youth—and keep them going, too!

Age 3-6: Talk about a healthy body and good versus bad choices. If your child asks a question, clarify what he/she wants to know. Details may not be needed, but an honest answer should be given.

Age 7-9: Talk about curiosity, be specific about tobacco and alcohol, and use facts not fear in your conversation. Establish yourself as a trusted resource. Promote self-confidence by allowing them to make decisions and offering praise when a positive choice is made.

Age 10-12: Be a role model—at this age your child will notice your use of alcohol and drugs. Friends start to become an important influence. You can show interest in your child's social life by meeting their friends and parents. Set clear rules and expectations regarding drugs and alcohol and enforce consequences.

Age 13-18: As kids enter high school, their chances of encountering alcohol and drugs increase—so keep these conversations going! Use scenarios to practice saying no and handling risky situations. Keep the conversation informal and avoid lecturing—meal times, car rides, or game nights are good times to check in with your teen. Use open ended questions, ask their point of view, and be prepared to answer the tough questions.

Oceana Leads TalkSooner.org District Health Dept. #10

ATHLETIC EVENT ADMISSION PRICES 2017/2018

SINGLE EVENT

- ◆ \$4 Adult \$ \$2 Students
- ◆ \$3 Adults JH Events

SR. CITIZEN/MILITARY

- ◆ \$1

FAMILY

- ◆ \$10

ALL SEASON SPORTS PASS

Adults \$75 Family \$150

You may also purchase individual sports seasonal passes, contact the athletic department for more info. Like Pentwater Athletics on Facebook!

Please remember that all students participating in junior high and high school athletics will need to have a MHSAA physical card on file in the office. A student/parent athletic policy handbook is available and can be viewed on our website under Students/Parents and Student Handbooks. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brown, Athletic Director, at 231-869-4100 ex. 249.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters needs you! How can you join? Contact the school at 869-4100 for contact information. The Athletic Boosters is a group of parents and community members that have a passion for Falcon athletics. The Athletic Boosters have generously funded the purchase of new uniforms, sports equipment and other athletic programs. One way you can help is by volunteering to work a concession stand for sports events. They are always looking for individuals/groups willing to assist in this way. All funds collected at concession stands are used for Falcon athletics!

**Falcons, Falcons, hats off to you
To our school we're loyal and true
Purple and gold, our colors so bold
We'll always cheer for you!**

**Falcons, Falcons, this is our name
Fighting hearts will lead us to fame
Win, Lose, we'll always fight for
VICTORY!**

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Our school expectations are:

- T**ake Responsibility
- E**arn Respect
- A**ct Safely
- M**easure Success = Personal Pride



Please note: Sports schedules are subject to last minute changes. For the latest schedules, go to www.pentwaterschools.net and scroll to our district calendar on the bottom right corner. You can sync the district calendar to your personal device!

Per Policy 5340.01- Concussions and Athletic Activities

To provide for the safety of student athletes, all athletic programs of the District shall comply with the concussion protocols of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which shall meet all the requirements of state law and Department of Community Health guidelines regarding concussion awareness training and protection for youth athletes.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES—2017/2018

Varsity Boys' Soccer

8/17	Scrimmage Hart Away 4pm
8/18	Pine River Home 5pm
8/21	Newaygo Away 4:30pm
8/22	Scottville Away 4:30pm
8/25	Manistee HS Away 6pm
8/28	Fruitport CC Home 5pm
8/31	Shelby Away 5:30pm
9/5	Walkerville Home 5pm
9/7	Hart Home 5pm
9/11	Walkerville Away 5pm
9/15	Northern MI Christian Away 5pm
9/23	Hart Trny Away 9:30am
9/25	Montague Away 4:30pm
9/26	Ludington JV Away 5pm
9/28	Muskegon CC Home 5pm
10/2	Walkerville Home 5pm
10/6	Buckley Home 4:30pm
10/9	BRCCA Away 5pm

JH CoEd Soccer

9/11	New Era Home 4:30pm
9/12	Cadillac HC Away 5pm
9/14	Fremont PC Home 4:30pm
9/19	Cadillac HC Home 5pm
9/28	Fremont PC Away 4:30pm
9/29	Fruitport CC Away 4:30pm
10/2	New Era Away 4:30pm
10/3	BRCCA Away 4pm
10/10	Fruitport CC Home 5pm

JH Volleyball

9/8	Cadillac HC Away 5pm
9/12	Brethren Home 5pm
9/13	BRCCA Away 5:30pm
9/18	Baldwin Away 5:30pm
9/20	Bear Lake Away 5:30pm
9/21	Ludington 7th Scrimmage Home 4pm
9/25	Walkerville Away 5:30pm
9/27	Manistee CC Home 5:30pm
9/29	Fruitport CC Away 4:30pm

Varsity Cross Country (all events Away)

8/26	Benzie Central 9am (Varsity Only)
9/2	Running with the Cows New Era 9am (all levels)
9/6	WMD Jam @ Walkerville 4:15pm (all levels)
9/13	WMD Jam @ Bear Lake 4:15pm (all levels)
9/16	West Shore CC 9:15am (Varsity Only)
9/20	WMD Jam @ MCE 4:15pm (all levels)
10/4	WMD Championship @ Bear Lake 4:15pm (all levels)
10/11	Cardinal Classic @ MCE 4:15pm (all levels)
10/12	Oceana County Meet @ Shelby 4:30pm (all levels)
10/21	MI Class D State Championship TBA (Varsity Only)

JV/Varsity Volleyball

8/21	Cadillac Invite Away 8:30
8/22	Evart Away 6pm
8/24	Bear Lake Trny Away 9am (Varsity Only)
8/28	TCBAA Home 6pm
8/31	Hart Away 6pm
9/8	Cadillac Heritage Christian Away 6pm (JV Only)
9/12	Brethren Home 6pm
9/14	Shelby Home 7pm
9/16	Falcon Invite Home 9am (Varsity Only)
9/19	Baldwin Away 6pm
9/21	North Muskegon Trny Away 5pm (Varsity Only)
9/26	Walkerville Away 6pm
9/28	Manistee CC Home 6pm
9/30	Hesperia Trny Away 9am (JV Only)
10/3	MCE Away 6pm
10/5	Bear Lake Home 6pm (PARENT NIGHT)
10/10	BRCCA Away 6pm
10/11	Newaygo Away 5:30pm (JV Only)
10/14	Conf Trny @ Baldwin Away 9am (Varsity Only)
10/17	Quad Trny Home 5pm (Varsity Only)
10/18	Manistee CC Home 5pm (JV Only)
10/20	Cadillac Heritage Christian Home 5pm
10/21	Hesperia Trny Away 9am
10/24	Holton Away 5pm

JH Volleyball, Cont.

10/2	MCE Away 5:30pm
10/4	Bear Lake Home 5:30pm
10/7	WMD Conf Trny @ Bear Lake 9am

PENTWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION

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VIDEO SURVEILLANCE/ELECTRONIC MONITORING:—

Pentwater Public Schools is using video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment to observe, monitor and/or record the behavior and activity of all persons on school property or grounds or participating in school functions. Please refer to Policy 7440.01 for more information. For questions, contact Scott Karaptian, 869-4100 ex. 213.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

September 18, 2017	7:00 p.m.
October 16, 2017	7:00 p.m.
November 20, 2017	7:00 p.m.
December 18, 2017	7:00 p.m.
January 15, 2018	7:00 p.m.
February 19, 2018	7:00 p.m.
March 19, 2018	7:00 p.m.
April 16, 2018	7:00 p.m.
May 21, 2018	7:00 p.m.
June 18, 2018	7:00 p.m.

The board of education meets every third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Room #303, unless otherwise posted. Board agendas are posted at the front entrance/Central Business Office. Meeting minutes are available for review at the Central Business Office.

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

It is the policy of Pentwater Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and, (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254].

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Vaccination requirements for school entry are implemented to maintain high vaccination coverage and protect schoolchildren from vaccine-preventable diseases. Based on the public health code, a child without either up-to-date immunization record, a certified nonmedical waiver or a physician signed medical waiver form can be excluded from school.

LOITERING

Loitering in hallways or building is not permitted. Students not involved in some extracurricular activity must exit the building in the afternoon by 3pm. All students must be under the supervision of a school member after 3pm.

BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS

The board of education seeks to provide a safe educational environment for students and staff. This can best be accomplished by assuring that all persons with the school community understand the method of transmission and prevention of diseases that are not contracted through air-borne pathogens, but rather through direct contact with body fluids and excretions. Please refer to Policy 8453—Direct Contact Communicable Diseases for further information.

POLICY 5517.02—BULLYING

It is the policy of Pentwater Public Schools to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The entire Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students policy can be reviewed in its entirety; copies are posted on the informational board at the school front entrance and you may also request to review this policy by contacting the school office. Any questions regarding this policy may be addressed with Superintendent Scott Karaptian at 231-869-4100 ex. 213 or skaraptian@pentwater.k12.mi.us

SELECTIVE SERVICE—Per Policy 8330, all male students 18-26 are required to register with the U.S. Armed Forces selective service system. You can obtain more information at www.sss.gov.



www.pentwaterschools.net



Check out our website. We know that you will find it useful and informative. You can also Like Us on Facebook. Up to date information such as school closings, reminders, etc., are frequently communicated through these electronic formats.

POLICY 5771—SEARCH AND SEIZURE

All lockers and other storage areas provided for student use remain the property of the District. These lockers and storage areas are subject to inspection, access for maintenance, and search pursuant to Board approved policy. There is no expectation of privacy in that locker or storage area or the contents contained therein. For more detailed information regarding this policy, please visit our website at www.pentwaterschools.net.

POLICY 5460—GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A parent or legal guardian of a student who has completed grade 9 may request a personal curriculum for the student that modifies certain Michigan Merit Standard requirements for the best interest of the student. A student shall be advised that many of the curricular requirements may be fulfilled through career and technical education. Any questions may be directed to Lisa Wagner, 869-4100 ex. 247.

2017/2018 TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

The new school year is quickly approaching and we wanted to take this time to let you know about a few changes that we are making with Technology this school year. First, we have a new content filter that will allow you as parents/guardians to adjust what your students can and cannot do with the devices at home (in regards to Web content). It will also allow you to see what your students have done while they are at school, and also what they are doing at home. Secondly, students in grades 7-12 will be receiving new Chromebooks. These will be allowed to go home with students and insurance once again is encouraged and available for \$25. You also have the option to opt-out, but you assume all responsibility for damage/s to the device. Students in grades K-6 will have devices that stay in the classroom, that require no insurance provided by the parents (the school will assume responsibility for damage/s because these devices are not leaving the school property). Finally, we will not be allowing personal devices to be placed on the school's network this year. A student will not be permitted to bring a personal device to school and have that device connected to our Wi-Fi. If you have any questions, please email Steve Rossiter, Technology Director, srossiter@pentwater.k12.mi.us

