



Eagle Eyes



Pioneer Middle School Newsletter
August/September 2019

Message from our Principal Michael G. Consaul



Welcome back to another great year at Pioneer Middle School. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our **schedule pick-up on Friday, August 12, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sixth grade will be distributed in the Gymnasium and Seventh and Eighth grade's will be distributed in the Cafeteria.**

The support from our parents makes Pioneer an outstanding school. I encourage all our parents to be actively involved in their child's education. An excellent way to be involved in our school is by joining the Pioneer P.T.S.A. Our P.T.S.A. is an integral component to our success as it assists the administration and teachers by recognizing our outstanding student achievements. In addition, I invite our community businesses to join us as Partners in Education. For information please email our Partners in Education Liaison, Stephanie Celestin, at stephanie.celestin@browardschools.com.

Pioneer is committed to keeping our parents well informed. Please visit our website regularly at www.browardschools.com/pioneer and utilize the link under Get Involved With Your Child (your one-stop Launchpad for most of the online applications) Pinnacle Gradebook, Teacher Canvas Pages, Online Textbooks, and more.

Single Sign-On

Username: Student Number (Ex: 0601234567)

Password: Pmm/dd/yyyy

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son or daughter's education, feel free to contact your child's grade level administrator.

IMMUNIZATIONS

7th GRADE - NO SHOTS - NO SCHOOL
Must have TDAP to receive schedule.

SAC (School Advisory Council) and SAF (School Advisory Forum) Meeting

SAC Meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month at 7:45 a.m. Immediately following will be the SAF Meetings at 9:00 a.m.

2019/20 Code of Student Conduct

Parents are to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the **Back to School Forms** link found of the Broward Schools' webpage at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38107>

Competitions

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

Clubs

Chess
FFEA
First Priority Bible Club
Human Relations
Junior Honor Society
Robotics
SECME
Student Council

Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Flag Football
Golf
Soccer
Track
Volleyball

SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATES...

Physicals and Proof of Insurance are required to participate in school sports. The forms are located on our website under School Forms.

<https://www.browardschools.com/domain/7907>

Admission will be charged for all home games.

Adults: \$3.00

Children: \$2.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 12.....**6th Grade Schedule Pick Up**
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm. Gymnasium
- 7th & 8th Grade Schedule Pick Up**
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm. Cafeteria
- August 14.....First Day of School
- August 22.....6th Grade Open House – 6:30 p.m.
- August 29.....7th & 8th Grade Open House - 6:30 p.m.
- September 2No School
- September 4Individual Pictures
- September 5SAC/SAF Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- September 13Interim Reports
- September 30No School



Please remember no sign outs after 3:00 p.m.



**All visitors must
present ID to
enter building.**

School Security

- Students and staff are required to wear ID badges while on campus at all times. Visitors must check in with the front office and wear a school or district ID badge while on campus.
- **Students are expected to wear their ID badge from the previous year when school begins on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.** New ID badge pictures for all students will be taken on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.
- Emergency preparedness drills such as fire drills, tornado drills, and critical incident drill will be conducted each month. A Code Red drill will be conducted within the first two weeks of school.
- Perimeter gates will be locked at the start of each school day and remain locked throughout the day. The gates will reopen for dismissal, and then be relocked at 4:00 p.m.
- **Parents should park in front of the school to pick up their child if they are participating in a after school activity.**



Deputy Bello is the School Resource Deputy (SRD) assigned to Pioneer Middle School. She is available to assist you with safety and security questions and concerns. Deputy Bello can be reached at 754-323-4141 or through email at paola_bellosanchez@sheriff.org.

Food & Nutrition Services

We encourage parents to use the on-line meal payment system.

Go to www.myschoolbucks.com

Meal prices remain the same for the 2019 – 2020 school year, lunch \$2.35

Free breakfast is offered daily for all students.

Annual Volunteer Applications

New and returning volunteers must complete a new application each school year.

Approval takes 3 - 5 days.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>

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ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Each student is expected to be in attendance in every class each day, unless the student has excused or permitted absences.

An automated Attendance Line is available 24 hours at (754) 323-4102 for reporting absences in case of illness, illness of an immediate family member, death in family, religious holidays, court appearances or scheduled dentist/doctor appointments. Alternatively, you may send a note to the Attendance Secretary when the student returns to school. Illnesses of more than 4 days will require a doctor's note to be considered excused. Failure to notify the school within 48 hours will result in the absence being unexcused. Total absences of 5 or more days during each quarter, could be considered excessive and may require a doctor's note to be excused as well as a Child Study Team Referral. Vacations are not an excused absence. The Attendance Secretary is available school days from 8:05 A.M. to 3:35 P.M. at (754) 323-4100 Ext. 2002 to address any questions or concerns regarding attendance. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct Book for details on attendance procedures.

COMMUNICATION

- Meet and communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s). (e.g. phone, E-mail, notes)
- Share information about your child with his/her teacher(s).
- Talk daily with your child about school assignments, homework and other activities.
- Be aware of all homework assignments and insist they be completed accurately and on time.
- Attend all scheduled parent-teacher conferences and request conferences to address concerns.
- Make sure all necessary forms and papers are signed and returned to school on time.
- Access the District (www.browardschools.com) or school's Web site for information.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If you know in advance that you will be picking up your child early, please have your child bring a note to the front office or parent(s) may call the office with the following information:

1. The time you would like your child to be in the front office and the reason why.
2. Telephone numbers where you can be reached during school hours.

It is still necessary for the parent/guardian to come into the Front Office to sign out the student. Only the people listed on the student's emergency card will be allowed to pick up the student with proper identification. Excessive early dismissals could result in unexcused absences in the classes missed. Early dismissal is permitted up to 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day, and only for doctor appointments.

EXCUSED FROM CLASS

Students are expected to remain in their designated areas at all times, unless excused by the teacher in charge. The teacher will issue a pass indicating the student's destination and time of leaving.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In order to participate in school sponsored after school activities, students must be in attendance a minimum of 3 periods a day.

Students who are externally suspended, placed in Internal Suspension, or attend the Alternative to Suspension Program, will not be allowed to participate in school sponsored after school activities.

**CELL PHONES OFF & OUT OF SIGHT
DURING INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS**



FIELD TRIPS

Students attending field trips will be required to wear a spirit T-shirt that has been designed for their grade level. T-shirts are available for purchase from PTSA and are good for all three years.

Any student who has been externally suspended or placed in Internal Suspension may be excluded from grade level and/or award team field trips. Inappropriate behavior for an academic field trip will result in a parent accompanying their child at their own expense. Bus referrals are included in this policy.

LITERACY & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Help your child understand that success in school, or with anything, involves hard work.
- Encourage learning and reading at home.
- Provide a wide selection of books and encourage your child to read.
- Read with your child every day and set a good example by reading and sharing information.
- Acquire a library card for your child and make regular trips to the library.
- Provide tutorial assistance for your child if needed.
- Monitor your child's progress in school.

MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES

Students who are absent may make up all the work missed. The student will have 2 school days for every day absent to make up this work. The teacher will assist the student, but it is the student's responsibility to request assignments. School Board Policy states, "Make-up work for full-earned credit and grade is allowed for all absences". Students have two (2) class days to make-up the work for each class day of an absence, not including the day of return. However, previously assigned work is due the day of return. These deadlines may be extended by the teacher for extenuating circumstances. Make up work for credit and grade is allowed for all absences due to the statutory promotion requirements to high school and the impact on course recovery.

When there is an extended illness, more than 3 school days, special arrangements may be made for securing home assignments. Call the Attendance Secretary at (754) 323-4100 ext. 2002 to request work for the number of days your child will be absent. Please allow the teachers 24 hours to have prepared work ready for pick-up at the Main Office.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is important that your child attend school each day and that he/she has the necessary school supplies.
- Provide the school with current personal information (e.g. home address, phone numbers, emergency contact information)
- Be sure your child gets enough sleep and has a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Explain that taking responsibility sometimes requires courage. Praise your child's efforts to be responsible.
- Regularly tell your child what your expectations are and support his/her efforts to meet those expectations.
- Over-scheduling can cause stress and frustration for both parents and children. Try to limit extracurricular activities.

SUPPORT

- Provide a quiet, well-lighted, comfortable place to study and do homework.
- Encourage positive feelings about school.
- Encourage your child's efforts and be responsive to questions and requests for help.
- Instill in your child a sense of self-discipline and respect for all people.
- If needed, request information and assistance from the school in other languages or call the Parent Outreach office at 754-321-2951.