

# PJH General Information

Welcome to PJH! We know the transition from Intermediate School to Junior High represents a new milestone in your child's education. With that comes an opportunity for new experiences, more independence and responsibility, and LOTS of questions! We hope that you will find many of the answers to your questions on this form, but please understand that it does not take the place of our handbook. It is still your responsibility (student and parent) to read through our student handbook to become familiar with procedures, policies, and general information. Our student handbook can be viewed on our PJH website ("campus information", "parent/student resources"), or can be picked up from the PJH Office.

You are always welcome at PJH, so please don't hesitate to stop by or call. Our doors are always open!

## Absences

In order to receive perfect attendance, students must be in attendance in every class period every day. If a student is absent for any class period or is picked up early from school, a note must be sent to school (within 7 days) following the absence in order to excuse the absence. Please see our handbook for more detailed information.

## Arrival & Dismissal

Morning tutorials are held from 7:40-8:05. The first bell rings at 8:05 and students are considered tardy at 8:09. Upon arrival, students should report to the cafeteria. Students will be dismissed from the cafeteria at 7:40, where they will report to morning tutorials. Students are dismissed from their 8<sup>th</sup> period classes at 3:35. Students should go directly to the parent pick-up area or bus loading zone.

## Behavior

Students are expected to model appropriate behavior in the hallways, classroom, cafeteria, and at all school-sponsored events. Students are expected to be respectful toward other students, staff, and visitors.

**FREE**

## Breakfast & Lunch

We are pleased to announce that ALL PISD students receive a free breakfast and lunch in the regular lunch line. Items are also available for purchase in the snack bar and in the vending machines in the courtyard.

## Campus Communication

We know that staying informed and connected is important to parents, so we have several forms of communication that we offer for your convenience.

- ✓ Email Updates- sign up for free updates, announcements, etc. that you receive via email (sign up on PJH website- "E-Notes" on right side of page- click "PJH Updates")
- ✓ Marquee
- ✓ PJH Website (<http://pjh.parisisd.net> )
- ✓ PJH eCalendar (on our PJH website)
- ✓ Remind- Receive important reminders and emergency information via text. Text @pjhpar to 81010.
- ✓ SchoolMessenger- automated telephone system that will call regarding absences and announcements
- ✓ Student Planners
- ✓ Teacher Websites (visit PJH website for lesson plans, teacher info)
- ✓ Email
- ✓ TxConnect- monitor your child's attendance and grades

**NEW**

## Cell Phones

Please carefully review our cell phone policy in the student handbook. Cell phones MUST be turned off AND out of sight at all times during the school day. Cell phones taken up must be picked up by a parent after 3:35 p.m. and the parent must pay a \$15 fee.

### **Clubs and Organizations**

We have many opportunities for students to become involved in extra-curricular activities, sports, clubs, and organizations. We encourage all students to become involved in at least one extra-curricular activity. Students who are involved in one or more activities are more likely to have better grades and avoid situations that could result in office referrals.

### **Contacting Teachers**

We encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teachers, especially if you have concerns about your child's progress. Teachers can be contacted via email or conferences can be scheduled. Please call our office or contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference.

### **Dress Code**

Please carefully review our dress code outlined in the student handbook (also available online). Students who are in violation of the dress code will be sent to the office. If in doubt, do not wear it!

### **Lockers**

Students have assigned lockers with combinations and may visit the locker before school, lunch, and at the end of the day. Students receive locker information at schedule pick-up or on the first day of school.

Most students carry a large backpack for notebooks, pens, pencils, and other supplies. Most teachers have a classroom set of textbooks for students to use in class.

### **Lunch**

We have two lunches, A lunch and B lunch. Students **MUST** eat inside the cafeteria, but can sit in the courtyard after finishing lunch. Students are supervised in the cafeteria and in the courtyard.

### **P.E. & Athletics**

Students who are in P.E. will need to bring "dress-out" clothes each day. Students in Athletics will have school-issued "dress-out" clothes. Lockers are available in the dressing rooms and students are encouraged to bring combination locks and keep all belongings locked up at all times.

### **Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

The designated area for parents who are dropping off or picking up students is in the large parking lot on the east side of the campus.

Students who are riding the bus will unload and load in the circle drive on the north side of the campus.

### **Student Planners**

In an effort to promote responsibility, independence, and organization, all students are required to purchase a PJH planner for \$5. Teachers use the planners on a regular basis requiring students to enter information regarding homework assignments, tests, and important dates. We encourage parents to ASK to see your child's planner each evening to help you stay connected with his/her assignments.

### **Student Schedules**

Students are on an 8 period schedule with a 4 minute passing period. Bell schedules can be found on our website and in the student handbook.

### **Tutorials**

We offer morning tutorials from 7:40-8:05. We also offer an after school tutorial program called SLAM (Study Like a Maniac). SLAM is available for ANY student needing extra assistance with Reading, Language Arts, Writing, Math, Science, or Social Studies. SLAM can also be assigned by teachers to students who are struggling or have missing work. Please review our handbook for specific information about SLAM.

### **Visiting the School**

You are always welcome at PJH! When you visit our school, please come to the main office and sign in to receive a visitor's badge.