

JANUARY 2025

Potterville Middle & High School

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Upcoming Events

January 7: School resumes
note this is a Tuesday!

January 7 - Second Semester
begins

January 14 - NWEA Testing
Begins - Math first

January 16 - NWEA Testing
Reading

January 27 - FAFSA Night for
Seniors

Senior Updates

Senior Photos - **due by Jan 10** -
see specifications attached below
Seniors were given information
regarding caps/gown purchases
for commencement!

January 27 - FAFSA NIGHT
SUPPORT with dinner - please
see flier below



Our middle school students, the day before break, making
holiday cards for a local retirement center!

GOOD NEWS!

Our middle school students made over 150 cards for one of
the local retirement homes - Fairview for the holidays. They
were so touched that we thought of them to bring them joy.

DETROIT PISTONS GAME - DUE TODAY

Our high school boys and girls will play at the Little Caesars Arena
on January 11. Details have been in the newsletter below. If you
want tickets - they must be purchased today!

TO NOTE:

Grades have yet to be fully finalized before the break in order to give staff time to finish exam
grades. Once grades are finalized, we will send an email out with the report card for all middle
school students. For the high school students, we will be sending final transcripts so families
can see where their student is currently at for earning high school credits.

For students who have lost 1.5 or more credits this fall (.5 credit per class), these students will
be placed on academic probation. More will be sent out to these families, but we will be
requiring these students to choose one hour on a Tuesday or Thursday after school to attend
for tutoring support. Busing will be provided for in-district families through a grant.

JOIN MI STUDENT AID AT
POTTERVILLE'S
**FAFSA
NIGHT**

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT 6PM
POTTERVILLE MS/HS MEDIA CENTER
WITH JEN SHAPPELL

STUDENTS &
PARENTS NEED TO
CREATE AN FSA ID
BY JAN 20TH SO IT IS
APPROVED IN TIME.

DINNER
PROVIDED,
PLEASE RSVP
VIA QR CODE OR
LINK BELOW!

PLEASE BRING:

- ALL FSA ID LOGINS
- STUDENT CHROMEBOOK

<https://bit.ly/4gAb3uF>



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ELE'S PLACE - FOR STUDENTS' GRIEVING

We will be starting another Ele's Place group in the middle school AND high school. Students need to be signed up prior to the holiday break. Julie Steinacker will work with Ele's Place to support the middle school and Martha Smitt will support the high school. If you want to sign a MS student up, please email: steinackerj@ppsvikings.org or for high school - email smittm@ppsvikings.org.

ON THE LOOKOUT

Are you cleaning out some games and want to find a good home for them? We will gladly take games for our students to play during lunch or in classrooms. We do not allow cell phones during lunch for our middle school, and we would love for students to have some more choices. If you have any games you want to donate, please let us know!

PTA FOR POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our next meeting is January 15. We would love for you to join us at 6pm in the elementary. The group meets the third Wednesday of the month.

SENIOR ADS, YEARBOOKS, AND MORE

Here is a link to purchase a senior ad in our yearbook along with the option to purchase a yearbook. Act now before prices go up! These make great gifts for the holidays!

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1063511/POTTERVILLE-HIGH-SCHOOL/Yearbook/2024073004264663076/CATALOG_SHOP/Yearbook/2024073004264666376#design/0

SENIOR GRADUATION

Seniors had a class meeting where each received information to order caps/gowns for commencement. Students need to order a cap/gown in order to participate. If this is a financial burden, please let us know. You can go to the Jostens website and choose our high school to order. NOTE - the only item required to purchase for graduation is the cap and gown.

FOOD BAGS - BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

If your family needs extra support, we are partnering with the food bank and will be distributing bags. Sign up here: [WSK Program \(Blessings in a Backpack\) Potterville Public Schools \(google.com\)](#).

Honor Me. Honor You.

Give honor and value to ourselves and others.

*This month, we're focusing on respect, which comes in many forms: respect for life, for property, for parents, for elders, for nature, and for the beliefs and rights of others. **Respect includes being courteous and polite, as well as respecting yourself by avoiding self-criticism.** We can model respect for our children regarding how we speak to and treat them. Respect is not only an important character trait, but it can also be a source of real joy! Respect implies a certain appreciation, which makes us more aware of other people's needs and feelings.*



1 Engage: Honor Board

As a family, create an Honor Board where family members and friends can write affirmations to the person of honor. (Make sure each family member gets to be the honoree.) The Honor Board can be made of construction paper, poster board, or a blank piece of paper. Once the board is complete, encourage the family member to display it so they can see it often and remember the great things others see in them.



2 Empower: Practice Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes. Ask each family member to share a story about a time they made a mistake (at school, work, home, etc.) and discuss what lessons they learned. Share this quote: "Mistakes don't define us, but how we respond to mistakes will." Ask, "How can we show honor for each other, even when we make a mistake or disagree?" Process each person's response and thank everyone for their willingness to share. Challenge each other to respond to mistakes this week with love and respect.



3 Excel: Honor Those Who Serve

Celebrate members of your community who lead through service to others. Write "Thank You" notes to someone that has helped or served your family. Consider people in your community like veterans, teachers, nurses/doctors, ministers, bus drivers, police officers, firefighters, mail carriers, etc. Deliver these notes with a special treat.

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is the biggest lesson you learned last year?
- ♥ What is something you want LESS of in the next year? Why?

- ♥ What is something you want MORE of this next year? Why?
- ♥ What makes you feel respected? Disrespected? Why?

cold is cool!
Ski & Ride Passport

4TH + 5TH

**GRADERS
SKI FREE!**

With the Cold is Cool
Ski & Ride Passport App!

ONLY \$30!

Plus, everyone (including parents!)
can learn to ski in January...
Discover Michigan Skiing month!



Michigan Snowsports Industries Association

gskimichigan.org

cold is cool!
get out, have fun, get healthy!

All 4th and 5th graders ski/snowboard FREE at 29 participating ski areas in Michigan with the Cold is Cool Passport App, when accompanied by a paying adult... and you don't have to live in MI to ski here!

Visit coldiscool.org to apply online. Once the application is processed (1 to 2 business days) we will email instructions to download the app and log in!

Passport includes:

- 2 or 3 lift tickets and/or trail passes at EACH of the 29 participating ski areas (over 60 lift tickets & 20+ cross-country trail passes!)
- Coupon for \$20 off the purchase of \$100 or more at participating ski shops*
- Coupon for 20% off a helmet purchase at participating ski shops*
- Additional offers and discounts across Michigan!

You will need:

- Image of report card or other document showing grade verification
- Digital photo of your child's face
- A credit card for \$30 payment (\$22 covers operating expenses and \$8 goes to MIsnow, an organization that helps kids, who may not otherwise have the opportunity, get out on our slopes & trails. All lift tickets, trail passes and other offers are donated by ski areas and ski retailers.)

You can also get immediate access to your child's passport app at a participating ski shop. Visit coldiscool.org for locations and instructions.

* Coupon valid for full-price purchases.



SCAN ME

Want to learn to ski and/or snowboard?
The whole family is invited to

*Discover
Michigan Skiing*

January is Discover Michigan Skiing month, where everyone, including parents, can learn to downhill ski, cross-country ski and/or snowboard! This offer is for first-time skiers and snowboarders only.

Ski areas all across the state offer packages that include:

- Group lesson from a professional ski or snowboard instructor
- Beginner-area lift ticket or trail pass
- Rental equipment

Program is for everyone 7 years and older for downhill and cross-country lessons; 10 years and older for snowboard lessons. Participating ski areas offer the entire package for \$60, but that's not all! There are additional learning opportunities listed on the Discover Michigan Skiing page at gskimichigan.org!



SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK SPECIFICATIONS

ATTENTION SENIORS – Make sure your photographer knows about these requirements. Your photo must meet these requirements or you will be asked to submit again or be omitted from the senior section!

Senior Photos are due to the yearbook by January 10th, 2025.

This photo should be:

- Portrait (Vertical) Full front or 3/4 view of the face
- High resolution photo 300dpi.
- In Color, Traditional, neutral (blue, gray, brown), or solid background. Outdoor backgrounds are acceptable.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Double images or collage style photos
- Props
- Shots that include hands on face
- Picture with sunglasses or hats that cover the face
- Selfies or photos of students laying down
- Student name or year
- Studio name or website
- No Screenshots!!!

Senior slideshow for graduation

The school also puts together a google slides presentation for graduation. For this please include another senior picture of your choice and a Baby Picture.

1. Please send a picture of you between the age of under 12 months to 3 years old
2. Senior Slide Show Picture (Your favorite senior picture. Many choose a fun picture)

Digital files are preferred, but not mandatory.

When uploading in the fall, please say Students name: Yearbook, Baby or Slideshow in description

Upload link will be available in the fall of 2024. Photos after January for the yearbook will not be added.

If you have questions, please contact the Yearbook advisor at logant@ppsvikings.org

You can also call at 517-645-4759

Thank you ~ Tara Logan

POTTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7:00PM



VS.



Come watch your Potterville High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams take on Lansing Christian High School before the Pistons game at Little Caesars Arena starting at 12pm. Then join us for an exciting evening of Detroit Basketball as the Pistons take on the Toronto Raptors at 7pm. Players, friends, and family receive exclusive ticket savings.

NORTH END CLUB: \$65* (\$85 VALUE)

*****Sections 201-205 ONLY*****

LOWER LEVEL ENDZONE: \$60 (\$80 VALUE)

MEZZANINE ENDZONE: \$34 (\$54 VALUE)

***North End Club Includes:** All you can eat hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, water, soda and more!

Ticket Includes: Access to Potterville High School Games, Free Pistons Item and Post-Game Free Throw on the Pistons Court!

(Must purchase your tickets through this link to get these add-ons and attend the Potterville High School Games)



TO GET YOUR TICKETS, VISIT:

WWW.PISTONS.COM/POTTERVILLE

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

BRANDON GOEBEL | 313-771-7466 | BGOEBEL@PISTONS.COM

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: SUNDAY, JAN 5TH