

SEPTEMBER 2.0 2025

Potterville Middle & High School

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Upcoming Events

September 15-18: Bookfair

September 17: Constitution Day

September 17-18: Fall
Conferences - evening only

September 19: No School

September 22: Big Smile Dentist

September 22-26: TEAM Viking
School Supply Drive

September 24: Picture Retakes

September 25: GL College Fair

September 26: Kona Ice

October 2: Manufacturing Day
Field Trip for 11th grade

October 6-10: Homecoming
week

October 9: Powder Puff

October 10: MS Rewards Trip

October 10: Homecoming/End
of 1st Quarter



Ms. Leonard is working on our school store - creating different items and selling items with our students! We are so excited! The students all voted (middle and high) and the name is: The Viking Vault! We are working on including wearables.

GOOD NEWS!

High school yearbooks from last spring have arrived! If your student has not picked his/hers up - please stop to see Mrs. Logan.

TYPO IN LAST NEWSLETTER

I apologize in the last newsletter, I had photos of Mr. Bach's class and said he was in Viking Vision. This was a misprint. The class was making camera obscuras in the Reading Film class not Viking Vision. I apologize!

FOOD SERVICE BENEFITS

Please complete the [online food service form](#) if you did not do so for the 2025-2026 school year. Our school receives educational benefits and can apply to grant opportunities based on the number of forms completed. We are missing most families' forms - especially at the middle and high school.

Senior Updates

Senior Photos - due by Jan 16
- see specifications attached below

Senior Yearbook Ads - Due
2/28/2026

We have hired our new College
Advisor - Ms. Ruthan Clinton!

BOOKFAIR - EWALLET

Are you wanting to put money on Ewallet for your student for the bookfair? [Here is the link](#) for you to do so! The Bookfair will run through Thursday, September 18. The money we raise through the Bookfair helps us buy books for our library. Thank you for supporting our students and their reading habits!

PARENT CONFERENCE SIGN UP

We would love to see you at parent conferences!

PARENT CONFERENCE SIGN UP CONTINUED...

Conferences are held in teacher classrooms and will be on September 17 and 18, 4-7pm. We will not have school on September 19 due to the late nights on September 17 & 18.

[5th grade Sign Up](#) - please click the link and sign up online

[MS/HS Sign Up](#) - because we have multiple staff split between both buildings, We decided to do just one sign up for MS/HS. Please click the link and sign up online!

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

You may have noticed that we have switched to Google Classroom this year instead of Schoology. This is one of the changes we have made to save money. Your student's teachers should have emailed you the classroom code to join if you are interested in seeing what is going on in class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

MS Robotics meetings for Sept. from 2:50 - 3:50 Room 104:

9/25/25

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

MS Yearbook meetings for Sept. from 2:50 - 3:50 Room 104:

9/15/25

9/29/25

MIDDLE SCHOOL REMINDER ABOUT DRINKS AND CELL PHONES

Middle school students may only take water into any hallway and/or classroom once they leave the cafeteria in the morning. For students who have cell phones on school property in the middle school, they must go into the cell phone lockers at the beginning of the day and remain there until the end of the day.

SMILE MOBILE DENTIST

The mobile dentist is coming back September 22. Please RSVP and complete the attached link if you would like to sign up your student for some dental support/cleaning. This is a free service for our students who need it.

Pottersville Middle/High School:

https://www.myschooldentist.com/34811_schsrn

Pottersville Elementary School:

https://www.myschooldentist.com/34810_schsrn

PSAT SIGN UP - LAST CALL

If you are interested in signing up your 9th, 10th, or 11th grader to take the fall PSAT-NMSQT - registration is due by September 17 and costs \$12. Please sign up here. Late registrations will not be accepted. This is different than the spring state testing that all students in grades 9-11 will participate in.

DOES YOUR STUDENT WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?

Check out the below information/flier. If your student is interested - please connect with Mrs. Tara Logan regarding our next study abroad trip in 2027. Students go to both Spain and France so they can practice using the language they have studied here at school. This is a great opportunity for them to travel with support and see the world.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK PARENT PHOTO SUBMISSION

Do you have photos you have taken at school events that would be good for our middle school yearbook? Please submit your photos to our Google Drive.

KEY STAFF INFORMATION

To speed up responses to questions, concerns, and/or comments – we ask that you use the below information to find the right person to contact. If you are not sure, Heather Morehouse – our main office administrative assistant can also assist you (morehouseh@ppsvikings.org).

Technology and Credit Recovery– Jim Sherman – shermanj@ppsvikings.org – contact him for all issues with Chromebooks and credit recovery

Athletics – Hunter Geisenhaver – geisenhaverh@ppsvikings.org – contact him for all athletic related questions

Attendance – April Rademacher – attendance@ppsvikings.org – contact her to call in your student or to let us know/send in documentation for absences

Dean of Students – Dave Mateer – mateerd@ppsvikings.org – contact him for truancy, any behavior questions

Food Service Director – Emily White – whitee@ppsvikings.org – contact her for all questions related to food service or allergies

Middle School Counseling/Social Work Support - Julie Steinacker – steinackerj@ppsvikings.org – contact her for counseling supports for middle school students and all 504 requests or concerns for middle and high school.

Principal – Kaytie Palmiter – palmiterk@ppsvikings.org – contact her for scheduling concerns, staffing concerns (provided you have already contacted and tried to work with the staff you are concerned about), and communications.

Special Education – Amber Baker – bakera1@ppsvikings.org – contact her for all questions related to special education.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED For information for:

- Senior yearbook photo requirements
- TEAM Viking Competition Information for September
- Study Abroad Information
- CKH Focus for the Month of September - Empathy
- Photos of different events

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 16th, 2026.**

This photo should be:

- **Portrait (Vertical)** Full front or ¾ view of the face
- **High resolution photo 300 dpi.**
- **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, please say Student's name, (Yearbook, Baby or Slideshow) in description

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**



TEAM VIKING COMPETITION

Classroom Supplies

WHAT:

COLLECTION DATES: September 22nd - 26th

TURN IN LOCATION: Team Teacher Classroom

500 Point Items

Disinfecting Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Facial Tissue

AA/AAA Batteries (per 12)

250 Point Items

Scotch Tape

Clear Duct

Notebook Paper

Tape/Packaging Tape

Spiral Notebooks

100 Point Items

Colored Pencils (dozen)

Post It Notes

Sharpie Markers

Highlighters

Reg Markers (dozen)

Folders (per 10)

50 Point Items

Glue Sticks

Paper Clips

Pink Erasers

10 Point Items

Pencils (each)

Pencil Erasers (each)

Pens (each)



MAR 26-APR 03, 2027

Group Leader
TaraLogan

Group Leader ID
352761

Capitals of France and Spain

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✈ Round-Trip Flights
- 🍽 Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- ★ 3- or 4-Star Hotels 24-Hour Tour Manager Centrally Located Hotels
- 📅 Start Exploring Global Network All Local Transportation Personal
- 🎧 Headsets
- 🗣 Included Throughout Tour
- 🎮 Pétanque Lesson in Paris
- 🏰 Sainte-Chapelle
- 🏰 Versailles Château and Gardens
- 🏰 Louvre with Guide and Reservation
- 🏰 Paint Paris Neighborhood Tour
- 🚤 Seine Boat Ride
- ✈ Paris-Madrid Flight
- 🍲 Paella Dinner
- 🏰 Prado Tour with Audio Guides
- 🍷 Madrid Tapas Evening

TRIP ITINERARY

9 Days | Overnights: Overnight Flight (1), Paris (4), Madrid (3)



ACIS TRIPSITE

Scan the code to view your group's TripSite and learn more details about your upcoming trip, and to register!

OUR PROMISE

Travel Changes Lives

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens.



Connect with Heart

Understanding and feeling what others are experiencing.

This month, we're focusing on empathy and challenging students to make sure that everyone they interact with feels seen, heard, and valued. We are partnering with you to grow and develop empathy in your student at home. As a family, use these activities to reflect on and better understand the needs of others.



1 Engage: Celebrate Differences

Generate a list of each family member's favorite things, such as their favorite ice cream flavor or favorite thing to do. Identify any similar answers and celebrate those things you have in common. Discuss how those similarities might impact your family and your relationships. Identify and celebrate each other's differences. How might those differences impact your family? How do your differences make you strong? Use this example as a reminder for your child—and your family—to celebrate our unique differences. We are better TOGETHER!



2 Empower: Build a Family Social Contract

Schedule time to have a family meeting and develop a family Social Contract together. Ask everyone to answer these questions:

- How do we want to treat each other?
- How do we want to treat each other when there is conflict?

Write down any words you identify as a family (respect, kind, honest) and ask each member to commit to the contract by signing it.



3 Excel: Find the Light. Be the Light.

As a family, brainstorm a list of 3-5 individuals you typically encounter during the day who may not receive many notes or words of affirmation or appreciation. Consider people who make your day brighter or provide a needed service, like your mail carrier, the cashier at your local store, or a neighbor. Ask each person in your family to write a note thanking that person for "Being a Light."

Conversation Starters

♥ Describe a time when someone really listened to you. How did it make you feel?

♥ What is something you can do to better listen to others?

♥ When is it most challenging to listen and be open-minded?

Middle school at lunch recess





Students preparing for our school store





Mr. Bach's film class creating Thaumatrope

