



# PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

MARCUS W. NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ASHLEY WALULAK, Principal

PAUL A. SPAVENTA  
Interim Superintendent

Dear Newcomb Middle School Students and Families,

As the 2020-2021 school year quickly approaches, we are looking forward to providing your child with a positive and safe middle school experience! After careful discussion and consideration of all current circumstances surrounding school reopening, the administration and Pemberton Board of Education have decided to begin the school year September 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 on Full Remote Learning for all students. In-person learning in the Hybrid option will be postponed until Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and parents will be notified by October 1st to confirm the official start date of the Hybrid program. Those students who enrolled in the Remote Program will remain in the Remote Program at least through the 1st marking period as previously discussed. A select number of special education students will attend in-person learning 2 days a week to receive required instruction. To help you prepare to begin our 2020- 2021 school year journey together, please read the following information:

- Student drop-off is at 7:55am and dismissal is at 2:40pm.
- **HYBRID** Students with the last name A-L will be assigned to the **GREEN** team and are to report to school on those designated days.
- **HYBRID** Students with the last name M- Z will be assigned to the **GOLD** team and are to report to school on those designated days.
- The school will be providing supplies for the students. Individual teachers may request additional supplies based on the specific needs of each class. If purchasing supplies prior to the first day of school, we suggest: Pens, Pencils, Pencil Pouch & a two strap Bookbag.
- **ALL** students are required to have a two strap Bookbag to hold their supplies.
- Physical Education Class: All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear sneakers to participate in Physical Education class.
- 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Immunizations Please see reverse.
- Any child who may qualify for free and reduced lunch should submit their applications via the online portal ASAP.
- In order to see your child's schedule in the Genesis Parent Portal, you will need to review several documents prior, including our student handbook, technology agreement, and emergency contact card. Once you have read those documents, you can digitally indicate that you have been made aware of them, and your child's schedule will then become visible.

We look forward to “learning together,” “making connections,” and seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



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**JEFF HAVERS**  
Assistant Superintendent for Elementary  
Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**PAUL A. SPAVENTA**  
Interim Superintendent

September 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the **Newcomb School**. All our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Ashley Walulak, Principal

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School Year 2020-2021

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

Please be advised that every student in the middle school receives one marking period of Health and Family Life Education, beginning in their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year.

On the reverse side of this letter is a list of general topic areas that will be addressed for grade level 6. The complete curriculum is available in our school for your review.

The New Jersey Statute governing this curriculum is 18A:35-4.7, which reads as follows:

Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his/her conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from the portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result thereof.

If you wish your child to be excused from any part of the Health Curriculum, please fill out the back of this letter and return the form to the Main Office as soon as possible

Sincerely,

Ashley B. Walulak

Principal



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\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

**Please check off students Health/P.E. Teacher**

- Mrs. Atmore
- Mr. Campbell
- Mr. Fisher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_ I wish to have my child excluded from the following specific part(s) of the Health Program.  
Please specify part(s) for exclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIXTH GRADE HEALTH CURRICULUM TOPICS OF STUDY:**

1. Explain and demonstrate negative and positive peer pressure.
2. Identify the steps to decision-making.
3. Demonstrate appropriate refusal skills.
4. Understand what bullying is and how to prevent it.
5. Development of character education.
6. Design and analyze a nutrition plan to help create healthy eating habits.
7. Identify the causes of stress and how stress affects mental health.
8. Determine the current impact of technology on the development of self-image and mental health.
9. Compare and contrast communicable and non-communicable diseases.
10. Compare and contrast resting heart rate and target heart rate.
11. Explain the health benefits of remaining abstinent and resist pressures to become sexually active.
12. Explain the health risk of drugs and alcohol use among teens.
13. Compare and contrast the development between males and females
14. Determine behaviors that place one at risk for HIV/AIDS, STIs, HPV, or unintended pregnancy.
15. Predict the possible physical, social, and emotional impacts of adolescent decisions regarding sexual behavior.



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# Health Requirements for Middle School



## Immunizations:

- All 11-year-old students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade must submit a vaccine record proving they have received their Tdap and meningococcal vaccines. Students that turn 11 after the start of the school year have **2 weeks** after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to obtain these vaccines.

\*\*If you do not have health insurance or your health insurance does not cover immunizations, you may contact your school nurse for a referral to the Burlington County Health Department.

## Medications:

- Medication orders must be renewed every school year. Medications must be in the original pharmacy labeled containers and brought to the school nurse by a designated adult with the exception of life-saving medications. Contact the school nurse for details. (forms available at: <https://www.pemberton.k12.nj.us/domain/1850>)

\*\*Physician's orders for procedures done by the school nurse must be renewed every school year as well.

## Preparticipation Physical Exams (aka Sports Physicals)

- All students wishing to participate in sports must have a physical exam completed and documented on the state required form. Available at: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/records/athleticphysicalsform.pdf> or on the School District Website. You will also be required to complete the appropriate paperwork for medical conditions such as **asthma, allergies, diabetes, etc.** in order to participate. (forms available at: <https://www.pemberton.k12.nj.us/domain/1850>)

\*\*Sports are not currently offered, however this may change

## Please keep a copy of all records for yourself.

Please contact the Newcomb nurse for any questions.

Newcomb Nurse is available at 609-893-8141, ext. 1152 between 8:00-2:30 on school days or at [jcaruso@pemb.org](mailto:jcaruso@pemb.org).