

The background of the slide is a photograph of Patuxent Valley Middle School. The building is a large, multi-story brick structure with several windows. In the foreground, there are trees with autumn-colored leaves (yellows and oranges) and a paved walkway with a metal bike rack. A flagpole is visible in the distance. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

**Welcome**

## **PVMS Orientation 2022-23**

**Principal: Mr. Robb**

**Assistant Principal: Ms. Alston**

**Assistant Principal: Mrs. Ketterman**

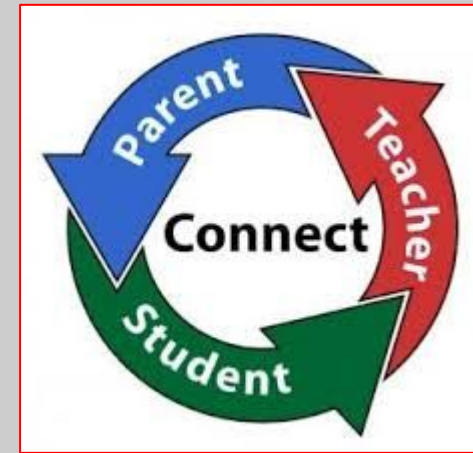
# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Agenda

- Meet the PTA
- Meet the Supports
- Our Charge
- PVMS Logistics

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Meet the PTA!



Your involvement in Middle School  
is CRUCIAL and that is where the PTA comes in.  
We can't make anything happen without...  
**VOLUNTEERS!!!**

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Student Supports

**Jamie Kim** | Grade 6 Counselor | [jamie\\_kim@hcpss.org](mailto:jamie_kim@hcpss.org)

**Nicole Seymour** | Grade 7 Counselor | [nicole\\_seymour@hcpss.org](mailto:nicole_seymour@hcpss.org)

**Gwen Taylor** | Grade 8 Counselor | [gwendolyn\\_taylor@hcpss.org](mailto:gwendolyn_taylor@hcpss.org)

- Social support counseling (crisis, relationships, bullying, etc)
- Academic, schedule, and career advising
- Problem solving teacher/family/community concerns

**Donielle Chase-Mercer** | PPW | [donielle\\_chase-mercerc@hcpss.org](mailto:donielle_chase-mercerc@hcpss.org)

- Residency
- Family crisis support

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## Student Supports

**Laurie Downin** | School Psychologist | [jennifer\\_lage@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_lage@hcpss.org)

- Behavioral and psychological supports
- Supports the 504 process

**Ellie Robbins** | Special Education Team Leader |  
[kaitlyn\\_gordon@hcpss.org](mailto:kaitlyn_gordon@hcpss.org)

- Supports student plans
- Supports the IEP process

**Sarah Gallagher** | Media Specialist | [sarah\\_gallagher@hcpss.org](mailto:sarah_gallagher@hcpss.org)

- Research support
- Technology support
- Reading recommendations, book check out

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Student Supports

### Liaisons

- Support students to accelerate academic achievement
- Monitor attendance
- Facilitates the involvement of families in educational process
- Promote cultural awareness and diversity

**Tiffani Peguese** | BSAP Liaison | [Tiffani\\_Peguese@hcpss.org](mailto:Tiffani_Peguese@hcpss.org)

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# Patuxent Valley Middle School

HCPSS Strategic Call to Action



## **Learning and Leading with Equity** *The Fierce Urgency of Now*

### **Vision**

Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.



### **Mission**

HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## OUR CHARGE:

To develop a culture that demands academic achievement while fostering social/emotional development in a diverse community.



# HCPSS Policy 1080- Educational Equity

**Educational Equity** - every student has access and support to the opportunities, resources, and educational rigor they need throughout their educational career to maximize academic success and social/emotional well-being and to view each student's individual characteristics as valuable.

[HCPSS Policy 1080 - Educational Equity](#)

# Social/Emotional Development

- After school intramural opportunities
- Performing Arts participation
- Weekly Social Emotional/Community Building opportunities through Bulldog Flex period
- Student supports
  - Student Services- counselors, psychologist
  - Liaisons
  - Mental Health Specialists

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## PATUXENT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

I PROMISE  
TO ALWAYS



### CLASSROOMS

### HALLWAYS

### BATHROOMS

### CAFETERIA

### RECESS

### BUS

# B

BE PREPARED

Be on time with the required materials

- Use my indoor voice
- Keep my voice at level one
- Say, "Excuse me."

HAVE  
A  
PASS!

• NOT IN THE FIRST OR LAST  
TEN MINUTES OF CLASS

- Arrive at lunch on time
- Have a pass if I'm leaving the cafeteria

- Know when to pack up for recess
- Don't leave coats or other belongings on the blacktop

- Arrive to my bus on time
- Exit the bus in a timely manner

# A

ACT RESPONSIBLY

Take responsibility for my attitude, my behavior, and my space

- Only use my locker
- Before pd 1
  - Before lunch
  - After lunch
  - After pd7

- Flush
- Wash my hands
- Clean up after myself
- Follow the school rules concerning cellphones

- Keep my voice at level one
- Listen when announcements are being made

- Invite others to join
- Use recess materials, basketballs and footballs, carefully and responsibly

- Use positive language
- Stay in my seat
- Listen to the bus driver

# R

RESPECTFUL

Be mindful of how I treat teachers, peers, and visitors

- Use appropriate language
- Am patient with others in the hallway

- Use time wisely and make sure I leave the bathroom nice and clean
- Use positive language

- Speak kindly of others
- Include others at my table

Treat others kindly

Make sure safety comes first by being careful on the bus, such as not shouting

# K

KEEP SAFE

- Follow directions
- Remain Calm
- Seek an adult
- Avoid conflict
- Exit the situation

- Be aware of surroundings
- keep my arms and legs to myself
- Apologize to others when I can't

- Throw trash in the garbage can
- Wash hands!

- Clean up after myself
- Walk in the cafeteria

- Follow Directions
- Not push when playing

Stay in my seat while the bus is moving

# Logistics

- Schedule
- COVID
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Cell phones and earbuds
- Supplies
- Homework
- Transportation
- Lockers

# Patuxent Valley Middle School: 22-23 Bell Schedule

| Times       | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                        | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade     | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade     |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7:25-7:34   | Arrival, Locker Time, Transition to Period 1 |                           |                           |
| 7:34-7:44   | Breakfast, and Announcements in Period 1     |                           |                           |
| 7:44-8:34   | Period 1                                     | Period 1                  | Period 1                  |
| 8:37-9:27   | Period 2                                     | Period 2                  | Period 2                  |
| 9:30-10:20  | Period 3                                     | Period 3                  | Period 3                  |
| 10:23-12:39 | 10:23-10:53<br>Lunch                         | 10:23 - 11:13<br>Period 4 | 10:23 - 11:13<br>Period 4 |
|             | 10:56-11:46<br>Period 4                      | 11:16 - 11:46<br>Lunch    | 11:16 - 12:06<br>Period 5 |
|             | 11:49-12:39<br>Period 5                      | 11:49 - 12:39<br>Period 5 | 12:09 - 12:39<br>Lunch    |
| 12:42-1:32  | Period 6                                     | Period 6                  | Period 6                  |
| 1:35-2:25   | Period 7                                     | Period 7                  | Period 7                  |

# Patuxent Valley Middle School: 22-23 Bell Schedule

## Bulldog Flex (Wednesday mornings)

| Times       | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                                  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade   |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 7:25-7:34   | Arrival, Locker Time, Transition to Period 1           |                         |                         |
| 7:34-7:44   | Breakfast and Announcements in Bulldog Flex (Period 1) |                         |                         |
| 7:44-8:14   | Bulldog Flex in Period 1                               |                         |                         |
| 8:17-9:02   | Period 1   | Period 1                | Period 1                |
| 9:05-9:50   | Period 2   | Period 2                | Period 2                |
| 9:53-10:38  | Period 3   | Period 3                | Period 3                |
| 10:41-12:47 | 10:41-11:11<br>Lunch                                   | 10:41-11:26<br>Period 4 | 10:41-11:26<br>Period 4 |
|             | 11:14-11:59<br>Period 4                                | 11:29-11:59<br>Lunch    | 11:29-12:14<br>Period 5 |
|             | 12:02-12:47<br>Period 5                                | 12:02-12:47<br>Period 5 | 12:17-12:47<br>Lunch    |
| 12:50-1:35  | Period 6   | Period 6                | Period 6                |
| 1:38-2:23   | Period 7   | Period 7                | Period 7                |

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## COVID-19 response

- Keep your student home if they exhibit symptoms
- Students who test positive remain in quarantine for 5 days and mask for 5 days upon return to school
- Masks are optional for all other students
- Contact our school nurse with questions or concerns

**School Nurse: Theresa Anderson**  
**410-880-5840**

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Breakfast

- All students are eligible for free breakfast
- Arrival, locker time, and transition to period 1 is between 7:24-7:34 AM
- All students must be in Period 1 by 7:34 AM
- Breakfast in classrooms between 7:34-7:44 AM
- Period 1 begins at 7:45 AM



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## Lunch

- Enter cafeteria, sit, and wait for instructions
- Outdoor eating is available
- Staff will review procedures throughout the first week of school
- Seating is open- sit where you prefer
- Free lunch waivers expired on June 30 and we will return to pre-pandemic ways of providing meals to students based on eligibility (free, reduced-price, and paid). We encourage households to complete Free and Reduced Meal applications, based on your household income eligibility.

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## **Policy 8080 - Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media**

HCPSS permits students to bring personal technology devices to school, according to the following rules:

### Middle Schools – Students:

1. Students will not use personal technology devices during non-instructional time, to include but not limited to transition between classes, lunch, recess, or in bathrooms.

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Personal Device Use

- Students will not use personal technology devices at school - including during non-instructional time (including transitions between classes, lunch, recess, in bathrooms, during special events).
- Keep cell phones at home or out of sight and silenced
- Headphones and earbuds are included as personal devices

**ATTENTION:**

**NO CELL PHONES!**



**NO EARBUDS!**



**Atención**

**No se permiten celulares**



**SIN AURICULARES**



# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Supplies

Teachers will share necessary supplies per class.

Daily (see Student Services with individual needs)

- Backpack
- **Laptop** (fully charged)
- Laptop Charger
- Folder
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens/pencils

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## Homework

- May be assigned per class
- This could include practice problems, reading assignments, studying, etc.
- Students should use Canvas Calendar to keep track of homework and upcoming assignments.
- Other paper options are available for students.

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## Bus Assignments

- Know your school bus # and bus stop location
- You can find your bus # and bus stop location by checking  
<https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/>
- Be at the bus stop approximately 10 mins prior to the assigned pick up

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## **Upon arrival**

- Car riders and walkers will enter through the front of the building at 7:25 AM
- Bus riders will enter from the bus loop at 7:25 AM

## **At dismissal**

- Bus riders will be dismissed and exit to the bus loop.
- Car riders and walkers will be dismissed and exit from the front of the building.



# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## When can students visit the locker?

- Before School
- Before Lunch
- After Lunch
- After School

## Locker Use

- Please keep your locker combination private
- Do not share your locker with friends
- Teachers will provide you with time to practice lockers throughout the first week of school
- If you bring lunch, it must be stored in the locker
- Book bags and backpacks must be stored in lockers throughout the school day

## What to do now

- Visit the Media Center to:
  - update your family file
    - Complete by 9/2/22 to be entered in a Domino's gift card raffle
  - receive Canvas support
  - join School Messenger to receive PVMS communication
- Go find your student. *Good Luck!*
- Enjoy a popsicle on your way out (*Thank you, PTA!*)

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Activity</b>                           |
|--------------|---|
| September 8  | Back to School Night                      |
| September 10 | PVMS-hosted parking lot at MD State Faire |
| September 15 | 6th grade Field Trip                      |

***Please join us!***

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**Questions?**