THE PANTHERS' POSTAGE

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A NOTE FROM...

Mrs. Mac-JH/HS Principal

We are off and running in the HS Dome for school year 2025-26! We have 96 students in grades 6 through 12; we may be small, but we are mighty! Softball and Football seasons are in full swing, and the Varsity teams have already begun their competitions. Junior High will start their competitions in the second week of September. Be sure to come out and watch our Panther athletes, and show them how proud we are of them.

We have some new faces in the HS Dome this year–Mr. Zarek Rice is serving as the Ag instructor and FFA sponsor during the first semester, and our new Ag instructor, Mrs. Cailey Stewart will join us in December. Mrs. Stewart is currently student-teaching at Winston High School. We are excited to have both Mr. Rice and Mrs. Stewart on staff this year. In the Special Education classroom we have Mrs. Stacie Foster. Mrs. Foster is the K-12 Special Education teacher, and we are glad to have her on board!

There have been some other changes for the 25-26 year–if you need assistance with your Lumen portal, please contact Mrs. McMillen or Mrs. Crabtree. Our librarian, Mrs. Jones, is also teaching 3-year preschool this year, in addition to 6th grade Language Arts, Yearbook, and her library classes. Ms. Marsh has added 6th grade Science to her roster of classes, and continues to teach our Art classes too. Ms. Marsh is also coaching the Trap Shoot team this Fall.

Jostens met with our Sophomores and Seniors for class ring orders, and Graduation orders (sorry Moms, we know this awfully early to hear the dreaded G-word!) Online ordering is available—please see our Facebook page for the links. Jostens will return on September 5th.

Homecoming 2025 is fast approaching, and the HS Student Council has been busy making plans for a fun and spirit-filled Homecoming week. Battle of the Classes will take place on Wednesday, and the parade will be Friday. The big game will be on October 3rd, against the King City Wild-Kats. Be sure to join us for the festivities, and the football game!

We've had a good start to the school year, and we are excited to see what 2025-26 brings to Panther Nation!

A NOTE FROM... Elementary Lead Teacher Lisa Yost

A Fantastic Start!

We want to extend a warm thank you to our students, families, and staff for making Open House and the first week of school such a success! The joy and enthusiasm in our classrooms and hallways have set the tone for a wonderful year ahead. Your continued support helps make our school community strong.

First Week Highlights

Smiling faces as students reunited with friends and teachers.

Classroom routines began smoothly, laying the foundation for a great year.

Team-building activities helped students connect and work together.

Arrival and dismissal ran safely and efficiently thanks to everyone's cooperation.

Upcoming Events

Grandparent's Day Luncheon - Friday, September 12th

Students from 4-year-old Preschool through 5th Grade are invited to share a special meal with their grandparents. Forms were sent home; if you need another, please contact the office. We look forward to celebrating together!

<u>Jr. Cheer Camp - Pre-K4 through 5th Grade</u>

Practice Dates:

- Saturday, September 13th | 8:00 9:30 a.m. (Gym)
- Wednesday, September 17th | 3:30 4:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Performances:

- Varsity Football Game Halftime | Friday, September 19th
- Jr. High Football Game Halftime | Tuesday, September 23rd (updated date)

Parents as Teachers Program

We are excited to welcome Julie Lupfer (jlupfer@pattonsburg.k12.mo.us) as our new Parents as Teachers Educator! Nicki Clay (nclay@pattonsburg.k12.mo.us) will continue her work as PAT Coordinator. This free program is available to all families in the district with children from birth to age five. Please contact Mrs. Lupfer if you would like to be part of this program.

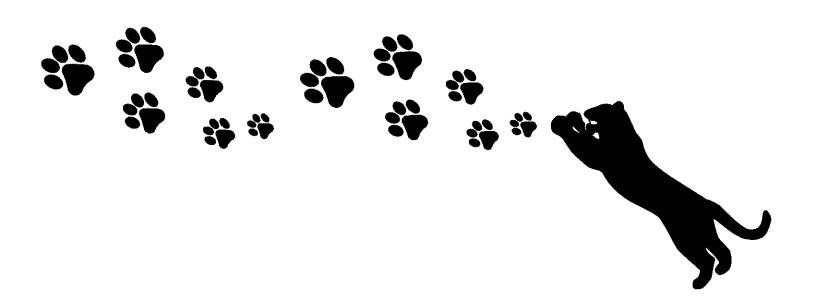
New Faces in the Elementary

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Stacie Foster, our new Special Education Teacher, and Ms. Molly Thatcher, our new Paraprofessional. We are excited to have them on our team!

Appreciation

We are so proud of how our students have started the school year. A huge thank you goes out to our elementary teachers, custodial crew, and staff for their dedication and hard work in making the start of school so successful. Your efforts truly make a difference!

Together, we look forward to a school year filled with learning, growth, and success.



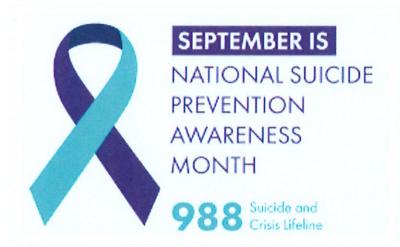


From the counselors desk: Mrs. Crabtree



September's character word is: RESPECTFUL. Elementary students will be learning about how to show respect, how respect is earned, and what it means to respect their school through counseling lessons this month. Be sure and ask your students what they learn and have those conversations at home too!

On the high school side, September brings tons of Fall sports, cocurricular activities, college recruiter visits, and settling into new routines. Seniors will be starting to apply to colleges and finalize plans for after graduation. Juniors will be preparing to take the ACT for the first time. Underclassmen are adapting to juggling school work with extra curricular activities. Prioritizing some selfcare moments are critical for students to not become too overwhelmed. Please encourage some mindful activities to give themselves a breath of fresh air! It's going to be a great year to be a Panther!



September's Character Word

Respectful

Showing high regard for authority, other people, self, and school. Treating others as you would want to be treated. Understanding that all people have value as human beings.



Back to School and Immunizations

Fall is in the air and kids are back to school! Immunizations are important for the health of our students and staff. Missouri has seen a decline in overall vaccination rates the past few years, and unfortunately that means kids have more chances to become ill with preventable diseases.

Several groups of incoming students need boosters to their infant vaccinations. Kindergarteners should have their second MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) and second VARICELLA (Chickenpox) vaccines.

Eighth graders need a TDaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccine as well as a MCV (Meningitis) vaccine.

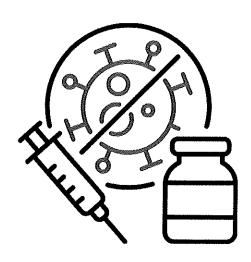
Seniors need a second MCV (Meningitis) vaccine. Most colleges and military will require having two of the Meningitis vaccines prior to entry, so it is very important to receive it while in High School!

You may have heard in the new that there have been several outbreaks of Measles in neighboring states. Measles is not a disease you want your child to get "naturally". It can cause lifelong issues such as brain damage, blindness, and immune compromise. Measles is part of the MMR vaccine.

Pertussis, also known as Whooping Cough, is also a disease that can cause lifelong problems. This is part of the DTaP and TDaP vaccines that various age groups receive. Missouri saw over 500 cases of Pertussis last year (up from 54 in 2023), including in Daviess and surrounding counties.

If your child needs a vaccine you can call their family doctor or the Daviess County Health Department. The Health Department often has vaccines for no charge for uninsured children and all insurances cover vaccine costs for children. You can contact the Health Department in Gallatin for an appointment at 660-663-2414. The Health Department will also offer Flu shots for kids and adults later in the fall.

Thank you for keeping our students and community healthy!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
	No School	Varsity Softball at		Varsity Softball at	Varsity Football	Area II Trapshoot
		North Harrison		Pburg 5:30 start	at Mound City 7	in Smithville 10:30
		5:30 start		Trapshoot practice		and 11:15 bus leav
		JV Football at		at 4:00 leave 3:45		at 8:00
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7 Grandparents Day	8 Teacher In	9	10	11	12	13
	Service 8-3 am	JH Softball at	Hundley-Whaley	JH/Varsity Softball	Varsity Football	Mini Cheer Camp
	Varsity Softball at	Princeton 5:30	Research Farm 8-3	at North Andrew	at Pattonsburg 7	Practice 8-9 am
	Norborne 5:30 start	Varsity Softball at	for Ag. Students	4:30 Start	Grandparents day	
	JH/JV Football at	Pattonsburg 5:30		Trapshoot practice	10:45 AM	
	Albany 5:00 start			at 4:00 leave 3:45	Booster tailgate	
14	15 JH softball	16	17	18	19	20
	at Winston 5	JH/Varsity Softball	Board of Education	JH Softball at	Varsity Football	
	Varsity Softball at	at King City 5:30	meeting at 6:00	Worth County 5:30	at Pattonsburg 7	
	Pburg starting 5:30	start	Mini Cheer Camp	Varsity Softball at	Mini Cheer Camp	
	JH/JV Football at		Practice 3:36-4:30	Pattonsburg 5:30	Performance at	
	Pattonsburg 5:00			Trap practice 4	half time	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Varsity Softball at	JH/Varsity Softball	Buckwheat softball	Varsity Softball at	Varsity Football	
	Winston 5:30	at Stanberry 4:00	tournament at	Winston 5:30	at Stanberry 7	
		JH/JV Football at	Pattonsburg 4:00	Trapshoot practice		
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		Mini Cheer half time				
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