



Greetings Panther Families,

Wow! Can you believe it, summer is almost over and "Back to School" time is upon us! We know many of you have been enjoying your summer break and we know many of you are ready for the return. The Admin Team has been hard at work over the summer and over the last few weeks preparing for the upcoming year.

We wanted to send some Back To School information your way as August quickly approaches. In the past we have sent home welcome letters and information, but as we are moving to integrate our RenWeb and ParentsWeb features more inclusively, we have opted to send home this information via email and ParentsWeb this year for our families (new families will also receive hard copies in the mail).

Orientation Day:

Orientation Day for all grades will be **Monday, August 13th**. The orientation times will be as follows:

Lower School (3rd-6th grades): 8:00am-10:00am in the Commons

Intermediate (7th-8th grades): 10:00am-12:00pm in the Commons

Primary (K-2nd grades): 2:00pm-3:00pm in the Primary Room

JYA (9th-12th grades): 2:00pm-3:00pm in the Commons

Please note that parents/families are expected to attend orientation day. You will receive important information and be able to walk your child's schedule. **The first day of school for all grades is Tuesday, August 14th.**

Supplies:

We try to keep our supply list very short for our families. In fact, we only require that you provide a **3 ring- zippered- binder** for your child in grades 3rd-12th grade. We will provide paper, dividers, pocket folders, etc. We just need you to provide the binder (see attached picture). These style binders made by Five Star are 15% off at Target this week with the Cartwheel app, but they can be found at Walmart, Office Depot, Staples, etc. No specific brand necessary.

Please note that Primary students, K-2nd, do not need any specific items. We will provide what they need.

One change this year, **all students 7th-12th grade will be asked to bring a personal pair of headphones** that will travel with them for computer use in the lab and when needed in the classroom. Students can choose over the ear style headphones or ear buds but they need to have an auxiliary plug in and cannot be bluetooth. Many students have expressed their wishes to use their own headphones due to different comfort styles and we would like to honor this. Students will be responsible for their own headphones in 7th-12th grade and we will recommend that they travel in their binders throughout the day.

Lunch ordering:

We have decided to keep our lunch ordering program with OrgsOnline versus moving it onto ParentsWeb. Please see the attached Lunch Ordering information for setting up your account if you do not have one and for getting your orders in. We do plan to have ordering in place for lunch on the first day of school. Lunch ordering will open August 2nd and will close Friday, August 10th. Please make sure your orders are in by August 10th as we will not be able to reopen the ordering or make extensions after this date.

ParentsWeb/FACTS:

Please make sure you have logged into your ParentsWeb account and set up your FACTS payment plan. If you are having difficulty setting your ParentsWeb account, please email Kori Mackall (kmackall@thepiedmontschool.com). Please note we are aware of an error on the FACTS page that a few families have received (ex: 500: system error/internal server not found). We have talked with FACTS and they are working to resolve this problem with their IT department. If you received this error please email Pam Garner (pgarner@thepiedmontschool.com). It has only happened with two families so far, but please let us know if it happens with you.

Office Hours:

The front office will be closed next week (July 30th-August 3rd). The Admin team will return on Monday, August 6th. If you have any questions between now and then please feel free to email or leave a voicemail on the school phone (336) 883-0992.

We hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of summer. We are very excited for another wonderful year at The Piedmont School and are looking forward to seeing all of our Panthers!