## **General Information**

## **Communication:**

**School Messenger:** This is the best source of information from the principal. I send out a weekly update to keep you abreast of what's happening, as well as how to access sports, school events and other important school information.

**West Sylvan Website:** Registration, bell schedules, school supplies, ParentVue link, Foundation donation link and other timely information. Check it out at <a href="https://www.pps.net/westsylvan">www.pps.net/westsylvan</a> <a href="https://www.pps.net/westsylvan">The new page will go live on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup></a>. The West Sylvan Website is a wealth of information not only about school events, but also about community activities and sports.

**ParentVue/StudentVue:** ParentVue and StudentVue are tools to give families the ability to monitor grades and assignment information securely from your internet browser at home or on your mobile devices. If you do not already have a ParentVue account, please contact the office.

As of August 15th, your student PPS password will no longer work. It needs to be changed.

Go to https://password.pps.net and follow prompts to change password

Please use default password Pps\_\_\_\_\_ (6 digit student ID#)

StudentVUE will re-enable on August 22nd. It will need your password. So will your apps4pps.net account

## Payments:

**New this year....** Schoolpay: SchoolPay is an online web tool that allows families to pay for items such as registration fees, athletic fees, event tickets, uniforms, and donations without having to make a special trip to the school or send a check with their students. It also provides the convenience of paying by Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card online or onsite. Parents and guardians are able to use one log-in at SchoolPay to see all items available to them. They will also be able to see the payment history for each of their students.

If you are a PPS parent or guardian who has provided your email address to the school district, you already have an account set up on SchoolPay. You simply need to activate it. To activate:

- 1. Go to pps.schoolpay.com
- 2. Click the padlock icon at the bottom right corner of the login section.
- 3. Provide your email address in the box provided and click the Reset button.
- 4. You'll receive an email with a link in it to reset your password. Click it.
- 5. Your browser will open a SchoolPay page entitled "Welcome Back" that provides a place to update your password.
- 6. After you've updated your password, return to the login screen, and you're all set.

## **Upcoming Events: (See table below for dates and times)**

<u>Back to School Registration:</u> Registration will be completed on line this year and will not require you to make a visit to the school! Please visit Schoolpay to complete registration related payments. All medical forms, student verification forms and walking field trip forms will be sent home with students on September the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please review these forms, make any changes needed, sign and return it to the school as soon as possible. This form is used to make sure all the contact information is current. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may contact a counselor for assistance.

<u>Back to School Nights:</u> You will meet your child's teachers and gain an understanding about the teachers' expectations for your child's learning. You will follow your child's schedule and spend about 15 minutes in each class. Please be on time, because we start promptly at 6:30 with your child's first period teacher. **This evening is an informative session for parents only.** 

Event	Date	Time
Schedules Available on ParentVue	Monday, August 22nd	After 12:00 noon
School Beautification	Saturday, August 27th	9:00am – noon
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (students only)	Monday, August 29th	9:15am – 3:45pm
First day of school for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tuesday, August 30th	9:15am - 3:45pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Night	Wednesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm - 8:00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Night	Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm - 8:00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Night	Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm - 8:00pm

<u>Busses:</u> If you need information about bus stops, go to the PPS website transportation link <u>www.pps.k12.or.us/depts-c/bus/</u>, or call 503-916-6901. Please send a note with your child when your child will be taking a different bus home from school or getting off at a different stop. The note will be turned into the office upon arriving at school.