

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope you have had a great summer and continue to enjoy these last few weeks before we are all back together again!

It's exciting and energizing to have students back in the building as the sports seasons are gearing up! Please see the information to the right for more extra curricular information and call the district office to have any of your questions answered in regard to these programs.

We have been preparing this summer to help the school year be an excellent one for your student. We want to spend our year doing what is best for the students of our school! We want to focus on communication this year and always want you to feel comfortable reaching out with any questions or concerns. We have a fabulous staff who is willing to do whatever it takes to help make your child's school experience successful and to help them reach their goals. As a school we want great relationships with our families and our community. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of the Prentice School District family.

We are lucky to have most of our staff returning from last year. Currently we are still working on a few changes as we get the schedules prepared throughout the building. We will have more information on new staffing and any changes in our emailed newsletter at the beginning of September. Please see the back of this letter for details on when you and your child can come to meet their teachers, get their schedule and locker prior to the first day of school!

Because we feel that the material students learn and the experiences students have in the classroom every day are very valuable, this year we want to emphasize the great importance of attendance. Studies show that regular and punctual attendance is one of the greatest predictors of success both in school and in adulthood. Parents, we ask that you partner with us to promote regular and punctual attendance practices. This gives your child the greatest academic experience and teaches the self-discipline of regular and punctual attendance for success here and in their future jobs.

The state law for attendance states that other than a doctor's note confirming an appointment on the day missed, students are allowed ten parent excused days for the year. These ten days include both vacations and sick days that did not require a doctor visit. These days do not include being absent due to school functions such as field trips or extra curricular activities. Thank you in advance for your help and partnership with our district! Together all of our students can achieve great success!

Let's keep up the Buccaneer tradition of excellence as we strive to do our best academically and in our extra curricular activities this year!

Let's make it a great year! Kati

### **Extra Curricular Info:**

- **HS Football** is underway! There is sill time left to join if you're considering.
- HS and MS Cross Country start on Monday, August 14th!
- HS Volleyball starts on Monday, August 14th!
- **Marching band** will start on Monday, August 21st! Please call school to let us know you are interested!
- MS Football will start on Tuesday, August 22nd!
- **MS Volleyball** will start on Monday, August 28th!



- If you plan to participate in any of these activities please call the high school office to see if you need a physical or an alternate year card!
- We can give you more details about practice times when you call as well!

#GoPrenticeBucs

Friday, September 1 • 8 am • 1st day of school!

# MARK YOUR CALENDER...

## **IMPORTANT DATES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS:**

- Tuesday, August 29th noon-3pm...**Returning HIGH** SCHOOL student Registration come get your schedule, locker, and meet your new teachers!
- Wednesday, August 30th 9am-noon...**HIGH SCHOOL Registration** come get your schedule, locker, and meet your new teachers!
- Wednesday, August 30th 1pm-5 pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/Registration**...all students grades 5-8 come, get your schedule and your locker, and meet your teachers!
- Wednesday, August 30th 5pm-6pm Freshman and New Student Orientation
- Wednesday, August 30th 6pm 7pm SPORTS MEETING <u>ALL ATHLETES</u>- FALL, WINTER, and SPRING-must attend with a parent!
- Elementary Meet the Teacher— Wednesday, August 30th—information included on scheduled times! If you have a middle school student save yourself a 2nd trip and stop down in our main office before or after your elementary visit!

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

School starts at 8am, Friday, September 1st

Our school days will be from **8am—3:15pm** for elementary and **8am-3:20pm** for HS/MS this year!

We're excited to see you soon!

#### LET'S REMEMBER WHAT WE STAND FOR, BUCS!

**B**E RESPECTFUL

**U**SE INTEGRITY

CHOOSE KINDNESS

SHOW SPORTSMANSHIP



#### SPORTING EVENTS BEFORE SCHOOL...

**8/19– VOLLEYBALL–** SCRIMMAGE IN NORTHLAND PINES 9AM

8/22- VOLLEYBALL-SCRIMMAGE IN 3 LAKES 10AM

8/24 MS & HS CROSS COUNTRY AT TIMM'S HILL 4:00 PM

8/28 MS & HS CROSS COUNTRY AT 9-MILE 4:30 AND JV/V VOLLEYBALL AT THORP 5 PM

**PLAN TO ATTEND!** 

AND FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SPORTS INFORMATION ....

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CLICK THE 2022-2023 ATHLETIC CALENDAR UNDER THE ATHLETIC TAB!