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Hello 2025/2026 Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Families,

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the brand-new Penhold Waskasoo Middle School! This incredible milestone marks the beginning of an exciting journey as we welcome students into a state-of-the-art learning environment designed to inspire growth, creativity, and community. As we step into this new building and a brand-new school year, we are filled with enthusiasm and anticipation. We can't wait to **SOAR** alongside our students—embracing new opportunities, building lasting connections, and creating a vibrant school culture where everyone can thrive. Here's to a fresh start and a fantastic year ahead at Waskasoo!

Please see some important information below to get you prepared for our next school year. If you have any questions, please give us a call at the office, 403-886-4390.

MEET THE TEACHER/OPEN HOUSE/WELCOME BACK BBQ

We will be hosting an open house, where students and their families can meet their teacher, see the brand new building, while eating a BBQ lunch and dropping off their school supplies. Our welcome back BBQ and open house is planned for **August 29th from 12:00PM to 2:00PM**. We are excited to see you there!

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

The first day of classes is **September 2nd, 2025**. The school doors will open at 8:20AM.

SCHOOL START AND SUPPLY LISTS

At PWMS, we offer the online orders of school supplies through the company School Start. Attached is their order form if you choose to order through them. Alternatively, if you like to purchase your own supplies, please see our Grade 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 supply lists for the 2025/2026 school year. All supply lists will be available on our school website under the [parent tab](#).

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Penhold Waskasoo encourages families to take part in our **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** program by providing a Chromebook for their child's use at school. While not required, having a personal device supports student learning by giving them consistent access to digital tools and resources used in the classroom. During the summer months, businesses like Staples and BestBuy offer deals on Chromebooks should parents/guardians wish to go with the BYOD route.

SCHOOL AGENDA FEES

Each student needs to purchase a school agenda, the cost of the agenda is **\$9.00** which can be paid online. These fees will be added to your school account.

LOCK FEE

A combination lock will be supplied to each student for their locker, at the cost of **\$12.00**. This fee will be applied to your quick pay account. Students should not share the combination with any other student. The school will have a master list of combinations in case a student forgets theirs. Locks are also equipped with a keyed entry which is used by administration only. Locks will be used from Grade 4 to Grade 12 at Penhold Crossing Secondary School. Students who use locks that are not provided by the school will have them cut off.

2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The entire [year calendar](#) can be found on our school [website](#).

ATTENDANCE

Please make the school aware if your child is absent for the day, you can call the school, (403) 886-4390, and leave a message. At 9:30 a.m. each day if we have not heard from parents, an automated call will be placed asking you to notify the school. **To allow the automated system to send you text messages, you will need to Opt-In by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 724665.**

NEW FAMILIES

If you see some new neighbors or know of families moving into the area, please encourage them to register at the school before school starts. The office will be open as of **August 26th** for people to come in and register. We may be adding staff so the earlier we know about new students the earlier we can get teachers in place for your kids!

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2025/2026

Time	Period		Time	Period
8:20-8:30	Student Arrival		12:15-12:35	Lunch
8:30-9:10	Block 1		12:35-12:55	Lunch Recess
9:10-9:40	Block 2		12:55-1:25	Block 7
9:40-9:45	Break		1:25-1:55	Block 8
9:45-10:15	Block 3		1:55-2:00	Break
10:15-10:45	Block 4		2:00-2:30	Block 9
10:45-11:05	Recess		2:30-3:05	Block 10
11:05-11:45	Block 5		3:05-3:10	End of Day
11:45-12:15	Block 6			

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please be sure to use our school website at all times throughout the school year. We will also post all grade level student supply lists on the website for your access over the summer, along with other information regarding the start-up of the 2025/2026 school year.

www.penholdwaskasoo.ca

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please be sure to like our school Facebook page! Throughout the year, we will post updates, reminders and photos on all the exciting learning opportunities that are happening at PES!

[Penhold Waskasoo School Facebook Page](#)

OUR MISSION, VISION, & CORE VALUES:

Mission: Penhold Waskasoo Middle School is a safe, inclusive, and positive community that ignites curiosity and innovative thinking to empower confident learners.

Vision: At Penhold Waskasoo Middle School, we develop confident, innovative lifelong learners who emphasize community, collective responsibility, and have the knowledge and skills to reach their full potential.

Core Values and Motto: "SOAR": Students On A Roll.....

S – Show Character

Demonstrating respect, responsibility, kindness, optimism, humility, and integrity.

O – Own Their Actions

Taking accountability and showing leadership in their behavior and work.

A – Aim High

Setting goals, striving for excellence, and pushing themselves beyond expectations.

R – Rise Above

Overcoming challenges, helping others, showing strength and going above and beyond in all they do.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Our school offers each student a nutritious morning breakfast thanks to the Alberta Government Initiative. Upon arrival at school, food will be set out for the students to eat in their homeroom class. The nutrition program will begin early September, while following guidelines from Alberta Health Services. We are grateful for our Nutrition Coordinator, Ms. Boorman who provides these nutritious breakfasts for our students.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our school offers a Hot Lunch Program each Tuesdays and Thursdays of the school year, and some Wednesdays, we will bring in vendors like Subway, Edo and Dairy Queen. All ordering must be completed online. We will send home information on the process in the fall. Hot lunches will be available for ordering on the first day of school and first lunch will be on September 16th. Orders are due for the month of September on September 11th at 8:00AM.

We wish you and your family a wonderful, safe summer and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, September 2nd, the first day of classes,** at 8:30AM for a great year of learning!

Wishing you a safe and fun filled summer!

Lisa Baird
Mrs. Lisa Baird
Principal

Giselle Meyer
Mrs. Giselle Meyer
Vice Principal