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Welcome to School! First Day of School - September 8

School Hours

Ponderosa Elementary School	8:50am to 3:10 pm
Prairie View Elementary School.....	8:50am to 3:10 pm
Mullan Trail Elementary School.....	8:55am to 3:15 pm
Seltice Elementary School	9:00am to 3:20 pm
West Ridge Elementary School	9:00am to 3:20 pm
Post Falls High School.....	7:45am to 2:25 pm
Post Falls Middle School	7:50am to 2:25 pm
River City Middle School	7:55am to 2:35 pm
New Vision High School	8:00am to 2:40 pm
Kindergarten morning.....	8:55 am to 11:40 am
Kindergarten afternoon	12:20 pm to 3:05 pm
Kindergarten Alternate Wednesday morning.....	8:55 am to 11:30 pm
Kindergarten Alternate Wednesday afternoon.....	12:20 pm to 3:05 pm

Student Registration Information

All new students should bring copies of their birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency when they register.

Kindergarten and elementary students may register at the appropriate school office beginning Thursday, August 20, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and need to accompany their parents to registration.

Middle School Registration

New middle school students may register at their designated middle school beginning Monday, August 24 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the respective school offices.

Pre-registered students report to school as follows:

POST FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 2

8 th grade	A-L	9:00-10:00	M-Z	10:00-11:00
7 th grade	A-L	1:00 2:00	M-Z	2:00-3:00
6 th Grade Orientation, 5:30pm; students and parents report to the main gym.				

RIVER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 2

8 th grade	A-L	9:00-10:00	M-Z	10:00-11:00
7 th grade	A L	1:00 2:00	M-Z	2:00-3:00
6 th Grade Orientation will be arranged on an individual basis.				

Middle School General Information

Class Schedules/Locker Assignments will be done on the first day of school.

Fees for project materials: Shop and art classes: \$10.00; Young Living Class: \$5.00

Student Activity Stickers: Stickers can be purchased during registration for \$10.00. The sticker allows students to attend all interscholastic home events during the year (except tournaments). All students in extra-curricular activities will be required to purchase a sticker.

Yearbooks: Students may order the 2009 2010 yearbook at registration. A CD Rom version of the yearbook will be offered. Prices will be announced.

Post Falls High School Registration

New students to our district may register at Post Falls High School beginning Tuesday, August 25. The following information is required to register:

Proof of Residency (rental agreement, utility bill, etc.)

Immunizations (shot record)

Birth Certificate

Transcript or IEP (including eligibility summary if applicable)

The high school registration form may be printed from the high school website at www.pfsd.com (High School, Counselor Corner). Beginning August 24 please call the counseling office at 773-5411 to set up an appointment to register.

Student schedules will be handed out on the first day of school in 1st period classes. Lists will be posted throughout the building for students to find their first class. There will be no schedule changes before school starts.

Freshman Link (orientation): Thursday, September 3, 7:55am-12:00pm. Lunch can be purchased for \$2.75. Contact PFHS for more information.

Athletic fees will be paid in groups. Each coach will bring his or her team to the office and the money will be collected. The coach will give the athletes a date so they can bring their money.

Class fees such as art, foods, photography, etc. will be paid as a class once school starts. The teacher will bring the students to the office one class at a time to pay. The teacher will give the students the date of payment so they can be prepared.

Yearbooks can be purchased in the office after school starts.

School pictures for all grades will be taken on September 9. ASB cards will be issued that day or the next depending on processing time. ASB stickers for non-athletes can be purchased in the office after school starts.

Parents may still write only one check to pay for any or all fees, or combine fees at any time. Fees are listed here. Questions? Call PFHS at 773-0581.

2009-2010 PFHS FEES

If you need financial assistance with any of the class fees please contact Mrs. Hodl in the Business Office.

CLASS LAB FEES:

Art: \$15.00 per semester

P.E.T.: \$15.00 per semester

Manufacturing: \$15.00 per semester

Digital Photography: \$15.00 per semester

Life Time Sports: \$65.00 per semester

Teen Living /Child Development - FCS: \$15.00 per semester

Foods & Nutrition- FCS: \$15.00 per semester

Computer Technology: \$15.00 per semester

Band/Guitar Class: \$17.00 per semester

Band Uniform Cleaning: \$5.00 per year

ACTIVITY FEE - ASB: Student activity stickers are \$30.00. This is a great savings to students as the sticker will allow a student to attend about 50 home events during the year. **ALL STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A STICKER.**

ACTIVITY SURCHARGE: A \$25.00 fee will be assessed to each student participating in a sport or activity who is a sophomore, junior, or senior. The fee is \$15.00 for freshman. Students will be assessed this fee for each sport or activity in which they participate. This fee helps offset the cost of travel, equipment and officiating. Activities include Quiz Bowl, Cheerleading, Dance/Flag Team, Speech/Debate, and Competition Drama, Choir, and Band. This fee is by the student=s grade in school, not the level of play.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need financial assistance with the above activity surcharge, please contact Mr. Christensen in the Activities Office.

YEARBOOKS: Yearbooks may be purchased for \$40.00 until December 1. The price will increase to \$45.00, without the student=s name on the cover, if purchased after the deadline. Senior photos for the yearbook are due by October 1. Most area photographers will take approximately 4-6 weeks to process your pictures.

All high school sports and activities are listed at www.highschoolsports.net

Student Insurance

Parents: Please be aware that Post Falls School District **DOES NOT** provide insurance to pay for medical or dental expenses when students are injured at school. Our goal is to provide a safe and caring environment for students. Even with the greatest precautions and the closest supervision, accidents can and do occur. Parents need to be prepared for possible medical expenses should their child be injured at school.

Student insurance is available, and multiple options are available with a one-time payment for the entire school year. The secretaries at each school have insurance enrollment forms.

The State of Idaho medical insurance program, Idaho Care Line, may provide free medical coverage if you meet the eligibility requirements. Call 211 or get more information at state.id.us/health_safety.

Immunization Requirements

Idaho Code requires that all students K-12 be fully immunized prior to enrollment in school. Students must have these immunizations: 4 DPT, 1 Measles/Mumps/ Rubella (MMR), 3 Polio and 3 Hepatitis B (if date of birth is after 11/22/91).

If date of birth is after 9/1/99, the child must have 5 DPT (unless 4th shot was after 4th birthday), 3 Polio, 2 MMR and 3 Hepatitis B immunizations as required by state law. If your child is not fully immunized, please contact the Panhandle Health District or your child=s physician.

Health Alert

If your child has a potentially life-threatening or chronic condition, please contact School Nursing Services at 773-6976. The school nursing staff will work with you to develop a safe plan of care for your child while at school.

Elementary Student Supplies

Complete school supply lists are included in each school=s link at www.pfsd.com. School supply lists are also available at the District Administrative Office, 206 W. Mullan Avenue, and at each school beginning August 19, 2009.

Student Transportation

In accordance with State Department of Education regulations, Post Falls School District provides busing for eligible public school students living within the District.

Busing is provided to and from one address only for students in grades 1-12 who live more than 1.5 miles from their designated school.

Busing is provided to and from school for kindergarten students attending the 2 2 day alternate schedule.

Kindergarten students attending the morning half-day schedule will be provided busing to school only. Those on the afternoon schedule will be provided busing from school only.

Please take into consideration that, in collaboration with parents/guardians, bus safety rules and guidelines are to be followed by students for their safety.

Please remember that any changes in student transportation, i.e., students riding with other students, different bus, or a different stop must have prior parent/guardian approval from the Transportation Office and is intended for emergency purposes only.

For more information regarding student transportation, routes and bus numbers, contact the Transportation Department at 773-4217.

Child Nutrition Program

A variety of breakfast and lunch items are available through the Child Nutrition Program. Students may take all menued items or may refuse one or two items offered each day, with the price remaining the same. Those students with allergies to milk, milk products or other foods should have a signed statement from a physician on file in the building kitchen. A monthly calendar of menus will be sent home with each elementary student.

Free and reduced meal applications are available through the Child Nutrition Office. If you have any questions regarding the school lunch or breakfast program, contact Annie Mader, Child Nutrition Director, at 773-1625.

Breakfast

Grades K - 5	\$1.55
Grades 6 - 12	\$1.80
Adult (includes tax).....	\$2.10

Reduced price breakfasts for students remain at 30¢.

School breakfast is offered in all buildings.

Lunch

Kindergarten.....	\$2.25
Grades 1 - 5	\$2.25
Grades 6 - 8.....	\$2.50
Grades 9 - 12.....	\$2.75
Adult (includes tax).....	\$3.25

Reduced price lunches for students remain at 40¢.

See monthly lunch menus for each school on-line at www.pfsd.com

GAP Child Care Program

The GAP before and after school child care program provides school-age families of the Post Falls School District with a well-rounded and safe environment in which children can engage in a wide-range of educational, fun activities. The GAP program complements the school academic program by helping students complete their regular day=s schoolwork as well as providing healthy snacks in the afternoon. The GAP program is funded, supported and maintained by parent fees.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the GAP Program can call Patty Martin at 777-8251 for rates, times and additional information. Information is also available on-line at www.pfsd.com.

Inclement Weather

School may close for the day when weather creates hazardous road conditions. School closures are announced between 5:45am and 8:00am on the following radio stations: KVNI, KJRB, KHQ, KGA, KXLY, KDRK and on television stations KREM-2, KXLY-4 and KHQ-6. School closures will be posted on the district website www.pfsd.com under the Emergencies link.

The winter months encompass a variety of conditions. Please be aware of cold, wind and ice, and dress your child accordingly.

School Volunteers and Guests

The Post Falls School District values its volunteers and welcomes guests. For the safety and well being of students, all volunteers and guests must check into the main office of each school to sign in and be issued a guest I.D.

District Phone Numbers

Frederick Post Kindergarten School	777-0479
Mullan Trail Elementary School.....	457-0772
New Vision High School	773-3541
Ponderosa Elementary School	773-1508
Post Falls Middle School	773-7554
Post Falls High School.....	773-0581
Prairie View Elementary School.....	773-8327
River City Middle School	457-0933
Seltice Elementary School	773-1681
West Ridge Elementary School	773-7291
G.A.P. Before/After School Program	777-8251
Food Service	773-1625
Transportation.....	773-4217

District Administration Office

206 W. Mullan Avenue, PO Box 40

Post Falls, ID 83877-0040

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Phone: 773-1658

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Office Hours: 7:30am - 4:30pm

Jerry Keane	Superintendent
Becky Ford.....	Assistant Superintendent
Barney Brewton	Director, Elementary Programs
JoAnn Curtis	Director, Special Education
Sid Armstrong.....	Director, Business Services

2009-2010 Calendar

August 19	Principals and Secretaries Return
September 8	First Day with Students
October 2.....	In-Service Day, No School K-12
November 6.....	End of First Quarter, No School K-12
November 11.....	Conferences, No School K
November 12.....	Conferences, No School K-12
November 13.....	In-Service Day, No School K-12
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break, No School
Dec 21 - Jan 1	Christmas Break, No School
January 18	Martin Luther King Day, No School
January 29	End of 2nd Quarter, No School K-12
February 12	In-Service Day, No School K-12

February 15 Presidents Day, No School K-12
March 24 End of 3rd Quarter, No School K-8
March 25 Conferences, No School K-8
March 26 No School K-8
March 26 End of 3rd Quarter, No School 9-12
Mar 29 - Apr 2 Spring Break, No School
May 31 Memorial Day, No School K-12
June 11 Last Day with Students
June 11 New Vision Alternative High School Graduation
June 12 Post Falls High School Graduation
June 14 Last Day for Teachers
June 28 Last Day for Principals and Secretaries