

PACIFIC GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER AUGUST EDITION

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

Greetings PGMS Families,

Well, the 2026-2027 school year has officially launched, and we are off to a great start!

I am thrilled to serve as the Interim Principal of PGMS. Having served as Assistant Principal for the last 12 years, I feel uniquely prepared to step into this role and maintain the incredible work we have done over that period. I know the culture, and I know the community, and look forward to finding ways to continually improve our school.

I look forward to seeing you all at **Back to School Night** on **Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet in the Performing Arts Center for a brief overview of our school and some introductions, and then you will follow your student's schedule to hear presentations from their teachers. Please be sure to bring your child's class schedule! See you then!

Jason Tovani

Interim Principal

Pacific Grove Middle School

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.
PGMS Auditorium

Please join us for this **PARENT ONLY** event. This is an opportunity for you to walk your student(s) schedule and see what they will be learning this year. Please have your student's schedule with you or you can view it via the ParentVue platform.

Teachers may have a few minutes for general questions during class, but to discuss specific questions about your child, please send the teacher an email.

Dinner

A PGMS PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISER

DON BETO'S TACO TRUCK

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, August 19th
5:30-7:30 p.m.

20% of proceeds is donated back to PTA!

THANK YOU

PGMS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT STUDENT SCHEDULE

Student Name: _____

NOTE: *If you don't have a Period 0 or a Period 8 & 9 class, write "NONE" in that space.*

- Mr. Dorey's PE classes are meeting in the Library.
- Ms. Pettas' PE classes are meeting in the Flex Lab.
- Mr. Masar's Chorus class will meet in the Music Room at 6:15 – 6:25 p.m.

Period	Subject	Teacher	Time	Room
0			6:15- 6:25 p.m.	
-----	Introductory with Principal	Auditorium	6:30- 6:45 p.m.	
1			6:51- 7:00 p.m.	
2			7:04- 7:13 p.m.	
3			7:17- 7:26 p.m.	
4			7:30- 7:39 p.m.	
5			7:43- 7:52 p.m.	
6			7:56- 8:05 p.m.	
FOS (afterschoolclass)			8:09- 8:18 p.m.	
8 & 9* (afterschoolmusic classes)			8:09- 8:18 p.m.	

School Reminders

PGMS Student/Parent Handbook

The [2026-2027 handbook](#) is updated annually. It is part of the online registration process that you should have read. Students are expected to be familiar with the Student/Parent Handbook.

• OFFICE HOURS

7:30 A.M.- 3:30 P.M.

• LIBRARY OPENS AT 8:05 A.M.

• DOORS OPEN AT 7:40 FOR 0 PERIOD CLASSES

• DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 FOR ALL THE STUDENTS

Absences

You are able to report your student(s) absence through the following:

1. ParentVue Platform-enter ALL DAY absence(s).
2. Attendance Office- call **831.647.6577** to leave a message
3. Email our Attendance Clerk, Luciana Morgan, at lmorgan@pgusd.org

Attendance
Questions?

If we have not heard from you by 9 a.m., you will receive an automated message to let you know that your student(s) has been marked absent. Any absence(s) **NOT cleared within 72 hours** will be recorded as **UNEXCUSED**.

Early Release & Appointments

If your student needs to leave early for a medical appointment or other reasons, **please call** the school office, 831-646-6568, preferably **60 minutes in advance**. This way we can have your student in the office to be picked up and signed out by the parent/guardian.

Please have your student bring the doctor's note to the office to clear the absence.

Justifiable Absence Requests

The school administration reviews all attendance appeals. Families can download or print the Justifiable Absence Form for short-term Independent Study from the district website. The completed form must be submitted to the school office or sent via email to lmorgan@pgusd.org, **at least TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the intended absence.



EXCERPTS FROM THE STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

BICYCLES & SKATEBOARDS

CA Law states students
MUST wear a **HELMET**.

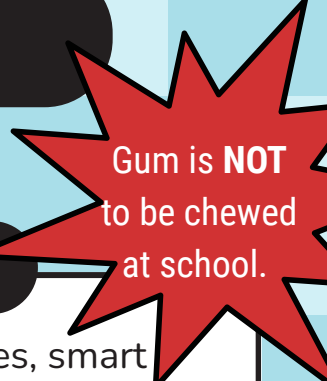
Once students arrive on campus before entering the black gates, they **MUST walk** their bike on campus & **carry** their skateboard on campus. Students must provide their own bike lock.

PGUSD is not responsible for lost or damaged items.



CELL PHONES ETC...

Cell phones, music devices, smart watches, and all portable media devices, including e-readers, must be turned off and stored inside lockers during regular school hours and may not be used inside the school.



Gum is **NOT**
to be chewed
at school.

MESSAGES & FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Student Messages: Please do not call the office to leave messages for your student(s), unless it is an absolute EMERGENCY, as it disrupts the classes & interferes with learning.

Forgotten Items: Students who have forgotten lunches, PE clothes, schoolwork, etc...will need to check back with the office to see if the item was dropped off.

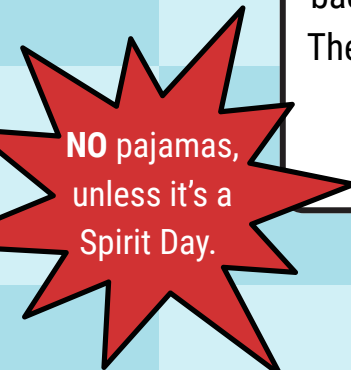


Plan Ahead: Please make every effort to have your daily plans settled the night before or the morning before your student arrives to school. Have a plan for rainy days, minimum days, pick up locations etc...

We do NOT have the office personnel to handle the volume of calls that occur sending messages and reminders to students to pick up their forgotten item.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

We would like all students to gather in the back of the school to enter at the 8:30 bell. The student drop off area in the back of the school is loading and unloading. Please **DO NOT** block driveways.



NO pajamas,
unless it's a
Spirit Day.

FRAGRANCE FREE

Per Board Policy, PGMS is a fragrance-free environment. Students may not use spray fragrances or spray deodorant at any time.

*For more information, please reference the
[Student/Parent Handbook](#).*

Sports Information

Please let your students know that all of the sports sign-ups, practices and try-out information will be given out in their 1st period classroom via the Video Bulletin.

If your student makes the team, the coach will send correspondence via email to the parents, and athletes. Coaches will be using the student's PGUSD emails, so please remind your athlete to check their school emails daily.

Didn't make the team?

If your student didn't make the team they were hoping for, Cross Country doesn't make cuts and accepts everyone. Join us for scavenger hunts, BBQ'S, zombie run, fun Fridays and more! Last day to join is Monday, August 24, after that our team is closed. For more information, check out breakersxc.org or mscrosscountry@pgusd.org.

Per Board Policy, students must have a current sports physical on file in the office prior to try-outs.

Questions?

Please contact
Melissa Gibson,
mgibson@pgusd.org

Late Fall & Winter Sport: Basketball

Spring Sports: Tennis, Golf, Wrestling, Track & Field

Is your student on a Fall Sport Team?

Mandatory Fall Sportsmanship Night on
Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 p.m., PGMS Gym.
Get information about the season, Meet the Coach,
and fill out IMPORTANT paperwork.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday
August 25
5:30 p.m.

PTSA

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**THANK
YOU!**

*Come early & sweeten up your
Sportsmanship Night
\$5.00 donation*



Come meet parents,
get news, have fun,
and elevate your
child's school
experience!

**PGMS PTSA General Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
PGMS Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

We hope to see you there!

OHANA MENTAL FITNESS GROUP

Hello PGMS parents,

Ohana Mental Fitness Group are back at PGMS! Teens are faced with day-to-day challenges that can contribute to feeling stressed. I'm here to help build good mental health so teens can feel a sense of resilience and face life's challenges.

Mental Fitness Groups are a voluntary opportunity for students to build resilience, manage stress, and strengthen healthy habits that support emotional well-being. Through fun, interactive activities, students learn practical skills such as mindfulness, self-awareness, healthy habits, and coping strategies that can help them navigate everyday stressors. Groups meet on campus Tuesdays once per week during PE for 8 sessions and are limited to 12 students or fewer. This is not therapy, but a skills-based program focused on stress management, emotional wellness, and personal growth. Snacks and fidgets are provided. Parents will receive a Mental Fitness Parent Guide to help reinforce the skills at home. Students will also complete a brief well-being survey before and after the program to help me evaluate its effectiveness.

Sign your student up on the PGMS Counseling homepage by clicking '[Ohana Mental Fitness Google Form](#)'.

For questions, please contact Brian Boles, LMFT, LPCC, Ohana Mental Health Educator, at bboles@pgusd.org.

Thank you for supporting your child's mental fitness and well-being!

FREE EYE CLINIC

Free Eye Clinic Sponsored and Run by the Lions Club of District 4-C6

- Sunday, August 23, 2026
- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Monterey County Office of Education
- 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA 93901
- By appointment only – space is limited
- Services include:
 - Optometrist eye screening
 - Vision and glaucoma testing
 - Recycled glasses
 - Other eye services
- No medical insurance or identification is required.

Registration is open August 10–20. People can reserve an appointment using the QR code on the flyer or the appropriate link:

English: tinyurl.com/Salinas-Vision-Clinic-Aug-2026

Spanish: tinyurl.com/Salinas-Clinica-de-Vision-2026

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NO
SCHOOL

Monday,
September 7,
Labor Day
Holiday



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Thursday, September 9

The picture order forms will be handed out in your student(s) 1st period class as the date gets closer. Pictures will be taken during their P.E. period. They will not dress out on picture day. If your student is not purchasing pictures, they still need to have their picture taken so it can be in the yearbook. Picture retakes are on January 7, 2026. (flyer below)

No Picture Taken = No picture in the yearbook

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To help raise money for your student(s) Outdoor Science School, please visit the Walk With Pride website and make sure to include your student's name to mark it for Outdoor Science School. The fee for Outdoor Science School is \$500. 6th graders are scheduled to go November 3- 6, 2026. More information will be sent to 6th grade families.



FALL INTO BINGO

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of fun, prizes, and school spirit!

Pacific Grove Middle School is thrilled to announce our 1st Annual Fall Into Bingo Fundraiser—replacing our Fall Honors Breakfast! A food truck will be available and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to PGMS PTSA. This is the ultimate chance for all PGMS students and families to come together, mingle, and celebrate our incredible school community. Every card you play directly supports our PTSA, raising vital funds to power student-created lunch clubs—the very groups that keep our campus vibrant, creative, and connected!

Event Details

What: 1st Annual Fall Into Bingo Fundraiser

Why: To connect our PGMS family, fund student lunch clubs, support PGMS PTSA

Who: ALL PGMS students, parents, and families welcome!

Mark your calendars, bring your lucky charms, and come support the PTSA as we yell BINGO for a great cause! Please see flyer below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PGMS & PGMS PTSA PRESENTS

1ST
ANNUAL

FALL *Into*

BRING YOUR
FAMILY &
FRIENDS!

BINGO FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN WITH BINGO,
PRIZES, FOOD TRUCK, POPCORN, AND LEMONADE BAR
TO SUPPORT OUR LUNCH CLUBS & PGMS PTSA!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Pacific Grove Middle School Gym

GYM DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.



**FOOD TRUCK
OPENS AT 4:30 P.M.
PERCENTAGE OF SALES
WILL GO TOWARDS
PGMS PTSA.**

**BINGO STARTS AT 5:30 - 6:30 PM
BINGO CARD SALES WILL GO
TOWARDS LUNCH CLUBS.**

**SCAN QR CODE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS**



**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$20
AT THE DOOR: \$25**



Pacific Grove Middle School *Picture Day!*

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
miércoles, 9 de septiembre de 2026

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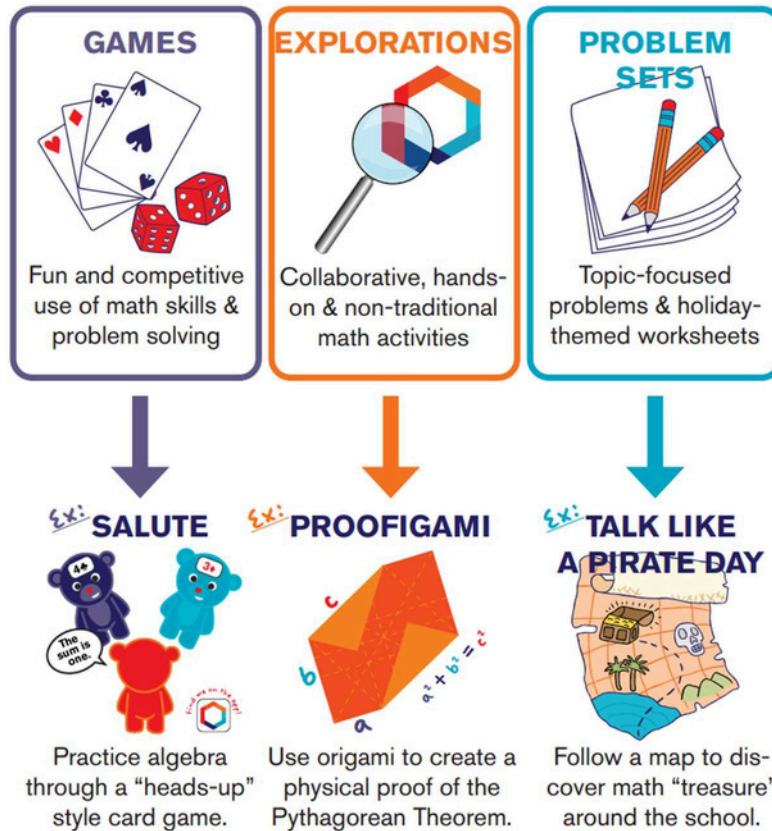
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Pacific Grove Middle School is seeking members for our National Math Club and MATHCOUNTS Competition Team.

This is for children who enjoy math and desire more opportunities to:

(1) have fun doing mathematics, (2) explore more math topics than typically taught in school, (3) attempt very challenging problems, and (4) meet other students with similar interests. Students are encouraged to sign up for Alcumus (free): <https://artofproblemsolving.com/alcumus> and to watch MATHCOUNTS Minis <https://www.mathcounts.org/resources/mathcounts-minis>.

We will meet Wednesday, 3:05-4:30PM, in Mr. Mountain's classroom, on school days without an early release. No transportation provided.

Please RSVP at least 24hrs prior to joseph.pedersen@hotmail.com
SUBJECT: MATHCOUNTS, so that I can print enough materials.