

Hello Panther Families,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of September. As we come to the end of the month it is important to remember that attending school is the most important aspect to student success.

We realize some absences are for health or other reasons but, when students are absent two or more days a month (or 18 days over the school year), they can fall far behind in what they learn. Excused and unexcused absences both mean missing classroom learning time.

Absences can add up. Missing just two days every month puts students at risk of falling behind.

Some attendance tips:

- Make sure your child keeps a regular bedtime and establishes a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones, and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day

Stay connected with Poulsbo Middle School this year by following us on both Instagram and Facebook. This is a great way to see the many things happening and stay up-to-date with events and activities throughout the year.

Make it a great day!

Josh Emmons
Principal

Upcoming Events:

- 9/30 – LEO Club
- 9/30 – Volleyball w/ Woodward Middle School
- 10/1 – Earth Stewardship Club
- 10/1 – Gathering Club
- 10/2 – Cross Country @ Forks Middle School
- 10/2 – Football w/Stevens Middle School
- 10/2 – Volleyball @ Blue Heron Middle School
- 10/7 – LEO Club
- 10/7 – Volleyball @ Stevens Middle School
- 10/9 – Cross Country @ Poulsbo Middle School
- 10/11 – Pep Assembly

Links:

[Poulsbo Middle School Facebook Page](#)

[North Kitsap School District Strategic Plan](#)

[Poulsbo Middle School Calendar](#)