

JR. PANTHER NEWS

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2020-21 School Year Brings Big Changes to PJH

This year when students and staff returned, they noticed a lot of changes, including new flooring in the cafeteria and a freshly painted office, library, and other classrooms. Many changes were made to help keep us safe from COVID-19. Upon entering the building each day, students must have their temperatures checked. In teachers' classrooms, students sanitize their hands, and desks are disinfected at the end of each class. We eat lunch in classrooms because our cafeteria isn't large enough to allow for social distancing. The biggest change, however, is wearing masks in the hallways and whenever we can't be six feet apart. We asked some students how they feel about wearing masks in school.



"It is what it is."

-Cole Keeten



"I don't like them, but it's necessary."

-Hannah Kennedy



"It stinks."

-Tanner Horinek

"It makes us look funny."

-Johnna Ebner



"I don't like them."

-Brooke Hanchett



"I think they are good to slow the spread, but I don't like wearing them."

-Aden Shaw



"I don't like them."

-Brooke Hanchett

"I think it's a good safety precaution."

-Griffin Hamons



"I'm fine with it."

-Tessa Ragsdale



Mr. Gehring Joins Middle School Staff

This year we have a new PE and Wellness teacher in the building, Mr. Blake Gehring. He is also teaching classes at the high school and coaching football, basketball, and track. He grew up in Palco, KS and went to Bethany College for one year and Fort Hays State University for five years. He's been teaching for four years, and his favorite PE game is dodgeball. Welcome to PJH, Mr. Gehring!



Say Cheese For New Pubs Students 📷 😊

Mrs. Molzahn has a new class of Publications students ready to interview students and staff members and take pictures of activities and events. Please smile when they bring the camera around!

5th Graders Point Out Benefits of Middle School

Coming to middle school is quite a change for the fifth graders. It's a bigger building, they see a lot more teachers, and they have more freedom. We asked them what they like about moving up.



"Probably band."

-Aerianna Gruber



"It's a bigger school."

-Corbin West



"Middle school is not as confusing."

-Jacalynn Craig



"It's bigger."

-Miles Krom



8th Grader

I am a boy. I have green eyes. I live in town. I have 2 sisters and 1 step brother. I have 1 dog and 1 cat. I like wearing sweats. I would rather wear slides than crocs. My favorite sports are baseball and football. My favorite movies are "21 and 22 Jump Street." My favorite candy is sweet tarts. I like country music. My favorite book is "Lone Survivor." During my free time, I like to play with dogs and ride bikes. Who am I?

6th Grader

I am a boy. I have brown eyes. I live in town. I have 1 sister and 3 brothers. I have 1 pet. My favorite color is green. I like wearing sweats. I would rather wear slides than crocs. My favorite sport or activity is basketball. My favorite movie is "Because of Winn Dixie." My favorite candy is Reese's. I like pop music. My favorite book is "Dork Diaries." During my free time, I like to watch YouTube. Who am I?

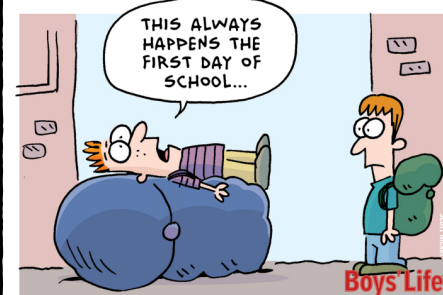
7th Grader

I am a girl. I have greenish-blue eyes. I live in the country. I have 1 brother. I have 10 pets. My favorite color is purple. I like wearing sweats. I would rather wear crocs than slides. My favorite sport is basketball. My favorite TV show is "Stranger Things." My favorite candy is a Milky Way. I like pop music. My favorite book is "Wonder." During my free time, I like to play sports with my friends. Who am I?

5th Grader

I am a girl. I have brown eyes. I live in town. I have 1 sister and 1 brother. I have 1 pet. I like wearing sweats. I would rather wear crocs than slides. My favorite sport is dance. My favorite movie is "Mamma Mia." My favorite candy is Pixie Stix. I like hip hop music. My favorite book is "Finally." During my free time, I like to watch shows. Who am I?

First Day Funnies 😊



Secret Staff Member 😎

I am a para. I have blue eyes. I live in the country. I have 1 brother. I have 2 dogs. I like wearing jeans. I would rather wear slides than crocs. My favorite activity is walking. My favorite TV show is "Grey's Anatomy". My favorite candy is gummy bears. I like country music. My favorite book is "Where The Crawdads Sing." During my free time, I like to read and take walks. Who am I?