



# Pride Press

September, 2022

## FSSD Vision Statement

Excellence in Teaching  
and Learning for All

## PGES Mission Statement

We are a community of  
creative and passionate  
learners committed to  
continuous improvement.

September 2  
Early Dismissal

September 5  
No School

Welcome BACK!

We have missed our students so much, and it has been great to have everyone back. I am thrilled to share the recently released state data. Our students, teachers, and YOU worked so hard to make tremendous academic gains last year. Thank you!

	TVAAS score out of 5	Rank in FSSD
ELA	4	1st (tie)
Math	5	1st
Composite	5	1st

Together in education,  
Alisha Erickson

## Groovin at the Grove



Make plans to attend our 8th annual  
“Groovin’ at the Grove” Fun Run, September 16.



This will be an all day family fun event that you will NOT want to miss! Students will be running to raise money for PGES. We plan to use the funds to buy a Lü for our new gym. Check out what a Lü is by scanning this QR code.

Look for more information to come about how you can help make this event a smashing success.



## A FEW REMINDERS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Children have PE everyday. PLEASE remember to wear tennis shoes.

- Wear shorts under dresses and skirts.
- Send a Doctor's note to Nurse B if a student is unable to participate.
- Be sure your K-4 child knows how to tie their shoes.

We look forward to a great year!!!



PGS MAC will be open until 6:00pm on the September 2nd Early Dismissal Day. Please sign up in the front office.

MAC will be closed September 5th for Labor Day.

## Arrival and Dismissal

Here are some things you can do to help us keep things moving quickly and safely...

- Leave as LITTLE SPACE as POSSIBLE between your car and the car in front of you. This prevents us from having cars backed up on the road.
- Have your child get ready as soon as you turn into the parking lot and ready to open the door when you stop.
- Turn right when exiting the parking lot.



**Back-to-School Anxiety** is a common challenge, especially for grade school kids. Here are some helpful tips to help your child ease their nerves and have a successful school year.

- 1) **CHECK IN WITH YOURSELF.** Noticing and managing our own worries helps to avoid passing anxiety along to our children. Anxiety can be contagious.
- 2) **LISTEN and PRAISE.** Instead of dismissing your child's emotions (i.e., "You'll do great. There's nothing to worry about"), try to listen and acknowledge your child's feelings (i.e., "Tell me more. I know that's hard."). Also give praise for specific acts of bravery (i.e., "You felt scared to go to school and you did it anyways."). This encourages self-esteem and confidence.
- 3) **LET SCHOOL STAFF KNOW.** Reach out to teachers, aides, school psychologist and/or school nurse to communicate your child's anxiety about school. Strong parent-school staff relationships make all the difference for your child's social, emotional, and academic well-being.

Use the link and/or QR code to reach the full article on back-to-school anxiety, by Child Mind Institute. <https://childmind.org/article/back-school-anxiety/>



**Be the first to know and have a behind the scenes look at what is happening in our school by following us on Twitter and liking us on Facebook.**



## **There is an App for that!**

The FSSD has an App. Stay up to date on the most recent tweets, posts and announcements from your school and the district through the Activity Stream. Check out the calendar and add events to your device on the fly! You can login to Skyward Family Access, view menus, pay your cafeteria account, access our new Tip Line, or just scroll through the fun pictures in the photo album!



## **Ms. Johnson's Counselor's Corner**

I am so excited to be at Poplar Grove Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year! We will be starting the month focusing on themes related to this quarter's character word, RESPECT. I will be getting to know your students as well as discussing topics such as listening skills, following rules, and interpersonal relationships.

As we all know, starting a new school year can be stressful. In times of stress, try blowing bubbles!



**We are so excited to have students checking books out of the library! One of the skills we are working on is remembering to put library books in a safe place, away from pets or younger siblings. Please help us establish good habits with library books by putting books in a safe place and returning them on time. We appreciate your help with this!**

## **Notes from Nurse B**

If your child has asthma or an allergic reaction that requires a health care plan and medication at school, please contact Nurse B at [boyntonmar@fssd.org](mailto:boyntonmar@fssd.org) or on her direct line at (615) 472-3906.

Parents of pre-k and kindergarten students, please send additional clothing for your child to keep in his/her locker in case of urinary accident.



## Kindergarten

We are so proud of our newest PGES students! They are working hard learning rules and procedures for school.

Kindergarten parents are also doing a great job helping them to be independent by allowing students to walk to the classrooms by themselves. Students need to remember to bring a snack to school every day. Please also send in a change of clothes to keep at school.

### 3rd and 4th-Grade Students

Don't forget to charge Chromebooks at home each night and remember to bring them back to school in their case everyday.



### PBIS Corner

PBIS = Positive Behavior Intervention & Support. This year our School-wide positive behavior support program will focus on four-character words. They are RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, and KINDNESS. Each grade level teacher will be incorporating social emotional learning activities focusing on these character traits throughout the year as part of our PBIS program. We can't wait to share more with you each month.

# Now Hiring!

Substitute teachers,  
paraprofessionals,  
custodians and food service  
staff



StaffEZ

Apply online  
@ [staffez.org](http://staffez.org)  
Contact Mary Johnson  
855-747-8233



School picture day is  
Wednesday, September 7. Be  
sure to bring your best smile!

## **ATTENDANCE - What to do if your child is absent or late to school.**

When your child is absent please do the following:

1. Call the school @ 615-790-4720 or email the attendance secretary, Kristen Brown, at [brownkri@fssd.org](mailto:brownkri@fssd.org) to let us know why your child is absent. This will prevent your child from being placed on the morning dialer.
2. When your child returns, please send a Dr. Note or a parent note that includes the student name, date(s) of absence, and the reason the child was absent. You have 7 school days to return this note.

Please keep in mind, a parent note does not necessarily excuse the absence but the documentation helps. For a list of approved absences please view the student handbook on our website.

We all have "those mornings" and sometimes run a bit behind. If the ladies who are outside at arrival have left their positions and the "Oops Sign" is you will need to park and walk your child into the office to sign to school.



**We love our PGS families and always welcome you to join us for lunch, but we would like to extend a special invitation for grandparents to join us on September 12. The cafeteria will be serving up something special on this day so we can celebrate Grandparents Day.**

**We hope to have many grandparents in attendance and we look forward to meeting them. Adult lunch is \$6.00**

**We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sweet Blessings & Creations by Sail Bonifacio for the beautiful back to school photo area she created.**



## **Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day**

On Thursday, October 27<sup>nd</sup> PGS is hosting a To-Go Spirit DAY! Stop by the Columbia Ave. Chick-Fil-A anytime between 6:30am - 9:00pm. Stop by Chick-Fil-A (Columbia Ave.), order your food, and BEFORE YOU PAY tell the cashier team member you are there to support Poplar Grove; a portion of your sale will be donated to PGS.

Mom or dad can stop by and order breakfast before heading to work, grandparents can take younger siblings to pick-up lunch, and families and teachers can come by anytime after school or sporting events are over and take home a great meal! "Eat more chicken" and help make this ENTIRE DAY a success!!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you available on Thursdays? We have an urgent need for help with the delivery of Fuel Bags from Graceworks to PGS! View the sign-up to pick a Thursday that works for you. This opportunity blesses our students and community so much. Your support helps to provide food for so many children over the weekend.

For more information, email Amy Webb  
[amy.r.webb@gmail.com](mailto:amy.r.webb@gmail.com) or sign up here.



Earning cash for Poplar Grove School is easy! Just scan your receipts with the Box Tops app.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

## HUGE Thanks from PTO

The PTO Staff Appreciation Committee would like to thank all the parents who donated food for the staff back-to-school breakfast! It was a great way to kick off the school year and the Staff Appreciation Committee appreciates you greatly!

They also want to extend a huge thank you to all the families who have already supported the PTO Teacher Appreciation Fund!

# Thank You!

**Grocery Store School Partnerships** - PGS receives funds from local stores simply because you shop there and have registered your account with our school's information. This is such a simple way for PGS to receive "free" money from several local businesses. Please take a few moments to register with the following organizations and encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to do the same.



**Kroger** - Visit <http://www.kroger.com> to assign your Kroger Plus card to this program. Click "Community Rewards" - then click "Enroll Now" - then select Poplar Grove - Link card(s). Swipe your Kroger Plus Card each time you shop to earn money for PGS.

**Publix** - Visit <http://www.publix.com> to link your Club Publix account. Click "My Publix Partner" and select Poplar Grove School PTO. Every time you shop, enter the phone number associated with your account. It's that easy!



Is your student a car rider or walker? Can you arrive at the school by 2:00pm for dismissal? If you answered YES to these questions, you can help! Your Poplar Grove PTO is in need of volunteers to help with car rider dismissal every day from 2:00-2:30. Volunteers will utilize Google Sheets to identify who is in the car rider line and communicate that information to teachers. This is a rain or shine commitment! You need to be familiar with spreadsheet applications (Excel, Google Sheets) and willing to download the app for Google Sheets to your phone. Sign up here:



We love to support and cheer on our PGS athletes. In the following pages you will find all of the PGS fall sport schedules. See you at the games!

Adoramos apoyar y animar a los atletas de PGS. En las siguientes páginas Ud. encontrará a los horarios deportivos del otoño para PGS. Nos vemos en los partidos!



## PGS/FMS Football Schedule

(Played on the fields at FIS)

### Varsity Football Schedule 2022

Date	Team	Location	Time
August 11	Hillsboro	FMS	6:00
August 18	Legacy	Legacy	5:00
August 25	Page	Centennial High	6:00
September 1	Grassland	Grassland	6:00
September 8	Woodland	Centennial High	6:00
September 15	Heritage	Centennial High	6:00
September 22	Brentwood	Brentwood High	6:00
September 27	County championship	TBD	TBD

### JV Football Schedule 2022

Date	Team	Location	Time
August 16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	5:00
August 23	Legacy	FMS	5:00
August 30	Page	Page	6:00
September 6	Grassland	FMS	5:00
September 20	Heritage	Heritage	4:30
September 27	Brentwood	FMS	5:00



## **Poplar Grove Tennis 2022**

***Try outs: Aug. 16 – 3:15 to 4:30 @ Jim Warren Park***

***Practice Dates:***

August – 17, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29 @ Jim Warren Park- 3:15-4:30

Sept. – 1, 9, 16, 19, 23 @ Jim Warren Park- 3:15-4:30

***Match Dates:***

Aug. 24-	USN	Away	B & G	4:00
Sept. 6-	Curry Ingram	Away	B & G	3:45*
Sept. 7-	DCA	Home	B & G	3:30
Sept. 8-	FRA	Away	B & G	3:30
Sept. 12-	Grace Christian	Home	B & G	3:30*
Sept. 14-	CPA	Home	B & G	3:30*
Sept. 15-	Freedom	Home	B & G	3:30
Sept. 20-	Harding Academy	Home	B & G	3:30*
Sept. 21-	BGA	Home	B & G	3:30*
Sept. 26-27	Girl/s HVAC Tourney		@JWP	TBA
Sept. 28-29	Boy's HVAC Tourney		@JWP	TBA

Coach [Stevens-stevensran@fssd.org](mailto:Stevens-stevensran@fssd.org)

Coach Neal- [neallan@fssd.org](mailto:neallan@fssd.org)

**Division Matches: \***

***Grace Christian Academy  
Curry Ingram***

***BGA  
CPA***

***Harding Academy  
St. Celica***



## Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference 2022 Fall Cross Country

<u>Day, Date, Time</u>	<u>Location (Host) /Opponents</u>
<u>Week 1</u>	
Thu Aug 25 4:30	@ Vaughn's Gap (BA,SMS) HA, MBA, HH, USN, CPA, Pope, FRA @ Harlinsdale (LA, GCA) BGA, ENS, SC/OB, PG
<u>Week 2</u>	
Thu Sept. 1 4:30	@ Ensworth HS (ENS) BGA, SC/OB, HA, CPA, GCA @ USN River Campus (USN) SMS, FRA, BA, HH, MBA, Pope, LA, PG
<u>Week 3</u>	
Thu Sept. 8 4:30	@ Vaughn's Gap (CPA, SMS) ENS, HH, MBA, HA, USN, SC/OB, Pope, LA @ Harlinsdale (BGA, FRA) BA, GCA, PG
<u>Week 4</u>	
Thu Sept. 15 4:30	@ Vaughn's Gap (HA) FRA, BA, SMS, SC/OB, GCA, PG @ Ensworth HS (ENS) HH, MBA, CPA, USN, Pope, LA
<u>Week 5</u>	
Thu Sept. 22 4:30	@ Vaughn's Gap (MBA, HH) BGA, BA, FRA, LA, PG @ USN River Campus (USN) HA, ENS, SC/OB, SMS, CPA, Pope, GCA

### Week 6

**Wed/Thu Sept. 28/Sept. 29 @ USN River Campus**

**Sept. 28 – Division A Finals @ 4:30 and 5:00 (full teams)**

5/6 Girls Race at 5:30

***Awards Ceremony –varsity girls***

5/6 Boys Race at 6:00

***Awards Ceremony - varsity boys***

***Awards Ceremony – 5/6 girls and boys***

**Sept. 29 – Division AA Finals @ 4:30 and 5:00 (only top 15 from each school)**

JV race will start at 5:30



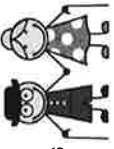


***Awards Ceremony – varsity girls and boys***

2022 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Wednesday, August 17	Battle Ground A/B	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Monday, August 22	Grace Christian	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Wednesday, August 31	@ CPA	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Friday, September 2	@ Harding	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Wednesday, September 7	@ Battle Ground C/D	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Friday, September 9	@ Valor	JV 4:30/Varsity 5:30
Wednesday, September 14	Pope Academy	JV 4:30/Varsity 5:30
Friday, September 16	USN	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5pm
Monday, September 19	@ FRA	JV 4:30/Varsity 5:30
Wednesday, September 21	@ Lipscomb	JV 4 pm/Varsity 5 pm
Friday, September 23	HVAC Play In @ TBD	TBD
Monday, September 26	HVAC Semi Finals @ Harpeth Hall	TBD
Wednesday, September 28	HVAC Finals @ Harpeth Hall	TBD

TBD - To be determined

# SEPTEMBER

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					11:30 Early Dismissal Pride Time Groovin Kick off 8:15	
4	5 Labor Day No School	6	Christine House's Bday	7 Picture Day 	8	9
					3rd Grade Science Center	10
11	12 Grandparents Lunch  HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!	13		14	15	16
					Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Cynthia Kent's Bday	Groovin' at the Grove Christina Kandukuri and Amelia Coe's Bday
18	19	20		21	22	23
				Scouts here in Morning	6:30 Boy Scout Interest Meeting	Sylvie Watt's Bday
25	26 Rosh Hashana	27	Jennifer Marotta's Bday	28	29	30
				Groovin \$\$ Due 	1:30 Groovin Awards 	Linda Bruce's Bday
				Notes:		