

Java with Jeff
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Sports Options

Principal Jeff McGowan is on a task force to work on which sports are offered for the Issaquah School District Middle Schools. There are varying factors that come in to play when picking sports such as budget, hiring coaches and community representation. There are future meetings to discuss the sports being offered.

Activity Buses

Currently there are two activity bus routes. There has been some concern for the number of students needing to walk longer distances to reach their homes, especially as we enter the winter months. If you have a concern with the activity bus route and interested in adding a closer stop location, please email the ISD transportation department directly at transportation-eneews@issaquah.wednet.edu. Jeff will also follow up with them.

Devices during School

A question was asked about the use of cell phones and laptops during lunch. Jeff explained there have been some schools to ban electronic devices during the entire school day. These schools have reported issues arise when this was enforced such as students leaving classes to use cell phones and it's also difficult for the staff to enforce no devices all day.

After consulting with both students, staff and parents, Jeff concluded that allowing electronic devices before and after school as well as during lunch is a good compromise. This policy is reviewed annually every Spring.

Orchestra

We are sad to see Mrs. Shade's departure but so thankful to Mrs. Daugherty for filling in the remainder of the school year. This staff position is open next year and will be posted in the Spring.

After School Homework Help

Starting next week there will be some after-school opportunities for homework help. Watch the weekly school bulletin for the available subjects and days.

Homework & Test Retakes

The PCMS staff is encouraged to be open and adapt to different students' learning styles. There is usually an opportunity to resubmit homework or retake some tests. These opportunities vary by teacher. If you have a question or concern, reach out directly to your student's teacher for clarification.