



**September 4, 2020**

"Our vision is educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships."

Dear Wolverines,

Happy Friday to each of you! I hope you are all looking forward to a nice, long weekend. We will NOT have any live teaching on Monday, so we will plan to "see" everyone back in "class" on Tuesday morning.

### **Back to School Night**

Traut will host a virtual Back to School Night on **Thursday, September 10, from 6-8 pm**. Classroom teachers will be in touch with details about how to access this event. I apologize for the short notice. Usually, we have Back to School Night scheduled in May, before we leave for the summer. As you can imagine, we are trying to be responsive and nimble. If you are not able to attend, we will make sure that you are informed of the important information that is shared.

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Session 1 (This session will include a brief introduction video from me and Amy Hloucal, our PAB President.)

Break 7:00 - 7:15

7:15 - 8:00 pm: Session 2

Each session will be the same, so parents only need to attend one session per teacher. Teachers will include time for parent questions. We will also have pre-recorded videos from each of our specials teachers and special service providers. Links to those videos will be shared next week.

## Attendance

As you hopefully know, we are required to take daily attendance.

If your student is not in attendance at the morning meeting, teachers will mark your child absent (unless you have already contacted your student's teacher.) However, our attendance clerk, Mrs. Jana Frei, will reverse that if parents send an email later in the day to both her and your child's teacher - please indicate that you are helping your student with their studies later in the day or on the weekend.

Please plan to email your student's teacher **and** Mrs. Frei if you plan to complete schoolwork at a different time of the day and your child is not able to attend the morning meeting. You can reach Jana Frei at [jafrei@psdschools.org](mailto:jafrei@psdschools.org)

If your child is ill or will not be attending school, please call our attendance line at 970-488-7503. Thank you!

## Spirit Wear!

The deadline for ordering Spirit Wear is approaching! You can shop for Traut gear at <https://trautfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

Orders must be placed by **Monday, September 7, 2020**. You will pick your items up at GOJO Sports. Questions, please contact Brie McFarland at [sollod@gmail.com](mailto:sollod@gmail.com).

## Dine Out With Traut!

Our first Dine Out With Traut event was a huge success! We raised nearly \$1000 for our school! Thanks to everyone who came to Chipolte to support us, and big thanks to Lindsay Wahl for organizing this fun and successful event.

Details about our next Dine Out With Traut night will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

## Change to the PSD Calendar

On August 11, PSD changed the school calendar. A very kind parent alerted me to this change, and I wanted to be sure to point it out to our community.

Often, there is a Friday in late September that students do not have school. That is not the case this year, and I didn't want anyone to be surprised. You can find the updated calendar [here](#).

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"Adversity is like a strong wind. It...tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that afterward we see ourselves as we really are, and not merely as we might like to be."

—Arthur Golden

I would like to take a moment to really praise our community for our strength in the middle of the storm. This situation is the picture of adversity. It is difficult and unfortunate. I have talked with many of you about how difficult this has been for you as parents and for your students as learners. I have also been talking with our staff about how difficult this has been as educators. We are all in this for the same reason: we want our kids to have the best learning possible.

I have seen my staff standing in this strong wind, and what hasn't been torn is their deep and passionate concern about their students - their commitment to student learning. It is more powerful than the adversity we face. Parents, I know that this is hard for you as well. Try to remember that our children often follow our emotional lead - when we are able to be strong in the face of adversity, they see that. Help them remember, we can do hard things.

This morning, I am reflecting on what cannot be torn from me, and trying hard to be the mom who holds tight to perseverance and kindness. I am trying to be the principal who holds tight to appreciation and gratitude. Your students are amazing and I know this has been hard for them too. I hope they get a chance to play hard this weekend and enjoy these last days of summer.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Dr. Kendall