

## Parent & Community Information Night

February 12, 2024 6:00 – 8:00

<p><b>Title:</b> <i>How to be Involved in PCSD schools and the community?</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> TaNisha Harris, PCSD PTA President  <b>Audience:</b> parents, grandparents, students, and school officials. <b>Summary:</b> The importance of Family Engagement with the school, district, and community.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>The Role of School Social Workers</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Byanca Beasley, PCSD Social Worker  <b>Audience:</b> Parents  <b>Summary:</b> Learn about the roles of the Social Worker as well as the resources available within our community.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>I bet you didn't know that was a crime!</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Solicitor's Office, Luana Nolen  <b>Audience:</b> Ages 13 &amp; up  <b>Summary:</b> An informative session for both parents and teens highlighting laws that are broken by teens in our community.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>If It's Predictable, It's Preventable</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> District Attorney's Office, Jose Ramirez  <b>Audience:</b> Parents and Teens  <b>Summary:</b> Session will focus on signs, behaviors, and/or activities to be aware of indicating risky behaviors</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Internet and Cell Phone Safety</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Crpl. Mitchell, Paulding County Sherriff's Office and Analyst Sarah Wix  <b>Audience:</b> Parents and Teens  <b>Summary:</b> This session will touch on a range of topics including internet and cell phone safety. We will be covering cases from within Paulding County and surrounding areas that show the desperate need for parental involvement and participation in their child's interactions with others.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Why we fight to keep kids' drug-free</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Drug Free Paulding <b>Audience:</b> Parents and Teens  <b>Summary:</b> Parenting teens and preteens is often difficult. Understanding teen brain development helps understand their behaviors. Understanding how they think helps parents communicate with youth more effectively. Effective communication between parent and youth is the key to prevention of drug misuse.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>What to Expect as your Student Transitions from Middle to High School (2 sessions)</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Alan Daws, Director of Advising &amp; Counseling  <b>Audience:</b> Students &amp; Parents (Middle School)  <b>Summary:</b> The jump from Middle School to High School can be challenging, so this session will cover the major differences between the levels. Topics will include the schedule, advanced classes, elective options, athletics, and club offerings.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Preparing for Graduation &amp; Post-Secondary Options (2 sessions)</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Alan Daws, Director of Advising &amp; Counseling  <b>Audience:</b> Parents, Students (MS/HS)  <b>Summary:</b> This presentation will help to prepare students and parents for graduation and beyond. We will cover the graduation requirements, HOPE Scholarship, local scholarships, college/post-secondary options, and how to prepare what comes after Graduation.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Intro to Human Trafficking: Dispelling Common Myths and Misconceptions</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Lindsey Lane, Human Trafficking Institute  <b>Audience:</b> Parents, HS Students, MS Students  <b>Summary:</b> Attendees will explore the uniqueness of the crime, and the nuances found in trafficking schemes using data from real cases, including those filed within the State of Georgia. Best practices for online safety and awareness for juveniles will also be discussed.</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>CTAE Options in High School</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Carole Pearson, Asst. Dir. CTAE &amp; Monica Rydza, Youth Apprenticeship  <b>Audience:</b> Parents, HS Students, MS Students  <b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTAE high school pathways</li> <li>• CTAE opportunities at the academies (HACS, AIM, PCHS, PCCA) &amp; PVA</li> <li>• Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Dual-Enrollment &amp; Technical College Certificates</li> <li>• Career &amp; Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs - FBLA, DECA, FFA, etc.)</li> <li>• Credentials of Value (End-of-Pathway Assessments)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Managing Stress for Kids and Adults</i>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Mandi Summers, Coordinator of Prevention/Intervention  <b>Audience:</b> Parents, Students <b>Summary:</b> Stress is a part of life.</p> <p>Good stress can add to our lives by keeping us on our toes and warning us when we encounter potential danger. Bad stress, on the other hand, can seem overwhelming. Managing stress effectively is an art form. Like adults, kids often feel stressed out. Life gets too busy, conflicts with family or friends arise, homework obligations increase, etc. The key to teaching kids how to manage stress is to give them tools to problem solve and navigate through life more effectively. Join us to learn a few tips that might help!</p>	