

# PIPER USD 203

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Dear Pirate Nation,

Welcome to the first full week of school! We love having our students back in school—nothing better than hearing the resounding passion of kids in school buildings! And speaking of FULL, our hallways, classrooms, lunchrooms, and parking lots are really FULL! As I have shared with you in the past, last year Piper was the third fastest growing school district in the state, and I would venture to guess that we are gaining ground on the number two spot! Although numbers are very preliminary, right now we have welcomed 90 new students to the district. That's 50 more students than we were expecting for the 2021.2022 school year. As such, I am excited to share that for next week's *Tuesday Talk*, we will be sharing a "Score Card" for every building that shares the results of the spring facility audit, space utilization and capacity numbers and pictures of the facilities. I am really looking forward to sharing that information with you!

Growing up, my mom would always remind me, "the devil is in the details" when she didn't think I was perhaps on top of my game. HA! Well, this week I would like to give a shout-out to all of the building and district administrative assistants, who quite frankly are the MVPs in the District in handling SO.MANY.DETAILS as we lift the school year off the ground! I am very much a "big picture" thinker and so there is nothing I appreciate more than those people who help and support with executing the details and ensuring everyone has what they need! A huge thank you from the bottom of my heart!

## **It's Pirate Football Tailgating Season! Come join us!**

To promote community engagement and highlight the performance of our athletes, Piper High School invites you to participate in Football Friday tailgates at Piper Stadium. By purchasing a tailgate space, you will be supporting Piper High School Athletics and Activities. Your donation will be used to support all of our students participating in extracurricular activities.

### **Location:**

The tailgate will occur in the flat grassy area to the west of the stadium. The tailgate area is circled in yellow on the map.

**Directions: Turn onto N 110<sup>th</sup> St. from Hutton Rd. Travel past the baseball stadium and football stadium. Turn into the grass lot. Check-in with the table at the front of the lot and park in the spot directed by staff.**

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## Cost:

Tailgate space is **\$200 for 5 people** throughout the season or **\$400 for 10 people** throughout the season (not including post-season games) and allows you to tailgate in the designated area at all of Piper's home football games. Wristbands will be distributed at the tailgate before the start of the game.

## Provided services:

- Charcoal dump stations will be provided (4 red metal bins spaced throughout the tailgate lot) (DO NOT DUMP coals out on the grass; it is dangerous for other spectators and can damage the grounds)
- Wrist bands will be given to each member in your space. These wristbands allow you to enter the stadium at no additional cost.
- Staff will be on the tailgate road from 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. to distribute wrist bands, answer questions, or assist with any issues prior to game time.

## Regulations:

1. Tailgate will open after 5:00 P.M. on game days and close promptly after the game. All fans are expected to leave promptly at the conclusion of the game.
2. Parking is limited to the designated tailgating space. Any other guests will need to park in the high school or middle school parking lots.
3. Tailgating is limited to the tailgate lot.

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4. At the end of the evening, all trash and tailgating materials must be removed. Failure to do so may result in loss of access for future events.
5. Overnight parking will not be allowed.

## **Prohibited items/actions**

- Tobacco products, illegal substances, open containers, and consumption of alcohol are not allowed.
- In order to ensure the safety of our fans, no Segway's, skateboards or ATVs will be allowed for use by fans. Drones, kites, and other remote-controlled flying objects are not permitted.

## **Frequently asked questions:**

1. Can I bring a grill and/or a fire pit?
  - Yes, please be aware of weather conditions and dispose of ashes in the appropriate bin.
  - All fires must be contained in the appropriate devices and all devices left unattended must be extinguished.
  - Fire pits cannot be larger than 44 inches in diameter.
2. Can we put up a tent or canopy?
  - Yes, all tents and canopies must be anchored. Consider weather conditions before setting up a tent or canopy.
3. Can we bring our pet(s)?
  - Pets are not allowed on the property during events for the safety of all in attendance to minimize the risk for an incident.
4. Who do we contact if we have any issues or concerns?
  - If an issue arises during the tailgate please contact the staff member that is supervising the tailgate area. Should an emergency occur, please dial 911 and reach out to administration in the stadium.
5. How do I purchase?
  - Please visit the Piper High School Office and ask to see Dr. Taylor Mapp or Mrs. Sarah Barnes to purchase your Tailgating Space.
6. I have more questions...who can I contact?
  - Please email Dr. Taylor Mapp at [tmapp@piperschools.us](mailto:tmapp@piperschools.us)

## **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Traffic Patterns**

Does anyone else get a twitch in their eye when you hear the mention of school drop-offs and pick-ups? With our continued growing enrollment, we know that traffic patterns must be addressed. Our fantastic safety and security leaders of Officer Brad Lightfoot and Security Officer Dave LeManske are currently studying the traffic patterns and possible solutions at each of our schools. Thank you for your patience as we address these issues.

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## **Facility Rental & Use**

We are pleased to be able to offer rental of district facilities for community use once again this year. Please be sure to complete a facility rental request prior to utilizing any of the district's facilities or athletic fields. For more information regarding how to rent one of the district's facilities, [click here](#). As a reminder, the district's Community Trail is always available for those wishing to get their steps in!

## **Lifetime Golden Agers Activity Pass**

Do you know any community members ages 65+ years young? If so, please remind them that Piper High School offers a Lifetime Golden Agers Activity Pass that is good at All Frontier League Athletic Events (Excludes tournaments, KSHSAA events, plays and musicals). Passes can be picked up at Piper High School; please have them ask for Dr. Taylor Mapp or Mrs. Sarah Barnes.

## **Employment Opportunities for Students**

The District is currently looking for students who might be interested in after-school employment opportunities to help the district with groundskeeping and technology tasks. If you know a student who might be interested, please have them reach out to our Human Resources Director, Mrs. Jenny Hurley at [jhurley@piperschools.us](mailto:jhurley@piperschools.us)

## **COVID-19 Masking Requirement**

At last night's Special Board Meeting, the Board discussed and approved the following motions related to COVID mitigation procedures:

- By a vote of 4-3, the Board of Education approved that students enrolled in the Piper Early Childhood Program are exempted from the district masking requirement. Staff at the Early Childhood Center will still be required to wear masks.
- By a vote of 7-0, the Board of Education approved persons working in a private office space with a door that can be closed be exempted from the mask requirement. These individuals will still be required to wear masks when working outside of their private office or when more than one individual is present within the office space.
- By a vote of 7-0, the Board of Education approved athletes actively engaged in an organized sports practice or competition be exempted from the mask requirement.

These and all district COVID mitigation procedures will continue to be a Board discussion topic at all future meetings. The Board of Education's next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Library at the CTE Center. These meetings are open to the public to attend and community patrons are

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encouraged to sign up and speak if they have information they would like to share with the Board. To speak at the next Board of Education Meeting, please contact our Board Clerk, Mr. Mitch Nutterfield, at [mutterfield@piperschools.us](mailto:mutterfield@piperschools.us). Patrons must be signed up by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

To that end, we are closely monitoring the County data as it relates to both COVID-19 and the Delta variant. Based on what we experienced and learned this past year, we will continue to focus on, monitor, and emphasize the following safety and mitigation efforts and measures:

- Masking requirements inside all district facilities
- Encouraging students and staff to stay home if they are sick
- Offering free testing at school for students and staff members
- Using outdoor spaces and places as much as possible for instruction and recess
- Encouraging frequent hand-washing and using social distancing whenever possible
- Completing frequent cleaning procedures in classrooms and throughout the school
- Continuing our collaboration with local health officials
- Sharing information regarding free testing and vaccination sites in the county

As we consider COVID protocols, please know that circumstances may change and, in turn, influence our decision-making and actions throughout the remainder of the summer, the start of school, and throughout the fall and winter. We will continue to keep our school families informed and updated. The safety of students, staff, and our community is, and will continue to be, our top priority. Please know that there may be instances during the upcoming school year where unpredicted or unexpected circumstances lead to us needing to make quick decisions. If this occurs, we will communicate with you as quickly as possible.

At the current time, we have created a spot on our district website with [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding the specific COVID protocols we are following at this time.

Please find below our weekly update on District COVID data:

	<b>Students (Aug. 19- Aug. 20)</b>	<b>Staff (Aug 13-Augst 20)</b>
<b>Piper Early Childhood</b>	0	0
<b>Piper Prairie Elementary</b>	1	1
<b>Piper Creek Elementary</b>	0	0

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<b>Piper Middle School</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Piper High School</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

Here's to a great first full week of school!

Dr. Jessica Dain  
Superintendent of Schools