



Pana Junior High
Juletta Ellis, Principal
Report to Board of Education
August 2017

Rough Estimate of Enrollment:

6th Grade: 92

7th Grade: 115

8th Grade: 90

Total: 297 (up from 289 in May)

Nearly all anticipated students have registered as of this week.

Thank you to the registration workers: Sara Kallal, Sarah Crosby, Stacey Spears, Amy Christian, Tina Ambrose, Jessie Miller, and Bonnie Sowarsh. Registration ran smoothly and had a steady stream of families and students come through all day long.

Special thanks to the committees who have worked so hard this summer: PBIS, M2G, MAP, Vertical Alignment. These committees have planned activities for both students and staff that will be valuable in improving student growth.

Thank you to the custodians and other staff members who have made the building look awesome! The building has a fresher look with a newly painted exterior, painted interior doors, and a revamped Teacher's Lounge.

We have three new staff members this year: Taylor Cothorn (6th grade L.A. and Social Studies), Jeffrey Crylen (5-12 Band), and Bridgette Barringer (night custodian).

This summer we have been reflecting upon and revamping some initiatives for students.

- The PBIS Committee has been meeting throughout the summer. They are excited to begin a new curriculum as part of our school-wide tier 1 initiative called Panther Quest. We will spend a significant amount of time during the first week teaching school-wide expectations and procedures. The committee has also mapped out a first quarter plan to celebrate our successes.
- The SAP team (tier 2 PBIS) will be a resource for students once again this year. The committee has been working to streamline the referral process to allow for targeted interventions and strategies for struggling students. Teachers may refer students who are struggling socially, emotionally, behaviorally, or academically. The team will work to put a plan in place to assist the struggling student and communicate and collaborate with parents for that student's success.

Jessie Miller has been doing a series of Tech Academies for staff, which have been loaded with valuable tips and tricks to use within the classroom. She has also begun Chromebook meetings with parents. Her efforts are much appreciated!

After receiving feedback from last year, the 6th grade teachers and I thought a 6th grade orientation night would be beneficial in acclimating students and parents to a new building. Our first ever 6th grade orientation was held on Tuesday, August 15th, and 86 out of 92 students were present. Students were able to meet teachers, get schedules, learn locker combinations, and tour the building. Special thanks to the 6th grade team for planning the night and to our student tour guides, Izzy Miller, Jaxon Rhodes, Kadan Moon, Grace Harmston, and Austin Karbach.

Meet the Principal Night will be held on Thursday, August 24th prior to Open House. This night provides an opportunity for me to introduce myself as well as share expectations and philosophies regarding education here at PJHS.