

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION



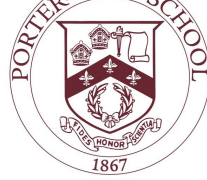
August 12, 2024



WELCOME

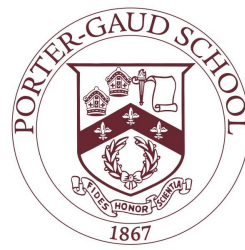
Michael Page, Lower School Head

Babette Hamilton, Lower School Assistant Head



THE TEAM

- **Michael Page, Head of Lower School**
- **Babette Hamilton, Assistant Head of Lower School**
- **Anna McCubrey, Administrative Assistant**
- **Kim Doyle, Receptionist**
- **Deen Wey, Counselor**
- **David Rowe, Chaplain**
- **Nurse Anna Smith**
- **Joey Ferrelli, Auxiliary Programming**



Porter-Gaud's Mission

**To inspire lives of purpose,
learning, and service through
cultivating each student's
God-given potential.**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 14

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Park and walk students into homeroom classroom
- We will have bus service
- Bike racks-front of 1st grade
- Wear academic uniform (not PE uniform)
- Send water bottle and snack (approved snack list- on website under important downloads)



THE BASICS-MORNING ARRIVAL

- **Beginning Thursday, August 15 (2nd day)- arrival 7:30-7:50 a.m. (please wait for faculty to arrive at 7:30 a.m.)**
- **Every Wednesday- arrival from 8:30-8:50 a.m.**
- **Pull all the way up–faculty members are there to help- sidewalk side only**
- **Class begins at 7:50 a.m. (Wednesdays- 8:50 a.m.)**
- **After 7:50 a.m. (Wednesdays-8:50 a.m.)- park and check your child in at the Lower School office**
- **Perimeter Gates are locked at all times– visitors must use call box at gate and check in with receptionist in Lower School Office**

THE BASICS-AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

- **Dismissal for LS carriers not waiting for MS and US siblings is 2:55-3:10 p.m.**
- **Please pull all the way to the front of the carpool loop**
- **After 3:10 p.m. LS car riders will go to extended day and parents will need to follow ext. day procedures for pickup**
- **If also picking up MS and US children—please wait until 3:10 p.m. to get in the carpool line**
- **If students have choir on Tues/Thurs—3:20 p.m.**
- **If picking up early use School Pass and park and come into the LS office by 2:30 p.m. to sign student out**

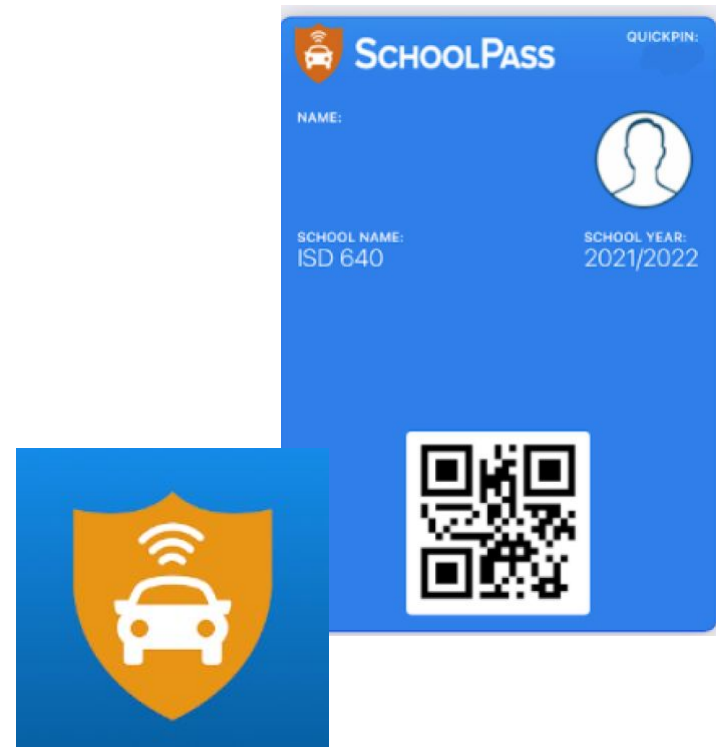
Bus Service

- **Porter-Gaud bus service is available from Mt. Pleasant and Daniel Island**
- **For detailed information go to “PG Bus Info” tab on the website**
- **Students taking the bus home in the afternoon are escorted to the bus by our Extended Day staff**



SCHOOLPASS

- Utilizes web based technology (desktop or mobile)
- Allows parents to communicate child's change in dismissal plans safely, easily and quickly
- Call Anna McCubrey with questions (843-402-4672)



WHEN TO CALL THE OFFICE - 843-556-3376

- **Anytime you have a question!**
- **If it is after 2:00 p.m. and you have a change to your child's afternoon plans**
- **Late, sick, early dismissal - record in SchoolPass**

Kim Doyle is our receptionist and she is a great resource

SCHEDULE

- **Daily schedules are tailored to meet needs at each grade level**
- **Schedules will come home with students**



UNIFORMS

- **All uniforms should be purchased through French Toast**
- **Refer to uniform guidelines published on website**
- **All students should have an academic uniform and a PE uniform**
- **All students should purchase uniform pieces for their “performance uniform/dress uniform” (to be worn when they perform on stage or attend special event; school pictures etc.)**
 - **A performance uniform is a white PG polo and khaki pants/shorts/skirt/skort**

LUNCH

- Lunch times are indicated on your child's schedule
- Students will eat lunch with their grade level (2 grades at a time)
- Parents are invited to have lunch with their children beginning September 16.



CHAPEL

- Our Chaplain is Mr. Rowe!
- Chapel is on Fridays at 7:55am
- Parents are invited to attend
- First Chapel - Aug. 23



PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS

Open communication is an important part of the school-family partnership. Never hesitate to reach out to a teacher about your child.

- Phone Calls—leave message—please do not text teachers
- Emails—will read after school (not while teaching)—call the office if information is time-sensitive
- Conferences—End of quarters 1 and 3 (also request anytime)
- Report Cards-quarterly
- Student Work-throughout each quarter



PARENTS NIGHT

- **Wednesday, August 21
from 5:30-7:30pm**
- **Introduction to the year**
- **Meet the teachers,
learn about grade level
plans, visit classrooms**



AUXILIARY PROGRAMS

- Extended Day
- Science, engineering
- Arts
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Chess
- And more—on website!

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PG PARENT ASSOCIATION

- **Welcome**
 - **Becky Cheek,**
Masheed Rockwell

- **Visit the PGPA
section of
website to learn
more.**

Grade 1: Allison Sheets, Valerie Howell, Jenny Desart

Grade 2: Ashley Cook, Katie Lansbury, Laura Woodcock, Emily Giarrocco

Grade 3: Laura Barnhart, Whitney Morrison, Anna Maria Kammeyer

Grade 4: Kristen Cochran, Megan Louis, Kelly Bogdan, Heather Adams



Q&A SESSION