Panther Community Update Message: July 15, 2026

Hello Panther Families and Community Members. This is Michael Hart, District OR-1 Superintendent.

I hope all of you have been having a wonderful summer! As we head into the middle of July, I wanted to share some important information regarding the beginning of the school year.

Summer Newsletter:

- Be on the lookout for a hard copy of our summer newsletter coming next week. The newsletter will contain lots of information related to the start of the school year.
- If you don't receive a copy **before August 1st** and would like a hard copy, please call our school office at (402) 780-5327.

Updated Website:

- Additionally, if you haven't already done so, please take some time to visit our "updated" district website at https://www.districtor1.org.
- On the website, you will see some great changes designed to improve the "ease of use" for parents and families.
- Tied to the website, we have also updated the District OR-1 mobile App, and we will also be updating the Band App before the start of the school year.
- More specific information about the website changes and an alternative to the Band App will be contained in the school newsletter.

PowerSchool:

- We have also made some important changes to PowerSchool by making our forms available in a digital format. This change will greatly simplify the "updating information" process for families.
- If you already have a PowerSchool account, great. If you don't have an account, instructions for setting up an account have been mailed out to those families who still need one.
- **Please note:** *All families will be expected to sign up for a PowerSchool account this school year, as this will be the only way to complete our required forms*.

Transportation Requests:

- If you have utilized district transportation in the past, please use the link provided on our school website to request transportation for this upcoming year.

Activities Update:

- As the fall activities season begins, please note that we have also updated our activities handbook.
- The handbook is available on our school website and contains important updates on student eligibility, participation guidelines, and expectations for parent involvement.
- Please note that we will be having a parent meeting for all fall activities on **Monday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be in the main gym at the high school.
- More information about upcoming activities will also be contained in the school newsletter.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school district.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Go Panthers!