



PRICE-HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS MAGNET

2022-2023 Parent Guide

Welcome Price-Harris Families!

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year at Price-Harris! We are so excited to see our students return for another wonderful year! Your child's positive educational experience is our priority, and we will do everything we can to help them feel comfortable and be successful. This guide is intended to give you quick look at the important information regarding various procedures and protocols we have in place. More detailed information can be found in the official Parent Calendar and Handbook.

-Sam Le, Principal

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

These are some easy ways to help get your child be as successful as possible.

- Know, understand and commit to support the PRICE-HARRIS expectations
- Commit to participating in events and Parent/Teacher/Student conferences
- Support the PRICE-HARRIS policies as written in the Parent Handbook (behavior and academic)
- Check agendas daily and keep lines of communication open between student, parent and teacher
- Monitor students grades and assignments through the ParentVue account
- Help your student get to school every day and on time
- Talk to your student about their assignments and encourage them to get all work in by the deadline



JOIN PTO!

We are proud to have a wonderful Price-Harris community who takes interest in the school and its activities. The PTO initiates and sponsors a wide variety of programs and events for the benefit of the students and school. Profits from fundraising projects are returned to the school for the benefit of all the students. In addition, the PTO organizes/communicates events with parents, provides every student with a T-shirt and yearbook annually, and supports staff in a variety of ways. You can follow their public page on Facebook (Price-Harris PTO) and join their private group (Price-Harris PTO and Families Group).

Knowing that parent involvement is crucial to a student's success, we ask that **every MAGNET family join the school's PTO** and every **NEIGHBORHOOD family consider getting involved with the school's PTO**. When parents volunteer for the school, they must still report to the office first and check in through Hall Pass. There are a variety of ways to offer your services, including but not limited to:

- Assisting with PTO and school events such as: Dances, BINGO Night, Field Day, Career Day, field trips, book fair, etc.
- Attending Site Council, PTO meetings, and Spirit Nights at local restaurants and businesses
- Supporting the Fall Fundraiser by collecting donations or selling items from the catalog
- Volunteering as a Room Parent, or to help with tasks like distributing T-shirts, providing dinner for staff on conference days or food for events, and making flyers
- Providing other services such as: helping with clubs, organizing an event, donating items for fundraising, or sharing your special talent to help with the betterment of the school or events.



POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS AT A GLANCE

WHO WE ARE

Price-Harris Communications Magnet Elementary School – “Committed to Excellence in Communications”

Our mission is to **empower students to create and use meaningful communication for future success**. Our standards and curriculum are aligned with the state and district, but our emphasis on the “soft” skills of communication is what makes us unique. When students leave Price-Harris Communications, our goal is that they have developed strengths in:

- **Interpersonal Skills**
- **Gathering Information**
- **Delivering a Message**

Arrival

- ◆ **Students will enter through their grade level assigned door starting at 8:50. If they need breakfast, see the Breakfast section below.**
- ⇒ Morning Latchkey will enter through Door 12 (gym) in the big parking lot. (Starts at 6:45 am)
- ⇒ **Pre-K will enter through Door 12 from the large parking lot. (8:50-9:00)**
- ⇒ **KG and 1st will enter through Door 4 from the playground. (8:50-9:00)**
- ⇒ **2nd-3rd will enter through Door 3 from Armour. (8:50-9:00)**
- ⇒ **4th-5th will enter through Door 2 from Armour. (8:50-9:00)**
- ⇒ It is recommended that students wait in cars until as close to 8:50 am as possible.
- ⇒ Students who walk should plan to arrive no earlier than 8:45 am.
- ⇒ Supervision will be unavailable prior to 8:50 am unless they are in latchkey.
- ◆ **Students who are tardy will need to be dropped off at the main entrance and you must call 973-1650 to notify the office to admit the student(s) and provide the reason for tardy.**

Breakfast

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: All students will enter through their grade level hallway door and report to their homeroom teacher. After 9:00, we will take them to the cafeteria one grade level at a time to teach them the breakfast procedures so that they will be ready to do it on their own the next day. Due to staggered attendance, KG will do this both Monday and Tuesday, Aug 15 and 16.

- ◆ Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria serving line, but students will take their bag of food to the classroom to eat.
- ◆ In order to give your children the most amount of time to eat, please drop them off early enough to enter the building at 8:50. Students may NOT enter the breakfast line after 9:00.
- ◆ **KG-1st Grade:** continue down the sidewalk to Door 7 and enter the cafeteria directly.
- ◆ **2nd-5th Grade:** will enter through their grade level door and walk to the cafeteria to pick up their breakfast before returning to class.

Buses at Arrival

- ◆ **Students riding a bus will remain on the bus until about 8:45 am**
- ⇒ Kindergartners and 1st graders will exit the bus, walk down the sidewalk to Door 4 where the other KDG and 1st graders are entering. If they are going to eat breakfast, they will enter Door 7.
- ⇒ 2nd-5th grade will enter the Cafeteria door 7 from the bus lane and proceed to the breakfast line or their classrooms.

Latchkey

- ◆ **AM Latchkey opens at 6:45 am** and parents may drop off their children at the double doors (Door 12) from the big parking lot.
- ◆ **PM Latchkey closes at 6:00 pm.** Parents will pick students up from afternoon latchkey at Door 12 by the gym.
- ◆ Please contact our latchkey directors for more information and availability.

Latchkey Directors

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Items to Note

- ◆ **Students NOT in the building by 9:00 must enter Door 1 (main office).**
- ◆ **Students must be in the breakfast line or in class by 9:00.**
- ◆ **The FIRST DAY of school is the ONLY day parents may escort students into the building.** Typically we ask parents to escort their students no further than the school entry door.

CONTACT US

316-973-1650 (Office)

www.usd259.org/priceharris

Dismissal to Car or Walk (4:10-4:20)

- ◆ All car riders/walkers will exit through their grade level assigned door
- ⇒ Pre-K will exit through Door 12 from the large parking lot starting at 11:50 (AM) or 4:00 (PM)
- ⇒ KDG and 1st will exit through Door 4 to the basketball court
- ⇒ 2nd and 3rd will exit through Door 3 to Armour
- ⇒ 4th and 5th will exit through Door 2 to Armour
- ◆ Older siblings will be dismissed to collect their younger siblings if they are walking home.

Dismissal to Bus and Latchkey

- ◆ Teachers will escort students to Latchkey and Bus loading zone
- ⇒ Students are loaded onto their buses and leave our driveway before 4:20, unless the buses are running late.
- ⇒ Please call the office prior to 4:00 if you are changing your student's mode of transportation home for that day (i.e. picking them up instead of riding the bus).

Items to Note

Please be on time to pick up students no later than 4:20

Walkers will need to leave the school grounds immediately upon dismissal

Early checkout for any student ends at 4:00.

