



211 NEWSLETTER

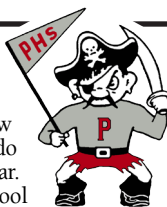
July/August 2017

From the principal:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

As summer winds down and we begin thinking about the new school year that is upon us, parents often ask what they can do to insure that their son or daughter will have a successful year. Though some parents believe that their involvement in school matters should diminish now that their teen is in high school, nothing can be further from the truth. Your involvement may be even more important now than it ever was. High school is a time of great change for many students and with that change comes many questions and many challenges. Your involvement will help them meet those challenges and answer those questions in a positive, productive manner. When parents are involved in their child's education and active in the school community, it sends a clear message to your child that education is valued and should be a priority. Some of the ways to become involved include the following:

- Talk to your son/daughter about school. Ask them what they did, what is due, many of our teachers are using various digital resources such as Schoology or I-TunesU to manage their classroom information. Have your student show you how to log into these sites so you can follow along with them. Check their attendance and grades on our **Infinite Campus** portal. Provide a quiet place to study and do homework. We have several resources available to assist students with homework. The media center has after school hours, the student success center is open all day and your child's teachers are always ready to assist. Students who have struggled in the past will be assigned to a guided study hall to help them achieve success in all classes.
- Encourage regular attendance, over 600 of our students missed less than two days of school this year and received letters this summer congratulating them on perfect or near perfect attendance.
- Attend an activity/event at P.H.S. with your son/daughter. Encourage your child to join a club, activity, or team. Recent data indicates that students who are involved in one or more school activities have a full point higher G.P.A than those who are not.
- Attend Open House, which is scheduled for August 31, 2017. Regularly monitor your student's progress using the on-line gradebook. Call or e-mail your son's/ daughter's teachers, counselor, or administrator when you have a question or concern.



- Attend College Night, hosted at PHS on October 11, 2017. This is especially important for juniors and seniors, but since it is right in our own building it is an opportunity for our freshman and sophomores to see what options are out there and what they need to do to insure admission into the school of their choice.
- Talk about possible career options. Is your student exploring multiple options? Are they focused in a single direction already and if so, have they explored the courses that will help them in that career path? Have they discussed their career path with their counselor or our career advisor? Have they explored the **College Major and Career Clusters** website?
- Join the Booster Club. The Boosters provide many services to the school in addition to fundraising. The Pirate Booster website may be reached at <http://phspirateboosters.com> or you can like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PHSBoosters>
- Stay informed by reading the school mailings.
- Visit the school's website at www.phs.d211.org for daily announcements and information. You can also follow @PalatineHS on twitter or like us on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/Palatine.Pirates>
- Many of our classes, teams and clubs also have a variety of social media sites that you can follow along with as well.

Education is a partnership that requires the work and support of the entire community. Palatine High School is privileged to have caring, active students and parents who are involved and encouraging. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated and professional staff that is here to help your son or daughter get the best education possible. They are ready and willing to help in any way they can. Please don't hesitate to call them if you have a question.

I look forward to seeing all of our returning students in a few weeks and welcoming the Class of 2021. Enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope you can take advantage of some time to spend with friends and family in these last few weeks of summer.

Gary Steiger
Principal

One-to-One Learning Device pick up information

Incoming freshmen students (class of 2021) who are fully registered for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be eligible to pick up their one-to-one learning device on August 8th. An iPad upgrade for all returning sophomores (class of 2020) will be on August 9th. Each student has the opportunity to obtain optional District 211 iPad insurance at a cost of \$25.00 for the yearly premium. Detailed information about iPad pickup will be posted on the PHS website before August 1st.

Walk-In Registration

Will take place at the Palatine High School Auditorium beginning on Monday, July 24 through Friday, August 11, 2017, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., except for Friday July 28, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will have extended hours at the Palatine Opportunity Center 1585 N. Rand Road, Palatine, IL 60074 on Thursday, August 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will also have extended hours until 6:30 p.m. at the Palatine High School auditorium on Tuesday, August 8.

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Important Information for You and Your Student

1. Cell phones – Students are allowed to possess cell phones and other electronic communication devices while on school property. However use of such devices during the school hours is limited to the cafeteria and other designated areas, and will not be allowed in instructional areas, except at the discretion of the classroom teacher. With the exception of these areas, these devices must be turned off and stored out of sight during the school day. Additionally, such devices shall not be used for or associated with any unlawful activities. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary consequences.

2. Attendance – Daily attendance at school is required by State Law. Success in school can be closely linked to being in the classroom and actively participating in class activities. There's no way to duplicate the classroom experience after a student has been absent, so it is important for all students to attend school regularly. Please continue to make education a priority in your home and insist on daily attendance. If your student is absent, please be sure to call the attendance office on the day of the absence. The attendance office phone numbers are; 755-1670, 755-1671, or 755-1672. We also have a bilingual extension for the attendance office, 755-1632.

Test Prep Course for College Entrance

A preparation course for the P.S.A.T. test will be offered this fall at Palatine High School. It will consist of six sessions, covering test-taking strategies, reading comprehension, mathematical applications, and writing and language strategies. There is no fee for this valuable experience! More information will follow when school starts.

dates to remember

- July 31 – PHS Marching Band Camp
- August 4 1:00-9:00 p.m.
- August 8 Freshman Welcome Day
3:00-5:00 p.m.
- August 9 Fall Sports Begin
- August 10 Teacher Institute Day (no classes)
- August 11 Teacher Institute Day (no classes)
- August 14 Opening Day of School
- August 16 Red/White Soccer game, 5:00 p.m.
- August 18 Red/White Football game, 6:00 p.m.
- August 31 Parent Open House, 7:00 p.m.
- September 4 Labor Day – No School

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Fourteen exchange students in the 10th and 11th grades from Krefeld, Germany will be in Palatine from October 15 to October 29, 2017, to spend 2 weeks with PHS students and their families. We are in need of 14 families to host these students. Because most students have studied English for six or seven years, it is not necessary for host students to be studying German. PHS has had this exchange program with the Marienschule in Krefeld for 35 years. Over the years, numerous lasting friendships have been made and often students revisit each other in future years. A host family's responsibilities mainly consist of providing meals, a place to sleep, providing transportation and a warm family atmosphere. Week-day activities and field trips are organized by the school. If you are interested in this wonderful cultural experience or would like more information, please contact Bob Kuechenberg at rkuechenberg@d211.org.

Fall Sports

All fall sports will start on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, except Football and Cheerleading which start Monday, August 7. Every athlete wishing to participate must have a current physical on file with the school nurse. Physicals are valid for 13 months. Please check the Palatine High School Athletics website for more information and to register for fall sports. For additional information contact the athletic office at 847-755-1771.



Attention:
Class of 2021!
Join your fellow *PIRATES* for
FRESHMAN
WELCOME DAY

Tuesday, August 8 • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars

EARLY DISMISSALS

August 31, 2017 - (Parent Open House) Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.; October 11, 2017 - (College Night at PHS) Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.; February 16, 2018 - (Girls' State Gymnastics Meet at PHS) Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.; May 18, 2018 - (In-service Day) Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

INSTITUTE DAYS

Thursday, August 10, 2017; Friday, August 11, 2017; Tuesday, October 10, 2017; Monday, January 8, 2018.

2017-2018 Bell Schedules

(L = Lunch period)

Regular Bell Schedule

Period 1	8:15 - 9:03
Homeroom	9:07 - 9:19
Period 2	9:24 - 10:12
Period 3	10:17 - 11:05 L
Period 4	11:10 - 11:58 L
Period 5	12:03 - 12:51 L
Period 6	12:56 - 1:44 L
Period 7	1:49 - 2:37
Period 8	2:42 - 3:30

Bell Schedule:

Early Dismissal Days

Period 1	8:15 - 8:45
Period 2	8:50 - 9:20
Period 3	9:25 - 9:50 L
Period 4	9:55 - 10:25 L
Period 5	10:30 - 10:55 L
Period 6	11:00 - 11:30 L
Period 7	11:35 - 12:00
Period 8	12:05 - 12:35

Morning Work Sessions:

Late Starts

Session	75 min.	8:15 - 9:30
Period 1	40 min.	9:35 - 10:15
Period 2	40 min.	10:20 - 11:00
Period 3	40 min.	11:05 - 11:45 L
Period 4	40 min.	11:50 - 12:30 L
Period 5	40 min.	12:35 - 1:15 L
Period 6	40 min.	1:20 - 2:00 L
Period 7	40 min.	2:05 - 2:45
Period 8	40 min.	2:50 - 3:30

Recognition Assemblies

Period 1	8:15 - 9:00
Period 2	9:05 - 9:50
Assembly	10:00 - 10:25
Period 3	10:35 - 11:20 L
Period 4	11:25 - 12:10 L
Period 5	12:15 - 1:00 L
Period 6	1:05 - 1:50 L
Period 7	1:55 - 2:40
Period 8	2:45 - 3:30

Special Bell Schedule:

Pep Assemblies

Period 1	8:15 - 9:00
Period 2	9:05 - 9:50
Period 3	9:55 - 10:40 L
Period 4	10:45 - 11:30 L
Period 5	11:35 - 12:20 L
Period 6	12:25 - 1:10 L
Period 7	1:15 - 2:00
Period 8	2:05 - 2:50
Assembly	3:00 - 3:30

Morning Work Sessions - Late Start - TUESDAYS

2017: August 22, September 5; September 19; October 3; October 17; November 7

2018: January 23; February 6; February 20; March 6; March 20; April 17, 2018

Way to go Class of 2017!

190 students earned over 3,600,00 in scholarship money.

The total amount of scholarship money includes one-year academic awards, full tuition awards, private scholarship awards as well as athletic scholarships.

Food Service

More than 8,000 students participate in the lunch and breakfast programs at District 211 each school day. School lunch is an incredible deal with lunch prices ranging from \$2.35 to \$2.90. A complete lunch includes low fat milk, two cups of fruit and vegetables, whole-grains, and lean protein. A la carte options are available daily. All items served in the cafeteria meet several nutritional requirements that monitor calorie, fat, sodium, and sugar content. Breakfast is served daily for \$1.45. Breakfast is a healthy meal that provides an entrée, milk, fruit, and juice. Menus are available online through the Food Service Department's webpage. <https://adc.d211.org/operations/food-service/menus/>

The food service prepayment option is a convenient way to ensure students have a nutritious lunch every school day. Parents can submit an online prepayment with a credit card through their Infinite Campus account or by sending a check or cash prepayment to the school cafeteria. Account balances for underclassmen are carried over to the fall. Balances may be obtained in the cafeteria or by viewing online prepayment system via Infinite Campus.

A parent or guardian may submit a meal application for free and reduced meals by contacting your school's food service department or by going online to www.d211.heartlandapps.com to fill out a school meal application. The online application for the 2017-2018 school year will be available in late July. A new application must be completed each school year to qualify for meal benefits.

PHS Pirate Boosters

With the 2017-2018 school year only weeks away your PHS Pirate Boosters have been busy putting plans in place for another successful year.

The PHS Boosters are a Not for Profit organization dedicated to the PHS community. The mission of the PHS Boosters is to support the students, staff and administration of Palatine High School in an effort to enrich every student's high school experience.

Last year the Boosters were able to award grants and scholarships totaling \$104,000.00. Grants were given for classroom instructional material, services, and initiatives based on the input of faculty and administration. Scholarships were given to graduating students who personified our mission to strengthen the PHS community.

PHS Boosters support events ranging from Homecoming, Post-Prom, Sports Awards Nights, Pirate Treasure Store, and Concessions. Major fundraisers include the Craft Fair (November 4, 2017) and Dinner Auction (March 9, 2017).

The success of the Boosters is only possible through the involvement of parents and community. We invite you to join us in our mission to support the students, faculty and administration at PHS. Currently we have two open board roles (Concessions co-chair and Craft Fair co-chair). To learn more about these roles, other volunteer opportunities, and the Boosters in general, visit us at www.phspirateboosters.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/phsboosters. You can also contact us at president@phspirateboosters.com

We are looking forward to another great year. **GO PIRATES!**

Sincerely,

John Helminski and Jean Choi, Co-Presidents, 2017-18, PHS Pirate Boosters