

Piqua High School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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Parents and Students,

It is incredible to think that the first semester is complete and we are entering 2016. I hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season and were able to spend time with family and friends. Thank you again to our very talented student musicians and vocalists who entertained families and community members during the Holidays with events like the Holiday Choir Concert and Cookie Walk, the Band Concert, the Senior Citizen Breakfast Extravaganza and a host of performances by *The Company*.

January is a very busy month with extracurricular activities in full swing. Please take time to see a basketball game, wrestling match, bowling match, swimming, diving or any of the events that our students participate in. We have incredible students here at PHS who work very hard in and out of the classroom to make our school great. Congratulations students and student athletes!

As we enter this New Year, I would encourage everyone to help your student(s) renew the focus on education. It is important for our students to be in school and prepared each day. Attendance is critical to the success each student has in all academic areas. It is very difficult for students who miss school to catch up on the very challenging instruction that happens in all classes. Please encourage your student(s) to be in school every day on time and accountable for his/her own learning.

◆ Conferences

Sincerely,

Anthony Lyons

Reminder for Athletes

Athletes are reminded that they must be taking and passing a minimum of five full credits per nine weeks to participate in sports.

**SENIORS!!!!**

Your senior portraits are due no later than January 29, 2016. Portraits turned in after that date will **NOT** be in the yearbook. Yearbook portraits need to be HEAD & SHOULDERS shots.

Please turn in your senior photo (electronically) and your name as you want it in the yearbook to Miss Starrett in room 110 by January 29, 2016.

2016 yearbook orders are still being taken at the cost of \$65. Order forms are available in English classrooms, Miss Starrett's room 110, and the office.

Buy your 2016 Music Booster Spirit Card!

The 2016 Spirit Cards are available now from any PHS choir or band student. The \$15 cards offer discounts at Piqua and Troy area merchants and are valid 1/01/16 thru 12/31/16. Several merchants on the cards are new! All proceeds benefit Piqua Music Boosters and are used to fund PHS choir and band programs. You may also buy your Spirit Cards at the High School office.

Music Department News

A Huge Thank You to all involved with the Holiday Concerts, and Cookie Walk. The event was December 13. The choirs performed their holiday music with the back drop of the ever popular cookie walk. Thanks to all who made this event a Holiday Treat!

**Show Choir Invitational**

The 33rd Annual Show Choir Invitational will take place Saturday January 16 from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm. Fourteen groups will be participating. Come out to see some exciting and outstanding performances from schools from around Ohio this year. Tickets will be available at the door.

Holiday Giving

Every year the Piqua High School faculty and students come together to try to make the holiday season a little better for the less fortunate, and this year was no exception. The following groups and classes put forth exceptional effort to help those who deserve a special holiday too: PHS Interact Club, Band, Choirs, FCCLA, Key Club, Link Crew, SLG and both Girls and Boys Basketball teams. Every group either adopted a family, wrapped gifts, collected can goods, worked with the Salvation Army or raised money. Many thanks to all students, staff, and local merchants involved. Pride and Joy was shown throughout Piqua High School this holiday season by caring for others with thoughtfulness, and giving!

Calendar Dates

No School Friday January 15 teacher professional development day, and Monday January 18, Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

There will be no school on Friday February 12, a teacher workday, and Monday February 15 in honor of President's day.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are:

Wednesday February 10 ~ 1 hour early dismissal conferences are (4:00 – 8:00 pm on Wednesday)

Thursday February 11~ conferences are (3:00 – 6:00 pm on Thursday).

No appointments needed for conferences.

Credit Card Charging - You may use a credit card to put money on your student's lunch account, we ask that the minimum amount be \$20.

Senior Information

Seniors need to complete senior service hours, submit college applications, pay fees and fines, and submit scholarship applications.

The senior newsletter will be given to all seniors at PHS and UVCC. Seniors will meet with administrators and counselors at a class meeting in January to review the senior handbook. Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Riley will also meet with the PHS seniors at UVCC in January.

Senior pictures and candid pictures must be given to the Piquonian staff in room 110 by **January 29**. **ACT** application deadline is January 8 for the February 6 test date.

Financial Aid

Students who will be attending college should complete the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) soon after January 1. The FAFSA is the federal form the U.S. Department of . Ed. Uses to determine how much federal student aid you qualify for.

They prefer FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov because it is the fastest and easiest way to submit the information. First, parents and students should apply for a personal identification number (PIN), so they can electronically sign the FAFSA. Apply for a PIN by accessing www.pin.ed.gov Keep this PIN secure. It will be used the four years the students are in school.

Even if you think you “make too much money” completing the FAFSA gives you or your senior the opportunity to borrow federal loans, which may be at a reduced interest rate than private loans.

Check the college and university priority deadline dates for filing the FAFSA.

If you need help completing the FAFSA, Edison College offers College Goal Sunday. On February 7 at 2:00 pm, you can get free help filing your FAFSA. To register go to www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org or call 1-800-233-6734

Additional financial Aid information can be found at www.finaid.org or by calling 1-800-4 Fed Aid or 1-877-1-attain

College Credit Plus Mandatory Meeting

Students and Parents interested in **College Credit Plus** need to attend one of the two pre-college meetings. The first meeting will be **February 10, at 6:00 pm. The same night as Parent Teacher conferences for those interested.**

The other meeting will be held March 2 at 8:00 am. Students may **NOT** apply for College Credit Plus programs unless both a parent/guardian and student attend one meeting. Only one meeting needs to be attended during a student’s four years in high school.

Scheduling Meeting

Learn about the **scheduling process at PHS on February 10 at 7:00 pm.**

AP Scholars

Piqua High School would like to recognize the following senior students for excellent accomplishments as AP Scholars. These high school students have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams with the AP Scholar Awards.

Tristan Cisco, Kaitlyn Haines, Timothy Wenrick, Emily Williams

Check The Piqua High School Website for The Morning Announcements!

Go to www.piqua.org

- Click on Piqua High School
- Click on “Morning Announcements”



OGT

The OGT scores are in. See your counselor for the results.

Scheduling

Online scheduling for next year’s classes will begin the 1st week of February. Individual conferences can be arranged with your counselors.

09th – Mrs. Muhlenkamp

10th - Mrs. Rosenkranz

11th – Mrs. Huntsman

12th – Mrs. Riley

Student Fees

Remember all student fees must be paid in full before graduation!

Fees add up quickly if not paid every year. Pay fees monthly or quarterly. If you have questions about your fees, please contact the main office at PHS.

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January Calendar

04 - PHS return to school
04 - UVCC return to school
14 - PHS end of 2nd grading period/end of 1st semester
15 - UVCC end of 2nd grading period/end of 1st semester

15 - PHS Teacher workday/ no classes
16 - Show Choir Invitational
18 - Martin Luther King Day/District Close
22 - Grade Cards to students
26 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal/ Teacher Meetings
TBA - Senior Class meeting

February Calendar

06 - Solo and Ensemble Contest
06 - ACT@PJHS
10- 1 hour early dismissal
10 - Parent Teacher conferences 4:00 - 8:00
10 - College Credit Plus Meeting @ 6:00
10 - Scheduling Meeting @7:00
11 - Parent Teacher conference 3:00 - 6:00
12 - No classes
15 - President's Day - no classes
17 - Positive Parent class@ PJHS 5:15- 7:00

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Positive Parenting Classes sponsored by Samaritan Behavioral Health held on Feb 17th, March 22nd, and April 20th at PJHS from 5:15 - 7:00 pm. Call 937-440-7121 to register.