

# Piqua High School Newsletter

September 2012



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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tail Gate
- ◆ Homecoming
- ◆ Blood Drive

### Open House

The high school open house will be held on Wednesday, September 5 from 7-8:30. You will be able to visit your student's teachers and find out additional information about the classes your student takes. This is not a parent teacher conference night. If you need to make an appointment for a conference that can be done through the high school secretary guidance counselor or contacting the teacher directly using their e-mail account. All e-mail addresses are the teacher's last name followed by first initial @ piqua.org. A list is also available on the Piqua City Schools' website.

### Homecoming

The Homecoming game is against Greenville on October 12 with the dance in the PHS commons on October 13 from 8:00-11:00. Ticket will be sold the week before the dance at Piqua High School. Ticket prices are \$7 presale and \$8 at the door. No discount for couples. "Lost in Wonderland" is this year's Homecoming dance theme.

### Link Crew Tailgate

On Friday, September 14 the Link Crew will host a tailgate party for all freshmen. The party will take place outside of the stadium before the varsity football game against Beavercreek. Pizza and drinks are provided free of charge and all freshmen in attendance will be admitted to the football game free of charge. Listen to announcements for more details.

### Annual Piqua-Troy Blood Drive

The annual Piqua-Troy blood battle will take place with a new format. Students will be able to give blood at school in room 508 from 9:00 -1:00 on Friday, September 26. Community members wishing to donate blood will do so at the Piqua US Bank on the corner of College and Water Street on Wednesday October 3 from 12:00pm -6:00 pm.

**Please get out and help us beat Troy for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!**

College and Career Day  
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### October Count Week

October 1 – 5, 2012 is the count week for the State of Ohio. During that week, the state requires a written note for all student absences. Therefore, if you call in for your child during that week, please know that a written note will be required in order for your child to be excused. You must send the note in on the day your child returns to school.

### OGT Test Dates

The Fall administration of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) will be given to juniors and seniors who did not pass sections of the test last spring or in previous administrations. Testing dates for Juniors and Seniors only for the OGT are October 22-October 26, 2012 with make-ups held the week of October 29 –November 2. We will not follow a delay schedule that week. All students are to be at school at the regularly scheduled time, whether they are taking a test or not. The test order for the Fall administration of the OGT is Monday: Reading, Tuesday: Math, Wednesday: Writing, Thursday: Science and Friday: Social Studies. A reminder to all, a student cannot pass the OGT without doing the written response questions on the test!

### Attendance

It is the law that every student is in school everyday. The Ohio Revised code dictates which absences are excused, it is not up to the school administration. We must count and correctly code all absences. Attendance is reported on our school report card and must be maintained at 94%--that would be a total of 11 days of absence per year. Students who miss 10 or more days in a grading period will fail their classes.

Parents are urged to make attendance a top priority at home. Poor attendance is an extremely hard habit to break when entering the work world. This year it is especially important for students to be at school as the law has become stricter.

### Pride of Piqua News

The Piqua Music Boosters invites the community to show its support for the Pride of Piqua Marching Band on Saturday September 29 at Alexander Stadium. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Piqua Marching Band Invitational. The contest begins at 5:00 and is a Mid-States Band Association sanctioned competition. The Pride of Piqua will be performing their 2012 show. Admission is \$5 per person. Enter at Tomahawk Trail and park north of the stadium or at the high school.

### Medication at School

All students must have a doctor's note signed by the parent in order to take any (over the counter or prescription) medication at school. We have the correct medication form and can fax it to your doctor. Violators of the medication policy will be suspended from school. Please refer to the student handbook for further information.

**School Pictures  
By ~ LifeTouch  
September 21, 2012  
7:30 am - 10:00am**

### Walk In Clinics

The UVMC Center for Sports Medicine will hold walk-in clinics for athletic injuries on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am with the last athlete accepted at 10:30am.

The clinic will be held at Suite 304 in the Hyatt Center 450 N. Hyatt St. Tipp City.

For more information visit [www.uvmc.com](http://www.uvmc.com)

Or call the Center for Sports Medicine at 937-667-2614. (or 440-7325)

The Clinics will be held through October with the exception of 9/29/12.

**Parents ask yourself this question—  
would you keep your job if you missed  
more than 11 days in 180 days of  
work? Help PHS hold your student  
accountable for attendance—make it a  
priority at home, too.**

**Make Attendance a Priority!**

### Band Calendar

*September 29 Piqua Band Invitational*

*October 6 Band at New Bremen*

*October 20 Band at Tecumseh*

*October 27 Band at Centerville*

*November 3 Marching Band at Mid-States Championships*

### PHS Alumni Band

The annual Alumni Band Night will be on September 14 against Beaver Creek. If you are a former band, flag corps, or cheerleader member and wish to participate, call Stu Shear at 773-0730 or Scott Petty at 418-0238.

### Piqua WebSite

Did you know that you can go to [www.piqua.org](http://www.piqua.org) and **Piqua High School** for printable forms, (found under forms and downloads) school information and calendar dates? You can also access lunch menus and athletic dates on the main website page.

### Agenda Planners

Once again this year, agenda planners have been distributed to all students. Teachers are encouraging students to write assignments and important dates in the planners and use as hall passes. Please check your student's planner and assist us in helping students learn organizational skills. A very limited supply is available for replacement for \$5 each!

### Student Parking

All students must secure a parking permit from Mr. Hite or Mrs. DeMange in the Attendance Office. The cost is \$10.00. Students who do not secure a parking permit will be subject to towing at their expense. Please assist us in this security measure. Parking lot and driving rules will be followed at all times or parking privileges will be revoked. No student is to park in the front lots at any time during the school day (that includes UVCC and Edison students!



### Cell Phones

Parents are reminded that cell phones are not to be in use during the school day. The only exception is when students may use their cell phone during their specific lunch period (A, B or C) only. Parents can really assist us with this issue by NOT calling and/or texting students during school hours! Ask your son or daughter what time their lunch period is and make contact during that half hour period, or before or after school. Please do not send text messages to your student, this developed into a problem last year. They cannot reply to your text during school time. Your assistance would be appreciated!

### Interim Progress Reports

Progress reports will be issued to students on **Friday, September 21**. Additionally, all PHS teachers use a Grade Machine computer program; and you can access your student's class achievement record via the Internet. If you need information on accessing Progress Book from home, contact Christie Schneider in the guidance office. (No accounts have been changed from last year—use the same login as you have in the past.)

### Out of Bounds

Students are not to be behind any portion of the stadium, at the pond or in the parking lots or corn or soy bean fields during the school day. They are also not to be at the Junior High or UVCC or in their parking lots unless they attend there or have permission to be there. Students found in these locations are subject to consequences.

### SENIOR NEWS:

What you need to do in September:

- Continue to narrow down your college choices to 5-6 schools. Double check admission requirements and deadlines.
- Go on college visits. Seniors are allowed three visits that must be pre-approved by attendance. Permission slips can be obtained in Guidance. No visits during October Count Week
- Speak with college representatives during college and career day.
- Make contact with teacher recommenders. You do not want to wait until the last minute. Give the teachers at least 2 weeks notice.
- Check the high school webpage for the latest scholarship listings. There are a few with October deadlines!!! Paper applications are located in the filing cabinet in the guidance department. Students can also access scholarships through the individual college websites. Search the college's financial aid pages.
- Retake the ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and/or the SAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) **New this year**, you need to upload a photo of yourself for the ACT.
- For those of you that need a transcript, complete a transcript release form and provide your counselor with \$1.
- Attend the Edison College Fair on Tuesday, October 9 from 12:30-2:00. Information and permission slips to follow.
- If you have any further questions, e-mail senior counselor, Mrs. Beth Rosenkranz at [rosenkranzb@piqua.org](mailto:rosenkranzb@piqua.org) or call the high school Guidance office at 778-4527.
- **All PHS seniors** who plan to attend any further education after high school will be required to fill out a Piqua Education Foundation Scholarship form. English teachers will assist in this process. **These scholarship forms must be completed and returned to the high school counselor or sent to the Board of Education office by March 22, 2013. A late application is not considered!**

**Important Dates**

**Sept.**

- 05 PHS Open House 7:00-8:30
- 06 Graduation orders/Jostens  
at lunch and 4:30 – 6:00
- 14 Sr. Group Picture @ 7:35
- 14 Link Crew Tailgate party/  
9<sup>th</sup> grade
- 21 Progress Reports
- 21 School Pictures/Lifetouch
- 26 Blood Drive/ Piqua vs Troy
- 28 College and Career Day
- 29 Piqua Band Invitational

**Oct.**

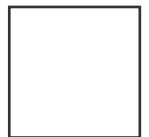
- 1-5 October Count Week
- 06 SAT at PHS
- 09 Edison College Fair 12:30-2:00
- 12 Homecoming vs Greenville
- 13 Homecoming Dance 8:00-11:00
- 16 Freshman Ring Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> per.
- 17 PSAT
- 18 Picture Retakes
- 19 Teacher Prof. Day/No School
- 21 Fall Choir Concert/ 2:30
- 22 OGT Juniors & Seniors
- 24 End of 1<sup>st</sup> grading period
- 24 Freshman Ring orders/lunch
- 24 Fr. Parent ring mtg 4:30-6:30
- 26 Piqua vs Troy
- 27 ACT@PHS

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