



PIQUA HIGH SCHOOL AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. I am excited as we prepare for the return of our students and a new group of ninth graders. Soon, our classrooms will be full and the story of high expectations and outstanding student achievement will continue to be told.

This newsletter includes many pieces of information that are critical for the beginning of the school year. Please take time to read through carefully and contact the main office if you have any questions. Once again, I am looking forward to another outstanding school year. Go Indians!

Rob Messick, PHS Principal

Welcome Freshman class of 2020!

Freshman Orientation is Wednesday August 17

STUDENTS ONLY Arrive at 9:00 a.m. and stay until 12:00 p.m.

We welcome the freshman to the high school and want to assure you we will do everything possible to make the next four years very rewarding and academically challenging for every student.

In order to help our 9th grade students transition to high school, there will be a **Freshman Orientation on August 17 at PHS from 9:00-12:00. (Students stay the 3 hours)** On this day, freshman students will be provided with information that they will need to begin the year at PHS. It will include presentations by students and staff, activities for students, a guided tour of the building, schedule issues and more. This is an exciting time for both parents and incoming high school students and it can be very challenging as well. If you have questions, please contact our office or grade nine guidance counselor Mrs. Kelty Inman.

PHS OPEN HOUSE

Schedule

Pick-Up

August 18, 2016

5:00 - 7:00

Freshman Parent Meeting

**Wednesday August 17, at 7:00 pm
at PHS in the CPA.**

We **STRONGLY** encourage parents of Freshman students to attend this meeting. Information will be given and questions answered, which will make you feel more comfortable about your student's transition to the high school! Fees may be paid at that time too!

Freshman Student ID pictures will be taken on Wednesday August 17 at the Link Crew Orientation, the first one is free. Upperclassmen may have ID cards made the first week of school for \$4.00

- ❑ **Students in grades 10, 11, 12** may pick up their schedules,
- ❑ **AUGUST 18 - THURSDAY EVE. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. During the PHS OPEN HOUSE!**

Please GO TO WWW.PIQUA.ORG
And then to the Red Tab ~ OneView
To fill out the following forms:

The Parent Authorization Form,
Medical Form,
Internet User Form.

- ❑ Please have cash or check ready - payable to PHS for the basic school fee which is \$46.00, additional course fees are listed on schedules.

OPEN HOUSE – Open House will be held August 18, 2016 from 5:00-7:00. Students may pick up their schedules and meet the teachers that night!

2016-2017 FEE PAYMENT --\$46.00

In an attempt to collect as much money as possible, we ask for a minimum partial payment of \$46 when your student picks up their schedule.

If there are extenuating circumstances and an inability to pay certain fees, please contact Mrs. Joanna Marrs, secretary. **We will gladly accept partial payment and put you on a payment plan.** Unpaid fees will result in grade cards being withheld each grading period if you do not contact the office. **WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS. Additional fees will be charged for certain academic courses. Those fees will be assessed based on student schedules. The fee schedule is included in this newsletter.**

PAY TO PARTICIPATE - \$45 (first sport)

Pay to Participate fees will be due at the beginning of each season for each sport, band or choir program again this year. Coaches will let

students know the dates they can pay the fee in the main office. You will not be able to participate until you pay your *SCHOOL FEES* in

addition to pay to participate fees. This policy applies to all sports, band and show choir.

Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting for parents and athletes Wednesday August 3 at 6:00 pm in the CPA.

STUDENT SCHEDULE CHANGE OR ADJUSTMENT

Students will be expected to follow schedules for at least one week. Obvious errors will be adjusted quickly. Any adjustment must be handled through the guidance office with the appropriate drop/add slip completed and signed by all parties involved. There are specific guidelines related to withdrawing with a passing grade and withdrawing with a failing grade. Students should make sure they understand the difference through the appropriate counselor.

Counselors are: Freshmen- Mrs. Kelty Inman, Sophomores- Mrs. Lindsay Muhlenkamp, Juniors- Mrs. Beth Rosenkranz, Seniors- Mrs. Georgia Huntsman.

- ❑ **ATTENTION : PHS / UVCC STUDENTS:** COMMUNICATION IS A DUAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEN YOU ATTEND THE UVCC! UVCC students taking classes first period at PHS must attend classes at PHS as scheduled. PHS starting date **TUESDAY AUGUST 23.**
- ❑ Announcements made at PHS each day are e-mailed to the UVCC. **PHS announcements are posted on the "Piqua Board" with special announcements made on the new information boards in the Career Center lobby and in the commons areas.** If you have concerns—contact Mr. Davis at the UVCC.
Please remember - UVCC students will not be permitted in the PHS building prior to the start of school. If you do not attend classes at PHS, do not come to PHS in the morning.
- A reminder that PHS Seniors must complete 6 hours of community service** of which attendance at Baccalaureate, Class Night and or Graduation practice can be counted. Senior service forms are available in the office, the specific criteria of what is acceptable is found on the form. Seniors who do not fulfill this obligation must stay after graduation practice and make up the time.
- ❑ PHS SCHOOL DAY TIMES: 7:35-2:28
Students arriving after 8:00 AM will need to buzz in through the main entrance (door 3).
- ❑ **STUDENT DRIVING & PARKING REGULATIONS**
Students **must** register cars and post parking permits. Students driving inappropriately or not following the guidelines could be restricted from driving to school. Please drive safely! Mr. Hite will be coordinating parking permits, which will cost **\$10.00** this year. All students will park in the west lot in front of Alexander Stadium. All cars must be moved from the Alexander lot at the close of the day during football season so the band can use that area for practice
- ❑ **SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS - ON SALE NOW!!**
Contact the Piqua High School Athletic Office at 773-9577. Changes have been made to reserve seating at the Alexander Stadium. 2016-2017 ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES SET BY GWOC: **Pre-sale:** Adults \$6.00/Students \$4.00, **at the gate** \$8.00 everyone.
- ❑ **LUNCHROOM OPERATION - LUNCH COSTS**The lunch program will be in full operation the first day. Students may purchase a full lunch for **\$2.20**. Using the new student ID cards, students may “bank” lunch money in their personal accounts at any time. For instance, if parents would like to send in money for the entire month’s worth of lunches, this can easily be done by cash or check. The charge for a week of Type-A lunches is \$11.00. Students must have their ID available at lunch to be scanned by food service. A la Carte items will be sold to students in the lunch line or at the a la carte window. Breakfast will be served daily at 7:15 a.m. for \$1.20 daily and \$6.00 weekly. Free/reduced forms will be available during schedule pick-up dates or from the main office at the BOE or you can obtain one on our website www.piqua.org. **LUNCH CHARGES - You may use the Pre-pay Lunch Program on the Piqua City Schools Website under the “Parents & Students” Link. Allow 2 days for processing.**
- ❑ **Students may make credit payments for lunch between the hours of 2:30 -3:30 pm daily.**
- ❑ **Student Handbooks**
Each student will receive a handbook which includes all school policies and an agenda planner, along with other sources of valuable information that will be needed throughout the school year. **This handbook should be read thoroughly by both students and parents so that all are familiar with PHS guidelines.** If a handbook is lost, a replacement can be purchased for \$5.00.
- ❑ **Book bags-** In the past, students have not been allowed to carry book bags during the day at PHS. This year, students will be allowed to carry the “drawstring style” bags. Typically, these bags are small and made of nylon and will allow students to carry small amounts of school materials throughout the day.
- ❑ **Textbooks** - Students will need to use their ID cards to check out new textbooks in the library this year.
- ❑ We receive requests during the year from colleges, the Armed Services and other federal and state agencies for student names, addresses and phone numbers. If the student/parent does not wish the name released to these agencies, please contact your guidance counselor.

Welcome to our new staff members at Piqua High School this year.

Science: Karen Bensman, Amanda Fernezez

Math: Jordan Drake

Foreign Language: Sarah Bensman (Sign Language)

Physical Education: Jon Dolph

Guidance: Kelty Inman

Music Aide: Carol Palmer

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.

Cell Phones

Parents are reminded that cell phones are not to be in use during the school day during class time unless as a tool for educational purposes in the classroom. 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!

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 24 - October 31, 2016 with make-ups held the week of November 6. 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!

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.
- Speak with college representatives during college and career day.
- Make contact with teachers for college recommendation letters. 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! Students can access scholarships through the individual college websites. Search the college's financial aid pages.
- Retake the ACT www.actstudent.org and/or the SAT www.collegeboard.com 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. Information and permission slips to follow.
- If you have any further questions, e-mail senior counselor, Mrs. Georgia Huntsman at huntsmang@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 by March 31, 2017. A late application is not considered!**

**NEW THIS YEAR! THE FOLLOWING PIQUA CITY
SCHOOL FORMS FOR STUDENTS WILL BE ONLINE
for you to fill out:**

**PARENT AUTHORIZATION FORM
MEDICAL FORM
INTERNET USER FORM**

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August Calendar

- 1 - All Sports begin
- 3 - Mandatory Parent Sports Meeting 6:00 pm CPA

- 17 - Freshman Orientation 9:00 -12:00 (students only)
- 17 - Freshman Parent Meeting 7:00 pm CPA
- 18 - 10, 11, 12 grades - Schedule Pick up 5:00 - 7:00
- 18 - PHS Open House 5:00 - 7:00
- 23 - Students first day/Classes begin

OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 18, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 pm

September Calendar

- 05 - Labor Day No School
- 16 - School Pictures by LifeTouch
- 26- Class Ring Meeting/ Freshman 8:00 am
- 26- Senior Meeting/Jostens 10:00 am
- 30 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY by LIFETOUCH
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
7:30 am - 10:00 am

Parent Teacher Conferences

The annual Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at PHS in October.

The dates are:

October 25 - 4:00 – 8:00

October 26 – 4:00 - 8:00

October 28 - No School for Students or Teachers

**These conferences are on a first come first served basis.
No school on Friday October 28.**

October Calendar

- 1 - SAT@PJHS
- 3 - College and Career Week starts
- 6 - Class Ring Orders taken at lunch and at 4:30 - 6:00
- 7 - Graduation orders taken at lunch
- 7 - Homecoming Game vs Greenville
- 8 - Homecoming Dance 8:00 - 11:00
- 13 - Picture Retake Day - LifeTouch
- 14 - UVCC No School
- 15 - Piqua Band Invitational
- 16 - Fall Choir Concert 2:30 pm
- 17 - UVCC No School
- 19 - PHS 1 Hour Early Dismissal
- 22 - ACT @ PJHS
- 24 - OGT Testing Begins
- 25 - BLOOD DRIVE PIQUA VS TROY
- 25 - PHS Parent Teacher Conference 4:00 - 8:00
- 26 - PHS Parent Teacher Conference 4:00 - 8:00
- 27 - PHS End of 1st Grade Period
- 28 - No Classes for students or teachers
- 28 - Piqua VS. Troy Football Game



PIQUA CITY SCHOOLS 2016 - 2017 CALENDAR

New Faculty Orientation	August 12, 15, 16	Fri, Mon, Tues
Teachers' Professional Development Day-Trade Day	August 17	Wednesday
Teachers' Professional Development Day-Eval. Day	August 18	Thursday
Teachers' Professional Development Day- Required Day/ Wellness Fair	August 19	Friday
District Meeting/ Building Open Houses	August 22	Monday
Students' First Day	August 23	Tuesday
Labor Day/ District Closed	September 5	Monday
2 hour Early Dismissal- Teacher Student Growth Measure Analysis	September 30	Friday
1 hour Early Dismissal- All Classes	October 19	Wednesday
End of 1st Grading Period	October 27	Thursday
2nd Grading Period Begins	October 28	Friday
P/T Conference Day - No Classes	October 28	Friday
Thanksgiving Break begins	November 23	Wednesday
Thanksgiving Break ends- District Closed	November 25	Friday
Holiday Break Begins	December 22	Thursday
Resume Classes	January 3	Tuesday
End of 2nd Grading Period	January 12	Thursday
Teachers' Records Day - No Classes	January 13	Friday
Martin Luther King Day - District Closed	January 16	Monday
3rd Grading Period Begins	January 17	Tuesday
One Hour Early Release - All Classes	February 8	Wednesday
P/T Conference Day- No Classes	February 17	Friday
President's Day - No Classes	February 20	Monday
2 hour Early Dismissal- Teacher Student Growth Measure Analysis	March 24	Friday
End of 3rd Grading Period	March 24	Friday
4th Grading Period Begins	March 27	Monday
Good Friday - Spring Break Begins	April 14	Friday
Spring Break Ends - Classes Resume	April 18	Tuesday
End of 4th Grading Period- Last Student Day	May 26	Friday
Two Hour Early Release - All Students	May 26	Friday
Graduation	May 26	Friday
Memorial Day - District Closed	May 29	Monday
Teachers' Record Day	May 30	Tuesday
Make Up Days:	May 30, 31 Jun 1, 2, 5	Tue-Fri, Mon
Student Days: 180		
Teacher Days: 188		



Piqua City Schools Transportation Department

719 E. Ash St, Piqua, Oh 45356

Office-937-773-4321 Ext 6411, Fax-937-778-4517, www.piqua.org

Transportation Plan Form 2016-2017 School year

DUE BY AUGUST 10, 2016 ---- A NEW FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR

You must fill out one form for each child who needs bus service and will ride a Piqua City School bus. Please check all information to make sure this is the schedule you want for your child. New forms may take up to three (3) days to process. The boxes in the middle are for an alternate transportation plan if your child needs bus service anywhere other than their home bus stop. **An alternate bus stop shall only be approved for child care and shared parenting.** If a change is made during the school year, a new form shall be submitted and approved before the child is allowed to ride a different bus or get on/off at another bus stop.

Child's name: _____

Last name

First name

School: NICHOLAS

Grade: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Mother's name: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____

Father's name: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____

My child will use the regular bus stop closest to their home address: AM only ___ PM only ___ BOTH ___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE: _____

CHILDCARE PROVIDER: YES ___ CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NAME: _____

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

___ EVERYDAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL ___ EVERYDAY TO SCHOOL ___ EVERYDAY FROM SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE: _____

SHARED PARENTING: YES ___ CO-PARENT NAME: _____

CO-PARENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

___ EVERYDAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL ___ EVERYDAY TO SCHOOL ___ EVERYDAY FROM SCHOOL

___ OTHER: CHECK DAYS OF WEEK TRANSPORTATION IS NEEDED (NOTE: MUST BE SAME DAYS EVERY WEEK)

AM ___ MONDAY ___ TUESDAY ___ WEDNESDAY ___ THURSDAY ___ FRIDAY

PM ___ MONDAY ___ TUESDAY ___ WEDNESDAY ___ THURSDAY ___ FRIDAY

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

PICK UP BUS STOP LOCATION: _____

BUS #: _____

DROP OFF BUS STOP LOCATION: _____

BUS #: _____

Approved ___ Denied ___

Transportation Supervisor

PIQUA HIGH SCHOOL

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Attendance 937-773-9580

Guidance - 937-778-4527

Athletic - 937-773-9577

Annual Piqua-Troy Blood Drive

The annual Piqua-Troy Blood Battle will take place on October 25. Blood donors must be at least 17 and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. HOWEVER if you are 16 and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs you may donate if you have the required waiver form signed by a parent. Please listen to future announcements about this important event. Seniors may earn 1 senior service hour toward graduation requirements.

Homecoming

The Homecoming game is against Greenville on October 7 with the dance in the PHS commons on October 8 from 8:00-11:00. Tickets 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.

College and Career Week

College and Career Week will be held October 3 - 7. Freshmen will be learning about a variety of careers. Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test. Juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to meet with college and military representatives. This is a great chance for PHS students to look at different careers and think about future choices.