



PIQUA HIGH SCHOOL AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year.

I look forward to working with all of you and encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities that are available to you. On behalf of the team of educators at Piqua High School, I want to again welcome all of you and thank you for being a part of PHS where Success is your only option!

This newsletter includes many pieces of information that are critical for the beginning of the school year. Please take time to read through it carefully and contact the main office if you have any questions. **All Parents are asked to go to the Piqua City Schools website and update your student's forms for the 2018-19 school year.**

PHS starting date TUESDAY AUGUST 14.

Once again, I am looking forward to another outstanding school year.

Go Indians!

Rob Messick, PHS Principal

Please GO TO WWW.PIQUA.ORG

And then to the Red Tab ~ OneView

To fill out or UPDATE the following forms:

**The Parent Authorization Form
Medical Form
Internet User Form**

Welcome our new staff members this year.

Math: *Jami Durkee*

Success Bound: *Max Smith*

Workplace Learning Center: *Nate Wright*

Engineering: *Jennifer Bertke*

Guidance Counselor: *Kate Schulz*

FCCLA: *Jamy Friend*

Welcome Freshman class of 2022!

Freshman Orientation is Thursday August 09

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 09 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 Guidance Office!

Freshman Parent Meeting

Thursday, August 09 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 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 08 and August 09 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- Please have correct cash or check ready - payable to PHS for the basic school fee which is \$26.00, additional course fees are listed on schedules.**

OPEN HOUSE - Open House will be held August 08, 2018 from 5:00-7:00. Students may pick up their schedules and meet their teachers that night!

2018-2019 FEE PAYMENT --\$26.00

In an attempt to collect as much money as possible, we ask for a minimum partial payment of \$26 when your student picks up their schedule.

If there are extenuating circumstances and an inability to pay certain fees, please contact our main office. **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.**

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 August 1, 2, or 7 at 6:00 pm in the CPA. ATHLETE AND PARENT ATTEND ONE OF THOSE MEETINGS!

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:

NEW 7 PERIOD SCHEDULE - WITH ADVISORY for 2018-19

1st - 7:30 - 8:20

2nd - 8:24 - 9:08

3rd - 9:12 - 9:56

4th - 10:00 - 10:44

5A - 10:44 - 11:14 - Tardy Bell at 10:48

5B - 11:14 - 11:44 - Tardy Bell at 11:18

5C - 11:44 - 12:14 - Tardy Bell at 11:48

Advisory - 12:20 - 12:46 - 26 minutes

6th - 12:50 - 1:34

7th - 1:38 - 2:23

PHS SCHOOL DAY TIMES: 7:30-2:23

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. 2018-2019 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 months 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 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.**

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.

- ❑ **Textbooks** - Students will need to use their ID cards to check out new textbooks in the library this year. You will be charged for lost Textbooks.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ **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.
- ❑ 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.

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!

No Outside Food or Drink Permitted at Piqua High School

Student are asked not to come into the building with coffee, soda etc. Also, parents will not be permitted to bring fast food to Piqua High School at lunch time for their student.

Students must be Passing 5 Credits and avoid "2 F's" to participate in all sports/extra-curricular activities.

August Calendar

- 01 - All Sports begin
- 01, 02, or 07 - Mandatory Parent Sports Meeting 6:00 pm CPA
Athlete and Parent attend one meeting
- 08 - OPEN HOUSE/Schedule pick up (10,11,12)
5:00 - 7:00
- 09 - Freshman Orientation 9:00am -12:00pm (students only)
- 09 - Freshman Parent Meeting 7:00 pm CPA
- 09 - Schedule Pick up (10, 11, 12) 5:00 - 7:00
- 14 - Student First Day/Classes begin
- 31 - 2 Hour early dismissal Teacher Prof.

**PHS OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 08, 2018
5:00 - 7:00 pm**

September Calendar

- 03- Labor Day No School
- 07 - Link Crew Tail Gate/6:00 pm/Stadium
- 14 - School Picture Day
- 24 - Class Ring Meeting Freshman 8:00 am
- 24 - Senior Meeting/Jostens 10:00 am
- 26 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal Teacher Prof.
OCTOBER
- 05-Homecoming Game vs Geenville
- 06- Homecoming Dance 8:00 - 11:00

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY by LIFETOUCH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
7:30 am - 10:00 am**

Annual Piqua-Troy Blood Drive

The annual Piqua-Troy Blood Battle will take place on **October 24**.

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 5 with the dance in the PHS commons on October 6 from 8:00-11:00. Tickets will be sold the week before the dance at Piqua High School. Ticket prices will be announced at a later date.

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 Naviance 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 your counselor.
- **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, 2019. A late application is not considered!**
- **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.



Piqua City Schools
2018-2019
School Calendar



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| First Day For Students | August 14 | Tuesday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Student Growth Measure Analysis | August 31 | Friday |
| Labor Day/District Closed | September 3 | Monday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development | September 26 | Wednesday |
| End of 1st Grading Period | October 12 | Friday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.) | October 17 | Wednesday |
| Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.) | October 18 | Thursday |
| Parent/Teacher Conferences Day - No Classes | October 19 | Friday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development | October 31 | Wednesday |
| Thanksgiving Break Begins - No Classes | November 21 | Wednesday |
| Thanksgiving Break Ends - Classes Resume | November 26 | Monday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development | November 28 | Wednesday |
| End of 2nd Grading Period | December 21 | Friday |
| Holiday Break Begins/District Closed | December 24 | Monday |
| Holiday Break Ends - Classes Resume | January 7 | Monday |
| Martin Luther King Day/District Closed | January 21 | Monday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.) | February 13 | Wednesday |
| Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.) | February 14 | Thursday |
| Parent/Teacher Conferences Day - No Classes | February 15 | Friday |
| President's Day/District Closed | February 18 | Monday |
| End of 3rd Grading Period | March 8 | Friday |
| Spring Break Begins - No Classes | March 25 | Monday |
| Spring Break Ends, Classes Resume | April 1 | Monday |
| Kindergarten Registration at Washington Primary for 19-20 school year* | April 6 | Saturday |
| Kindergarten Registration at Springcreek Primary for 19-20 school year* | April 13 | Saturday |
| Two-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Student Growth Measure Analysis | April 18 | Thursday |
| Good Friday/District Closed | April 19 | Friday |
| Kindergarten Registration at Washington Primary for 19-20 school year* | April 23 | Tuesday |
| Kindergarten Registration at Springcreek Primary for 19-20 school year* | April 25 | Thursday |
| End of 4th Grading Period - Students' Last Day - 2 hour early release - Class of 2019 Graduation Day | May 24 | Friday |
| Memorial Day/District Closed | May 27 | Monday |
| Make Up Days: | May 28-June 3 | |
| Kindergarten Registration at Springcreek & Washington for 19-20 school year* | June 4 | Tuesday |
| Fourth of July/District Closed | July 4 | Thursday |

* Kindergarten registration dates are by appt. Please call Springcreek 773-8540 or Washington 773-8472 to set an appt. for your child.

* Students must be 5 years of age by August 1, 2019 to register for kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.