

Piqua High School Newsletter

December 2018

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Principal's News

Parents and Students,

It is incredible to think that the first semester is nearly complete and we are entering 2019. I hope that you have a wonderful Holiday Season and are able to spend time with family and friends. Thank you again to our very talented student musicians and vocalists who will be entertaining families and community members during the Holidays with events like the Holiday Choir Concert and Cookie Walk, the Band Concert, and a host of performances by *The Company*. Thank you to all the students who helped with the Veteran's Day Celebration in November, it was a huge success!

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.

Sincerely,
Rob Messick

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 March 1, 2019. 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 Mr. Skeans in room 503 by March 1, 2019.

2019 yearbook orders are still being taken at the cost of \$65. Order forms are available in the main office, and Mr. Skean's room 503.

Buy your 2019 Music Booster Spirit Card!

The 2019 Spirit Cards are available now from any PHS choir or band student. The \$10 cards offer discounts at Piqua and Troy area merchants and are valid 9/01/18 thru 09/30/19. 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.

Show Choir Invitational

The 36th Annual Show Choir Invitational will take place Saturday January 19 from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm. 12 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 is no exception. The following groups and classes will make 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. Many thanks to all students, staff, and local merchants involved. Pride and Joy is shown at Piqua High School!

Calendar Dates

Christmas Break begins Monday December 24. Students return Monday January 7, 2019!

No school on Monday January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are:

Wednesday February 13~ 2 hour early dismissal conferences are (3:00 – 6:00 pm on Wednesday)

Thursday February 14~ conferences are (4:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday).

No School on Friday February 15 or Monday February 18 ~ President's Day.

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 at **10:00 am on January 10** to review the senior handbook. Mr. Messick and Mrs. Huntsman 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 503 by **March 1st**.

ACT application deadline is January 11 for the February 09 test date.

Financial Aid

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

Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Parents and students will also need to apply for a FSA ID, so they can electronically sign the FAFSA. Apply for a FSA ID at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> Keep your FSA ID secure. It will be used the four years the students are in school.

College Credit Plus Mandatory Meeting

Students and Parents interested in **College Credit Plus** need to attend the mandatory College Credit Plus meeting on **February 14, at 6:00 pm. The same night as Parent Teacher conferences.** 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.

Science Olympiad Competitions

December 8th: Northview Science Olympiad Invitational

January 12th: Thomas Worthington Science Olympiad Invitational

February 9th: Southview Science Olympiad Invitational

February 16th: Piqua Science Olympiad Invitational

*We as a team are hosting about 35 other teams to compete at PHS and PJHS. It will be purely run by volunteers!

March 2nd: West Liberty Science Olympiad Invitational

March 16th: Piqua Regional Competition

History Day Competitions

The History Day competition will be held March 2nd at Piqua Junior High School.

The State Competition will be held April 27 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Model UN Competition is March 14 & 15 - Indianapolis

From the Piqua City Schools Transportation Department:

Moving? Please contact us so we may assign your student to a bus!

Transportation phone 773-1560.

Check The Piqua High School Website for The Morning Announcements!

- Go to www.piqua.org

- Click on Piqua High School

Announcements are on the front page



Scheduling

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

A-D – Mrs. Huntsman

E-K - Mrs. Schultz

L-R – Mrs. Muhlenkamp

S-Z –Mrs. Rosenkranz

Student Fees

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.

Remember all fees need to be paid in full for a student to graduate!

Veteran's Day Program

Piqua High School hosted the Veteran's Day Program and Breakfast this year on November 9, 2018. It was a huge success! We showcased our new Military Wall with the interactive screen which displays veteran pictures and service information. Piqua High School Graduates who served (or are currently serving) in the military are encouraged to enter their information. You may go to our website www.piqua.org choose Piqua High School and then scroll down to Veterans Military Wall to enter your information and pictures. If you have any questions about this process, please call the main office of Piqua High School at 937-773-6314.

We are proud of our Veteran's and are happy to display their service information.



December

- 03 - Fall Air Testing this week 7:30 am
- 09 - Holiday Vocal Concert and Cookie Walk 2:30 and 4:30
- 10 - Fall Air Testing this week 7:30 am
- 10 - Band Winter Concert @ PHS 6:30 pm
- 17 - Fall Air Testing this week 7:30 am
- 20 - Semester Exams
- 21 - Semester Exams
- 21 - End of Second Quarter/ End of First Semester
- 24 - Christmas Break Begins

January

- 07 - Students return
- 07 - 3rd grading period begins
- 10 - Senior Class meeting (grad info) @ 10:00 am
- 11 - Report Cards to Students - last time for printed report cards
- 19 - Show Choir Invitational @ PHS
- 21 - Martin Luther King Day/District Closed

**3rd Quarter Report Cards will not be printed. Report cards will be available to parents online beginning March 15, 2019*