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PTHS EXTRA

September, 2019

Cool things that happened at PTHS, during the month of September:

First Day of School!

The high school had a opening of school. It was great to welcome both returning, and new students to campus. It was a beautiful morning on Tuesday, and students mingled out on the campus lawn, waiting for the first bell. As of the first day, we have enrolled 42 new students at PTHS, not counting the large freshman class, which has moved up from Blue Heron! A special thank you to our Redhawk Mentors, who were available on Tuesday morning to give campus tours, and assist our new students with finding their way to their first period class. With the start of our new school year, we also begin our fall athletic events. Our Redhawk athletes are in fine form, and are all having a great time representing our school.

First Friday Activity!

For our 'First Friday' activity this year, students in their respective grade level teams were engaged in fun class and team building activities. Our freshmen spent time on campus, while Sophomores enjoyed the Wooden Boat Festival. Juniors spent the day at Evergreen College, for a campus visit while seniors toured community businesses and started on their senior project.

Improvement Planning!

The **2019-20 high school improvement plan** has been completed and is now posted on our website. Each year we work with staff, students, parents and community to set goals for how to improve our school. Goals for this year focus on on-time graduation rates, improving attendance, providing more outreach to parents, and curricular goals focused in each content area.

For parents who participated in the survey available last spring through the Center for Educational Effectiveness, that data is also used for goal setting. Check our website under "General Information" tab, or contact Principal Carrie Ehrhardt at 360-379-4520 to have a paper copy mailed to your home. Thank you!

Save the Date!

PSAT Testing

Wednesday,
October 16 at 8:15
am; FREE for all
PTHS Juniors!

Fall Play "Our Town"

November 8 – 23
Check the high
school website for
times.

Parent Conferences

Thursday,
November 21
1:00 – 4:00 pm &
5:00 – 7:00 pm



College Help Sessions!

In an effort to provide more support for students who need help with exploring the college admissions process, our counselor, Kiley Gard, and US History teacher/College & Career Specialist Julianne Dow, will be hosting a 'college help' session in the library every Tuesday after school during the first semester. Students can learn about the college search process, financial aid requirements and FAFSA assistance, and even registration assistance for the ACT and SAT.

Skillmation Mentors at PTHS!

Our Student Mentor program has continued to grow. Last year we had over 40 Skillmation mentors engage in a monthly mentoring activity with our freshmen in Mrs. Kruse's classroom. This year we provided a training through the WSU Extension Office, and have grown our freshman mentor pool to almost 50 strong! We hope to extend our mentor support this year to both freshmen and interested sophomore students at PTHS. Our mentor program for freshmen started on September 30!

Elevator Update!

The Merit construction crew and team of subcontractors have been busy working on the exterior framing in anticipation of installing the new elevators, which have arrived at our campus. We are looking forward to the anticipated completion date of the project, around the beginning of November.

College and Career Fair

On Friday, September 27, the high school hosted over 30 institutions of higher education on campus, including universities, colleges, art & technical schools, trade schools, as well as the military. Students had the afternoon to visit the tables of their choice and learn about admissions processes, financial aid, and the degree programs offered through each institution.

September has flown by! The weather will soon change, leaves will change color and drop from the trees, and the crispness of fall will fill the air. We are off to a strong start. Let's make it a great year at PTHS!

Carrie Ehrhardt, Principal

