

Prior Lake High School

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From the Principal—David Lund

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March will pass us quickly we are half way through third quarter and we have spring break March 13th through the 17th. Our offices at the high school and in the district will be closed on Thursday, March 16th and Friday, March 17th.

We have completed registration for the 2016-2017 school year. Please ask your student if they have registered and if they have not, please ask them to meet with their counselor. We always have a few students who neglect to register and it can make a difference in the courses we offer next year. We make our staffing decisions based on the classes our students register for. We do not guarantee that we will offer every class they ask for and we do drop courses for low enrollment so it is important for our students to get their requests in ASAP.

Third quarter ends on April 6th, each new quarter we get hundreds of requests to change classes, move to a different hour and/or have a different teacher. I wish we could accommodate requests but we cannot, we have large class sizes and no room for movement. It sounds as if it should be simple but it is next to impossible when you take into account our class sizes and our number of students. With 2,550 students, 6 classes per quarter and 4 quarters there are approximately 61,200 scheduling scenarios. Unless a student is academically struggling and it is determined the placement is inappropriate we cannot honor schedule change requests. If there is an issue in a class, we invite you to come in and meet with the teacher, counselor and assistant principal. We can discuss the issues and talk about how to help your child succeed.

March 7th – High School Band Concert, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

March 9th – All District Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.

March 12th – Daylight Savings Begins

March 13th – 17th – No School, Spring Break (offices closed on the 16th and 17th)

Upcoming Facilities Planning Meetings

Public Input Sessions Set for Facilities Planning Feedback

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools can expect more than 2,100 additional students over the next ten years spread across all grade levels (2017/18 - 2026/27), according to a new demographic study,

At the same time, PLSAS is already experiencing unprecedented enrollment growth throughout the district, which is putting pressure on our schools. Our K-12 schools are at or near capacity in each of the following areas:

- Classroom spaces, including gyms for physical education
- Core spaces such as kitchens/cafeterias, hallways, offices, conference rooms, locker rooms and storage areas
Co-curricular activities and athletic spaces

Long-term facilities planning is underway, with the district's Facilities Task Force meeting through March 2017 to study enrollment and demographic data. The Task Force has identified needs, generated ideas and provided input to a Facilities Design Team.

The facilities study and resulting options will be based on capacity usage, current and projected enrollment, demographic projections, city housing projections, educational needs of the school district, school-day programs, after-school facility usage, survey input and financial stewardship.

Between the Task Force and Design Team, PLSAS will receive viable and sustainable options to address long-term facilities needs, student enrollment growth and academic programming.

Long-term options will be presented to the community for input during the dates below. After public input is gathered, we will review the feedback, further refine the options and then present options to the School Board this spring for its consideration and action.

Public Input Sessions:

Thursday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

District Services Center

4540 Tower Street SE

Prior Lake, MN 55372

School Board Listening Session:

March 9, 6:30 p.m.

District Services Center

4540 Tower Street SE

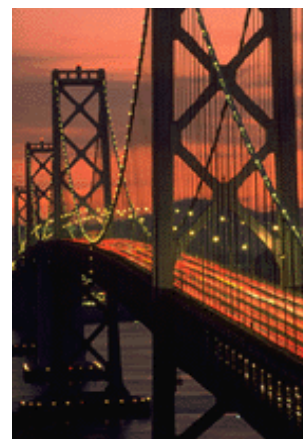
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To learn more about the facilities planning process and to view all of the data the Facilities Task Force has studied to date, visit: www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/growth

SPAN (Synergy/Sage Parent Action Network)

SPAN is the Synergy/SAGE Parent Action Network. We are also known as the Prior Lake-Savage Chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday March 9 at 7pm in the WestWood Media Center (5370 WestWood Drive SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372). Speakers Sandra Mortensen (Guidance Counselor) and Tim Chivarri (Assistant Principal), both from Bloomington's Oak Grove Middle School, will present on the Science and Engineering of Calm - Providing Tools for Parents to bring Mindfulness into their home .If you have questions or would like to be placed on our email list, please email Apryl at span.priorlake@gmail.com. See all of our meeting dates on our website www.mcgt.net/priorlake .



**Next Meeting is
March 9th.**

PLHS Guidance News



Attention **Seniors!** Applications for our local Laker Scholarships will be available starting March 6th in the guidance office. These applications will be due on **Friday, March 31st at 3pm. No Exceptions!** Looking for other scholarships? Be sure to check out our scholarship page! <http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/our-schools/plhs/guidance-office/scholarship-information>

PLHS is hosting a College Fair through Minnesota Education Fairs on **Monday, March 20th, 6:00-8:00PM**. The fair will take place in our two gyms. Students must register for the fair through www.gotocollegefairs.com. Once students register, they will be given a personal barcode for the fair. This barcode will be used by students during the fair. Instead of filling out information cards at each table, college representatives can scan a student's barcode and automatically get the student's information. **BE SURE TO REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME AND SAVE YOUR BARCODE!!!** More information can be found on our guidance webpage. If you have questions, please contact your counselor.

Prior Lake Savage Area School's Community Education will be hosting a Career and Job Fair on **March 28th from 5-7pm** at Prior Lake High School. Local employers will be looking for high school students to work part time and seniors who are seeking employment after high school.

Parent Advisory Committee

The next PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 4:15 PM in room 222.

Please contact Heather Fitzloff at hfitzloff@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us if you plan to be a part of the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)! All parents are welcome to join!



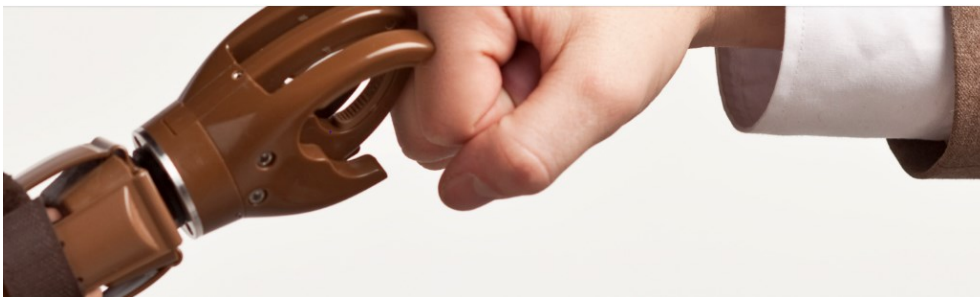
National Honor Society

The National Honor Society hosted their winter blood drive on February 8th. Seniors Alyssa Hough and Liz Heile chaired this event, and the drive collected 75 pints of blood for the Red Cross. These donations will be used for transfusions and life-saving operations, and will raise money for scholarships that will be awarded to seniors in NHS at the end of the year.

The annual Mangement was held on February 18th in the Prior Lake High School Auditorium. The event, chaired by seniors Katelyn Schmidt, Shannon Hockman, and Christina Laridaen, and juniors Heidi Wedel and Megan Giese, raised \$1700 for Boys to Men, an organization that provides mentors for young boys without strong father figures in their lives. Austin Murr won the title "Captain of the Lake" with a humorous tap dancing performance to the Star Wars soundtrack.

The winter Parents Night Out event was also held on February 18th at Prior Lake High School. Seniors Emma Halpenny and Siri Torvik, the chairs of the event, coordinated signups, volunteers, and fun games and activities for the children in attendance. Look for forms for the next one on May 5 at the high school.

Coming up in March, NHS members will be assembling prosthetic hands for the organization, Build-a-Hand. The hands were purchased using money raised through carolling this past winter, and will be donated to Odyssey Teams, Inc., an organization that supplies amputees in developing countries with prosthetics.



If you have any questions, please contact Maria Lecceardone-Brown mleccardone@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us (Newsletter information provided by Historian Liz Heile)

Career and Technical Education – CTE

#WeArePLSAS

As February comes to an end, so does National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month® in Minnesota!

246, 772 Minnesota high school and college students enrolled in CTE courses in 2016. Below are two PLHS students who are featured as February CTE Students of the Month.

“I am CTE”

Features PLHS students who are exploring careers and learning from the educational opportunities in CTE courses.



“I am CTE—FACS”

Chloe Ginkel, Freshman

Courses: Fashion Design, Interior Design, and Creative Foods

"Not only do my FACS classes educate me on skills I will use every day, but they also create a fun and carefree environment where I feel I can step out of my comfort zone and explore my creative side. They have taught me that one idea can take you so far, and I am so thankful to be able to take

“I am CTE--Business”

Josue Rodas, Senior

Courses: Intro to Business, Marketing and Sales, Webpage Design, Investing, Business Law, MNCAPS, Desktop Publishing, and FabLAB I”.

“While taking these courses throughout my high school career, I have grown to be a better leader and have improved my soft skills. Some of the skills I have improved are communication skills, teamwork skills, time management skills, and creativity.”



Senior Lock-In

2017 Senior Lock-In Registration Form

Information

June 9-10, 2017

Hey Seniors!! Come join all your classmates for one last blast. The Senior Class Parents are hosting this FUN-FILLED, ALL NIGHT party at school. Be with your friends on graduation night. We'll have a ton of fun activities, entertainment and prizes for EVERYONE! Food and beverages will be provided.

Date: Friday, June 9, 2017

Place: Prior Lake High School

Time: 10:00pm to 5:00am

Cost: \$75 if postmarked before March 1, 2017

\$85 if postmarked between March 2, 2017 and April 30, 2017

\$100 after April 30 to June 9, 2017 (registration fee can be paid at the door (Cash Only))

(Note: Goodie bags may not be available to all who register after April 30th)

Please make checks payable to: **Prior Lake-Savage Graduation Celebration, Inc.**

RETURN the enclosed Signed Permission form and payment to:
Prior Lake-Savage Graduation Celebration, Inc.

PO Box 301, Prior Lake, MN 55372

or place form and payment in the drop box at Student Services

Scholarships are Available: If you would like to attend the lock-in party, but are not able to pay the registration fee, contact your PLHS Counselor by February 10, 2017 at 952-226-8602 to determine if you qualify. Scholarships are strictly confidential!! A Signed Permission Form is still required.

Lock-In Notes:

- Students will not be allowed in after 11:00pm.
- Students will be required to show their school ID or driver's license prior to entering the event.
- Parents will be notified of registered students not check in by 11:00pm.
- Party ends at 5:00am.
- If concerned about driving home after a sleepless night, please arrange to be picked up.
- No bags, purses, backpacks, etc. are allowed into the event. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- NOTE: The photography Committee will be taking pictures all night streaming them at the event. After the event an email will be sent with the Google Drive link.
- School policies are in effect and will be followed. Students who violate these rules will result in parental notification and removal from the party.



If you have any questions regarding registration please contact:
Marilyn Torvik at metorvik@aol.com

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2017 SENIOR LOCK-IN REGISTRATION FORM

SIGNED PERMISSION

Date: Friday, June 9 – Saturday, June 10, 2017 Cost: \$75 before March 1, 2017
 Place: Prior Lake High School \$85 March 2, 2017 and April 30, 2017
 Time: 10:00pm to 5:00am \$100 May 1 to June 9, 2017
 (registration fee can be paid at the door (Cash Only))
 (Note: Goodie bags may not be available to all who register after April 30th)



Student Name: _____
 Parent(s) Name: _____
 Parent(s) Cell #: _____
 Parent(s) Home #: _____
 Email Address: _____

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, authorize my student's participation in the Senior Lock-In Party. It is my understanding that participation in the activities at the Senior Lock-In is not without some inherent risk or injury. As such, in consideration of my student's participation in the Senior Lock-In Party, I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to use the sponsoring organizations, volunteers, and ISD #719 from any and all liability, claims, demands, action, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury including death that may be sustained by my student, whether caused negligence of the releases, or otherwise while participating in such activity, or while in, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

 Student Signature Date Parent Signature Date

Medical Condition: _____

- I would like to sponsor another child that may not be able to attend due to cost. Please include payment with your child's registration. Optional: List name of student(s): _____
- I would like to make a cash donation in the amount of \$ _____ towards the cost of the event.

Students will be required to have a completed permission form and payment prior to admittance to the event.
 A parent will be notified if a student does not check into the event.

Checks can be made payable to: *Prior Lake-Savage Graduation Celebration, Inc.*

Please mail to:
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