



Prior Lake High School

Parent Newsletter

December 2018

A POSITIVE PLACE TO LEARN

From the Principal

by John Bezek

I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season as we head into winter break. I know I am looking forward to my freshman daughter coming home from college and spending time with family and friends over break. This time of year things start to pick up pace, winter activities are in full swing so I encourage you to come out and support our students, we have a number of holiday tournaments and other events happening.

With the arrival of winter comes snow and all it brings with it, especially with students driving. We ask that you talk with your student about winter driving and allowing extra time when conditions merit. It can be difficult enough at the beginning and the end of the day with over 800 staff and student vehicles as well as those of parents trying to maneuver our parking lot without slippery roads. Our maintenance crew does a great job of taking care of our sidewalk and parking lots, but there is only so much they can control. Please remind your student to be careful and allow for extra time.

Winter break is Monday December 24th through Wednesday January 2nd, our offices will be closed over break.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Laker Corner PLHS School Store is open every day!

Before School:

7:45 — 8:00

6th Hour:

2:02 — 3:00

After School:

3:00 — 3:15

Attendance Line
Phone Number

952-226-8601

Parking Lot Reminders

Speed limit for the high school parking lot is 10 miles per hour!

Main lot requires parking permit, must be displayed on the rearview mirror daily

Softball "daily" lot requires payment day before to park
(example: pay Monday to park Tuesday)

Laker Café is open all day!

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 (MCGT). Our mission is to support and advocate for academically advanced students, their parents, and their educators.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 27 at 7pm in the WestWood Elementary Media Center (5370 WestWood Dr. SE; Prior Lake, MN 55372), featuring an MCGT-sponsored CHAT night. Facilitator Pam McDonald, District 196 gifted specialist, will lead us through a discussion about asynchronous development in gifted kids.

We will also be hosting several informal "coffee" meetings toward the end of November/beginning of December where anyone can stop by to talk with SPAN Board members who have "been there" about any questions/concerns you have related to your child. Be sure to sign up for our email list to be notified about the coffee meetings and other meeting dates. 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.

Nurse's Note



HELP! What do I do when my student calls and says he/she is sick and needs to come home?

Per school procedure, students who are not feeling well must come to the health office. We will ask their symptoms and assist them to stay in school if appropriate. If they do not feel that they can make it through the school day and/or benefit from their classes, they will be directed to call for parent/guardian permission to go home. We require that we hear the decision directly from you. Use the following chart to guide your decision on whether to send your child to school and when it is safe for them to return after an illness.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF ...

I have a fever	I am vomiting	I have diarrhea	I have a rash	I have a common contagious illness	I have been in the hospital
Temperature of \geq 100 degrees	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	A rash that may be disease-related or the cause is unknown.	Strep throat, influenza, chicken pox, pertussis, etc.	Hospital stay and/or emergency visit

I have been fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication (e.g., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil).	I haven't vomited for at least 24 hours	I haven't had diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Check with your health care provider before sending him/her to school.	Contact the High School Health Office at 226-8606 to discuss disease-specific information.	My medical provider has released me to return to school.
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I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ...

The Laker Way

The Laker Way team has a very productive training session in November learning about how to implement a new system for rewarding positive behavior, and re-teaching negative behavior.

We are looking for donations for our Laker Way team as our goal is to reward students and staff for being role models in the community. If you have donations (gift cards, prizes, etc.) please contact agraner@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us.

Attendance Procedures

Call the Attendance line – **952-226-8601**

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, vacation, or appointments, etc.

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment during the school day (call at least **30 minutes before** your pickup time)

If you forgot to call when your child was absent from school

You may also send us an email at:

hsattendance@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us

You do not need to come into the school to pick-up your child. They will receive a pass to leave the building from the Attendance Secretary, they will sign themselves out of the building (at the desk located by the student entrance), and meet you at the car. All students **MUST** exit from the student entrance on the east side of the building.

Absence due to Appointments

Students who miss all or parts of a school day due to a dental, medical or other appointments must provide written note from the dental/medical office where they received treatment.

Absences Due to Family Vacations 3 or more days

Students need to pick up the "Parental Requests for Extended Absence" form in the attendance office and have it signed by each of their teachers and their parent(s).

College Visits

Juniors are given one college day and Seniors are given two. They are excused absences, but do count towards the student's total missed attendance days per quarter. Verification of attendance at a post-secondary school is required upon the return of the student to PLHS.

Holiday Gift Card Collection

Each year, we support students in financial need with back to school supplies and gift cards during the holiday season. We appreciate the tremendous support of the community for these gifts. If you are interested in donating (suggested \$20.00 to Target) please feel free to drop off in any of the offices OR mail to Nancy VanHorne, School Social Worker, PLHS: 7575 W. 150th St. Savage MN 55378.

Feel free to email or call with questions: 952-226-8851 or nvanhorne@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us



National Honor Society

This past November National Honor Society has been able to help our community in school in various ways! We have been able to host and complete various events which include Cocoa and Cram, cleaning up our local Peace Garden, cleaning up the highway, attending the SSC Leadership Conference, and assisting our staff in gift wrapping.

At the end of the quarter members helped people study for various tests as they prepared for finals. Our senior member Anna Stone ran this event and made it a great night for studying while enjoying some hot cocoa. It was a great way to reach out to students and make them feel more confident as they prepared for their tests. The various areas that we assisted in included math, science, german, french, and geography. We plan to have Cocoa and cram at the end of each quarter.

We were also able to clean up our Peace Garden, located in the front of our school. In order to prepare it for winter, we cleared out the weeds and made it look nice and ready for the cold months. Jenna Peterson was able to take charge of the event and winterize the garden. When spring comes we will be able to plant new flowers and add some fun spring cheer in the front of our school.

Early in November a few brave members ventured out into the cold to clean up the highway which NHS adopted. They had a great time cleaning up the highway and finding some other treasures along the way. A special thanks to Cole Schlottman for organizing the event and making it so successful.

Ten members from NHS were able to go to the SSC Leadership Conference and grow in their leadership values. This conference is a great way to engage with other leaders within the state and share different ideas as a way to improve our very own NHS.

Throughout the month of December member will be available to help teachers with their Christmas gifts by wrapping them in the morning before school. Members Leah Keil, Erin Quach, and Abby Grund are running this event and helping to show our teachers the great appreciation we have for them and all that they do!

This upcoming December we have many exciting events coming up that we hope will have a great amount of success! This December we hope to continue spreading the Holiday cheer by helping our school and community as much as possible!



Guidance News

All students: Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will start in January. More information will come from the guidance office about information sessions and classroom visits in the near future.

9th Grade Parents: Students should have completed the Learning Styles assessment and survey on Naviance. If they have not done so yet, please encourage them to finish as soon as possible.

10th Grade Parents: This year we are asking that all students complete two tasks per year using our college and career planning resource, Naviance. For 10th graders their assignment to complete is the Strengths Explorer test found under the Career Tab on Naviance.com. The task will also appear on the home page as an assignment. Once they have completed the test, or if they have completed it already, they will be asked to complete a reflection survey which can be found on the About Me tab. If you have questions about Naviance, please reach out to the Guidance office or download the "Parent's Guide to Naviance" found on the Guidance home page.

12th Grade Parents: Please keep in mind that transcripts take up to 10 school days to be sent and need to be requested through Naviance and paid for on Fee Pay. Transcripts will not be sent during school breaks.

National Business Honor Society Induction

Twenty-six Junior and Senior Business students at Prior Lake High School were inducted into the PLHS Chapter of the National Business Honor Society on Monday, November 19. Senior officers Jack Fitterer, Kole Greene, Jackson Larscheid, and Bella Golay led the ceremony. PLHS Class of 2007 graduate, John Zwanziger, US Bank Analyst, was the featured speaker.

National Business Education Association, the professional organization for secondary teachers and business education professors, developed the National Business Honor Society as a way to recognize and honor dynamic students' academic achievement in high school business classes. Membership is based on academic achievement in business classes and overall, character, leadership, and service.



The following students (from left to right) were inducted into NBHS:

Front Row: Carson Schoeller, Jackson Larscheid (Vice President), Brett Nusbaum, Ben Tran, Jennifer Lein, Melissa Wyum

Second Row: Alex Sivongsay, Ryan Wade, Jeff Miller, Brenden Jore, Joe Gehlen, Tanner Miller

Third Row: Dmitry Christensen, Jack Fitterer (Treasurer), Kobe Kimmes, Corey Kaisersatt, Luke McCutcheon, Kole Greene (Secretary)

Fourth Row: Mason Schwen, Blake Haferman, Austin Gordon, Owen Hammerstrom, Will Gilbert, Conor Miller

Back Row: Jaxon Ziemkowski, Bella Golay (President), Grace Mays

Not Pictured: Alain Rivera, Sydney Guida, Colin Tushie

MNCAPS Minute

MNCAPS continues to lead the country in saving bananas! Our Healthcare Year 1 students spent an afternoon practicing their skill at sutures. Integrating technical skills into the MNCAPS experience is just one example of how industry has shaped the learning experience for our students.

If you'd like to learn more about how this program serves juniors and seniors, please visit www.mncaps.org or contact Erik Sill at esill@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us.



If you would like to sign up your child

Email moconnor@plsas.org

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
**PLAYSCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

Applications are due Thursday, January 3rd, 2019

**PRE-K PLAYGROUP PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD**

PLAYSCHOOL DATES:
BOTH WEEKS - MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY (NO WEDNESDAYS)
WEEK 1: JANUARY 7TH-11TH
WEEK 2: JANUARY 14TH-18TH 9:15-11:45AM

MUST BE POTTY TRAINED
MOCONNOR@PRIORLAKE-SAVAGE.K12.MN.US

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