

Prior Lake High School

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From the Principal—John Bezek

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I am a believer in the statement, "Time flies when you're having fun." We are already reaching an important mile marker with the first quarter of the school year ending on Nov. 9th with a 1 p.m. early release. There will be no school on Friday, Nov. 10th to allow teachers to complete their 1st quarter grading.

The first quarter of the school year has seen Prior Lake High School perform at exceptional levels at a number of different venues.

Our Band Performed at the Halftime of a Gopher Football game in September

300 of our Choir Students performed a Masterworks Concert at Shepherd of the Lake

2 Girls Tennis Doubles teams made it to state with one team winning the State Title

Taylor Jackson and Charlotte Bowles

Our Boys Soccer made the State Tournament

Boys Cross Country Team made the State Meet

Girls Cross Country Had the Section Champ - Mallory Stach

Currently our Football and Volleyball teams are the #1 seeds in their sections

Our Bass Fishing team won the State Title

Ben Provost and Mason Raveling

Prior Lake Cheerleading earned a bid to nationals in two events

These are just a few of the many positive things our students are achieving at PLHS in the first quarter of the year alone. I can hardly wait to see what opportunities for success await as we head into quarter two and the winter season.

I would like to thank you for supporting the school and continuing to support our kids as Prior Lake makes waves at the local, state and national level.

Upcoming dates:

Nov. 7th – VOTE

Nov. 9th – Early Release – 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 10th – NO SCHOOL K-12

Nov. 13th – 1st day of 2nd Quarter

Nov. 16th – 19th – PLHS Musical "A Christmas Carol"

Nov. 22nd – NO SCHOOL (Offices closed)

Nov. 23rd – 24th – Thanksgiving Break (Offices closed)

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

Naviance Self-Assessment/Inventories

During the last week of the quarter, students will be accessing our college and career planning program, Naviance, in their science or social studies class. Each grade level will complete an assessment/inventory aimed at helping students uncover their strengths and potential careers or areas of interest. Students will be completing the inventories in class on their iPads. Listed below is a breakdown of the inventories offered at each grade level and the classes in which students will be taking them. Student login information is the same as the username and password they use to login to Infinite Campus. Results may be used to help guide future high school course selection and post-secondary exploration. Absent students may complete their assessment or inventory at their own convenience.

9th Grade: Science 9/Science 9 Honors

Strengths Explorer

10th Grade: World History/AP World History

The Learning Style Inventory (15 minute self-assessment)

11th Grade: US History/AP US History

Do What You Are (15 minute self-assessment)

12th Grade: Government/Economics – AP Gov/AP Econ

MI Advantage (15 minute self-assessment)

Senior Transcripts

Seniors should be using Naviance to request transcripts to be sent with their college applications and submit a \$5 payment per transcript using Fee Pay. Information about logging in and using the website can be found on the Guidance webpage. Please keep in mind it may take up to 10 business days to for the Guidance office to send the transcript, and the status of the transcripts can be checked at any time using the student's Naviance account.

Course Changes

All changes for quarter 2 must be submitted online using the google doc found on the Guidance Department's website. Changes to the quarter 2 schedule must be submitted by November 3rd. If a student wants to make a yearlong change, they must obtain a form from the Guidance office and have it turned in by November 7th.

Year Round Gift Card Drive/Holiday Drive

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! PLHS has held a gift card drive for students in financial need for the last 14 years! The gift card goes directly to the student. Since we were unable to find holiday programs that support teens, we started our own! In that time, we have given out **\$56,000.00** worth of gift cards. Thanks to staff and community support, we are able to continue with this program each year.

If you are interested in donating a gift card for the holiday drive OR a card for anytime of the year (school supplies, clothes, groceries, gas); feel free to drop off the card in any of the offices OR mail directly to me at: PLHS, 7575 150th St. W Savage MN 55378. Suggested amount: \$20.00 to Target, Walmart etc.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Nancy VanHorne, MSW, LICSW
School Social Worker, PLHS

Did You Know?



PLHS School Store
is open everyday!

Before School:
7:45 — 8 :00
6th Hour:
2:02 — 3:00
After School:
3:00 — 3:15

952-226-8613



Attendance Line
Phone Number

952-226-8601



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



Laker Café is
open all day!



***Retake Picture
Orders***

If you ordered photos
from retake day, they
are in Student Services

National Honor Society



The National Honor Society Induction took place on October 23rd, 2017. The chapter welcomed a total of 51 inductees, including 12 seniors and 39 juniors. This year, math teacher, Dan Beier, was selected by returning seniors to speak at the induction ceremony. Mr. Beier emphasized that membership in National Honor Society is more than what meets the eye and how our service influences members of the community in a positive way.

Several upcoming events are on the agenda for this fall, including the Fall Blood Drive, which was on October 27. Chaired by seniors Grace Bowser and Madison Deile, the drive will collect blood that 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. Bowser and Deile have been working to organize volunteers and facilitate donor sign ups over the past few weeks.

On October 29th, NHS will be partnering with the Junior Optimist club at the high school for a campus cleanup. Students will be cleaning up trash around the high school campus. The following weekend, NHS members will be cleaning our chapter's mile stretch of road for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, chaired by senior Ethan Lynch.

On November 6th, NHS will host a study session called Cocoa and Cram at the high school for those looking for a place to get help on finals or just work with others to prepare for their end of quarter exams. Senior Ben Hildebrandt is chairing the event and is organizing NHS members to be available for studying and homework help for a variety of classes. Cocoa and snacks will be provided. Session runs from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Commons at the high school.

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

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 pick up 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.

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).

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.**

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. SPAN hosts meetings featuring speakers and specific discussion topics throughout the school year. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday Nov. 2 at 7pm in the West Wood Elementary Media Center (5370 WestWood Dr. SE; Prior Lake, MN 55372), featuring a panel of district personnel who work with gifted children. They will each give a brief presentation about how the needs of gifted kids are met at their educational level. There will be plenty of time for parent questions. Please email Apryl at span.priorlake@gmail.com with questions/concerns.

Nurse's Note



Annual Health Forms

If you have not yet turned in the Annual Health form for your student, please do as soon as possible. This form designates emergency contacts for your student and alerts the Health Office staff to any medical concerns your student may have. In addition, if your child has a health condition such as asthma, life threatening allergy, epilepsy, etc. that may require emergency action, please complete an Emergency Action Plan (located on the District website under Health Services) so we can provide optimal care for your child.

Medication Forms

Medication forms can be found under the Health Services web site. Our medication policy requires a physician's order for all medications taken during the school day. The medication must be provided in the original, fully labeled container, and parent authorization is required. Please take a form with you to medical appointments if you anticipate your student may require dosing during the school day.

Seasonal Flu Clinic

To find a flu shot clinic near you, visit: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/>

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

2017-2018 School Year

Parents and the school community share goals regarding the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of students attending Prior Lake High School.

With those goals in mind, it is imperative that parents and the school, work cooperatively to meet the needs of our students. A key component to this cooperative arrangement is communication between parents and the school. PAC is a gathering between parents and administration to have conversations regarding initiatives, procedures, or happenings at PLHS.

Meetings will be held once a month (except December): *The meetings will be held at PLHS in room 222 at 4:15 PM.*

Wednesday, November 29th

Wednesday, January 24th

Wednesday, February 28nd

Wednesday, March 28th

Wednesday, April 25th

Wednesday, May 23rd

If you are interested in being a part of the PAC, please email Assistant Principal, Ms. Heather Fitzloff at:

hfitzloff@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us