

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!



*Final Picture
Day is :*

**Friday, October
13th**

7:30—10

National Honor Society

The summer blood drive, the first event of the year, took place on August 23rd and was headed by juniors Olivia Jacobson and Alexis Jacobson. The drive collected 44 pints of blood for the American Red Cross to distribute to people in need of transfusions. Through hosting these events, the National Honor Society is awarded scholarship money, later given to graduating seniors who have shown exceptional dedication to serving their community through NHS.

This month, seniors Catherine Hesse and Hailee Thayer initiated a new project to aid those affected by the hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Members ran a booth at the local community fest to raise money and will continue their efforts with a school-wide fundraiser during the high school's homecoming week. If you would like to donate funds for this effort, please contact Maria Lecceardone-Brown at mleceardone@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us.

This year's induction ceremony will take place on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. NHS forms are currently being reviewed by the selection committee and inductees will be notified of their acceptance early October.

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 first meeting will take place on Thursday October 12 at 7pm in the West-Wood Elementary Media Center (5370 WestWood Dr. SE; Prior Lake, MN 55372), featuring MCGT President Carol Malueg as facilitator of a discussion on Motivation: How Can We Help Gifted Kids to Get Things Done?

We will also be hosting several informal "coffee" meetings during the school year 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. 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.

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.

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.**

Colorado HS Ski Trip

Interested in going to **Colorado for a HS Ski Trip**? Here’s the scoop ---

19 spots available for Jan. 25-28 trip to Winter Park, CO Cost: \$821 per person; \$150 due to the Activities Office to reserve your spot. Contact Jane at jjolitz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us for more details.

MNCAPS Seeking Business Partners



MNCAPS allows students to be fully immersed in a professional culture, solving real-world problems, using industry standard tools and are mentored by actual employers, all while receiving high school and college credit. MNCAPS is an example of how business, community and public education can partner to produce personalized learning experiences and educate the

workforce of tomorrow, especially in high skill, high-demand jobs.

We are currently recruiting mentors for our Business and Healthcare Pathways. The commitment includes meeting face-to-face once a month and emailing/texting once a week, from October-June. The goal of the Mentor Program is to teach students how to communicate with a professional from a different generational group as well as develop a professional relationship. If interested in learning more, please email Erik Sill at esill@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us. Additional information is available at www.mncaps.org

National Business Honor Society



National Business Honor Society applications are due Friday, October 6. NBHS is open to juniors and seniors who have taken at least 3 business classes and earned a 3.5 GPA in those business classes with an overall GPA of 3.0. An induction ceremony will be held in November and monthly meetings will take place before school beginning in December.

Obtain an application from Mr. Kurkowski, Ms. Reinhardt, or Ms. Rutt

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, September 27th,

Wednesday, October 25th

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

Nurse's Note



Annual Health/Emergency Contact Forms

If you have not yet done so, please complete an Annual Health/Emergency Contact Form for your child. Preprinted forms with existing information were mailed out the beginning of August. If you need a blank copy of the form, please let us know and we will send one home with your child or email you a copy.

Seasonal Flu -Find a Flu Clinic

To find a flu shot clinic near you click on the following link: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/>

Concussions

Few health conditions are as closely related to learning as concussions. Please alert the School Nurse should your student sustain a concussion, as there are often educational implications subsequent to a concussion. Prior Lake Savage Area Schools require a doctor's note (preferably from a health care professional experienced in evaluating concussions), the same as for other injuries and illnesses, to make school accommodations.

More information regarding concussions and school is available on the Health Services website. Thank you for partnering with the schools to minimize your student's concussion symptoms and supporting his or her academic success by reporting any concussions and providing the doctor's orders/recommendations to school.

Your PLHS Health Office Staff:

Julie Dusatko – District Nurse

Julie Briguet- RN Health aide

Kate Christopher- Health aide

Phone #: 952-226-8606, Fax # 952-226-8686

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. We found that were unable to find holiday programs that support teens so 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

MPower Program

An Adolescent Health Promotion Program

Dear Parents,

Our high school has the opportunity to work *collaboratively* with the University of Minnesota to implement a HEALTH PROMOTION RESEARCH PROGRAM for teens and their parents.



Teachers and school staff will help select students who they feel may qualify and possibly benefit from this health promotion research program. School staff will first speak to qualifying students to see if they are interested in the program. If your teen qualifies, a staff person from the U of M **MPower** Program will contact him or her to discuss the program further. If your teen expresses interest in participating in the research program, an **MPower** Program staff person will then contact you to discuss the program in detail and see if you are also interested in this opportunity for you and your teen.

Program Basics:

- Designed to assist families with 14–19 year olds who could benefit from a Health Promotion program
- Program will focus on enhancing student
 - Personal Strengths
 - Social Support
 - Coping with Stress
 - Decision Making
 - Effective Communication
- Program will provide parents with information pertaining to adolescent brain development, effective communication, stress management, parenting tools, and mental health resources
- Program meetings will occur at school and/or local, community-based centers (library, community center, etc.)
- Adolescent and parent participants will receive Target gift cards for their participation
- Funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

If you have any questions about the program you can contact:

U of M **MPower** Coordinator:

Andria Botzet, MA

botze003@umn.edu

612-273-9722