



PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We still have a few weeks until the school starts! However, everyone at PWHS is excited about the beginning of a new school year and the amazing learning opportunities available at PWHS. We understand that things are challenging due to this Covid pandemic and the changes it has caused to our educational framework, but on behalf of our staff and administration, we promise to do our best in providing a quality education and experience as safely as possible.

We are also excited and fortunate to be working with such a tremendous group of teachers, staff, families, and students! Together we will continue the tradition of excellence at PWHS, with each individual doing their part to develop their own skills, gain mastery and explore their own creativity to make our school community strong and successful. As we begin to focus our thoughts on the end of summer, listed below is some very important information pertaining to the upcoming school year.

- **School Calendar**

The online calendar for 2020-21 is now available on the high school web page. It will look a little different than previous years. Due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty of future events, a paper copy will not be mailed to each household.

- **Cell Phone/Other Electronic Device Privilege at PWHS**

If a student chooses to bring a cell phone/electronic device to school it must remain in their locker or in a backpack turned off. **Cell phones are not allowed out in the classroom at any time.**

Parents needing to contact their son/daughter should contact the office. Cell phone holders are available in each classroom. Any violation of the cell phone/electronic device policy will follow the procedures outlined in the PWHS student handbook. **The school will not be held responsible in any way for lost or damaged cell phones.** Students are allowed to use their cell phones during lunch and passing time.

- **NEW Framework/ Schedule**

On July 20th, the Port Washington-Sauville School District Board of Education approved a framework for the High School that allows for students to attend school safely for 2 days a week and for attending virtually 3 days a week. A more detailed Re-entry Plan for the High School will be released on Tuesday, August 11th. Below is the framework/schedule that will be used during all 5 day weeks throughout the school year unless we are informed by the Department of Health that it is safe to resume with our traditional 5 day a week In-Person Learning Schedule. During the 4 day weeks of school listed on the school calendar, please be aware that Wednesdays will be In-Person learning days for either the A or B cohorts.

It is also possible that we are instructed to move to Full Virtual Learning based on the current rate of Covid infection cases in our County or State. If so, the framework below would remain the same except for that each day would be a combination of both A and B cohorts learning remotely from home. Let's hope that this is not the case and that we can resume with all In-Person Learning as soon as possible. There is nothing that we want more than to have our students back with us full time in the classroom and involved in activities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A (Letters A-L)	Cohort A (Letters A-L)	A & B	Cohort B (Letters M-Z)	Cohort B (Letters M-Z)
Period 1 7:25-9:00	Period 2 7:25-9:00	Staff PLC 7:25-9:30	Period 1 7:25-9:00	Period 2 7:25-9:00
Period 3 9:05-10:43	Period 4 9:05-10:43	Period 1 9:30-10:00 Period 2 10:05-10:35 Period 3 10:40-11:10	Period 3 9:05-10:43	Period 4 9:05-10:43
Early Lunch 10:48-11:18	Early Lunch 10:48-11:18	Period 4 11:15-11:45	Early Lunch 10:48-11:18	Early Lunch 10:48-11:18
Late Class 11:23-12:58	Late Class 11:23-12:58	LUNCH 11:45-12:15	Late Class 11:23-12:58	Late Class 11:23-12:58
Period 5	Period 6	Period 5 12:15-12:45	Period 5	Period 6
Period 5	Period 6	Period 6 12:50-1:20	Period 5	Period 6
Early Class 10:48-12:23	Early Class 10:48-12:23	Period 7 1:25-1:55	Early Class 10:48-12:23	Early Class 10:48-12:23
Late Lunch 12:28-12:58	Late Lunch 12:28-12:58	Period 8 2:00-2:30	Late Lunch 12:28-12:58	Late Lunch 12:28-12:58
Period 7 1:03-2:38	Period 8 1:03-2:38	Assigned Resource 2:35-3:05	Period 7 1:03-2:38	Period 8 1:03-2:38

- Week 1 and 2 - September Class Schedule**

Due to the nature of the calendar and unusual start, our first 2 weeks of the school year will look a little different than the framework that we have set up for the regular school year as presented above. Please look at it closely since 8 period days and a Wednesday will be used for instruction to ensure that all students have In-Person contact with each of their teachers each of the first 2 weeks. Week 3 on the calendar below represents the traditional 5 day Covid school week framework that will be used until further notice.

SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Freshman ONLY 1st Day	Grades 10-12 8-11am & 12-3pm <i>Chromebook pickup</i> <i>Port Pride Signup</i> <i>Student ID & Schedule Pickup</i>	In-person Cohort A (A-L) 8 period day	In-person Cohort B (M-Z) 8 period day
7	8	9	10	11
NO SCHOOL	In-person Cohort A (A-L) Block 1/3/5/7	In-person Cohort A (A-L) Block 2/4/6/8	In-person Cohort B (M-Z) Block 1/3/5/7	In-person Cohort B (M-Z) Block 2/4/6/8
14	15	16	17	18
In-person Cohort A (A-L) Block 1/3/5/7	In-person Cohort A (A-L) Block 2/4/6/8	VIRTUAL Cohort A & B	In-person Cohort B (M-Z) Block 1/3/5/7	In-person Cohort B (M-Z) Block 2/4/6/8

- CLOSED Lunch**

At this present time, there is No Open Campus for students. Only if the number of students in our cafeteria exceeds our social distancing requirements, 12th grade students may be considered on an individual basis using academic standing, homework completion, attendance and behavior as criteria

- **ACT Prep (especially for 11th grade students) with Method Test Prep**

All students have access to this free resource provided by our school. Students that took advantage of the resource in the past have saw great results.

<https://app.methodtestprep.com/PortWashingtonHighSchoolWI/signup>

Click on the gray “Signup” box to create your MTP account. PWHS students will need to use the Referral Code: **tkn.12180329** when setting up your account. (Make sure to include the entire code—including tkn).

- **Grading Information**

- Summative Assessments will make up at least 90% of the grade in **all** classes. This includes summative tests, projects and papers. This is not a change from the 2019-20 school year.
- Re-Assessment - All classes will provide opportunity for re-assessment of the summative assessments. Students must have completed all homework and other class requirements in order to earn the re-assessment.
- Semester Grades/Finals - The semester grade will not be made up of a split between quarters and the final exam. The quarter grade will be used as a benchmark for athletics and activities. The semester grade will be representative of summative and formative assessments accumulated through the semester (80% or more) and the final exam (20% or lower) for the semester.
- Academic Behavior Grades - For the semester report card, each course will have an Academic Achievement Grade and an Academic Behavior Grade. Below is an example of the rubric that each course will focus on for each student. We believe that the Academic Behaviors are critical skills for success during and after high school. The Behavior Grade does not impact the Academic Achievement Grade.

Academic Behaviors	Classroom		
	3- Proficient <i>Student Is Consistently...</i>	2- Approaching <i>Student Is Generally...</i>	1- Needs Improvement <i>Student Is Rarely/Inconsistently...</i>
Be READY <i>(Before class)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On time • Ready to learn and participate in class • Bringing completed materials to class 		
Be RESPONSIBLE <i>(During class/school day)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-advocating • Actively participating and collaborating 		
Be RESPECTFUL <i>(Before/during/after class)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectful of physical space and learning environment • Respectful to peers and staff • Following school policies 		

- **Parking**

Students will need to pay to park in all of the PWHS parking spots. This does not include the pool parking lot. Parking spots go on sale **August 17th** in the main office at **7:00am**. Spots in the teacher lot will be \$150 and the upper and lower lots will be \$100 for the school year. You must be present to purchase a parking spot.

- **Forms, Fees and Photos - Tuesday, August 18th (8am-3pm), and Wednesday, August 19th (2pm-7pm)**
 - Pictures will be taken in the PAC lobby for school ID's (also used for library use, food service, and season sports passes). We ask **ALL** students (**including seniors**) to attend one of these sessions for their photo.
 - Fees can be paid in the main office
 - 2019-20 yearbooks can be picked up in the Upper Deck. If you wish to purchase school pictures, packets will also be available.
 - Enter through the Performing Arts Center (PAC – formerly auditorium) and exit through the main entrance.

- **Freshman Parent Orientation - Wednesday, August 26th**
Due to Covid 19 this year's Freshman Parent Orientation will not take place In-Person. Instead, information in some electronic form will be released on August 26th. We will cover many topics including: tips for high school success, activity/club information, school standards, resources, academic and career planning and our Health and Safety protocols. Please plan on reviewing this information upon release!

- **Freshman Only First Day - September 1st**
9th grade students will meet with Counselors, Administration and Staff receiving information preparing them for the school year. In addition, students will attend all scheduled classes in an 8 period day format receiving classroom expectations, safety protocols, and technology platform information prior to learning in the In-Person and on-line environment.

- **Port Pride Assembly - Wednesday, September 2nd**
Due to Covid 19 this year's Port Pride Assembly is cancelled and will not take place In-Person. All students that wish to be a part of the Port Pride program for 2020-21 **must** attend School on Wednesday, September 2nd to drop off their current chrome book and receive a new one between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00am and between 12:00pm and 3:00pm. Students will also need to pick up their class schedule and student ID. This also means that student pictures must be taken on August 18 or 19 to receive their student ID. For students that complete these required tasks, they will qualify for Port Pride, receive a free Port Pride Mask and qualify for a possible exam exemption.

- **Exam Exemption and Port Pride**
 - Students will have the opportunity for **one exam exemption** each semester. The exam exemption opportunity is through the Port Pride Program.
 - Students must have student pictures taken on August 18 or 19 and be at school in person on Wednesday, September 2nd to make the chrome book exchange, pick up schedules and student ID to be a part of the program.
 - Students perform 15 hours of community service each semester. Please click on the link on the high school web page for more information on the Port Pride program and the other requirements.

So much more to come and be sure to carefully read through this and our re-entry plan when it is released next week...but in the meantime, I hope that you enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation! Stay safe, practice social distancing and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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SAVE THE DATES:

- **Parking Permits – August 17th at 7:00am in the main office**
- **Forms, Fees, and Photos – August 18th 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Forms, Fees and Photos – August 19th 2:00pm-7:00pm**
- **Freshman Parent Orientation - August 26th – Media Release**
- **Freshman Only First Day - September 1st**
- **Port Pride Qualification - September 2nd – 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm**
See Port Pride program requirements above to qualify for a potential exam exemption and receive a free Mask.
- **Parent Orientation – September 9th 6-8:00pm *(YES...we are ON!!! Social Distancing of course)***
Run through your child's schedule, meet their teachers, and ask questions.