



Freshman Parent Night

Aug. 30, 2017

# Things to do Before the First Day:

- Pens/pencils/highlighters and some paper
  - Complete assigned summer reading- due first day (for Honors World History, Honors Biology, and all English classes)
  - Lock for PE Locker (Master or other combo lock; no keys)
- \*Please note that all freshmen will receive a Chromebook at orientation; most of last year's freshman (depending on their comfort level and preference) ended up using their devices for note-taking, studying, etc...

## PARSIPPANY HIGH SCHOOL MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Parents, please enter the school using either Baldwin Rd. or Vail Rd., drop your child off only in the student drop-off area and proceed behind the building to exit onto Baldwin Rd. Seniors must proceed behind the school building and park in the Senior Lot. **PLEASE MAINTAIN SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.**



# Suggestions for Parents of Freshman

- Freshman Counselor: Fred Douglas

## Parents of Freshman

Listen to your child. If you have a concern, ask them about it. Pay attention to who they are spending time with and keep open the lines of communication.

**Make new friends.** Just as you encourage your students to be social and make friends, I suggest making friends with the people sitting around you and with parents who have children in the upper grades. It helps to have a network of parents that you can call when your child is having a rough time and to keep on top of what's going on in the school.

**Be patient.** Your student may transition very easily into high school or they may need some time to adjust. What seems silly or trivial to you may feel critical to your child. So let them figure out what works and what doesn't and support them along the way.

# Suggestions for Freshman

Freshman Counselor: Fred Douglas

**Get involved.** There are many new things for you to get involved with including sports, clubs, music, theater, service, etc. Keep your ears open for what's going on and take a chance to try something new. You might end up loving it.

**Ask questions.** If you aren't sure where things are, when things are or how to do something, just ask! Your teachers and administrators are here to help you.

**Get to know your school counselor.** My name is Mr. Douglas and I'm here to help. My office is in the counseling center and I'm here to help you with any issues with classes, tough situations, or anything else.

**Be organized.** The sooner you start to write down assignments, put due dates into your phone, and make a schedule for yourself the better.

**Make informed choices.** You will be faced with many new people and new situations. Remember that you are important and that people care about you.

# CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION

- Delivery and insurance of Chromebook
  - insurance only covers theft, not damage
  - district will repair device as best they can (x2)
- Academic Usage
  - note-taking
  - reading/annotating text
  - sharing documents
  - collaborating on projects, papers, powerpoints

# Team 9

## ***The Freshman Transition***

### *Creating a Learning Community*

- Daily meetings focused on addressing students' academic, social and emotional needs
- Interdisciplinary/Technology Academic Planning
  - Parent Conferences
  - Special Programs
  - Character Education
- Resources and Referral
- The Freshman Seminar



The theme of Freshman Year:

**EVERYTHING  
COUNTS!**



# Four Areas of Focus

1. Attendance
2. Academics
3. Conduct
4. Involvement

# Attendance

Mr. Keith Bush- Assistant Principal

- Absences may not exceed: 20 full year; 10 semester; 5 MP
- Even excused absences are counted
- School begins at 7:40: Plan ahead to avoid tardies which result in attendance/disciplinary consequences - major issue; 1st period
- Contracts will be put in effect when student reaches 15 absences (full year) or 5 for a semester course
- Parents will be called in for a conference with AP/Counselor

# **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

Calling Out Sick: Call Attendance Office x 2322

Extended Absences: Alert Attendance Office & Counselor

School day: 7:40-2:25

Coming in late: Check in at Attendance Office for pass

Picking Up Early: Student drops off pass to Attendance

# ACADEMICS

- Dr. Denis Mulroony, Principal

- GPAs begin...
- 24 credits required for graduation
  - 4 English, 3 Math, 3 SS, 3 Science, 4 PE, 1 Lang., 1 VPA, .5 business
- Upperclassmen: I wish I had worked harder my freshman year
- Mid-Terms and Final Exams
- Organization, time management, assistance...
- National Honor Society

# CONDUCT

- Ms. Lisa Garofalo - Assistant Principal
- We want our students to be positive, friendly, kind, supportive upstanders
- Encourage your children to speak up and talk to an adult!
- HIB (Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying):
  - What it is and what it isn't
    - Not - arguments, conflicts; even repeated, ongoing ones
    - Is - Targeted actions that demean another student based on a real or perceived characteristic
    - Does not have to be repeated to be HIB
  - Do not engage or retaliate
  - Full investigation - evidence is key
- Students are held accountable for their actions and consequences are assigned appropriately. Students then have the opportunity to turn the page...

# CONDUCT

- Dress Code: Students must come to school dressed appropriately  
*Students may NOT wear short, revealing skirts/shorts, halter tops, see through clothing, pajamas or clothing that advertises illegal substances such as alcohol or depict violence of any kind*
- Cell Phone Use:  
*Students may use cell phones during passing time or lunch. Cell phones may NOT be used in classrooms unless teachers have given permission and/or directed to use as technology related to instruction.*
- *Be On Time for Classes: tardies to class disrupt learning.*
- *Treat peers and all school staff with respect*
- *Use Language that is respectful and appropriate in all interactions at PHS*
- *Complete all school assignments with Academic Integrity*

# **EXTRACURRICULAR**

- Clubs:

  - 45 clubs and student organizations at PHS

- Service Nights:

  - Monthly meetings at 7:00; a great chance to help others and earn service hours; alternative to Saturday detention

- Redstock:

  - Community service festival & Powder Puff football

# Athletic NJSIAA Eligibility

- All freshmen are automatically eligible for fall and winter activities.
- To maintain eligibility for the spring season, all students must have passed six subjects from September to February
- Co-Curricular Code of Conduct (applies to clubs and after-school events too)



# Participation Clearance

- Physical Examination
- Impact Testing
- Steroid Testing Permission Slip
- Consent to Random Testing
- Sports-Related Concussion & Head Injury

# TECHNOLOGY

- Dr. Denis Mulroony, Principal

## USEFUL INFORMATION VIA...

- Genesis parent portal  
(schedule, scheduling, grades, attendance, discipline, etc..)
- PHS website
- School Messenger & App  
(sign-up via PTHSD website: snow days, early dismissals, delayed openings, etc...)
- Twitter & Instagram
- Google Classroom

### Genesis Parent Access User Manual

Accessible starting on December 3, 2012, the Parent Access Module, provided by Genesis Educational Services, is a safe and secure way of enabling parents to access their own students' records using the Internet. You can access the PTHSD Parent Module at [Genesis Parent Access](#). If you have not yet signed up for the Parent Module, please contact your child's school.

### Emergency Closings Through SchoolMessenger



Our district uses SchoolMessenger Notification System to provide timely communication to parents and staff members on matters such as district emergencies and general interest activities. In order to enhance our ability to accurately deliver that information, please create your own contact preference profile using SchoolMessenger's [Contact Manager website](#).

The Contact Manager feature allows you to control the ways in which you prefer to be contacted. It also works like a mailbox, giving you a place to review messages you may have missed. [FAQs](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

9/5 9th Grade Orientation 8:00 to 10:30

9/6 First Day of School

9/8 School Portraits

9/11-15 Spirit Week

9/15 Frosh Day AND Pep Rally

9/20 Back to School Night

9/28 Home Football Game 5:00

Please check the website for the happenings at  
PHS throughout the school year

# OVERVIEW

- Please stay involved with your kids and your school.
  - High school offers a lot of freedom and opportunity and responsibility.
- Communication is vital.
  - Communicate with your teen and communicate with the school. - We're here to help.
  - Please come to use with concerns and questions.
- PHS is a great place—your kids will love it.
- Questions?