



Weekly Updates

October 24, 2022

Dear PSH Families,

The end of this week marks the end of the First Quarter of the school year. There are several reminders below about all that goes into the end of the Quarter. As always, please let us know if you have questions that we can help answer. Have a great week!

Mr. Suttell
Principal - Parma Senior High School

Week of October 24 - News and Information

Spirit Week

This week, we are having a few "spirit" days. Please view the link [here](#) for the dress each day. Our Spirit Week will end on Monday, October 31. We are allowing students who choose to dress up for Halloween with the understanding that there will be no masks/makeup and that all costumes be school appropriate.

Senior Common App College Applications - Important Information

Students applying to colleges through Common App NEED to schedule a senior interview with their school counselor, Ms. Hustick, as part of the application process. Students applying directly to colleges or universities do not. This interview is solely for Common App applicants.

[Click here to access questions](#)

[Click here to schedule a senior interview](#)

End of First Quarter - October 27

As you know, the official end of the First Quarter is Thursday, October 27. Final grades for the quarter will be posted to HAC approximately a week after the end of the quarter.

No School - Teacher Inservice Day - Friday, October 28

The day after the First Quarter ends, our teachers will have an inservice day. There will be no school on Friday, October 28 for students.

Food Drive - October 31 - Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game

We will kickstart our food drive on Halloween with our [Creepy Crawly Volley](#) game of staff vs students. **If you plan on attending please bring a non-perishable food item or \$1 to your homeroom teacher on Monday, Oct. 31st to receive a ticket for the volleyball game that afternoon.** If you would like a chance to play in the volleyball game, you MUST enter your name into the raffle. You may purchase raffle tickets during the lunch periods this week. If you don't have a lunch period, see Mrs. Vanek in the main gym. We will announce the teams on Thursday afternoon! Staff and students who dress in their best Halloween costumes have a chance of winning gift cards at the game as well!!!

No School - Teacher Inservice Day, Tuesday, November 8

On Tuesday, November 8 - there will be no school for students. Tuesday the 8th is also election day. As you know, our district will have an important bond issue on the ballot. Please see below for information regarding the bond issue and "Building our Future" plans:

Building Our Future Plans:

Our district will have a bond issue on the ballot in November to build a new high school on the site of Parma Senior High. This [video](#) shows the rendering of the new high school. You can also go to this [link](#) on our PCSD website for information regarding the new building and all of our Building Our Future planning.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 from 5:00pm to 7:40pm at Parma Senior High. As we get closer to the date, I will provide specific information about our conferences.

8th Grade Washington DC Trip - May 10-12 - Information

We have secured the details for our Washington DC trip on May 10-12. For specific information, please view the [Washington DC Information Form](#). In addition, please plan to attend the organizational meeting after our parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30pm. For further information or to get any questions answered, please contact our 8th Grade House Leaders and trip coordinators Mrs. Szemplak (szemplakj@parmacityschools.org) or Mr. Hartland (hartlandj@parmacityschools.org).

Blankets - Hallways

As the weather has gotten cooler, I wanted to mention a safety issue that I would like to have your support with that has come up over the last week. Students have been draping themselves in blankets as they move throughout the school. Please know that this is a safety concern and we have informed students that they may not do so. Please speak with your student about dressing appropriately for the cooler weather with school appropriate attire. Thank you for your help with this!

Repeated/Past Reminders

Student Behaviors - 8th Grade Students

I want to mention a few challenges that we have been seeing regarding many of our 8th grade students. Specifically, the amount of disruption that is being caused by horseplay and non-compliant behavior that is simply not acceptable for school. Mr. Knapp, our deputy principal, met with all 8th grade classes this morning to remind them of our expectations for following reasonable requests and that we expect mature behavior without the amount and type of horseplay that we have seen from too many students.

We have been very understanding of our 8th grade students' transition to a new school, and have provided multiple warnings and support to improve behaviors. However, now that we have turned over into October, students who have been given multiple warnings and/or referrals should expect to see consequences progress. We want our students to understand that disruptive behavior affects others students and the building in general. Behavior and the consequences that occur often take students away from the learning that occurs in classrooms. Thank you for your support in this matter.

AP Information/Registration Process and Dates

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Sat, Oct 1, 2022, at 12:01 AM - Registration Begins
- Wed, Nov 9, 2022, at 11:59 PM - Registration and exam payment Ends
- Wed, March 15, 2023 - Last and final day exams may be canceled again any exam canceled after Nov15, 2022, to this date will acquire the \$40.00 cancellation fee.

This year each AP exam costs \$99.00. Parma Senior High School desires that every student be able to take their AP exams. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mrs. Maire` Heisser, email at: heisserm@parmacityschools.org, at Parma Senior High to learn more. Any exam registration after Nov 15, 2022, will have a \$40.00 late fee applied on top of the normal \$99.00 exam fee, and any exam canceled after Nov 15, 2022, will acquire a \$40.00 cancellation fee.

PSH PTSA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

We would like to have a great last year for the students, staff and families but we can't do that without three things. Volunteers , Ideas and Funds! Parents, Staff and Students are welcome to join. We want to host events this year and make it the best year ever. Can we count on you for your support? Our meetings are the 4th Monday of the month in the Renaissance Room.

Membership is only \$6.00. Please use the following to join: [PSH PTSA Membership Link](#)

Student Attendance/Tardies

In each update I have included information indicating that students who attend school and their classes regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance and/or large amounts of missed time due to tardiness. Therefore we will place higher expectations on student class time. Please expect to see the administration help our teachers get our students into their classes more. This includes tardy sweeps and individual conversations with frequent students who are missing class time. Please have a conversation with your child about your expectations regarding the importance of being in class.

Student/Parent Handbooks

Here is the convenient link to the PCSD [Parent/Student Handbook](#).

NUTRITION SERVICES INFORMATION

There are important changes to our district's Nutrition Services regarding breakfast and lunch. Please see the following document: [2022/23 Nutrition Services Updates](#) in order to understand our breakfast/lunch prices and policies

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Each Monday evening beginning, Monday, August 22, I will always post important information into the "What's up at Parma Senior High," section located on our [PSH Homepage](#). It will always be a good idea to check that section for updates each week. In addition, our Twitter and Instagram accounts will be updated with information frequently. I also always encourage you to call our office anytime during school hours if you have questions or need assistance in any way. Please see below for a summary of how to stay informed about all events at PSH as well as our school district.

- ★ District Website: www.parmacityschools.org
- ★ PSH Website: www.parmacityschools.org/parmasenior
- ★ PSH Athletics: www.parmaredmenathletics.com
- ★ Twitter: Parma Senior High @PCSDparmasenior
- ★ Instagram: Parma Senior High @pshredmen

