

May 2017 Newsletter



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ENGAGEMENT = ATTENDANCE



Important Dates to Remember

- **May 15, Speaker for grades 9-12: Safe Driving**
- **May 17: Senior Class Trip**
- **May 19: Spring Fling in the afternoon**
- **May 24: Awards Night**
- **May 26: All work completed for seniors**
- **June 2: Commencement**
- **June 5: Last Student Day of School**
- **June 5: All work is to be done for underclassmen**

Dear Parents and Guardians of the PPHS Community:

Congratulations, Class of 2017! We are so excited for you and we wish you all the wonders and happiness the world can offer. You deserve it!

It is hard to believe, but the last 4 weeks of school are upon us. This is “go time”. Projects, assignments, and finals are looming and the school is a whirl of activity. It would be inappropriate to deny that this is a stressful time for both students and adults (parents, coaches, teachers, etc.). As we look at the month of May, it will go by in the blink of an eye. Please work with your student(s) to ensure they are getting their assignments completed. It is amazing how much the parents and guardians of the school use JMC to keep track of the students and their classes. Continue to do so. Panther Hour, Saturday School, after school help, and direct time with the instructors have always been available. Connect with teachers via email or phone to set up time to finish the work. A good sleep and a healthy breakfast also contribute to success.

Thank you for all that you do, day in and day out, for the students. They need your support. Together we can do this!

All the best-
Mrs. Johnson

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Social Media, Someplace Safe, and Denim Day

Perhaps it is no surprise, but social media continues to play into the lives of students across the nation. Social Media is a forum (no matter what kind or platform) where any aged person can belittle, exploit, reprimand, and slander others without a face-to-face conversation. On April 25, 2017, Senior Whitney Longie invited Someplace Safe of Otter Tail County to speak to the students about domestic violence, the connection it plays with students and their phones, and the vulnerability students have. The conversation included a discussion about relationships and trust.

Denim Day is a national day to honor those hurt by domestic violence. Someplace Safe presenter, Melissa Black, discussed what domestic violence looks like and how close it is to our home. She discussed the current data in Otter Tail County and reassured students that they can help prevent it and stop it. It was a powerful dialog and students were great listeners. It was wonderful to see all the students who took part in PPHS's Denim Day and the discussion around it. Our students are caring people who plan to make a positive impact on their world. Congratulations, Whitney, and all students who took part in Denim Day. It mattered.

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LOOKING AHEAD

As we look forward to school year 2017-2018, we are excited about the upcoming fall. Be on the lookout for school supplies list to be on the website. Also, mailings will come forward as the school year approaches regarding activities, needs for school and paperwork, and other important information. If you need anything this summer, call or email. We will be around and will respond in the most timely fashion we can. There will

be a summer newsletter on the website with information. Don't hesitate to keep in touch. We are very excited about the upcoming school year and look back on 2016-2017 fondly. Wishing you a very happy, healthy, and invigorating summertime.

All the best,
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