

Principal's Message: September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Parkers Prairie High School Community,

Welcome back! At the time of this writing, the sun is shining, the students are in third hour, and homecoming conversations have begun. School is in full swing. We have gained many new students this year and they are already contributing to our positive school culture. Currently, the enrollment at the high school is 273 students. At the first morning assembly on Sept. 6, the risers were full. It was a great sight. The building is best when it's full of students.

Thank you for attending the parent's back to school meeting on August 30th.

Topics Covered at that meeting

1. We welcomed the new teaching staff: Shannon Wicklund, Art; Ray Noble, Vocal Music; and Travis Hensch, English.
2. The 2016-2017 Vision for Parkers Prairie High School is:
 - a. Establish the best teaching staff in rural Minnesota through PLCs that are built on improved practices.
 - b. Attain the best student and staff attendance since the 2011-2012 school year.
 - c. 98% or more of classes passed each quarter.
 - d. Students are focused on work completion and self-development.
 - e. Every day. Every student: Future focused..
3. PRIDE at PPHS
 - a. **P**erserverance
 - b. **R**espect
 - c. **I**ntegrity
 - d. **D**ependability
 - e. **E**quality
4. We now have a common grading scale 7-12 and grades will be updated every Friday.
5. Advisory time has become Panther Hour and it will be used during the day to keep students on track by working on incomplete work for any of their classes.
6. JMC has some added features, and we will discuss them more in October's newsletter.

Non-Negotiables:

1. No hats 8:20-3:06 → They will be in the locker during the school day.
2. Students will dress for success.
3. Cell phones will not be used during class for any reason. Technology will be provided for the students.
4. Technology use will be appropriate for education.
5. Parents and visitors will report to the office first when on campus. Dropping items off for your child will happen in the office exclusively. This is an effort to keep classes moving and students secure.

6. Student Athletes:

- a. If you have an appointment on game day, the office must be notified 24 hours in advance for you to be eligible to play that night.
- b. If you are not leaving the game with the team, you may only leave with your parent or guardian and check out with the team. Other family members, friends, or other adults are not acceptable. Students will ride home after games with parents/guardians or the team bus only.

Thank you for all you do to make PPHS the incredible school that it is. We are so excited for the hope and promise of the new school year. Wishing each of you an exciting school year. Don't hesitate to email or call. We will do this together.

With PRIDE at PPHS,

Principal Carey Johnson