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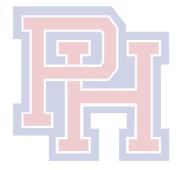
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August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians-

Since August is upon us, I wanted to communicate some information and updates regarding the upcoming school year to you. You will also find an attached **supply list** and **2019-2020 school calendar**. If you happen to have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the high school office.

- *Updates* You will notice many updates to our facilities this year! We have installed air conditioning in the gymnasium and locker rooms. The cafeteria received new doors and doorways, which will increase security. Also, an awning was installed at the back entrance for bus transportation drop off. Finally, you will notice signs above the lockers in each of the three hallways with inspiring quotes printed on them. Each hallway has been named after one of the three Pillars (perseverance, above and beyond, and family), and the quotes pertain to one of these three Pillars. Stop in and check them out!
- *FinalForms* All student registration should be done through FinalForms. This needs to be completed ASAP if you haven't already. The PH specific website is <a href="https://phpatriots-oh.finalforms.com/">https://phpatriots-oh.finalforms.com/</a>.
- *Flow of Traffic* Please remember that all drop offs (AM) and pick ups (PM) should be done on the East end of the high school, NOT in front of the building. The front entrance may be used for late arrivals and/or dismissals.
- *Graduation Requirements* All students entering high school at PHHS have to earn a minimum of 23 credits and attain one of the three pathways to graduation. \*See the attached documents from ODE that are attached to this letter for detailed information (Class of 2020, Class of 2021 and beyond).
- *Electronic Communication Devices* With the 1:1 initiative, cell phones and other electronic communication devices will only be permitted during non-instructional times. They will not be permitted for use in classrooms, unless provided permission by the teacher. Misuse of these devices may result in disciplinary issues.
- **Staying Connected-** Follow my high school Twitter handle @phhswagner. You can also use the text messaging system app (Remind) to get updates from the high school. Text @mrwagnerph to 81010 to join. Additionally, our newly updated website is a great place for updates and information.
- *Freshmen Orientation* Freshman/new student orientation will take place on August 19th at 6 PM in the high school gymnasium. You can also pay fees, test lockers, and meet with counselors that night.
- *Fee Policy* Just a reminder that all current year fees must be paid for your student to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular clubs. Additionally, if a student has past due fees, a payment plan must be set up.





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- *New Staff-* Justin Sonnenberg (Science/Girls Basketball Coach), Kaitlyn Wyse (English), and Brett Ziegler (Math). Please welcome them to the Patriot Nation when you see them!
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences-** I encourage all parents/guardians and students to take part in our parent/teacher conferences which will be held on November 25th (3:15 PM 7:45 PM), November 26th (8:00 AM 12:30 PM), and February 13th (3:00 PM 7:00 PM).
- *PowerSchool* Please use the parent portal of PowerSchool to monitor grades. Using Powerschool for grade monitoring allows our office to be more efficient, save on postage, and reduce the amount of paper use. Grade cards will NOT be mailed home. Our staff will work diligently to ensure all grades are updated in a timely manner.
- *Exam Policy* We will no longer run a semester exam schedule (December/May). Communication will be made by the individual teacher early in the school year regarding the exam policy for his/her course. You will also notice a semester weighting change in PowerSchool. Each quarter will now be worth 50% of the total semester grade. Quarter 1 = 50%, quarter 2 = 50% totaling .5 credit for each semester.
- **STOPit App-** We will be introducing a new app to our students this year, which the middle school already implemented and had great success with last year. This app will allow students to anonymously report issues such as bullying, harassment, and discrimination. All students will be introduced to this app during my opening class meetings in late August.
- *Parking Permits* All student drivers are required to register their vehicle through FinalForms, and display the (free) permit on the rear view mirror while on campus. The permits can be picked up in the office. If a permit is lost, a new one may be purchased in the office for \$10.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions regarding this information. Have a great 2019-2020 school year and I hope to see you at an event on our campus. Go Patriots!

Respectfully,

Adam Wagner Principal Patrick Henry High School