

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

The mission of the Pella Community Schools is to maximize life's opportunities for every child.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The school year is off to an outstanding start. Students have performed well despite some hot and humid weather. We are very proud of how the students adjusted to the conditions. It has been a pleasure having all 700 plus students at the high school. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable school year.

The students are going to be challenged to think at a higher level this year and in the future. We are continuing to push our students to raise their level of thinking each and every day. Along with pushing them to think at a higher level, the students are exploring and excelling with the 1:1 initiative. It is an exciting time in education to observe all of the various activities throughout the school. As we continue to strive for students to achieve at high levels, we will push them to become complex thinkers while continuing to develop their soft skills through character development. We appreciate all of your support for Pella Community High.

We'd like to remind you that homecoming week is quickly approaching (September 22-26). More information is included in this newsletter in regard to the week's events.

Thank you,

Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

Calendar

Sept. 17: School Pictures

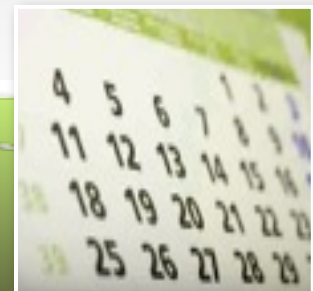
Sept. 22-26: Homecoming Week

Oct. 2: 4:30 – 8:30 Parent Teacher Conferences : Open Forum

Oct. 3: 6-Week Grade Post

Oct. 15: PSAT Testing

Oct. 17: End of Quarter One



Pella Dollar of Scholars

Pella Dollars continues to assist Pella Christian and Pella Community high school graduates with scholarships for post-secondary education, but we need your help!

September marks the beginning of our appeal to raise money for our general fund. The majority of our scholarships are paid for by private donors who remain committed to the cause of continuing education, and money is safely set aside to fill that commitment. Pella DFS also contributes about \$10,000 each year for “Honors” scholarships from our general funds, ensuring that a minimum \$250 scholarship is available to every senior graduating from Pella schools. In addition, our operating expenses each year average between \$3,500 and \$5,500. Contributions to our general fund come from local businesses and private individuals, just like you. Your gift, no matter how large or small will be greatly appreciated and help us continue our mission, “Engage a community partnership to assure graduates of Pella Community High School and Pella Christian High School receive financial support for post-secondary education.”

Join this community partnership by visiting pella.dollarsforscholars.org to make a contribution, to set up a designated scholarship or to find out more or mail your contribution to Pella DFS, PO Box 131, Pella, IA 50219.

Senior Meetings

Senior meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 30th. During one of their open periods, seniors are expected to meet in the library with Mr. Core, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Manning. The counselors will be covering information pertinent to seniors, including how to request transcripts, recommendation forms, college visit procedures, ACT, SAT, and Compass tests, Dollars for Scholars, and important upcoming dates. Seniors who do not have an open period should schedule an appointment with one of the counselors before or after school.

During Parent Teacher conferences, the guidance office staff will be available for appointments. If you have questions regarding any details covered in the senior meetings or other post-secondary options; such as college admission requirements, college visits, and college and/or scholarship applications, please schedule a time to meet on October 2nd.

[Mark Core](#) | [Jessica Manning](#) | [Teresa Thompson](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 2 - Open Forum

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the high school will be on Thursday, October 2, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. This session will follow a traditional format. All teachers will be located in the cafeteria or West Gym. Athletic coaches will be at the conferences by 5:30 p.m.

High School Office Hours Teachers

Parents and students will be able to view each teacher's office hours. All teachers are required to have weekly office hours to provide assistance and support for their students. If your son or daughter needs extra assistance in a subject area, please use the teacher for extra assistance. The office hours schedule is: [High School Teachers Office Hours](#)

Calendar - First Quarter

September 1:	Labor Day - No School
September 4:	4:30 - 8:30 Parent Information Night
September 12:	3-Week Grade Post
September 17:	Lifetouch Student Photos
September 22-26:	Homecoming Week
October 2:	4:30 - 8:30 Parent Teacher Conferences: Open Forum
October 3:	6-Week Grade Post
October 15:	PSAT Testing
October 17:	End of Quarter One
Nov. 10:	HS Parent-Teacher Conferences -- Individual & Freshman meetings (4:30 to 8:30 p.m.)
Oct. 28:	90 Minute Early Dismissal due to K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 30:	90 Minute Early Dismissal due to K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 31:	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26:	90 Minute Early Dismissal d
Nov. 27 & 28:	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break
Dec. 3:	Financial Aid Night for Seniors
Dec. 22:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 1 - 4
Dec. 23:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 5 - 8
Dec. 23:	90 Minute Early Dismissal -- End of 1st Semester
Dec. 24 – Jan. 5:	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Jan. 6:	Classes begin Second Semester

Homecoming

Homecoming week is the week of September 22 with the football game and dance on September 26. We are looking forward to the week of activity. The homecoming schedule is attached. Parents are welcome to attend any of the homecoming events.

Week Prior to Homecoming

Thursday - September 11

- Nominate homecoming court candidates. So, Jr, Sr nominate five (5) king and five (5) queen candidates - Google form

Tuesday - September 16

- VB @ Grinnell- JV/5:30pm, V/7:15pm
- Class meetings by student council: see schedule - [30min Homeroom schedule](#)
- Announce Homecoming court (immediately following class meetings in auditorium); voting for homecoming King & Queen begins for all students - Google form

Wednesday- September 17 - 1:45 dismissal schedule

- STAFF DEVT - 1:45pm
- School Pictures - morning

Thursday - September 18

- Lip Sync tryouts- see Mr. Rasmussen
- Class skit plans submitted by class officers to class sponsors and approved, then submitted to administration and approved. [Class Sponsor list](#)
- Skit Practice #1(NO conflicts with events) – 5:30-7:30pm (FR-5:30/SO-6:00PM/JR-6:30/SR-7:00PM) – **PRACTICE IN AUDITORIUM**

Friday - September 19

- Teachers decorate their doors
- FB vs. Norwalk @ Pella
- Last day to vote for King/Queen

Saturday - September 20

- Hall decorations by class 9am-noon . Judging at noon by sponsors. – Class sponsors supervising
- X-Country @ DM Roosevelt
- VB @ Ballard 9am
- JV VB @ Pella Christian 9am

Homecoming Week - “1-4 (One-for) the Dutch”

Monday - September 22

- Teacher doors judged at end of day.
- King and queen coronation/ luncheon for parents/court immediately following. ([Coronation Schedule](#))
- JV football game @ Norwalk-5:30pm
- JV/VB Invite @ PCM - 5:00pm
- Jungle Volleyball Games @ Pella HS 6:00pm
- Powder Puff Football Game @ Stadium (after Jungle VB) – approximately 7:15pm

Tuesday - September 23

- Skit Practice #2 – 5:30-7:00 (FR-5:30/SO-5:50PM/JR-6:10/SR-6:30PM)- **PRACTICE IN AUDITORIUM**
- VB @ Pella vs. Pella Christian - F/5:30pm, JV/5:30pm, V/7:15pm

Wednesday - September 24- 1:45 dismissal schedule

- STAFF DEVT - 2:00 p.m.
- Class competitions & Class Skits & Lip Sync 11:45 - 1:45 (Teachers assigned at each event to monitor)

Thursday - September 25

- X-Country meet @ Indianola - 4:00pm

Friday - September 26

- Green and white day
- HS picnic on the school lawn.
- Elementary and Middle School pep assemblies for team captains, royalty, forte, and cheerleaders. (Dismissed after 5th hr/ 12:45) 1:00 Lincoln assembly, 1:30 Madison assembly, 2:00 Jefferson assembly, 2:45 Middle School/High School
- Pep Assembly/Spirit Shoe competition: Announce winner of the class competitions-2:45pm
- F/V FB game vs Knoxville @ Pella stadium F/4:45pm, V/7:30pm. Introduce HC court at halftime of the game.
- Homecoming Dance sponsored by the cheerleaders (9-12am) *Dance will not begin until FB game is over.*

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Merica Monday	“er” day (anything that ends in er)	Formal Day
Senior Citizen	Tis the Season Tuesday	What I Would be Doing if I Weren’t Teaching
Celebrity Day	Want to be Wednesday	What I Look Like When I’m Not Teaching Day
Will you still be my fried if I wear this day	Toga Thursday	Alumni Day
Green & White	Green & White	Green & White

