

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 first semester was successful in many regards. The students of Pella Community High achieved in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. We are proud of all of the outstanding efforts students have made during the first semester. Pella Community High will continue to offer quality programs for all students, now and in the future.

Course registration for the 2015-16 school year will be on February 11. Accurate course registration is very important, as it impacts course offerings and staffing for the next school year. The Pella Community High course handbook is available at the following link: [Pella Community High Course Guide](#). It is important to note the Career Academy of Pella facility will be open at the start of school next year. We are extremely excited about this opportunity for our students next year and in the future.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

Calendar

January 17: Winter Formal

January 30: Post 3-Week Grades

February 5: 8th Grade Orientation

February 6 – 13: Iowa Assessments

February 11: Assessment – a.m. & Career Planning & Registration – p.m.

February 11: Senior Ski Trip
(Make-up Date: February 18)

February 13: Post 6-Week Grades



Report Cards

First semester report cards are available on the Infinite Campus parent portal. All parents have a personal password to access their child's grades and report cards. Report cards will not be mailed out unless requested from the parent/guardian. If you need assistance to access your child's information or need to update your personal information, please contact Allissa Grandia at: allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us.

- Report cards can be printed off under the "Reports" tab on Infinite Campus. Print the report card for your insurance company and the good driver discount.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Excellence in Electives (February 16 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 pm.)

If you want to schedule a conference with a particular teacher, please email him/her to schedule a conference meeting time. The conferences will be in teachers rooms. All winter coaches will be available by 5:30. An 8th grade parent meeting will be in the auditorium at 7:00 to cover PHS registration and course selection. Excellence in Elective teachers will be involved throughout the night with their program, but will be available at the beginning and end of the conferences.

Excellence in Electives (February 16 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm.)

Excellence in Electives is a way for students to highlight the various experiences they gain by taking elective courses here at Pella High. Many high school teachers will be in attendance. Teachers not participating in Excellence in Electives activities will be available in their classrooms for parent-teacher conferences. This will be the only parent-teacher conference of the second semester.

If you want to schedule a conference with a particular teacher, please email him or her to schedule a conference meeting time. You can find a teacher's work email on the Pella High School Website.

We look forward to seeing you on **February 16 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.**

Junior Attendance & Decorum

Junior attendance and discipline will be reviewed this spring to determine if open campus privileges will be granted to students when they become seniors. A student must have established positive track records before the school will grant senior release next fall. Parent/Guardian permission must also be given before a student will receive senior release. This release will be available during summer registration.



Course Registration

Course registration for the 2015-16 school year will be on February 11 through the Infinite Campus portal. Accurate course registration is very important, as it impacts course offerings and staffing for the next school year. The guidance staff will help students plan their course selections if needed. Please review the four year plan with your students from last year (google document title: student name - PHS credit count) Class schedules will be given to students in May before summer break. Changes to schedules may be made at this time if a student needs to add and drop a course.

Pella Career Academy - Facility Opening the Start of the 2015-16 School Year

These classes provide our high school students with excellent education opportunities. The students will be able to get a head start on their college and career, explore various career options of interest, develop valuable career and workplace skills, and earn college credit. We will be offering courses in Ag Business, Health Occupations, Building Trades/Finish Carpentry, Teacher Academy, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Introduction to Computers, Beginning Chinese, Beginning German, Fashion and Design, Project Lead The Way, and Advanced Manufacturing & Welding.

State and National Testing

It would be greatly appreciated, if possible, not to schedule appointments during testing times. We have set aside these dates and times specifically for State and National Testing. Teachers have adjusted their planning for these assessments and it is required for students to complete these test.

- February 6-13 - Iowa Assessments for Sophomores & Juniors
- February 11 is the NCRC Test for all Freshmen.

Pella Community High - Breakfast

The Department of Ed requires us to publish the fact that breakfast is served at the High school from 7:40 - 8:15. Breakfast is also served between periods one and two.

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Post 6-Week Grades

February 20: No School

March 13: End of the third Quarter

March 16-20: Spring Break

March 23: Start of 4th Quarter

April 3: No School

April 10: Post 3-Week Grades

April 11: Prom @ Central University

May 1: Post 6-Week Grades

May 7: Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal

May 8: Tulip Time - 11:15 dismissal

May 13: Senior Awards Night

May 19: Seniors Last Day

May 22: Graduation

May 26-28: Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out

May 28: Last Day of School - 90 Minute Early Dismissal

*** Go to www.pella.k12.ia.us and click on the calendar tab to see all events/activities. You may also access the calendar by going to www.littlehawkeyeconference.com**