

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been an outstanding start of the school year. Students have adjusted and performed well despite some hot and humid weather the last week in August. We are very proud of how the students adjusted to the conditions. It has been a pleasure having all of the 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. 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 28-October 2). 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. 16	Lifetouch Student Photos (9-12) 90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Sept. 18	Senior Pictures in media center
Sept 23	No School -- District Professional Development Day
Sept 28-Oct 2	Homecoming Week
Sept 30	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Oct 2	6-Week Grade Post
Oct 7	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Oct 8	90 Minute Early Dismissal due to K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 8	4:30 - 8:30 Parent Teacher Conferences Open Forum
Oct 13	90 Minute Early Dismissal - K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 14	PSAT Testing - 8:15am - 11:15am

Bus Loop Construction: Starting Late September

The Pella CSD school board has approved the construction of a bus loop/visitor parking on the southwest corner of the campus. This construction will begin in late September and completed in November. This is another phase in creating a safer situation for our students and parents.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 8 -- Open Forum

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the high school will be on Thursday, October 8, from 4:30 to 8:00 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.

During Parent Teacher conferences, the guidance office staff will be available for appointments. If you have questions regarding student needs or concerns; academic or social or post-secondary options; such as college admission requirements, college visits, and college and/or scholarship applications, please schedule a time to meet on October 8th.

[Wade VanVark](#) | [Jessica Manning](#) | [Teresa Thompson](#)

Infinite Campus --

High School Grades, Attendance, Lunch Payments & Reports

Parents and students have individual access to view their grades online via the Infinite Campus portal. This link will allow parents to view their son or daughter's grades, attendance, assignments, print report cards for insurance (under the Reports tab), deposit money for school lunch and other items (under the Payments tab), and update demographic information. If you have not set up your Infinite Campus portal account, please contact Allissa Grandia at 641-628-9539 or allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us.

High School Office Hours For 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](#)

Homecoming 2015 September 28 – October 2 – “Dawn of the Dutch”

Monday - September 21

- Joel Penton assembly 10am

Tuesday - September 22

- Class meetings by student council: see schedule - [30min Homeroom schedule](#)
- Announce Homecoming court (immediately following class meetings in auditorium); voting begins for all students -Google form
- Lip Sync tryouts- see Mr Rasmussen
- HS Cross-country @ Indianola (4pm)
- 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**

Wednesday - September 23 - NO SCHOOL

Friday - September 25

- Teachers decorate their doors
- FB - Pella @ Knoxville 7:30pm
- Last day to vote for King/Queen
- Hall decorations by class 3:30-5:30pm. – Class sponsors supervising

Saturday - September 26

- Marching Dutch invite @ Pella
- 9th VB @ Johnston

Homecoming Week - “Dawn of the Dutch”

Monday - September 28

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

Tuesday - September 29

- Skit Practice #2 – 5:30-7:00 (FR-5:30/SO-5:50PM/JR-6:10/SR-6:30PM)- **PRACTICE IN AUDITORIUM**
- Cross Country @ Knoxville 5pm
- VB Pella @ Centerville - 5pm

Wednesday - September 30- 1:45 dismissal schedule

- STAFF DEVT - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday - October - 1

- School dismissed at 1:15 -- Class competitions begin at 1:25
- Class competitions 1:25 - 2:05 (Teachers assigned at each event to monitor)
- Class skits and lip sync 2:10 - 3:15 in the auditorium

Friday - October 2

- Green and white day
- HS tailgate 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 @ stadium
- 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.*

Homecoming Dress Up Days

Underclassmen

Seniors

Teachers

Monday	Camo Day	Tis the Season (holidays)	Alumni Day
Tuesday	Doctor/Patient Day	Toga	Tropical Tuesday
Wednesday	Wayback Wednesday	Decades Day (before 2000)	When I'm Not at School
Thursday	Color Wars (Jr=tie dye; So=Red, Fr=Pink)	Color Wars (Blue)	Colorless War (White or Black)
Friday	Green & White	Green & White	Green & White



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October 23:	End of Quarter One
October 28:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
November 4:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
November 9:	HS Parent-Teacher Conferences -- Individual & Career meetings - 4:30 to 8:00
November 11:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
November 18:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Nov. 26 & 27:	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break
December 2:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
December 2:	Financial Aid Night for Seniors 7:00 pm in Auditorium
December 9:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
December 16:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3:	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 6:	90 Minute Early Dismissal for Professional Development
January 13:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 1 - 4
January 14:	First Semester Assessments -- Periods 5 - 8
January 15:	No School Teacher Work Day
January 18:	Classes begin Second Semester