

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very proud of the efforts of the students throughout the year. We have an outstanding group of young ladies and men performing at a high level. We appreciate all of your support throughout the year and in the future. Thank you.

As spring approaches construction begins in earnest at the high school. It is a major project with multiple aspects to the project expecting to last at least eighteen months. It will be amazing upon completion, but it will cause disruptions throughout the campus. We will do our best to handle the construction with the least intrusion on teaching and learning and disruption to the campus. Please contact me at anytime with questions about the construction project. I appreciate your patience with the high school renovation.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

Calendar

February 15

- Parent-Teacher Conferences / Excellence in Electives
- 90 Minute Early Dismissal - P/T Conferences

February 18

- 90 Minute Early Dismissal - K-6 P/T Conferences

February 19

- No School

February 26

- Post 6-Week Grades

Parent Teacher Conferences

(February 15 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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. This will be the only parent-teacher conference of the second semester.

Excellence in Electives (February 15 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 pm.)

Excellence in Electives is a way for students to highlight the various experiences they gain by taking elective courses here at Pella High. A number of programs will be displaying their work including Art, Ag, Industrial Technology, Social Studies, French, Family and Consumer Science, Project Lead the Way, Journalism, and Spanish. We also encourage students and parents to visit the different elective departments and course options as course registration for next year is due soon.

Music performances in the auditorium:

5:30--Orchestra

6:00--Jazz 1

6:30--Show Choir

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We look forward to seeing you on February 15.

Course Registration

Course registration for current high school students for the 2016-17 school year was on February 10 through the Infinite Campus portal. Accurate course registration is very important, as it impacts course offerings and staffing for the next school year. Students may adjust their course selection through February 17. MS students that will be 9th graders next school year will register March 1.

2016-17 School Registration for ALL existing students: March 1 - May 1

Please log into www.pellaschools.org/register and follow the steps under 'Existing Parents'.

Registration fees are not a part of school registration. Fees will be made available for online payment starting July 1, 2016.

*Please note the 2016-17 school registration timeframes:

March 1 - March 18: Preschool & Kindergarten registration

March 1 - May 1: ALL existing students registration

July 1 - Online registration fees available

Report Cards

Insurance companies often ask for your student's report card for the good driver discount. Please print your student's latest report card from the 'Reports' tab on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Pella Career Academy through DMACC

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, Computer Technology, Beginning Chinese, Beginning German, Fashion and Design, Project Lead The Way, and Welding.

Construction Update

February 15: Phase 1 - HVAC 201-203-211-215 & Relocation of Classrooms

February 22: Relocate the Fitness Room and Weight Room to the South half of the West Gym

February 24: Install fencing in the parking lot

February 29: Stages for East Wing

- a. Demolition of the Ag/IT/Art area
- b. Demolition of current Weight Room/Fitness Room/Visitor Locker Room/Classroom north of the East Gym
- c. Start construction of the New East Wing

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March 18: End of the third Quarter

March 21-25: Spring Break-No School

March 28: Start of 4th Quarter

April 9: Prom @ Central College-Graham Hall

April 15: Post 3 Week Grades

May 5: Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal

May 6: Tulip Time - 11:15 dismissal

Post 6-Week Grades

May 11: Senior Awards Night

May 17: Senior Semester Assessments: Periods 5-8

May 18: Senior Semester Assessments: Periods 1-4

Seniors Last Day 11:30 dismissal (seniors only)

Senior Picnic - Caldwell Park

May 24-26: Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out

May 26: Last Day of School/2nd semester - 12:30 Dismissal

May 27: Graduation - Central College-Kuyper Fieldhouse

* 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