

Pella High School

Principal Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The High School had a lot of activity in and around the building this summer as construction continued and projects were completed. We welcomed students back earlier this month and they have done an outstanding job working around restricted areas as the finishing touches are being made. Construction is looking to be completed by the end of October and we are excited to showcase our beautifully renovated school!

Homecoming week is right around the corner, scheduled for September 18-22. Please see the newsletter for more information on the week's events.

We look forward to serving all of our students at Pella Community High School.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

School Pictures

School pictures for 9th -12th grade will be on Friday, September 8th. Picture forms are available in the office or you may order pictures on line at www.mylifetouch.com Picture Day ID BN807377Q0.

September Calendar

- 4 - No School – Labor Day
- 8 - HS School Pictures (9-12)
Senior Leadership Seminar
- 13 - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 15 - 3 Week Grade Check
- 18-22 - Homecoming Week
- 20 - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 27 - 90 Minute Early Dismissal

View High School Grades, Attendance, Lunch Payments, and Reports Cards on Infinite Campus from Home, Work, or your Phone!

Parents and students have individual access to view grades, attendance, assignments online via the Infinite Campus portal. This link also allows parents to print report cards for insurance purposes (under the Reports tab), deposit money for school lunch and other items (under the Payments tab), and update demographic information.

Download the Infinite Campus app from the App Store and use the district ID# of XBJNVW. Enter your Infinite Campus parent portal username and password to log in. This app allows you to view lunch balances, grades, assignments, and student schedules (under Planner). See all your students in one app!

If you have forgotten your Infinite Campus portal username and password, 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 Teacher Office Hours](#).

Homecoming

Homecoming week is the week of September 18 with the football game and dance on September 22. We are looking forward to the week of activity.

Upcoming College Planning Events:

- Sunday, September 24th - Golden Circle College Fair - Hy-Vee Hall (DM)
- Wed/Thurs, Oct 4&5 - ZAPS ACT workshop @ Pella HS (details below)
- Wednesday, Oct 11 - PSAT (see info below)

If you are interested in more details on the College Fair in Des Moines, please click the [link](#). College Fairs are a great way for families to explore college options for future planning with students. Many different institutions will be in attendance to share information, 2 year community colleges and 4 year colleges - local and out-of-state .

An ACT workshop is planned at Pella High School for October 4 & 5. An instructor from the ZAPS company will lead students in a classroom setting with tips and strategies for the ACT standardized test. It is encouraged for juniors to take the ACT test in April or June if they are anticipating attending a four year institution. Visit the Doorway to College website for registration, study tips and stats on the ZAPS workshop benefits. Other ZAPS workshops will be offered in November and March for ACT preparation closer to future testing dates. The ACT [registration website](#) has all testing dates and deadlines for the 2017-18 school year.

PSAT Testing Info

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT/NMSQT is administered to students in grade 11 and grade 10 and is great practice for taking the SAT. It can qualify you for scholarship programs. Also, it can give you insight into which AP® courses you may be ready to take. This year's test will be administered on Wednesday, October 11. Students wishing to take the PSAT/NMSQT must sign up in the Student Services Center in the high school beginning September 11. There are 30 testing spots available this year and priority will be given to students in grade 11. The deadline for signing up is September 29.

Transcript Requests - Online

Please follow these steps on the Pella District website for any transcript requests:

<http://www.pellaschools.org/>

High School page > Gray box on right hand side > Forms & Resources > Transcript Request Form

School Calendar

On our district website, there is a school calendar of events for the [2017-18 school year](#). Events can be sorted by topic and printed. We hope this calendar will be helpful to you and your family.

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| Sept. 4 | No School – Labor Day |
| Sept. 8 | HS Pictures |
| Sept. 8 | Senior Leadership Seminar |
| Sept. 13 | 90 Minute Early Dismissal |
| Sept. 15 | 3-Week Grade Check |
| Sept. 18-22 | Homecoming Week |
| Sept. 20 | 90 Minute Early Dismissal |
| Sept. 27 | 90 Minute Early Dismissal |
| Oct. 2 | No School - Teacher Professional Development Day |
| Oct. 6 | 6-Week Grade Check |
| Oct. 11 | 90 Minute Early Dismissal |
| Oct. 16 | Parent Teacher Conferences: Open Forum |
| Oct. 17 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal |
| Oct. 18 | PSAT Test |
| Oct. 19 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal |
| Oct. 20 | No School - P/T Comp. Day |
| Oct. 25 | 90 Minute Early Dismissal |
| Oct. 27 | Midterm |
| Nov. 1 | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Nov. 8 | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Nov. 15 | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Nov. 22 90 | Minute Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 23 & 24 | No School -- Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 28 | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Dec.6: | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Dec.13 | Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal |
| Dec.22 | 90-Minute Early Dismissal - Winter Break |
| Dec. 23 | January 2: No School |
| Jan. 3 | School Reconvenes |
| Jan. 10 & 11 | Semester Assessments |
| Jan. 11 | End of Semester One |
| Jan. 12 | No School - Teacher Work Day |
| Jan. 15 | Day One of Second Semester |
| Jan. 16 | Semester One Grades Due at 9:00 a.m. |

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