

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.

Course registration for the 2017-18 school year will be on February 8. 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](#). Pella Community High will continue to offer quality programs for all students, now and in the future.

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Jon Muller
Assistant Principal

1st Semester Report Cards

Grades for Semester 1 are due January 17, 2017 by 9:00am. By the end of that week, report cards will be made available on the Infinite Campus parent portal under the "Reports" tab.

Calendar

January

- 18** - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 25** - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 28** - Winter Formal

February

- 1** - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 3** - Post 3-Week Grades
- 6-10** - Iowa Assessments
- 8** - Assessment - a.m.
Career Planning & Registration - p.m.
Senior Ski Trip (Make-up Date: Feb. 15)
90 Minute Early Dismissal
- 9** - 8th Grade Orientation
- 13** - Parent-Teacher Conferences /
Excellence in Electives
- 14** - 90 Minute Early Dismissal

2nd Semester Class Schedules, Course Drops or Adds

Through the Infinite Campus portal, students and parents are able to view and print class schedules from the Reports tab. Second semester schedules may have changed since first semester, so please review student schedules on the campus portal.

At the beginning of each semester, students will be allowed five (5) school days in which to add or drop a course. After the tenth (10) school day, dropping a course will result in an “F” for the class, unless an extreme emergency exists.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Excellence in Electives

(February 13 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 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 13 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. 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 13 from 5:30 – 7:00 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 2017-18 school year will be on February 8 through the Infinite Campus student 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 on their Academic Planner on IC from last year. It is our plan to have class schedules 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.

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 tests.

- February 6-10 - Iowa Assessments for Sophomore & Juniors
- February 8 Schedule:
- National Career Readiness Certification: Freshmen (am)
- Iowa Assessment - Sophomore & Juniors (am)
- Senior Ski Trip (Seniors not attending the Ski Trip are required to take the National Career Readiness Certification Test in the library)

Pella Community High - Breakfast

An important part of every day is a nutritious, well-balanced breakfast. Breakfast is served daily at every building in the district, including the high school. Students may purchase a complete meal including grain/protein, fruit/vegetable, and milk or make a la carte purchases that meet healthy Smart Snack guidelines. Breakfast is served from 7:40-8:15 and again between periods one and two.

Construction Update

The high school renovation in the office area is nearing completion. The administration staff is expected to transition to the main office area on January 20. The main entrance will be through the front office area starting on January 23. The East Wing is projected to be completed by Spring Break.

School Calendar - 2nd Semester

January 16: Begin 2nd Semester
January 18: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
January 25: Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
January 28: Winter Formal
February 3: Post 3-Week Grades
February 6 - 10: Iowa Assessments
February 8: Assessment (am) & Career Planning and Registration (pm)
February 8: Senior Ski Trip (Make-up Date: February 15)
February 9: 8th Grade Orientation
February 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences / Excellence in Electives
February 14: 90 Minute Early Dismissal
February 16: 90 Minute Early Dismissal
February 17: No School
February 24: Post 6-Week Grades
March 13-17: Spring Break
March 24: End of the Third Quarter
April 8: Prom @ Central University
April 13: Post 3-Week Grades
April 14: No School
May 4: Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal
May 5: Tulip Time - 11:15 dismissal
May 5: Post 6-Week Grades
May 10: Senior Awards Night
May 19: Seniors Last Day
May 23-25: Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out
May 25: Last Day of School - 90 Minute Early Dismissal
May 26: Graduation

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

