



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We welcomed 694 students to the high school last week, and look forward to a year full of opportunities and experiences.

The students are making a great effort adjusting to the new cell phone and school bag policies. We appreciate the cooperation and support that has been given from parents, students and staff.

Homecoming week is scheduled for September 24-28. This is a high school tradition that is full of fun activities. Please see the newsletter for a complete list of homecoming events.

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

Thank you,
Eric Nelson
Principal

Derek Schulte
Assistant Principal

September 2018 Calendar

- Sept. 3** No School – Labor Day
- Sept. 12** 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- Sept. 14** 3-Week Grade Check
- Sept. 19** 90 Minute Early Dismissal
- Sept. 24-28** Homecoming Week
- Sept. 26** 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

View High School Grades, Attendance, Lunch Payments, and Report 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 name of PELLA and the state IOWA. 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.

Homecoming

Homecoming week is the week of September 24. The Homecoming theme: “Dutch’struction.” The kickoff starts with decorating areas of the building on September 21 after school. The first day of the week starts with coronation during the school day followed by Jungle Volleyball and Powder Puff that night. Class competitions and lip syncs will be on Thursday, September 23. The pep assembly, football game and dance will be on September 28. We are looking forward to the week of activity.

Upcoming College Planning Events:

- Sunday, September 23rd - Golden Circle College Fair - Hy-Vee Hall (DM)
- Wed/Thurs, October 3 & 4 - ZAPS ACT workshop @ Pella HS (details below)
- Wednesday, October 10 - PSAT (see info below)
- Thursday, October 11 - College Fair @ Central College (more details to come)

If you are interested in more details on the College Fair in DesMoines, 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 3 & 4. 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. Another ZAPS workshop will be offered in March for ACT preparation closer to Spring testing dates.

The ACT registration [website](#) has all testing dates and deadlines for the 2018-19 school year. There is also a free online ACT test preparation ‘academy’ on this website.

PSAT Testing Info

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is co-sponsored 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. This year's test will be administered on Wednesday, October 10. Students wishing to take the PSAT/NMSQT must sign up in the Student Services Center in the high school beginning September 19. There are 40 testing spots available this year and priority will be given to students in grade 11. The deadline for signing up is October 3.

Pella Youth Coalition

Pella Youth Coaliton will be sponsoring the "What You Don't See" Trailer. There will be four different events including two Pella Youth Coalition/Public Safety tailgate events before the football games along with the two nights of parent teacher conferences.

The Iowa Narcotics Officers Association has created a traveling trailer to teach parents and other adults how kids may be concealing drug use. It's called the "[What You Don't See](#)" project.

"The trailer is designed to portray a normal teenager's bedroom where various forms of signage, clothing, paraphernalia and narcotics will be left in plain sight or in secret," says association president Doug Hurley, a special agent with the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement.

- October 5th Pella Christian High School Football Game 4:30-9:00 p.m.
- October 8th Pella Middle School Parent Teacher Conference 3:30 -7:00 p.m.
- October 12th Pella High School Football Game 4:30-9:00 p.m.
- October 15th Pella High School Parent Teacher Conference 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Transcript Requests - online

Applying to college? Please follow these steps on the Pella District website for any official transcript requests:

<http://www.pellaschools.org/schools/high-school/counseling/transcript-requests/>

High School page > Gray box on right hand side > Counseling > Transcript Request Form

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Oct. 3	90 Minute Early Dismissal
Oct. 5	6-Week Grade Check
Oct. 10	PSAT Test
Oct. 10	90 Minute Early Dismissal
Oct. 15	Parent Teacher Conferences: Open Forum
Oct. 16	Two Hour Early Dismissal
Oct. 18	Two Hour Early Dismissal
Oct. 19	No School - P/T Comp. Day
Oct. 24	90 Minute Early Dismissal
Oct. 26	Midterm

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