

# 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 end of October marks the completion of our first midterms as well as our fall activities. The students' focus and commitment to work while keeping attendance at a mark above 96 percent has been commendable. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to put forth their best effort.

Pella High School presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Sound of Music* on Thursday, November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium. Tickets (general admission and reserved seating) may be purchased online at <http://our.show/pellahsmusical>.

Special recognition to all fall athletes and coaches for a fun season, and continued luck to the volleyball team at the State tournament on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. versus Cedar Rapids Xavier at Cedar Rapids. Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team for finishing sixth and the Boys Cross Country team finishing 5th at state last Saturday, also to the football team for an outstanding season qualifying for the state football playoffs. Thanks to the coaches, players, parents, and fans for their support of these programs.

And congratulations to the Pella Dutch Marching Band for receiving a Division I "Superior" rating for the 43rd straight year and 1st Place overall at the Mid-Iowa Band Championships in Ankeny plus other amazing accomplishments. Thanks to the band directors, parents, members, and supporters for the outstanding marching band campaign.

Thank you,

**Eric Nelson**

Principal

**Derek Schulte**

Assistant Principal

### November 2018

#### Calendar

**Nov. 1, 2, & 3**

*The Sound of Music*

**Nov. 7**

*Professional Development:  
90-Minute Early Dismissal*

**Nov. 12**

*Parent-Teacher Conferences:  
Individual Conferences*

**Nov. 14**

*Professional Development:  
90-Minute Early Dismissal*

**Nov. 16**

*12-Week Grade Check*

**Nov. 21**

*90-Minute Early Dismiss -  
Thanksgiving Break*

**Nov. 22 & 23**

*No School -- Thanksgiving  
Break*

**Nov. 28**

*Professional Developmental  
90-Minute Early Dismissal*

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## *November 12 -- Parent/Teacher Conference -- Individual Conference*

### **4:30 - 8:00 High School -- Individual conference**

- Teachers will be available in their classrooms throughout the evening. Coaches will be available starting at 5:30.

## *Transcripts*

If you need an official transcript sent to an educational institution, you must submit a request.

Transcript Request Form:

- visit <http://www.pellaschools.org/schools/high-school/>
- click on the "Counseling" link
- click on the "Transcript Request Form" link
- enter your request and click on "submit."

## *Senior Bulletin*

Please continue to check the Senior Bulletin for important dates for seniors and for local scholarship opportunities. The bulletin can be found on our school's web page under the 'Counseling' link.

## *Download the New & Improved Infinite Campus Mobile App for Parents!*

We are excited to inform you Infinite Campus has two new and improved mobile apps: **Campus Student** (for students) and **Campus Parent** (for parents). Download your free app for real-time access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, announcements, payments and more. If you are using the old Infinite Campus app, please download the new app. The old app will no longer be supported.

## *Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number or a new email address?*

Through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (ICPP), parents are able to update emails, phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts through the Infinite Campus parent portal. See the steps below on how to make your updates on the ICPP:

- **Address update:** under Family > Household Information
- **Phone & Email update:** under Family > Family Members
- **Emergency Contact update:** under Student > Demographics

## *What have we spent on school fees and school lunch?*

Through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (ICPP), parents are able to see a journal on all fees paid to the Pella Schools for school fees and food service fees. See the steps below on how to see that fee journal on the ICPP:

- **Fee Journal:** under Family > Fees > Select "All Years" or year specific > Select "All Members" or student-specific
- **Food Service:** under Family > Food Service > Select a patron > Select your date range to preview

## *The Sound of Music*

Pella High School presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's most beloved musical, *The Sound of Music*, on November 1, 2 and 3. Set in Austria on the eve of World War II, the musical tells the story of Maria, who takes a job as governess to a large family while she decides whether to become a nun. She falls in love with the children, and eventually their widowed father, Captain von Trapp. He is ordered to accept a commission in the German navy, but he opposes the Nazis. He and Maria decide on a plan to flee Austria with the children. The musical features some of Rodgers & Hammerstein's most famous songs, such as Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, Do-Re-Mi and The Sound of Music.

Pella High School's production of *The Sound of Music* involves a cast of 47 students, including nuns, seven adorable Von Trapp children, Nazi's, waltzing party-goers, Austrians, Germans and one free-spirited postulant, and a pit band of 16. The show is performed at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets (both reserved seating and general admission) are available both online and at the door. All tickets (reserved seating and general admission) are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students/children, plus online service fee. Tickets (general admission and reserved seating) may be purchased online at <http://our.show/pellahsmusical>. Tickets will also be available at the door each night, 60 minutes prior to showtime.

*The Sound of Music* is directed by Michelle Chaplin, with pit direction by Anne Thompson and technical direction by Gabe Schott. Student director on the production is Colton Van Zanten. The set has been designed and built by a number of parent volunteers, and parents have assisted with the costuming of the large cast. The students have been working hard since September to present this great musical classic to the Pella audience, and hope everyone enjoys their presentation of one of the world's best known and most beloved shows.

## *Article of Interest:*

The Dangers of Juuling, ([www.center4research.org](http://www.center4research.org))

## *Calendar: September - October*

Nov. 1,2, & 3	<i>The Sound of Music</i>
Nov. 7	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Nov. 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences: Individual Conferences
Nov. 14	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Nov. 16	12-Week Grade Check
Nov. 21	90-Minute Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 22 & 23	No School -- Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Dec. 5	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Dec. 7	15-Week Grade Check
Dec. 12	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal
Dec. 21	90-Minute Early Dismissal - Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan 2:	No School
Jan. 3	School Reconvenes
Jan. 10 & 11	Semester Assessments
Jan. 11	End of Semester One
Jan. 14	No School - Teacher Work Day
Jan. 15	Day One of Second Semester
Jan. 15	Semester One Grade Due at 9:00 a.m.

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