

PLHS >>>>> Newsletter

From the desk of **PRINCIPAL BEZEK:**

As we settle into the holiday season, I am thankful that we have had such a positive start to the school year! It feels more like we are settling into a normal routine after the challenges of the last couple of years. Our students have been great and the staff have commented on the good vibes in the building.

We do continue to experience challenges faced by staffing shortages and illness. If you have ever considered subbing or working in one of our support position roles, please apply or ask us questions about opportunities we have open. This is a great place to work and we would enjoy having you join our team. Learn more about our available positions [here](#).

Take care and enjoy the holiday season!

Attendance Reminders:

- The online attendance form is for ALL DAY ABSENCES only.
- Email or call our attendance line at least 45-60 minutes prior to your child leaving.
- Attendance is updated throughout the day. If you have called or emailed, please give us until 2 PM to enter it into our system.
- When picking up or dropping off your student, please use the student entrance only.
- If your child attends MNCAPS, please call their attendance line when calling out your student. The MNCAPS attendance line is 952-226-0821.



ATTENDANCE PHONE: 952-226-8601

EMAIL: hsattendance@plsas.org

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The Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund

TACKLE CANCER campaign

\$12,278.06
was donated



THANK YOU!



When it comes to Tackling Cancer, the PLSAS community showed up!

Following the 2022 Tackle Cancer Campaign from the October 7th game vs. Lakeville South, Prior Lake High School donated \$12,278.06 to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund!

The contribution made will help in their mission to enhance the lives of Minnesota's Cancer Community by providing research, educational programs and advanced technology. A big thanks to everyone who helped make a difference in "tackling" cancer!

PROM 2023 INFORMATION

- The location for Prom this year is the Minneapolis Depot.
- Our prom has grown to such a size that we are limited in the various locations that can hold our numbers. We would rather ensure everyone can attend than have to cut it off at a certain number.
- It is difficult to find locations and dates on weekends that will allow us to only rent the space without a large catering budget. Due to not serving a meal or bar service, many places won't take high schools because they are not profitable enough.
- It is common for many schools to conduct Proms and/or other dances in downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul.
- The location of the Depot is right off Washington Avenue, and it has its own secure parking garage. Cars enter through a gated entrance and proceed directly into an underground garage. Thus, students will not be required to park elsewhere and walk to the venue.
- The Depot also provides a combination of uniform security guards and plain clothes security guards throughout the venue and the exterior for added safety.

The PLHS administration feels that The Depot provides an outstanding, safe, and unique location for our students and that the 2023 Prom will be a great experience for all.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Katie Devaney, our 2022-23 Teacher of the Year Honoree!

We are so proud of Katie and appreciate all she does for our #PLHS students.



PLHS Counseling Department:

Students who did not pass a core class required for graduation (English, Math, Science or Social Studies) may be eligible for credit recovery. Students may check in with their counselor for registration information.

The Counseling Office is not staffed over winter break. Seniors applying to colleges with a January 1st, 2023 deadline must submit their official transcript request through Naviance by Friday, December 16th, 2022 to ensure adequate processing time.

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will begin in February. Stay tuned for more information from the Counseling Office after winter break.



PLHS National Honor Society

Asad Abdi
Jenna Anderson
Lauren Beck
Cassidy Benson
Daniella Bidgood
Leah Bottemiller
Maren Buettner
Alexandra Burger
Kaiden Cheung
Annaliese Cundiff
Matthew Dallalah
Eshaan Dhavala
Lucia Draine
Isabelle Dwire
Owen Dwyer
Bethany Erkel
Abigail Gogolin
Sarah Grinberg
Luke Hennessy
Emily Hensel
Brianna Herbst
Abigail Hockford
Tianna Houske
Kavinu Jayatilaka
Aryahana Johnson
Sarah Kelm
Ava Krause
Amanda Levie
Jayda Lewter
Maria LoPresto
Caden Loy
Quinn Mackin
Matthew Mahowald
Sofia Monn
Mia Ngo
Philix Nguyen
Isabel Ondracek
Sienna Perkins
Sanya Pirani
Sanjana Palavarap
Karlee Salmela
Emily Schwandt
Evan Scott
Sophia Stein
Katelyn Stout
Lauren Strane
Ryan Thue
Ryan Tian
Shou Veng
Sean Wirtz

CONGRATULATIONS to the newest members induced into the Prior Lake High School National Honor Society! The school year has been very exciting and busy with the induction of 50 new members.

Apart from induction, both new and returning members did an amazing job participating in the following member-led volunteering events:

Roadside Clean Up (10/13) - *"Picking up the road is lots of fun!!"* With 13 volunteers walked a little over two miles and filled 20 garbage bags.

Fall Blood Drive (10/14) - 46 pints of blood were collected with the help of students, staff, and members of our community. Both new and old members volunteered!



Trunk or Treat (10/31) - 712 pounds of food items were collected and donated to the CAP (Community Action Partnership) Agency in Shakopee.

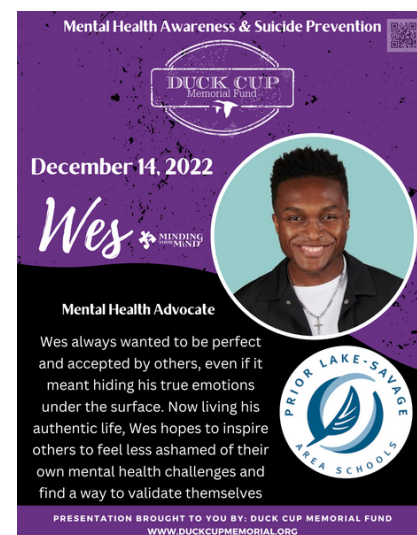
Staff Appreciation (10/31) - Members made and delivered 45 bags filled with candy, snacks, and handwritten notes to staff and bus drivers at our school.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Prior Lake High School is excited to host Minding Your Mind speaker, Wes!

PLHS students are invited to the large auditorium on Wednesday, December 14th during Laker Time, to learn about normalizing mental health discussions. This event is bring sponsored by the Duck Cup Memorial Fund.



Join us for a GREAT season of
INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL:

Register:

<https://isd719a.cf.affinetyolutions.com/>

Deadline for registration is December 9th.
 The season begins the week of 12/12/22 and
 runs thru the end of February.

Cost:

\$75 per player

All players need to register individually on
 Affinity. A Team Captain must fill out the
 Team Roster Form on the Intramural
 Basketball webpage/Schoology IM page:

<https://www.plhsactivities.org/imbb> 

**9th - 10th GRADE TEAMS**

MONDAY NIGHTS

12/5/22 = OPEN GYM NIGHT

7-8:30 PM for all players/teams

11th - 12th GRADE TEAMS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

12/7/22 = OPEN GYM NIGHT

7-8:30 PM for all players/teams

**GAME TIMES**

9th - 10th grade

Mondays

6:50 PM, 7:40 PM, 8:25 PM & 9:10 PM

11th - 12th grade

Wednesdays

6:50 PM, 7:40 PM, 8:25 PM & 9:10 PM

SUPER FUN ---- DON'T MISS OUT!

Help organize 7-10 of your friends and form a team.

Teams guaranteed 8-9 games each season plus tourney.