

PLHS >>>>> Newsletter



Congratulations to the **CLASS OF 2023!**

On June 8th, in Dan Patch Stadium, 731 PLHS students received their diplomas! It was a beautiful evening filled with wonderful speeches and more smiles than anyone could ever count. We are so proud of each and every graduate for persevering through four years of ups and downs. This class went out with style and grace and we wish them the best!

Fun facts about the Class of 2023:

- 1.) The New England Patriots have been in most of the Super Bowls during their lifetimes.
- 2.) Finding Nemo is older than them.
- 3.) Sony's PlayStation and Microsoft's Xbox have existed their whole lives in one form or another.
- 4.) YouTube launched before they were walking.
- 5.) They have never known a world without a mobile phone connected to the internet, online shopping, or social media.



The Class of 2023 is getting ready to embark on its next journey! 86% of 2023 graduates plan to attend 2 or 4-year colleges/universities, 6% plan to enter the workforce and 1% are joining the military. The states in blue represent where our Lakers will be attending colleges/universities in the fall.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to our latest Laker Pride Ticket recipients:

Kale, Matthew, Maren, Will, Brea, Kaia, Jose, Noah, Josie, Achai (not pictured), Owen, Amelia, Adan, Abby, & Grayson! These students were recognized for helping to make PLHS a place of Pride, Respect, and Responsibility.



Congratulations to this incredible group of PLHS graduates who were honored and recognized for attaining the Seal of Biliteracy from the Minnesota Department of Education!

Daryna Kruk, Srushti Vaidyanathan, Victor Safonov, Amaya Rodriguez, Jose Aguilera, Elina Charria, Andrew Gatti, Andrea Garcia-Carlos, Sofia Gomez White and Thien Le were awarded with certificates for attaining proficiency in two or more languages by their high school graduation. They each took a test of the language in speaking, writing, reading and listening. The Seal of Biliteracy also earns them college credits too!



Two PLHS students earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36! CONGRATULATIONS to Gavin Shaner and Abby Leach on this outstanding accomplishment.



Need a physical ?

As we move through the summer and prepare for the 23-24 school year, many families will need to ensure their students have an updated physical. Check out the information below on how to obtain a free physical.

Twin Cities Orthopedics is offering FREE high school sports physicals. To learn more about reserving your spot across the the metro, [click here](#).

Additionally, Scott County Public Health's Health Matters Clinic, in collaboration with the Family Resource Center, will be offering sports physicals for students who do not have insurance. To learn more and to register [click here](#).



Did you know?

Spanish 2 students had a special visitor in May! Minnesota Twins starting pitcher, Pablo López stopped by to answer questions the students had for him about his life and career. Spanish teachers Jessica Coleman and Amber Sevald were able to connect with Pablo López to see if he would be willing to visit students at PLHS.

Having grown up in Venezuela, Pablo knows how to speak four languages and was accepted into medical school before getting the opportunity to play baseball in the United States. During his time with the class he answered questions in both English and Spanish. He ended his visit by signing autographs and taking pictures with our students.



2023 Yearbook Distribution

Date:

Wednesday, July 19th

Time:

10 AM – 2 PM

Location:

Lower parking lot outside of the Activities Center

What if I want a yearbook but didn't buy one?

A limited number of yearbooks will be available for purchase on distribution day for \$85 each. You can pay with exact cash or a check made out to PLHS.

What if I am unable to pick up on this date?

Please watch for more detailed communication to be shared with families closer to the date.



Back To School Event

Date:

Thursday, August 31st

Time:

12 – 8 PM

Location:

Outside of Student Services office area

What happens at this event?

Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will have their photos taken. Seniors will also pick up their student IDs. Lockers will be assigned to those needing them. Students can sign up for activities and iPads will be distributed.

What about parking permits?

Parking permits will also be picked up at this event. **Please watch for more information over the summer in order to register for a permit.** Any outstanding citations MUST be paid in order to be eligible for a 23-24 parking permit.

1st Day of School for 9th Grade:

Tuesday, September 5th

1st Day of School for 10th, 11th, 12th Grade:

Wednesday, September 6th

