

PLHS >>>>> Newsletter



Community Meetings for the **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

We need your input! Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools has begun a strategic plan review and is seeking input to help establish a shared vision among community members.

To participate, families, staff, students and community members will have an opportunity to provide feedback during community meetings being held February - April. Input gathered from these meetings will be reviewed by a Strategic Plan Core Team of diverse community members who are working together to form a draft that identifies key priorities and defines the roadmap for learner success in PLSAS. The draft plan will then be reviewed by the School Board in May.

Please consider attending one of the community meetings outlined below.

- Feb. 3, 9-11:00 a.m. @ McColl Pond ELC, 13550 Dakota Ave S, Savage
- Feb. 7, 6-9:00 p.m. @ Prior Lake High School, 7575 150th St. West, Savage (RSVP for dinner to mwalz@plsas.org)
- Feb. 20, 1-3:00 p.m. @ Spring Lake Twp Town Hall, 20381 Fairlawn Ave, Prior Lake
- March 23, 9-11:00 a.m. @ McColl Pond ELC, 13550 Dakota Ave S, Savage
- March 26, 9-11:00 a.m. @ Club Prior, 16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE, Prior Lake
- April 9, 6-9:00 p.m. @ Prior Lake High School, 7575 150th St. West, Savage (RSVP for dinner to mwalz@plsas.org)

Conferences Update:

Q3 conferences will take place on Thursday, February 15th from 5-8:00 p.m.

Moving forward conferences at PLHS will be scheduled! This will allow our teachers and families to have more in-depth conversations regarding student performance.

On the morning of Friday, February 9th you will receive an email from Laker Notifications with your unique link to schedule your students conferences. This link will be live until Tuesday, February 13th at 3:00 p.m. At that time, the conference scheduler will close.

Please be sure to put the email address studentsupporttime@plsas.org and plsas@studentsupporttime.com in your email address book so it does not go to your spam folder.

Reach out to our Lead Administrative Assistant, Alyssa Bresnahan with any questions at abresnahan@plsas.org.

Attention Seniors!

Save the date! Cap & Gowns and Panoramic Class Photos will be handed out during the school day on Wednesday, May 15th. More details to come.

Any questions? Ask our Lead Administrative Assistant, Alyssa, at abresnahan@plsas.org or go visit her in the main office.



Prior Lake Friends of the Library presents

MEET LOCAL AUTHORS

Author visit and book signing

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SANYA PIRANI
AUTHOR OF
HIGH TIDE

WED 2/21
6:30-7:30PM

Large Meeting Room
Prior Lake Library
16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE

The Prior Lake Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises funds to support additional programming and activities for the Prior Lake Library.



Student Services Updates:

- A friendly reminder that we need 30-60 minutes notice regarding any **attendance** updates. Students are not permitted to leave the building for lunch, open hour or without a pass.
- You may email hsattendance@plsas.org or call 952-226-8601. Make sure you spell your child's name and let us know the time they are leaving or arriving.
- When dropping off and picking up students (that are not MNCAPS/PSEO), you must use the lower level doors and NOT the upper entrance. Students should check in at Student Services.
- Please have your student check the lost and found for any items or look at the table on conference night. All items not picked up after conferences will be donated that evening.



ATTENDANCE PHONE: 952-226-8601

EMAIL: hsattendance@plsas.org

Laker Pride Winners:

Congratulations to our latest Laker Pride recipients: Halima Ahmed, Ashraf Daher, Ethan Halvorson, Gianna Stiehm, Sophia Newman, Henry Michaelson, Cece Brudevold, De'Aris Hubbert, Gabby Keller, Alice McBrayer, Max Okhman, & Adrianna Morales Ibarra!

These students have been recognized for helping to make PLHS a place of Pride, Respect, & Responsibility. Keep up the great work!





AAA and ExCEL Awards:

Congratulations to PLHS 12th graders, Isabelle Ohlmann and Finn Pauna, who are Prior Lake High School's AAA (Academics, Arts, and Athletics) Award nominations for 2023-24! Presented by MSHSL, the AAA Award honors 12th graders who demonstrate exceptional achievements in academics, fine arts, and athletics. Isabelle participates in band, speech and soccer, while Finn participates in band, golf and visual arts.

In addition to their accomplishments in activities and arts, AAA Award winners must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The top award recipients from each region will be invited to a recognition luncheon and one senior boy and one senior girl from both Class A and Class AA will be selected to win \$1,000 scholarships.



Congratulations to PLHS juniors Levi Eiter and Delaney Dahl, who were nominated as this year's ExCEL Award (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) recipients! Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), this unique recognition program is designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community.

Levi and Delaney will now be considered for the state ExCEL Award. State ExCEL Award recipients will be selected by an independent panel of judges from schools throughout Minnesota, and winners will be announced on February 6.

PLHS Health Office Update:

As we continue to navigate cold and flu season, the Health Office wants to share some important reminders to help keep our students and staff healthy and in school. Your partnership in promoting a healthy environment is crucial, and here are some key points to keep in mind:

Hand Hygiene Practices: Reinforce the importance of regular handwashing with your student. Encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.

Respiratory Etiquette: Teach your student the importance of covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing. This simple practice helps prevent the spread of respiratory droplets that may carry viruses.

Stay Home When Sick: If your student is feeling unwell or experiencing flu-like symptoms such as fever (100.0 and above), uncontrolled cough, or body aches, please keep them at home. This not only supports their recovery but also helps prevent the spread of illness within our school community.

Cleaning and Disinfecting: Our custodial staff diligently cleans and disinfects high-touch surfaces throughout the school to minimize the risk of infection.

Your cooperation and vigilance during cold and flu season are greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a healthy and safe learning environment for all of our staff and students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Health Office at 952-226-8606/8670.



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PLSAS All District Jazz Band Concert



Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 7 p.m.
PLHS

Prior Lake High School Percussion Ensemble



Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Convention Performers
Home Concert: Friday, February 9 - 7:00 P.M. - PLHS Auditorium

Spring Play:



Mark your calendar! Auditions for the PLHS SPRING PLAY will take place on Monday, February 12th from 3-6:00 p.m. in the orchestra room within the music area. Those auditioning must stay for the entire time period due to the nature of the play.



Bonjour!

French classes at PLHS were thrilled to have French exchange student, Céleste Leclerc, share during classes recently. She talked about her life in France, the school system, and the transportation system. Céleste is from the town of La Roche sur Yon, in the Vendée Department of France. She loves school here at PLHS!

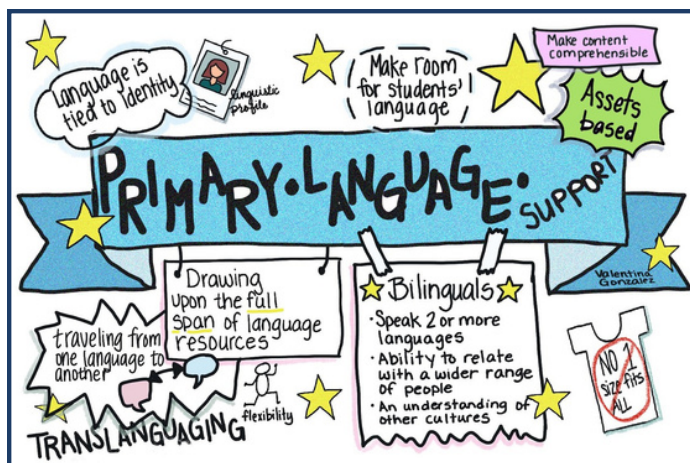


Sweetheart's Week:

This year, Sweetheart's Week will take place from February 12th - 17th. Be sure to watch the PLHS Student Council's Instagram page (@plstudco) for specific details on the agenda for the week. You won't want to miss the Winter Carnival on Thursday, February 15th from 6-8:00 p.m. or the Sweethearts Dance on Saturday, February 17th from 8-11:00 p.m.

Prom 2024:

Save the date! Prom will take place on Saturday, May 4th. More details to come.



"To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world." – Chinese Proverb

Enjoy the latest Extraordinary ELs! newsletter to learn all about the incredible learning taking place with our PLHS EL students.

Join Prior Lake High School at this year's...

WINTER CARNIVAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH | 6PM-8PM,
AT THE PLHS COMMONS (LOWER LEVEL)



FREE ENTRY, \$1 FOR 4 TICKETS
PROCEEDS GO TO MAKE A WISH® FOUNDATION
*use tickets for **Food, Games, & Activities***

DONUTS

FACE PAINTING

COTTON CANDY

LETTER MAKING

TIE BLANKETS

Booths hosted by
JOC, NHS, Letters of Love,
Interact, Laker Leaders,
and all of our Affinity groups

Meet our winter royalty
court and sports captains
7pm-8pm



Prior Lake High School

is throwing our very first winter carnival event hosted by the PLHS Student Council! Proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish® Foundation as a part of their Wish Week® kids program. Booths and games will be run by members of our student led clubs. Every game will require 1 ticket and all food/drink items will be 2 tickets each.



Food available:

- Edelweiss
- Eileen's Cookies
- Chili's
- Maui Wowi
- popcorn
- cotton candy
- more!

Enjoy games and booths hosted by our student led clubs:

- Asian Student Association
- Latinx Hispanic Student Union
- Junior Optimist Club
- Letters of Love
- Animal Welfare Club
- Interact Club
- National Art Honor Society

Appearances from:

- Football captains
- Basketball captains
- Hockey Captains
- Baseball Captains
- Dance Team Captains
- Sweetheart's Royalty
- more!

Make-A-Wish® :

This nonprofit organization works by reaching out to children with critical illnesses and making their wishes come true. Your greatly appreciated donations will contribute to taking these kids to their dream amusement parks, meeting their idols, and more!



Please come to support
our community and to
have some winter fun!