

# PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Plymouth High School Community,

Welcome to April! As we conclude the 3rd quarter and begin the 4th quarter here in Panther Country, we're excited to once again share updates and important information with you. But first, I want to express how grateful I am to serve here in our quiet little corner of education. Through it all, we have been able to focus on the things that matter most. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me for any reason at all.

Principal Matt Lacy

Calendar Highlights - School Calendar [Here](#)

- April 10: Last day of 3rd Quarter
- April 11: No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- April 14: Start of the 4th Quarter
- May 26: Memorial Day - No School
- June 10: Last Day for Seniors
- June 12: PHS Graduation
- June 12: Last Day of School

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# HOME OF THE PANTHERS



### 3RD QUARTER GRADES

Plymouth High School final grades for the 3rd quarter can be seen in ParentVue through the Report Card button. If you have not already done so, please go and take a look. If you have any questions, please contact the main office or the teacher at the email address listed at the end of this message.

### CHROMEBOOKS CHARGED AND AT THE READY!

As part of our commitment to supporting student learning, we'd like to kindly remind everyone that PHS students are expected to bring their school-issued Chromebooks and chargers to school each day.

Currently, our supply of loaner Chromebooks and chargers is very limited, and we are entirely out of spare chargers. To ensure students can fully engage in their classes and access digital learning resources, it's important that devices are charged at home and brought to school daily. This simple step helps prevent disruptions to learning and keeps students on track with their work.

We truly appreciate your support in helping your student come prepared and ready to learn each day. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's Chromebook or charger, please don't hesitate to contact the main office or our tech support team for assistance. Thank you for your partnership in your student's success!

### ERIN'S LAW PRESENTATIONS COMING UP

At Plymouth High School, we are dedicated to teaching students essential skills to foster positive relationships, excel academically, and contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment for all. A key part of our curriculum focuses on empowering students to protect their bodies, seek help if abuse has occurred, and report concerns to a trusted adult.

In alignment with Erin's Law, we are committed to educating students about sexual abuse prevention and raising awareness within our school community. Per Erin's Law, multiple lessons on sexual health and child abuse prevention are required for students in grades 9-12. This state-mandated initiative, required by the Oregon Department of Education, ensures that all Oregon schools provide this critical education. Together, we are building a safer, more informed community where every child can thrive. Counselors will deliver lessons during WIN classes beginning the week of April 28, 2025.

In these lessons, students will develop essential skills and knowledge to support their personal health, safety, and well-being:

#### 1. Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships

Students will explore the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships and learn to recognize when someone might be in an unhealthy situation.

#### 2. Consent

These lessons emphasize the importance of setting and respecting personal boundaries. Students learn how to maintain healthy and respectful interactions by fostering a culture of consent.

### 3. Sexual Assault

Students will analyze the potential impacts of power differences and compare and contrast situations and behaviors that may constitute bullying, sexual harassment, coercion, sexual abuse, and sexual assault. Students will identify strategies and resources for reporting abuse.

### 4. Internet & Online Safety - Chatting and Red Flags

Students will discuss the positive aspects of online communication, identify inappropriate or risky behavior (e.g., flirting or chatting), and learn strategies for handling uncomfortable situations online.

If you wish your student to opt out of the Erin's Law curriculum, please complete [this form](#) and return it to the main office.

Thank you for partnering with us to make our school a safe and supportive place for all students to learn and grow.

### GRADUATION POLICY - PHS SPRING 2025

As we approach the final stretch of your student's high school journey, we want to ensure that all families are aware of the St. Helens School District's graduation exercises participation policy.

Per Board Policy IKFB, <https://policy.osba.org/sthelens/I/IKFB%20D1.PDF>, only students who have completed all graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in the graduation exercises.

The policy states:

*"All students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or qualify to receive or receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate, including a student participating in a district-sponsored alternative education program and a student with disabilities receiving a document certifying successful completion of program requirements, shall have the option to participate in graduation exercises."*

The deadline for meeting all graduation requirements is Monday, June 9th, by 4:00 PM for online/Credit Recovery Courses and Tuesday, June 10th, by 4:00 PM for in-person classes.

Any student who has not demonstrated that they have met the graduation requirements by this deadline will not be able to participate in the many graduation-related activities or the graduation exercises.

We encourage all students and families to work closely with Mr. Eric Johnson, our school counselor, to ensure graduation requirements are met. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2025 are scheduled for June 12th, at 6:00 PM at Plymouth High School. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our graduates and their families. BBQ to follow commencement.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting our students on their path to success.

## PANTHERS COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER:

As we dive into the spring months, we are encouraging our seniors to *Spring Into Action!* Spring is the season for college decisions, checking last-minute items off your list, and applying for scholarships. Many of our local scholarships become available during this season. Check out this [document](#) for up-to-date information. We also celebrate the decisions our seniors have made with Decision Day. If you haven't filed your FAFSA, don't fret, you have until June 1st, and don't forget to take advantage of the Oregon Promise program, which offers financial assistance for eligible students pursuing community college. We're so proud of all our Panther students!

Juniors...schedule a time to come see me so we can chat!

Nicole - GEAR Up Coordinator

## SPRING TO DO'S:

Create your FAFSA accounts: Students and parents need to create their own accounts [here](#). Make sure to submit your FAFSA by June 1st.

Submit your Oregon Promise Grant application [here](#).

Search and apply for scholarships at [Oregon Goes to College](#) and [here](#).

## PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER CONTACT INFORMATION

ParentVue is the first stop to see your student's grades. ParentSquare is the official platform for all communications from PHS and the district. Both of which are set up for you automatically upon enrollment. On top of that, you are encouraged to touch base with us about your student's performance here in Panther Country.

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