PLHS >>>>> Newsletter

29 PLHS student-athletes sign NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT:

The NLI is a document used to indicate a student-athlete's commitment to participate at an NCAA college or university. Congratulations to the following Prior Lake High School student-athletes who signed their NLI on November 12th!



Nolan Mancini - Baseball - University of Northwestern (Twin Cities)
Jaymin Eischens - Baseball - University of MN, Duluth
Ryan Block - Baseball - Augustana University
Lukas Grayson - Baseball - University of MN, Morris

Grace Rull - Women's Basketball - Lawrence University
Jake Heinrich - Men's Golf - University of South Carolina Beaufort
Ethan Thayer - Men's Lacrosse - University of Dubuque
Brady Bartel - Men's Lacrosse - Aurora University
Annika Meyer - Women's Lacrosse - Maryville University
Britney Pinkowski - Women's Lacrosse - Maryville University
Keeley Mohling - Women's Lacrosse - Butler University
Bri Roberts - Women's Lacrosse - University of Concordia St. Paul
Paige Audas - Women's Lacrosse - University of WI, Superior
Ava Clausen - Women's Lacrosse - University of CO, Colorado Springs
Sidney Burley - Women's Volleyball - University of Kentucky
Lauren Wiese - Women's Volleyball - Gustavus Adolphus College
Katie Westerholm - Women's Volleyball - Lakeland University
Sam Dahlen - Men's Soccer - Viterbo University
Taylor Hendrickson - Women's Soccer - University of Concordia St. Paul
Mataya Smith - Women's Soccer - University of Concordia St. Paul
Makenna Lyons - Women's Soccer - Northern State University
Breana Phillips - Women's Soccer - Winona State University
Lauren Schindler - Women's Soccer - MN State University, Mankato
Ellie Ohlmann - Women's Soccer - Drake University
Teagan Jurek - Women's Soccer - MN State University, Mankato
Owen Beaudette - Men's Swimming - University of WI, Green Bay
Sara Gastony - Women's Cross Country & Track/Field- University of St. Thomas
Isabelle Reinders - Women's Track & Field - Elon University
Charlie Nelson - Wrestling - Iowa Central



Student Services Updates:

- Stop into Student Services to check **LOST & FOUND** if you are missing any items. Items remaining will be donated quarterly.
- All **pictures** have been delivered to students. If you have questions regarding pictures, please call Lifetouch directly at 1-800-736-4753.
- If you need a **parking permit**, please visit Student Services. You must have a valid driver's license in order to apply. Tickets will be given out to those who do not display their permit, park in the staff lot, park without a permit or more. There is a FREE parking lot located near the tennis courts.
- All **student ID's** are now digital through the "Minga" app. Make sure your student has it downloaded.
- A friendly reminder that **a 30-60 minute notice is protocol when calling your student out**. To update your student's attendance, you may either call or email. Please say **AND** spell your student's first name, last name, grade, phone number, and if they will be returning or leaving for the remainder of the day. Messages, emails & the "All Day" form are maintained throughout the day and are not immediate. Students will be sent an electronic pass to their PLSAS email in order to leave class. During school hours, all students coming and going should be using the lower level Student Entrance. The only exception are MNCAPS or PSEO students.

ATTENDANCE PHONE: 952-226-8601
EMAIL: hsattendance@plsas.org

ATTENTION SENIORS!

If you plan to attend graduation, you must order a cap & gown! If you haven't already, please scan the QR code & fill out the form.

SCAN ME

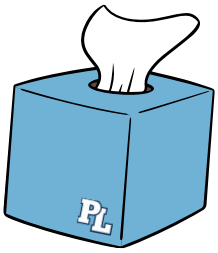
Any questions? Ask Lead Administrative Assistant, Janelle, at jyakymi@plsas.org or call 952-226-8609



Congratulations to **Justin Schramm** for being named this year's PLSEA **teacher of the year!**

IMPORTANT

PLHS Health Reminder:



Kate Christopher
Health Aide

Becca Holm
LPN & Health Aide

Amy Wander
RN, PHN, &
Licensed School Nurse

- If your student feels ill during the school day, they must report to the Health Office before contacting a parent or leaving school. The Health Office will assess your student, provide care as needed, and determine if they should go home.
- This process is essential for student safety and for accurate tracking of communicable illnesses, as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. Please remind your student not to go directly to the Attendance Office or text home without first being seen in the Health Office.
- Our goal is to keep healthy students in school and send home students who are truly ill.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Health Office at 952-226-8606/8670.

ORDER NOW



YEARBOOK PRICING

Early Bird Promo $75 NOW- Nov. 27

$90 Nov. 28 -March 1

$100 as supplies last at distribution

Donations Needed:

We are reaching out to request your help in gathering clothing (new or used & **clean**) for our students. We are in need of shorts, pants, leggings, t-shirts, and sweatshirts. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the main office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

-PLHS Health Office



National Honors Society:

Congratulations to the **46** new members who were inducted on October 27th.

Seniors: Isaac Abdi, Ava Anderson, Logyn Bottemiller, Bella Cavallaro, Samantha Chai, Matthew Gagliardi, Lukas Grayson, Jack Herendeen, Madeline Heidemann, Andrew Scheffert, Gianna Stiehm, Rachel Thibault, Emily Vasilchenlov, Anna Wang & Kendall Young.

Juniors: Khalid Ayour, Lauren Barbera, Laura Bauer. Eleanor Boeshans, Justin Borg, Peyton Chambers, Austin Cleghorn, Wyatt Cogswell, Sydney Cook, Inga Craig, Micaella Creager, Chloe Erickson, Maya Edwardy, Audrey Feraru, Jordan Fier, Klarissa Harris, Nora Lewison, Kaylen Long, Alice McBrayer, Ellie Moehring, Nola McRaith, Maeve O'Halloran, Azara Olson, Vivienne Sabourin, Addie Shurts, Mary Sophea, Luella Stangler, Honora Stanton, Devon Swenson, Sarah Youssef & Kylie Zwart.



Ian Wang, Talia Bushman, Samantha Chai
(Not Pictured: Olivia Zirbel)

NATIONAL MERIT AWARD WINNERS!

Semifinalists are among the roughly 16,000 highest scorers on the PSAT, representing less than 1% of the nation's high school graduating seniors. These academically talented seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships next spring.

In other exciting news, PLHS Choirs have again had twelve students accepted to the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota 9th-10th Grade State Honors Choirs! This marks the 6th time PLHS Choirs have reached or exceeded the maximum number of singers allowed from any one school since 2016, with over 110 singers accepted. Please help us congratulate Chloe Andrews, Lydia Chalakian, Marin Erlandson, Harper Esch, Kate Hizon, Bailey Van Laar, Kenzie Olstad, Makenna Quinn, Addie Swenson, Sam Langemo, Drew Schalm, Ben Tye as well as PLHS Choir Directors Randi Erlandson & Rob Hahn.









The PLHS Tour Choir is hard at work preparing their repertoire for a spring break tour of The Emerald Isle. While in Ireland, the ensemble will be giving concerts in historic St. Nicholas Collegiate Church in Galway, St. Colman's Cathedral in Cobh, and the state-of-the-art concert hall The Lark, the crown jewel of The Irish Institute of Music & Song. Prior Lake Tour Choir will share their Lark performance with Cór Linn, the two-time reigning champion of the City of Derry International Choir Festival.

CONFERENCES

Q2 conferences will be held on Thursday, December 4th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM.

We will schedule our conferences like we have in the past. On Monday, December 1st, the conference scheduler will open and you will receive an email with your unique sign up link from Laker Notifications (this may sometimes go to a junk/spam folder). The conference scheduler will close on Wednesday, December 3rd at 3:00 PM.

Please reach out to Kate Egerman (kegerman@plsas.org) with any questions.

JOIN OUR STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM!

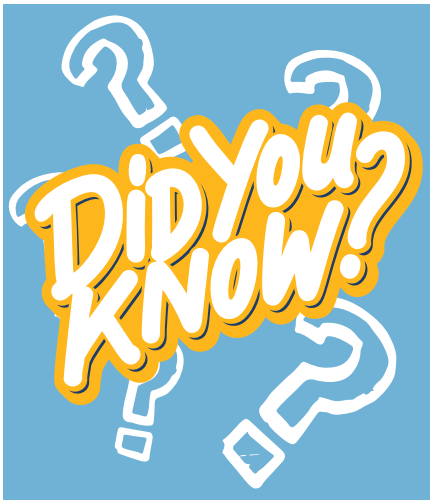
Do you love making a difference in the lives of students? Our Special Education teams are growing, and we're looking for compassionate, dedicated Paraprofessionals to join us!
Openings are available at Prior Lake High School, Twin Oaks Middle School, WestWood Elementary, and Redtail Ridge Elementary.

As a paraprofessional, you'll be part of a collaborative team that helps students learn, grow, and thrive—every day brings new opportunities to make an impact!

✨ Highlights include: working a school-day schedule, having time off consistent with students (including breaks and holidays!), and being part of a supportive and caring school community.

👉 Click here to apply: Special Education Paraprofessional Openings

Come be a part of something meaningful—help us empower every learner, every day!



We have an informal group of parents who coordinate PLHS Staff donation & volunteer needs throughout the year. All needs are communicated through an opt-in email distribution list.

If you're interested in being added to this list, please email plhsdonateandvolunteer@gmail.com

There is NO commitment when you're added to the list – you simply receive occasional PLHS donation & volunteer opportunities via email.

Congratulations to our September Laker Pride Raffle Winners!



Lindsey Wentz



Eden Dunbar



Michael Martyn



Sam Langemo



Jade Watson



Madeline Prhaski

Bonjour







French 4-College in the Schools' students enjoyed a wonderful "Field Day" at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis on October 14. They interacted with French professors, French exchange students, and other CIS students, in conversation groups. They heard a fascinating lecture by Dr. Ramon Fonkoue, from the French Department, on Francophone and African cinema.





They also did a quick tour of Northrop Mall and Coffman Union, and enjoyed a stop at a French bakery. These students are earning 5 University of Minnesota credits for the successful completion of the course.

French 3 students are corresponding with pen-pals in Tours, France, which is the location for our family stay during our trip in 2026. PLHS students are writing and sending e-mails in French to their pen-pals, and their pen-pals write back in English. It's great to communicate with native speakers in an authentic way. Students going on the trip will get to meet their pen-pals in person during Spring Break! (Photo attached from French 3 class).



FRANCE TRIP 2026

Twenty students in French at PLHS will embark on an amazing immersion experience in France for Spring Break, 2026. They will live with a host family for five days, attend a French school, and visit the region of Tours and the Loire Valley with their host families. Students will truly be immersed in the language and culture and come back with so much more confidence in their language skills. After the family stay, they will visit Paris and Versailles for five days, with their teacher, Ms. Hanson-Follingstad and Assistant Principal Ms. Egerman. They will visit museums, monuments, wonderful cafés, boutiques, and enjoy a boat ride on the Seine River. Finally, they will enjoy dinner at a restaurant at the Eiffel Tower for their final evening in Paris. C'est fantastique! Bon voyage!

CHECK IT OUT



On November 14th, Model United Nations had a conference at Macalester College. We had 36 students in attendance and were sponsored by the PL Rotary Club. Students met with other delegations from across the state to discuss global issues, including addressing child mortality, famine, intelligence agencies, and coups in the Sahel region.

We are very lucky to have one of the most beautiful HS campuses in the state - especially during fall! During the Friday of Homecoming week, Mrs. Korby I took her 1st and 3rd hour General Biology classes out to the school garden. They enjoyed a lot of fresh produce including tomatoes, carrots, peppers, celery and basil.

September 13th









Gift Card Drive:

The last **twenty years**, PLHS has given out gift cards directly to students in need during the holiday season. Last year, we gave out close to 250 cards with the help of our caring staff and fantastic community!

If you are able and interested in donating a gift card (suggested $20 to Target or Walmart), please drop off in the Main Office reception area OR mail (by December 19th) to:

Nancy VanHorne, School Social Worker
Prior Lake High School
7575 W. 150th St.
Savage, MN 55378

Feel free to contact us by email if you have any questions. **Thank you for your generosity and have a happy holiday season!**

Nancy VanHorne & Maren Meade--Anderson; PLHS School Social Workers

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HOLIDAY HELP

Please click the link below and fill out the form if you would like your student to receive a gift card during the holiday season. Please fill out a form for **EACH** high school student in your household. The gift card will be given directly to your student before winter break.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNhxSJ1Khe9U8m5f3wfXmPc_rqxjOnRta59U7j0xDvKgm2GA/viewform

Complete este formulario si desea que su estudiante reciba una tarjeta de regalo durante la temporada navideña. Complete un formulario para CADA estudiante de secundaria en su hogar. La tarjeta de regalo se entregará directamente a su estudiante antes de las vacaciones de invierno.

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Additional resources for this holiday season:

Food/CAP Agency

Thrift Store/Cap Agency

JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL

MNCAPS Trades

Holiday Sale & Showcase

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
9:00-10:30
OPEN HOUSE

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
7575 150TH STREET W
SAVAGE, MN 55378

PARK IN THE UPPER LOT AND ENTER THERE. YOU WILL NEED YOUR ID TO ENTER THE BUILDING. GUIDES WILL BE WAITING TO ESCORT YOU TO THE SALE.

JOIN US FOR OUR ADVANCED BUSINESS 2ND ANNUAL

MNCAPS Give at the CAPS Day!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
1:15-2:45PM
OPEN HOUSE

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
7575 150TH STREET W
SAVAGE, MN 55378

PARK IN THE UPPER LOT AND ENTER THERE. YOU WILL NEED YOUR ID TO ENTER THE BUILDING. GUIDES WILL BE WAITING TO ESCORT YOU TO VIEW OUR NON-PROFIT SHOWCASE!



FAMILY RESOURCES

www.plsas.org/resources

For additional resources, click here.

JOIN US FOR A GREAT SEASON OF BASKETBALL ---

INTRAMURAL HOOPS

Register: https://isd719a.cf.affinetysolutions.com/ Cost: $100 per player

All players register individually on Affinety by December 1, 2025 and a Team Captain must fill out the **Team Roster Form** on the Intramural Basketball webpage/Schoology IM page when it opens on 11/24/2025:
http://www.plhsactivities.org/page/show/677883-intramural-basketball-

9th-10th GRADE TEAMS
MONDAY NIGHTS
12/8 = OPEN GYM NIGHT
7-8:30PM for all players/teams

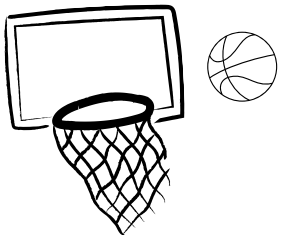
11th -12th GRADE TEAMS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
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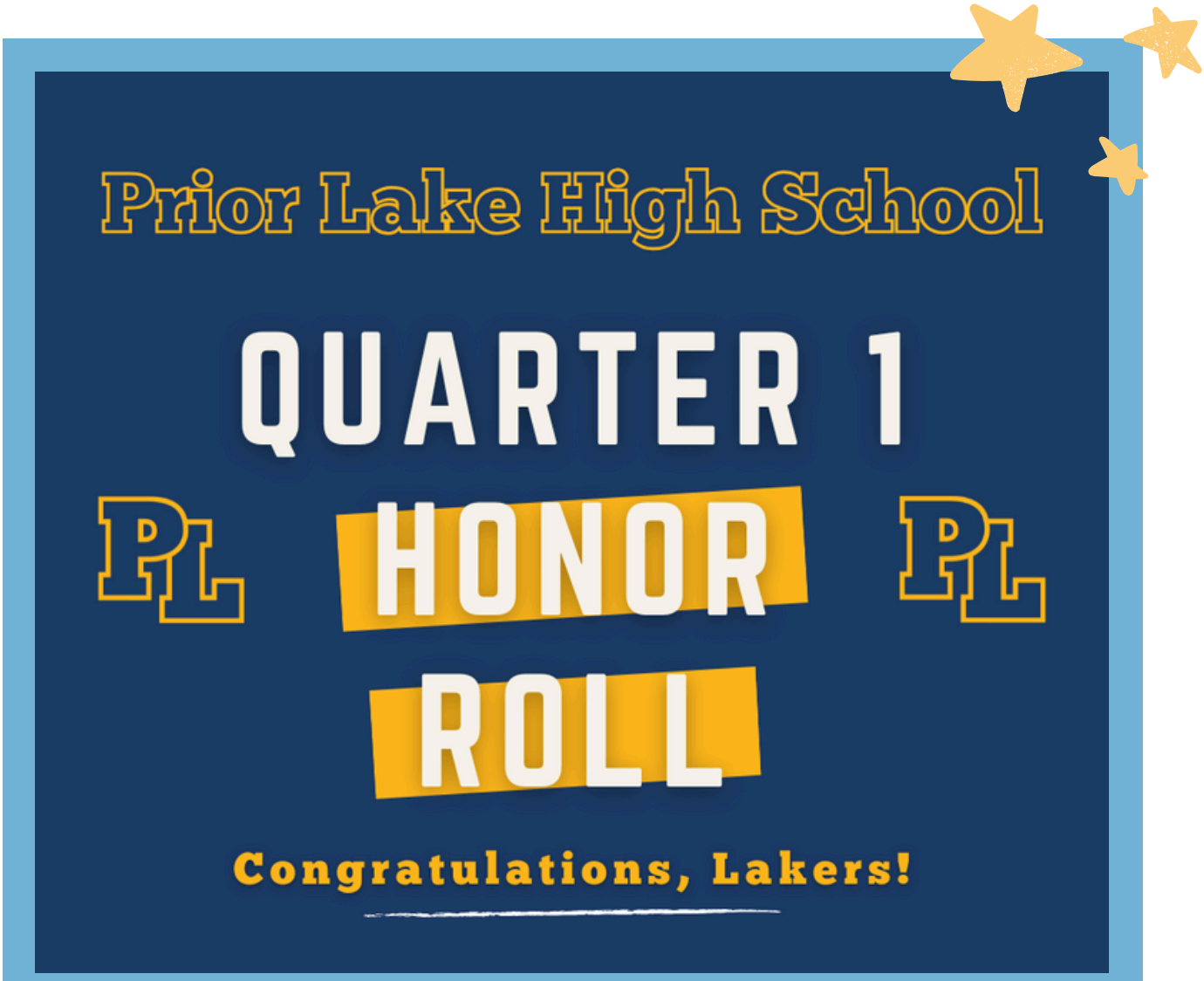
Deadline for team registration is Dec.9th and our IM Season runs from the week of 12/10/25 thru the end of January. Then we host an in-house tournament!

Game Times: 6:50pm, 7:35pm, 8:20 and 9:05pm
9th/10th grade teams play on Mondays
11th/12th grade teams play on Wednesdays
Go to website for more details . . . link above.

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

- **Help organize 7-10 of your friends and form a team.**
- **Teams guaranteed 7-8 games each season plus tourney.**





Prior Lake High School is proud to celebrate the achievements of 1,852 students in grades 9-12 who earned a place on the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2025-26 school year. These students demonstrated their commitment to academic excellence by achieving a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

Click here to view the full Q1 Honor Roll list.

PLHS Fall Musical: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, Enchanted Edition (directed by Karina Nelsen) was an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages! Between the cast, technical crew and the pit orchestra, we had nearly 100 students involved!

It really takes a village and then some to pull off a production of this magnitude: Technical director, Dave Tuma & his construction crew created a rotating sidewalk ring, fly in set pieces & a lighted pumpkin carriage- making it a truly magical set! Two dads that helped build the Grease Lightning car two years ago returned to help with the rotating stage and the carriage. Our wardrobe manager, Jennifer Witt along with the costuming team put together multiple costume changes for all of the characters as they go from peasants in the marketplace to guests at the Prince's Ball. Both our vocal director Tim James & our pit orchestra director Keith Koehlmoos have brought the very best out of the students musically. Ms. Nelsen along with several student choreographers put together so many fun & lively dance sequences. Production manager, Sheri Brunner, worked alongside the props crew to put together hundreds of detailed props for the production.

HUGE thank you to ALL of those involved in helping this production be such as success & to those that came to support!



Photo Credit: R Weaver Photography

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 26-
Friday, November 28

THANKSGIVING BREAK

The Laker Way: Pride - Respect - Responsibilty