
Portland High School News

**FEBRUARY &
MARCH 2026**



PORTLAND RAIDERS

Important Dates

February 3: NHS Meeting 7 am
February 9: Board Meeting 7 pm
February 11: Spring Count Day
February 13: Half Day (AM)
February 16: No School - Presidents Day
February 27: Blood Drive
March 3: NHS Meeting 7 am
March 6: Half Day (AM)
March 9: Board Meeting 7 pm
March 12 - 15: Spring Musical Performances: Les
Misérables
March 20: Half Day (AM) End of 3rd Marking Period
March 28: Portland Festival of the Arts

In this newsletter, you'll
find information about:

Scholarship Opportunities

Spring Musical: Les
Misérables

Festival of the Arts
Celebration

Chromebook Care
Reminders

Host an Exchange Student

And more!

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

A traditional full day starts at 7:30 am and ends at 2:20 pm, while AM half days are 7:30 am - 10:30 am. The school doors open at 7:15 am for students to enter. Please be aware of this, as it can be pretty cold some mornings!
Please help your students get to school on time!

PHS Daily Schedule

Full Day

Class Period	Time
1st Hour	7:30 - 8:50
2nd Hour	8:55 - 10:10
3rd Hour / Lunch	10:15 - 12:00
4th Hour	12:05 - 1:20
(+1) Personalized Hour	1:25 - 2:20

A Lunch: Lunch: 10:15 - 10:45
Class: 10:45 - 12:00

B Lunch: Class: 10:15 - 11:30
Lunch: 11:35 - 12:00



PHS Daily Schedule

Half Day

Class Period	Time
1st Hour	7:30 - 8:15
2nd Hour	8:20 - 9:00
3rd Hour	9:05 - 9:45
4th Hour	9:50 - 10:30
(+1) Personalized Hour	<i>does not meet</i>

Absences

If your student is going to be absent for any reason this year, please give us a call to excuse their absence at (517) 647-2981 or email us at phsattendance@portlandk12.org

Local Scholarships

A number of local scholarship opportunities are available to Seniors who are continuing their education at a post-secondary institution. The counseling office has information on file regarding scholarships of all kinds, however there are several opportunities that are Portland High School specific. [Click here](#) to learn more. As scholarship applications become available, the links on the page will become live. Be sure to check back frequently. Unless otherwise stated, all scholarship applications are due April 14th.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society application materials will be sent out in early February for all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.333

State Testing Schedule - Spring 2026

The Michigan state testing requirement involves testing students in 9th and 10th grade through the PSAT. 11th grade students take the SAT, WIN, and the M-STEP Science and Social Studies. The Administration of the SAT, PSAT, and WIN involves an alternate schedule for two days every spring. Please see below for the 2026 assessment schedule.

Students will need their Chromebook on testing days. Please bring your charger.

Date	In-person details	Other Notes	Estimated Completion
Thursday, March 26th	Digital Readiness check in school	9th - 11th grade Students will complete their digital readiness check within their 1st hour. <i>Students will need a school-issued Chromebook.</i> 11th-grade ICCC students will complete a check at the start of 4th hour.	
Date	In-person details	Other Notes	Estimated Completion
4/20/26	Regular School Day		
4/21/26	Regular School Day		
4/22/26	Regular School Day		
4/23/26	All 9th-grade students report in-person for the PSAT 8/9 All 11th-grade students report in person for the M-STEP-Science and WIN	10th and 12th graders do not report to campus. All rooms and staff will be proctoring tests. <i>Students will need a school-issued Chromebook.</i>	Approximate: 9th-grade - 7:30 am - 11:00 am 11th-grade - 7:30 am - 12:40 pm Students are able to leave at the end of testing, if excused by a parent, or they stay at school until 2:20. Lunch is provided for students who stay at PHS. <i>Estimated times do not apply to students with extended time accommodations.</i>
4/24/26	All 10th-grade students report in-person for the PSAT 10	9th and 12th graders do not report to campus. All rooms and staff will be proctoring	Approximate: 10th-grade - 7:30 am - 11:00 am
	All 11th-grade students report in-person for the SAT w/ Essay and MStep-Social Studies	tests. <i>Students will need a school-issued Chromebook.</i>	11th-grade - 7:30 am - 1:15 pm - Lunch Break @ 12:00 - 12:30 Students are able to leave at the end of testing, if excused by a parent, or they stay at school until 2:20. Lunch is provided for students who stay at PHS. <i>Estimated times do not apply to students with extended time accommodations.</i>

****Good faith** participation in these state assessments is a graduation requirement for Portland High School.**

*April 27th is the makeup day if students miss this date

SAT Testing Resources:

1. [SAT Practice Test](#): Four official SAT practice tests are available for free online. Created by the makers of the SAT, each practice test has the same types of questions you'll see on test day.
2. [SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)

Selective Service Reminder

If your student is an 18 year-old male, they are required to register with the selective service. All they need is their social security number. It just takes a few minute to register online at <https://www.sss.gov/register>. Please have your student see Mrs. Patterson or email ppatterson@portlandK12.org if they have any questions.

Prom 2026

Juniors and Seniors, mark your calendars! Prom is taking place on Saturday April 25, 2026 from 7-10 pm at Studio D2D; 401 Hall Street SW Box 80 Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Portland Arts Fest



Help us celebrate 50 years of the arts with live musical performances, craft show and much more!

Free admission

Contact Mike Sulecki at msulecki@portlandk12.org for more information.

Skyward

All families and students have access to Skyward, either through the app or through the website. This is essential as it is the way you view student progress, attendance, class updates and more. We have also enabled an automatic email to be generated from Skyward every Sunday that will include grades for each class. Teachers are responsible for updating grades on a weekly basis. Families are encouraged to keep an eye on student progress within Skyward.

Please call the main office if you have any questions with your account

Chromebook Care

Please help remind students to charge their Chromebook at night before school. As a reminder, Chromebooks should not be left outside in your vehicle. Leaving a computer in the cold can lead to slower performance, quicker battery drain and damage to the hard drive.

Student Parking Passes

All students who drive to school need to have a parking pass visible in their windshield. Stop by the main office to pick up your parking pass form. Once signed by a parent/guardian, bring it back to the office with a copies of your drivers license, vehicle registration, and insurance certificate. All three items are required to be on file before a parking pass will be issued.

Just a reminder that students must park in designated spaces. Having a vehicle on campus is a privilege, not an expectation, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Food Assistance and Local Resources

If you or someone you know could use help putting food on the table, please contact the PHS Main office. Our school partners with local pantries, including Backpacks for Bellies.

[Click here for more information.](#)

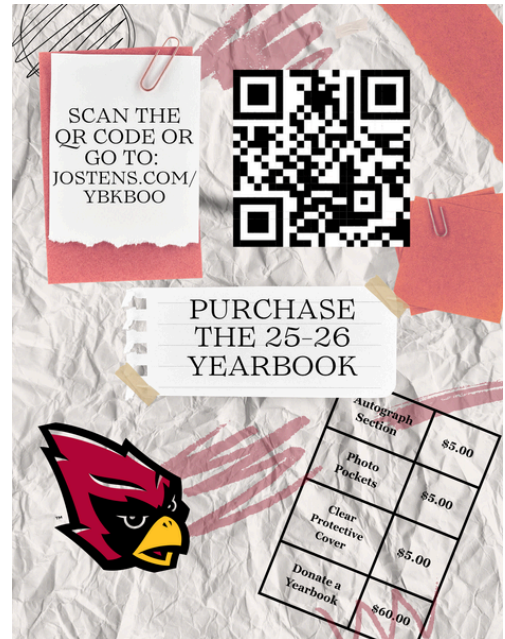
Host Families Needed!

Discover the world though hosting a high school exchange student

Exchange students from around the world are waiting for you to open your heart and welcome them into the home. To learn more about hosting a student, please contact Kdziewiatkowski@portlandk12.org

Yearbook Info

Yearbook is looking for pictures of student involvement in clubs, sports and general pictures with your friends! Please send any school appropriate pictures to Miss Nugent at nnugent@portlandk12.org. You can also purchase a 2025-2026 yearbook from now until June. Copy the link or use the QR code to head over to the purchase website.



Senior Photo Rules and Guidelines:

Please pass this information along to your photographer:

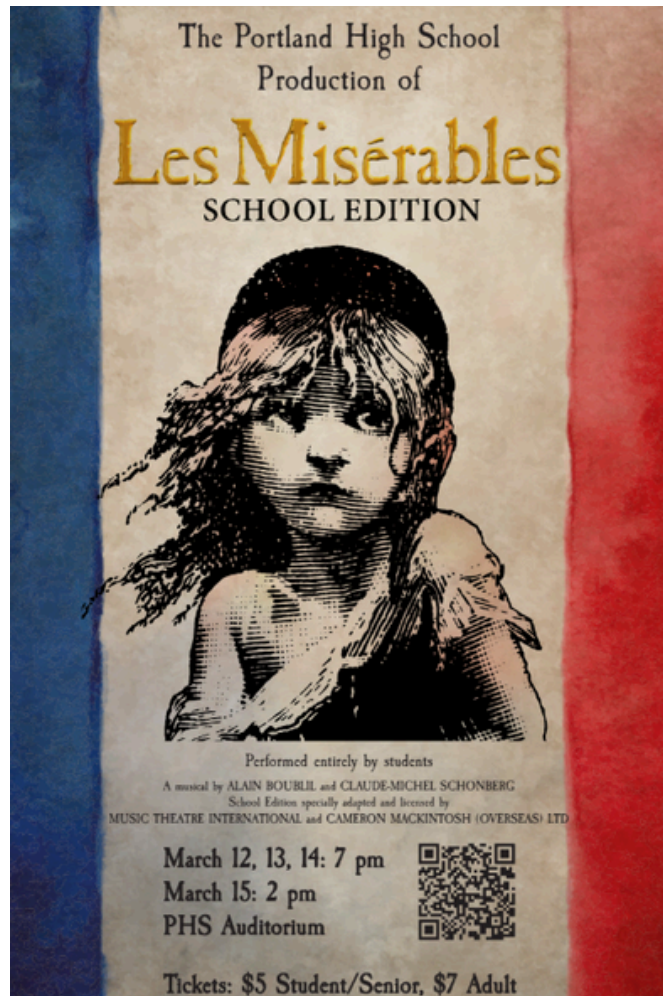
- All photos must be straight on, head and shoulders, color photos only.
- No Hands, No Props, No Laying Down Photos,
- Dress in a neat, respectful fashion (appropriate necklines, no hats, no profanity or guns, etc.)

Submitting Senior Photos: Deadline to submit photos is Monday, March 13, 2026. Photos must be submitted electronically in a JPEG format in one of two ways. They can be emailed to nnugent@portlandk12.org with the students first name, last name. (i.e. Nicole, Nugent). Photos can also be submitted via the [google form](#). If you submit a full length photo, we will be cropping where the picture has only the chest up. Along with photos, seniors are being asked to submit their favorite quotes. This can be submitted in the email with the picture or on the google form. Senior quote deadline is May 1, 2026.

Please note:

If you would like photographer recommendations for your senior headshot, or if finances are an issue, please contact Miss Nugent.

If your submitted photo does not abide by the above guidelines or you fail to submit one, your school photo will be used in its place. You will be contacted before this occurs.



Les Misérables is a powerful musical set in 19th-century France that follows the journey of Jean Valjean, a man seeking redemption after years in prison. As Valjean rebuilds his life, he is relentlessly pursued by Inspector Javert, whose rigid sense of justice leaves no room for mercy. Along the way, the story weaves together the lives of factory workers, students, and revolutionaries, highlighting themes of compassion, sacrifice, and the fight for justice. Filled with soaring music and unforgettable characters, Les Misérables tells a moving story of hope, love, and the enduring power of the human spirit.

Tickets are available online beginning Feb. 1st, or at the door on performance days.

Les Misérables: School Edition is rated PG 13, as it contains depictions of violence and mature subject matter related to poverty and injustice. This production is licensed by Music Theater International.
