

PLHS >>>>> Newsletter



IMPORTANT

- Stop into Student Services to check **LOST & FOUND** if you are missing any items. Items remaining will be donated quarterly.
- 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.
- **Pick-up & Drop-Off:** Please pick up your student by waiting in line along the curb- parking and waiting in the rows of the lot **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- Savage PD monitors the lot & those parked in handicap spots without a tag will be ticketed accordingly.
- All **student ID's** are digital through the "Minga" app. Make sure your student has it downloaded.



- A friendly reminder that a **45-60 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.**



Tip Line: **See Something. Say Something.**

 **(952) 226-0005**

Report concerns anonymously.

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

The Laker Way. Pride - Respect - Responsibility

If you are interested in giving a graduation speech for your **commencement**, now is the time to act!

Commencement speeches celebrate the landmark occasion and honor your fellow graduates. The purpose is to applaud the accomplishments of the graduating class, recognize the contributions of the people who have helped the students achieve their goals, and inform the graduates of both the milestones and challenges that lie ahead. Since the word "commencement" means a beginning, most commencement speakers spend the bulk of their time inspiring the graduates to welcome new challenges and responsibilities.

PLHS's commencement speeches need to fall between 4-6 minutes in length.

Please submit a basic outline or script of your speech plus a video link of you presenting your commencement speech to Mrs. Fulton ~ mfulton@plsas.org ~ by Monday, May 4th.

The Selection Committee will meet and make their choice by Monday, May 11th.

Good luck and happy writing!

ATTENTION SENIORS!

44 days until Graduation!

June 4th @ 7:00 PM

Caps and gowns, as well as purchased senior panoramic photos, will be distributed the afternoon of **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**. Seniors will be excused at the start of 5th hour (Laker Time schedule) and are to report to **Dan Patch Stadium by 1:30 PM**. Class officers will speak and superlatives will be announced, followed by the distribution of their caps and gowns. Students will be allowed to leave after picking up their materials.



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



Do you have questions regarding Senior Celebration, Yard Signs or T-Shirts? Do want to make a donation or get more involved?! Please email the Senior Celebration Team at: plhssrevent@gmail.com



PLHS Senior Celebration

June 2, 2026
Valleyfair

*A night only for PLHS seniors -
not open to the public!*

**Registration: Currently \$115 but
will increase on May 1st to \$125!**



**YARD SIGNS STILL
AVAILABLE!**

- ★ from \$35.00
- ★ while supplies last!



Link to Register & Purchase:

<https://www.plhsseniorcelebration.com/>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
NEW LOCATION
PRIOR LAKE PROM
RADISSON BLU | MOA
SAT. MAY 9TH, 2026
7:30PM

**Tickets go on sale end of
April. Stay tuned!**



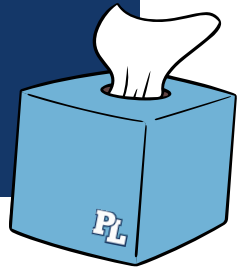
Congratulations to Coach Joe Block!

4 Time AAA coach of the
year and winningest
coach for Prior Lake
Wrestling inducted into
the Minnesota Wrestling
Coaches Hall of Fame!!!

**Pictured: Donelle Block, Linda
Block, Joe Block, Terin Block and
Teagan Block**

When should my student stay home from school?

- If your student has a fever of 100°F or higher, they should stay home for 24 hours after their temperature is normal without fever-reducing medicine.
- If your student has vomited or had diarrhea, they should stay home for 24 hours after the last episode. They can return earlier if a doctor confirms the issue is not from a contagious illness.
- If your student has a rash with a fever or behavior changes, or if the rash's cause is unknown, check with a doctor before sending them to school.
- Students should stay home if they're too sick to participate in normal school activities.



PLHS Health Office Update!

PROCESS IF YOUR STUDENT IS FEELING ILL:

If a student is not feeling well once at school, they are to report to the nurses office. From there, they will be given an electronic pass to leave the building, once confirmed with the student's parent/guardian.

Prior Lake Savage Area Schools exclusion guidelines are adapted from the Hennepin County Infectious diseases in childcare settings and school manual.

If your student is ill, please call the Attendance Line (952.226.8601) daily to report their absence and symptoms.

NHS BLOOD DRIVE

April 24th Friday 2026

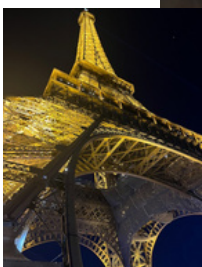
Sign up:

Save someone's life with a little of your blood!

GOLD GYM 8:30-1:30



20 PLHS students enjoyed an 11-day immersion experience in France, led by Ms. Hanson-Follingstad and Ms. Egerman. We landed in Paris and enjoyed Les Champs-Élysées, and then took the TGV (high speed train) to Tours, in the Loire Valley, where students were immersed in the French language and culture during their family stay. Students also attended school for 2 days at the Lycée Choiseul with their host brother or sister. Students appreciated the shorter days here at PLHS, as many of them had classes until 6pm at the French high school! While in Tours, students visited the castles of the Loire Valley, including Chambord and Chenonceau. At the end of the family stay experience, many students were in tears as they said "au revoir" to their dear French families. Many plan to return to Tours and/or invite their French families to Minnesota. After the family stay experience, we went back to Paris where we enjoyed some of the big monuments and museums, including Le Louvre, Notre Dame, Musée d'Orsay, le Jardin des Tuileries, L'Opéra, and L'Arc de Triomphe. From Paris, we did an all-day excursion to Versailles, which was an incredible experience. Students also enjoyed some shopping at the beautiful Galerie Lafayette and Les Champs-Élysées. Finally, we enjoyed dinner at the Eiffel Tower for our last night in Paris. It was an unforgettable trip!



BONJOUR!



The **Computer Science Club** continues to host alumni working in technology to speak with students on Wednesdays after school in room B314, Mr. Yost's room.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Discussion topics range from college, choosing a major, graduate programs, work expectations, working with today's evolving technologies, and many more.

Four dates are remaining:

May 27 - Will Tinguely - (remote from Boston, MA)

PLHS Computer Science Alumni Series
Welcomes Home
Will Tinguely
Software Engineer @ Meta
PLHS Class of '16
Iowa State '19

Topic:
Working in "big tech"
How AI is changing the landscape

Wednesday, May 27th · 3:15 PM · Room B314 · Open to the Public · Q&A Session to Follow

May 20 - Ben Maldonado - (Working in technology internationally)

PLHS Computer Science Alumni Series
Welcomes Home
Benjamin Maldonado
AI Research Engineer @ Vaidio
PLHS Class of '19
Miami University B.S. '23
Miami University M.S. '23

Topic:
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Wednesday, May 20th · 3:15 PM · Room B314 · Open to the Public · Q&A Session to Follow

April 29 - Hannah Good (Travelers Insurance)

PLHS Computer Science Alumni Series
Welcomes Home
Hannah Good
Software Developer @ Travelers
PLHS Class of '20
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire '24

Topic:
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Wednesday, April 29th · 3:15 PM · Room B314 · Open to the Public · Q&A Session to Follow

PLHS Computer Science Alumni Series
Welcomes Home
Joe Numainville
Software Developer @ Deephaven Data Labs
PLHS Class of '16
University of Minnesota B.S. '20
University of Minnesota M.S. '21

Topic:
Strengths and drawbacks of JAVA, Python and JavaScript

Wednesday, April 22nd · 3:15 PM · Room B314 · Open to the Public · Q&A Session to Follow

April 22 - Joe Numainville (remote from Texas)

May 6 & 13 - Off for AP Exam Weeks



During the week of May 4th, **juniors** will have the opportunity to schedule an individual junior meeting with their counselor to discuss specific post-high school objectives and next steps. Scheduling information, including the link to make an appointment, will be posted to Schoology.

Additional information for parents and students can be found in the [Junior Meeting Presentation](#).

3 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 April 15th!



Isabelle Gordon
Dance- University of Minnesota

Kaia Wozney
Dance - University of St. Thomas

Isabella Ritz
Swim - Minnesota State Moorehead

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **National Merit Scholarship Finalists**

The NMSP has determined which of the 16,000 finalists have met all requirements to advance to Finalist Standing in the competition! Four of these remarkable students are right here at PLHS!



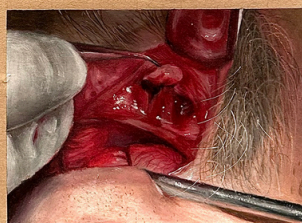
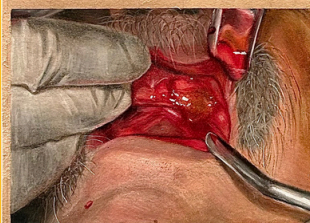
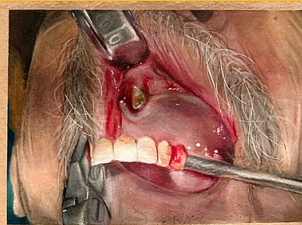
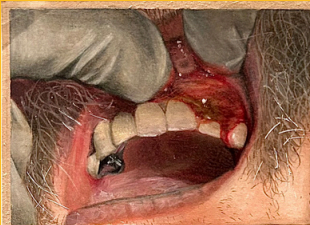
**Ian Wang, Talia Bushman,
Samantha Chai**
Not Pictured: Olivia Zirbel

Art Dept. Awards

Aubrie Sutherland (Senior): Received the South Suburban Conference Visual Art Exhibit Excellence Award and the Teacher Choice Award for her painting, **Take 5**.



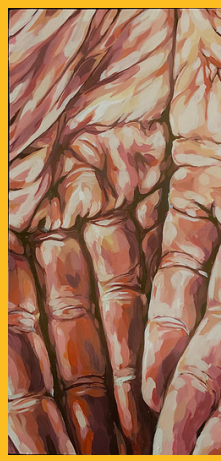
Abby Johnson (Junior): Achieved a remarkable "double-honor" for her painting, **A Reminder to Floss** (bottom left), securing both a Scholastic Art Gold Key and a Conference Achievement Award. Abby also earned a Scholastic Art Honorable Mention for her drawing, **Goo** (bottom right).



Art Awards Cont.

In the highly competitive Portfolio category, two of our seniors were honored with Scholastic Silver Keys for their cohesive bodies of work:

Talia Bushman (Senior): (far left & middle left) and **Aubrie Sutherland** (Senior) (middle right & far right).



Anna Wang (Senior) was recognized at the highest regional level with a Scholastic Art Gold Key for her painting, **Crowded**.

Congrats!