

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PRINCIPAL: MRS. LORI PAVLIK • ASST. PRINCIPALS: MR. CHRISTIAN LESNETT AND MRS. APRIL RAGLAND
DEAN OF COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS: MRS. LEYNA STEFFEN

August 17, 2017

Dear Peters Township High School Students and Families:

Welcome to Peters Township High School and the 2017 – 2018 School Year. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 29, 2017. We couldn't be more excited to get started and share this year's theme *Future Mindset* with our students and staff as we focus on college and career readiness. To assist us with this goal and joining our administrative team at the high school is Leyna Steffen, Dean of College and Career Readiness. Her office is located in the Guidance Suite and she will be working closely with the counselors, staff, students, and parents to support and further develop a college and career readiness program at Peters Township High School. Joining Mrs. Steffen in the counseling office is Alyssa Simmons who will be the school counselor for students whose last names begin with Kn - M.

Student schedules will be viewable through PowerSchool after 9:00 A.M. on August 18, 2017. Student schedules have been carefully created to ensure a balanced and equitable master schedule. For this reason, preference changes associated with teacher, periods, or course sections are not permitted to individual schedules. The Counseling Office will be open for students who may have a missing required course or a scheduling conflict on August 18 and August 21, 2017. Please refer to the Counseling Office/Scheduling section below for specific times and information.

Freshman & New Student Orientation will occur on August 23, 2017 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Welcome Back Night for upperclassmen is from 5:30-6:00 P.M. See information below for details about the event. Parents of new and 9th grade students should plan to attend the informational parent meeting that evening in the auditorium.

We strongly encourage all parents to be active participants in our school community. We suggest checking your PowerSchool Parent Portal to access your child's classroom information weekly and familiarizing yourself with the Naviance/Family Connection program (all students/parents receive log-in information in September of their Freshman year). Use these sources to have conversations with your child about school. Don't hesitate to contact teachers or counselors with questions. Together we make a great support team for your child.

Finally, as we strive to create and maintain an atmosphere characterized by respect, we recognize that appearance is one of the first and most significant ways that we communicate that respect. While we support a student's individuality and freedom of expression, we must consider our role in promoting a positive school culture and preparing students for appropriate presentation of themselves. **Please talk with your child about appropriate dress and plan accordingly.** We will ask students to change or call home for a change of clothes if a violation occurs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Education,

Lori A. Pavlik, Principal

COUNSELING OFFICE/SCHEDULING

PTHS Counseling Department

Main: 724-941-6250

Secretary: Mrs. Bennett

Counselors	Student Last Names
Mrs. Vicky Cunningham x5232 cunninghamv@pt-sd.org	A-Di
Mrs. Heather Wawrzeniakh x5234 wawrzeniakh@pt-sd.org	Dj-Kl
Ms. Alyssa Simmons x5517 SimmonsA@pt-sd.org	Kn-M
Mrs. Heather Prinsen x5220 prinsenh@pt-sd.org	N-Sk
Mr. Jeff Sudol x5238 sudoli@pt-sd.org	Sl-Z

Student Schedules for 2017 – 2018:

To best serve students, we have designated dates and times for students to see their counselor to resolve errors or conflicts only in their schedules. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAKE ANY PREFERENCE CHANGES TO THEIR SCHEDULES.**

Counselors will be available from 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. on the following days:

Friday, August 18

Juniors and Seniors

Monday, August 21

Sophomores and Freshman

WELCOME BACK NIGHT ♦ AUGUST 23, 2017

4:00-6:00 P.M. Orientation for Freshmen and New Students to the District

Freshmen and new students will receive copies of their schedules and locker assignments. Students can walk their schedules and attend an Activities Fair.

4:30-5:30 P.M. New To PTHS Parent Presentation in the Auditorium: "The Secret Life of a High School Parent."

5:30-6:00 P.M. Welcome Back Night including an Activities Fair

All students are invited to walk their schedule. **Returning students must PRINT their schedules from PowerSchool and bring them.**

PTHS DRESS CODE

Peters Township High School has established a set of rules concerning the clothing which students wear to school. Our goal is to foster discernment and self-respect in our students and promote a wholesome school environment. Student dress should be characterized by modesty, neatness and cleanliness. The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress standards for Peters Township High School. Students who are not dressed properly will be asked to call their parents to supply appropriate clothing or may be provided appropriate attire. Students are subject to disciplinary action for dress code violations.

1. **Tank tops must have straps of at least 2 inches in width. Tube-tops/strapless shirts or 1-shoulder tops are not permitted.**
2. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that is revealing including bare midriffs or low-cut shirts. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that exposes any type of undergarment.
3. Clothing may not be suggestive, vulgar, obscene, disturbing, or distracting.
4. Clothing must not be excessively tight.
5. **Shorts must have a minimum of a 4 inch inseam. Dresses and skirts must be at least mid-thigh in length.**
6. Chains and/or chain wallets are not permitted on school property during the day and/or at any school function.
7. Clothing should be free of holes that reveal skin or undergarments above mid-thigh.
8. Appropriate footwear is required. (examples: shoes, boots, sneakers, flip-flops)
9. Students may be instructed to wear hair coverings, aprons, smocks, or some other proper apparel in specific classes such as physical education, technology education, or art class for health and safety reasons.
10. When a student is representing the school as a participant in an extracurricular activity such as a sporting event, school contest, or other activity, he/she will dress according to the guidelines of the teacher, coach, or sponsor in charge. Coaches will be responsible for specifying appropriate uniform dress for home and away athletic events.
11. Clothing and/or accessories may not advertise or promote the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, and/or bear offensive words or illustrations.
12. Hats of any kind are not permitted to be worn inside of the building. This includes bandanas/scarves/hoods.