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PRHS Principal's Report to the School Board

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

gROW: Rigor, Opportunities, Wellness

Student Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May 21
Grade 7	59	57	56	56	56	56	56				
Grade 8	52	54	54	53	53	53	54				
Grade 9	60	65	62	62	61	61	62				
Grade 10	74	74	73	71	73	73	73				
Grade 11	64	68	67	64	63	62	61				
Grade 12	78	75	72	70	70	70	69				
Total	387	393	384	376	376	375	375				

Academic Cell Phone Policy

As part of our ongoing efforts to support student success and academic focus, we extended the academic cell phone policy to include grades 10-12 struggling to maintain a grade of D+ or better in all classes. This policy aims to help students minimize distractions during school hours and refocus on their classwork. A letter was sent home to parents with affected students, an informational session was held with students, and students on the Academic Ineligibility List were notified of the expectations.

Sweetheart Week

Student Council has planned activities, dress up days, and a Sweetheart Week Social for students during the week of February 10.

Dress Up Days:

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Adam Sandler Day

Wednesday: Student/Teacher Swap Day

Thursday: Relationship Status Day

Senior Privileges

I met with four seniors to discuss the Class of 2025 senior privilege requests. Please see the requirements and requests on the last page of this report.

Junior High Math Team Results

The Pelican Rapids Vikings team claimed the second place West Region trophy for the year. Our Orange team placed twelfth. Earning medals for top-10 individuals were McKennah Norton in third place and Zayne Schulte in sixth place for the year.

The Vahalla Challenge

Staff have been divided into eight teams to compete in a six-week challenge. Collectively, they will tally exercise minutes and face off against each other in conference and pool play.

February 14 Staff Development Day

- Staff Meeting: Continue, Stop, Change
- PLC Presentation Planning Meetings
- Curriculum Meetings
- PLC/BLT Meetings

Upcoming Events

February 7: Mid-Quarter 3

February 14: Teacher Workshop (No School)

February 17: Parent-Teacher Workshops (1-7 pm)

March 14: End of Quarter 3

March 17: Teacher Workshop (No School)

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Military Appreciation and Education Day

2025-26 School Year Class Registration with Mrs. Lage

Daisy Holl shares her artistic talents with new mural

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Senior Privileges Qualifiers

During the 4th Quarter:

- Seniors must be on the graduation list to graduate on May 23, 2025
- Seniors must not have any failures or incompletes in any of their classes (includes Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 Midterm Grades)
- Seniors cannot be absent more than 10% of the days (Quarter 4 has 40 total days, school activities do not count against the absences)
- Seniors cannot have any detention obligations during Quarter 4. Old detention must be taken care of before March 14, 2025
- Seniors must be free of obligations (not limited to the list above)

For the 2024-25 School Year

- Seniors cannot have any out-of-school suspensions on their record for the 2024-25 school year for any disciplinary reason
- Seniors cannot have any chemical or drug violations (either during or outside the school day) on their record for the 2024-25 school year

2024-25 Senior Privilege Requests

- With the one-time prior written permission of their parents/guardian AND a C or above in ALL Quarter 4 classes, seniors may leave the school building during any scheduled study hall. Seniors MUST sign in/out of the office.
- Only seniors will be dismissed at the first lunch bell for Quarter 4. No other students may enter the Commons until the second bell.
- With a one-time prior written permission of their parents, any senior may have open lunch from 11:59-12:31. Students need to leave and enter through Door 8 (Media Center) or Door 1 (Office).
- Seniors not appearing on the Academic Eligibility List may use their phones during study hall periods.
- Seniors are allowed to leave from Grad Band Rehearsal beginning May 16. Dresses and tuxes must be turned in and any band-related fees must be paid before this privilege begins.
- Seniors with an 85% or better average in a class for Quarter 3 AND 4 do not need to take a final test for that class or be present in school during the class the last 4 days of school (May 19-21).
- An all-senior BBQ will be hosted by the kitchen staff on May 16.