

PANTHER PRESS

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Happy Summer Panthers!

We at Plymouth High School are excited to get a new school year underway and to help each student learn and grow becoming their personal best. Each year we have a number of new and innovative additions to our program and this year is no exception. We are completing our 1 to 1 computing implementation for all students, completing our update in our technology and engineering program in partnership with LTC, Sargento and Johnsonville, and improving our curriculum in all of our areas of study - just to name a few! Our partnership with students and parents continues to grow as well as we implement a new data management and online grading system that will allow parents and students alike to focus more closely on everything from academic achievement to attendance and lunch accounts. We strongly believe that learning is a partnership that requires parent and community investment and we sincerely hope that you take us up on our offer to work with you and your student every step of the way. As we continue to add to our accessibility we continue to add information to our web site to share learning experiences, communicate clearly, and inform on multiple levels.

This newsletter contains valuable information about the beginning of this school year and registration so please take a few moments to review it so you can help your student have a great start. We look forward to meeting each of you and hope to support you as an active partner in your student's year of learning and growth.

See and be your personal best!

Go Panthers,

Dan Mella, Principal PHS

OFFICE HOURS

7:00am-3:45pm Monday through Friday
We remain open through the lunch hour
for your convenience.

PARENT MEETINGS

Mark your calendar and join us for our Parent Open House meetings on Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Feb. 27 and April 16 at 7:00pm in the H.S. Library.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDARS

Community Ed announced calendars are once again available on-line. Please contact 892-5068 with any questions or concerns.

WELCOME BACK

The first day of classes for the 2011-2012 school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 1. Hope your summer was memorable.

ATTENDANCE NUMBER

When calling your student in absent or tardy please use the following number: **892-5005** An automated attendant will record your message. Please include your name, the student(s) name(s), the spelling of the last name and a brief message. For all other information, requests for homework, student emergency messages, please call 893-6911.

PICTURE DAYS

Picture days for all students are scheduled for Sept. 6; 7:00am-3:00pm and Sept. 7; 7:00am-Noon. Pictures are used for the annual and are also available for purchase. Picture day packets will be handed out the first day of school.

COMPLETING REGISTRATION

Registration cards provide us with vital information to help assure your child's safety. Please make sure to update and return your child's information if you have not already done so. Fee payment and/or payment arrangements can be made beginning August 1, 2011.

SENIOR PHOTO FOR ANNUAL AND YEARBOOK ON-LINE PURCHASES

2012 graduating seniors can now submit their black and white or color photos electronically. Simply go to the Plymouth High School website and click on the "YEARBOOK PICTURE SUBMISSION" tab. (User name: 400112834/Password: yearbook) Make sure to label the pictures with your first and last name. Photos can also be submitted on a CD or as a hard copy to Mrs. Strong. All photos are **DUE OCTOBER 14, 2011**. Senior photos submitted after October 14, 2011 will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. All students may choose to purchase their yearbook on-line on the PHS website "YEARBOOK PURCHASE". Just single click on the link and you're in. (NOTE: Both of these links may not be up and running until after the 2011-12 school year begins.)

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Medication forms are required for prescription and/or over-the-counter medications taken at school. A form is included for your convenience. Additional forms are on-line and in the H.S. office.

2012 GRADUATION DATE

The 2012 graduation date has been set for Sunday, June 3, 2012. Underclassmen will complete the 2011-12 school year on June 8.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE.....

The counseling office wants to bring your attention to the grade specific "Important Dates and Upcoming Events" flyer included in the packet. As you begin your discussions with your son/daughter about their future, this information will help guide you and your student in the proper direction to help them complete their career goals.

CO-CURRICULAR FAIR, ORIENTATION AND ATHLETIC CODE MEETING TIMES SET.....

The PHS Counseling Department has announced the orientation session for the upcoming school year. This session is intended to provide necessary information to students and parents. Both parent(s) and student(s) are invited and encouraged to attend.

CO-CURRICULAR FAIR... Wednesday, August 24, 5:00-5:45pm - Hallway outside of gymnasium

FRESHMEN AND NEW STUDENTS.... Wednesday, August 24; 6:00-7:15pm, PHS Acuity Auditorium

ALL ATHLETES - ATHLETIC CODE MEETING.... Wednesday, August 24; 7:30pm, PHS Acuity Auditorium

Fees and yearbook orders (with payment) may be made during these times. The yearbook is published in full color and distributed in Spring. Freshmen schedules for the upcoming year will also be available at the orientation sessions.

FEES.....The following is a list of fees charged to students of PHS. Please calculate your fees based on this schedule. All students must pay a \$60.00 registration fee and an \$85.00 S & E fee. Make checks payable to Plymouth High School. Families qualifying for free and reduced lunch also qualify to have their registration fee waived. No fee will be waived without returning completed application forms (found on-line). All students may pay fees and purchase parking permits at Early Registration (Fee Payment), Orientation Evening or in the high school office throughout the first week of school.

\$ 60.00 Registration Fee - **ALL** students \$ 60.00 Band Instrument Rental \$ 80.00 Parking Permit

\$ 85.00 S & E (Social and Extra Curricular Fee) Fee - **ALL** students

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: If you need help in purchasing school supplies please contact the St. Vincent DePaul Store in Plymouth for assistance (892-4913).

LUNCH DEBIT PROGRAM: Cost for students is \$2.70 daily. Extra milk is 35 cents. Prices are subject to change at any time. Checks made payable to: **PLYMOUTH LUNCH PROGRAM**, or cash may be deposited in debit accounts. Pre-printed payment envelopes are available in the high school office.

NEW THIS YEAR.....ALL students may now choose to have their name printed on their yearbook. There is an additional fee of \$5.00 to have your name embedded on your yearbook cover. The price of a yearbook is \$60.00. If you choose to have your name included the cost will be \$65.00.

COMPUTERIZED BILLING

Plymouth High School uses a computerized fee management program that has allowed us the ability to send billing statements home during the school year. Once all data has been inputted these statements will reflect past due amounts from prior years in addition to current activity for the 2011-12 school year. The current activity will include items such as registration fees, S & E fees, parking permits, yearbook purchases, etc.

Updated statements are sent home on a quarterly basis to those families having outstanding balances. We ask that you carefully examine these statements and notify us of any concerns you may have. Prompt payment of outstanding balances is always appreciated. Payment can be made in person or by mailing them to: Plymouth High School, ATTN: Mr. Dan Mella, 125 Highland Avenue, Plymouth, WI 53073. Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the H.S. office.

PARKING PERMITS

All students driving to school are to park in the south parking lot and must purchase a parking permit which must be hung from the rearview mirror. Parking regulation forms and automobile registration forms must be completed and signed by both the parent and student before a permit will be issued. The cost is \$80.00 per permit.

PHS BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

TUES., SEPT. 6, 2011.....6:30PM - 8:30PM

Mark your calendar for this eventful evening. Come visit your student's classrooms and meet his/her teachers as you walk through his/her entire schedule.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Student picture ID cards are kept from year-to-year. Incoming freshmen who had their picture taken last spring will receive their new ID card in homeroom during orientation evening or on the first day of school. All new and transfer students may report to the library daily from 8:30am-12:15pm beginning September 1, 2011 to have their picture taken for their ID card.

Student ID cards are used for the debit lunch program and can also be used for free admission at all home sporting events with the exception of WIAA home playoffs.

Replacement cost for lost or damaged cards is \$5.00.

Our Mission: EXPECT SUCCESS!