



PRHS

Family Newsletter

September 2021

News and Updates

Welcome back to school! We are excited to see ALL of our students back in school. We had a great start to the year and even had a PEP rally on Friday to celebrate. We have a total of 509 students this year, the biggest we have been in many years. While it is a bit strange to see all of our students in the building at once, we are absolutely grateful for the return to normalcy, at least in this respect.

What is the new normal for us is COVID and the precautions that come with the virus. Please be sure to screen your student every day for symptoms and do not send them to school if they are experiencing any. Follow [this link](#) to the updated screening tool.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with [the Student Handbook](#). The first half of the handbook pertains to all students in the RSU and the second part is specific to PRHS.

ED TECHS NEEDED

If you, or someone you know, likes teenagers, enjoys helping them find success in school, and wants a school day work schedule with no work to bring home, please have them email me, Cari Medd, at cmedd@rsu16.org.

LUNCH AND APPLICATIONS

Why are we asking all families to complete the Meal Application Form if meals are no charge?

The family income data provided by the application informs key funding for school resources. This includes school meal reimbursements, funding for Title I programs, funding and resources for afterschool programs, State subsidy, funding for special education, teacher loan forgiveness.

How can I complete the Meal Benefit Application? The COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL application is available to print, complete and return to your school or you can complete the online form at www.SchoolLunchApp.com. If you have difficulty accessing either of these methods, the form can also be sent home with a student...just contact your school's office to make the request. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Dore, RSU 16 Food Service Director, edore@rsu16.org, 207-998-5400 ext 107.



PARKING SPOT RESERVATIONS

Students who are interested in parking on campus must first register their vehicle with the school. Bring a current 1) drivers license; 2) insurance card; 3) state registration; and \$2 to Mrs. Moreau in the main office. She will issue a tag for the student to hang from the rearview mirror. Vehicles in the student lot without a tag will be ticketed.

MENTORING & STUDENT AMBASSADORS

We are looking for students to serve as mentors and/or Student Ambassadors. Mentors meet once a week with middle school students and help them get ready for high school. Ambassadors give new students tours of the building and assist with events like Agassiz Day, Open House, and 8th Grade Parent Night. If your child is friendly, interested in helping people, and a good listener, please ask them to check in with Mr. Flynn in the main office for details.

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From the Counselors' Corner...

ADD/DROP FOR CLASSES

Students will have until Friday, September 10 at 2:30 PM to add or drop any classes with their school counselor. After that point, a form and signatures will be required.

PSATs WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

PSATs will be optional for juniors this year. The test will be held at PRHS in person and it is free. All juniors will receive an electronic form to fill out if they are interested in taking the PSATs. Please direct any questions to Mr. McFadden in the Guidance Office (cmcfadden@rsu16.org).

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Health Office Updates

Providing Consent for Weekly COVID Testing

Pooled Testing begins on Tuesday, September 7 and will take place every Tuesday while school is in session. You can sign your child up at any time if they aren't signed up yet. To get started, please fill out the consent form with your permission to perform a COVID-19 pooled test for your student at Poland Regional High School. This process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete using a computer or a smartphone.

Here is the link for minor children:

1. First, [click here](https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent) (<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>).
2. Then, enter this access code: U4HX9Y
3. Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!

Note: If you need to provide consent for more than one child, please complete the process separately for each child. If you are 18yo or older, please reach out to the principal or school nurse to receive the proper link for consent.

For more information on our pooled testing provider, Concentric by Gingko, visit their website www.concentricbyginkgo.com. The website includes FAQs and a blog, www.concentricbyginkgo.com/blog, which often answers questions in longer form.

Please call or email your school nurses if you have any questions about COVID-19 vaccinations and/or the new immunization law.

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