



PARSONS VIKING NEWSLETTER



VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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SPORTS

State Boys' Swimming 2/15-17 @ Topeka
 Regional Wrestling 2/16-17 @ Burlington
 State Wrestling 2/23-24 @ Salina
 Sub State Basketball 3/1-3/3 @ Columbus
 State Basketball 3/7-3/10 @ Emporia

SPRING SPORTS

Practice for baseball, boys' tennis and golf, boys' and girls' track, softball and girls' swimming will begin February 26th. All athletes must have a physical and concussion form on file with the athletic director before being allowed to practice.

FEBRUARY 21

High school students will be released at 12:15 p.m. so we can conduct 8th grade tours.

YEARBOOK

Don't forget to order your copy of the 2017-2018 yearbook and have a lasting memory of this school year! Yearbooks can be ordered for \$55 plus tax through May 2nd. Yearbook order forms can be found on the high school webpage. You may also purchase online at (Jostensyearbooks.com). Forms and payment (if you write a check please make it payable to PHS Yearbook) should be returned to Mr. Parsons in Room 505.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The next Athletic Booster Club meeting will be Sunday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. We will be discussing senior night for all winter sports which will be held Tuesday, February 13th at the home basketball game. Any parent or coach is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about when and where we meet, please contact Janell Houk at 778-3667 or jhouk@vikingnet.net.

Senior Parents: Please consider purchasing a yearbook recognition ad for your graduating senior! There is **limited** space for senior recognition ads. Ads are only \$30. Include a favorite baby/childhood picture, along with a message for your child as they celebrate this milestone. Order forms can be found on the high school website. Extra forms can also be found at the office. The deadline is April 2rd. Call if you have any questions or concerns.

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

One choice for students at PHS who love to read is an elective course called Reading for Credit. Finding time in a busy high school student's schedule to read a book other than what is required in core classes can be tough. Reading for Credit makes room.

The class meets in the library each hour of the school day. The course is taught by Library Media Specialist, Robie Martin, and runs concurrently with regular library traffic. Independent in format, students will choose and read 6 books throughout the semester and create an evaluation project for each. Using technology is integral in creating the evaluation projects. Booktrailers, QR code shelf-talkers and podcasts are among the choices students might choose to create. Other course components are regular booktalks and frequent vocabulary-building activities. Most students would probably say that their favorite part of class, however, is time to sit in our beautiful PHS Library in a comfortable chair and just READ.



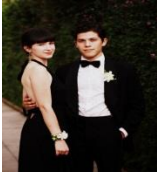
If you would like a link to our PHS Library webpage, follow this QR code link:

Chess, anyone? Students in the PHS Library sure love to play. We have a number of chess boards available at all times in the PHS Library and they are usually occupied. If you have an interest in working with our students who want to learn chess or just want an opportunity to play a game now and then, please contact the school. We'd love to have community volunteers. Why offer chess in our library? Here are a few reasons:

- Promotes brain growth
- It exercises both sides of the brain
- Raises your IQ
- Helps prevent Alzheimer's
- Sparks your creativity
- Increases problem-solving skills
- Teaches planning and foresight
- Improves reading skills
- Optimizes memory improvement.



PROM



Parsons High School Prom 2018 will be held on April 7th. Project Prom will be held at Parsons High School after the dance.

PROJECT PROM

Project Prom is quickly approaching! It will be held at PHS on Saturday, April 7! We have many new activities and games that we know the students are going to love!!

Project Prom has been busy working on fundraisers and has several more we are planning to do. This project cannot be accomplished without the help of many, so please volunteer!! Everyone has talents and when we work together it is amazing what can be accomplished for our awesome young adults. Our next meeting will be February 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Parsons Foursquare Church, 98 Main Street.

If you have any questions or you would like to help or be involved the night of project prom, please contact David Keaton at 620-778-4570. We would like to thank the parents that have helped this year! We could not do this without you and we appreciate it so much!!

We do project prom for our kids so they will have somewhere fun & safe to go after prom!! Please help us give our children a fun safe night!!!



Don't wait until it's too late!!!

There are only two classroom sessions left:

March 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28 OR
May 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9

Both sessions will be from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the high school Community Room. See Mr. Krull for more information or contact him at 421-6800 or 423-6656. Classroom dates are subject to change.

There is also additional information in the high school office.

SkillsUSA

The SkillsUSA State Competition will be held April 25-27 in Hutchinson. Students must be paid members and in good standing with all school and SkillsUSA policies to compete. Membership is open through Wednesday, January 31st. Contact Mr. Maiserouille for details.

SECOND SEMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Five week progress reports may be viewed online. Contact the Guidance Office if you do not have Infinite Campus access. Those progress reports will be passed out to parents at Parent/Teacher conferences February 12th and February 15th.

The third quarter of the 17-18 school year will end Thursday, March 8th.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES IN FEBRUARY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

Communication between the parent and teacher is a vital element to the educational success of a student. The high school will conduct parent/teacher conferences on Monday, February 12th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 15th from 3:30-7:00. Teachers will be in the middle school gym on February 12th and 15th to visit with parents. The individual conferences will be ten minutes in length. If more time is required, please contact the teacher to request an individual meeting, or contact the high school counselors and/or building principal to request a grade level team meeting. Please call the high school if you have any questions.

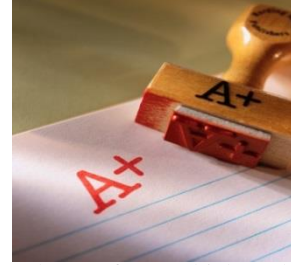
No School

On Friday, March 9th, all faculty members will be involved with in-service activities. Students will **not** have school that day. School will **not** be in session in U.S.D. 503 from Friday, March 16th, through Friday, March 23th.

School will resume on Monday, March 26th.

2017-18 SPRING SEMESTER FINALS EXEMPTION

All students are expected to take finals in order to reinforce knowledge gained during the semester. The rigor of instruction and daily requirements to achieve high scores prepares a student for post-high school endeavors as well. PHS staff intends to reward students for excellent attendance and academic achievement throughout the semester who have already demonstrated ascertainment of the curricular material, while blending the need for students to prepare for and take a final assessment.



A maximum of 3 exemptions will be allowed to 9-12 grade students. Students meeting the requirement in 4 or more classes must choose which 3 classes from which to be exempted. It is the student's responsibility to complete the application process in order to be exempted from any semester final. Class criteria will be: an "A" in the class; no unexcused absences in that hour; 3 or fewer excused absences in that hour; no ISS/OSS in any hour.

Finals are May 15, 16, and 17 for grades 9-11. Senior finals are May 7, 8, and 9. Students should plan accordingly. Missed finals must be made up by May 18th or it will be counted as a zero.



CLASS OF 2018

During October, seniors ordered caps and gowns and announcements. If your student did not place his/her order, or if you have any questions regarding your order, please call Chris Curtis at 620 232-7464 or e-mail him at chris.curtis@jostens.com. **ALL ORDERS ARE MAILED DIRECTLY TO JOSTENS.**

BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate ceremony for graduating seniors and their parents will be held May 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parsons High School auditorium.

GRADUATION

Parsons High School will conduct graduation exercises for the class of 2018 on Sunday, May 13th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Parsons High School gym. All course work must be completed and all debts must be cleared prior to participating in graduation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7- HS students dismissed at 12:15 – Lunch will be served
February 12- Parent/Teacher conferences from 3:30-7:00 p.m. in MS Gym
February 15- Parent/Teacher conferences from 3:30-7:00 p.m. in MS Gym
February 27- Orchestra Concert at 7:00 p.m. in HS Aud
March 5- MS/HS Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. in HS Aud
March 6- MS/HS Choir Concert at 7:00 p.m. in HS Aud
March 9- No School
March 16- No School
March 19-23- No School- Spring Break
March 30- No School- Easter Recess
April 7- Prom from 8:00-11:00 p.m., Project Prom immediately following at PHS Aux Gym
April 14- Regional Solo & Ensemble at PSU
April 28- State Solo & Ensemble at Larned HS