

# PENNSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, we are pleased to welcome the Class of 2021 as well as our returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

It is our mission to create a learning environment that prepares students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for life-long learning in a global society. As educators, it is our goal to inspire students to strive for academic excellence and strength of character. Pennsbury High School offers a rich, diverse curriculum, interscholastic athletics, extra –curricular programs, and social activities to develop a well-rounded student. With your support as parents, we hope that you will assist in supporting this mission together. Maintaining open communication between parents and school personnel will help us better meet your child's needs, teachers, counselors, and administrators are available to assist your child and address any concerns you might have during the school year. We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. A small donation of time to our Parent-Teacher Organization could be a first step in that direction. We also encourage all PHS families to join this worthwhile organization. Please visit [www.pennsburyisd.org](http://www.pennsburyisd.org) for updated information throughout the school year.

The Pennsbury School District is in the process of launching its 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative for students entering grades 6-12 for the 2017-2018 school year. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/pennsburyisd.org/1to1/home> for more information about the 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative.

**Pennsbury High School will have a staggered start to allow for a full day orientation program for the incoming freshman. The first day of school for all freshmen will be on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. This will be a full day, with normal arrival and dismissal times; all ninth grade students should report to the East auditorium upon arrival to school on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.** The day will include a welcome assembly, small group meeting with his/her counselor, an activity fair, a tour of both buildings, and a chance to attend all classes on an abbreviated schedule. The cafeteria will be open for lunch or students can provide their own.

**The first day of regular classes for all PHS students will be Thursday, August 31, 2017. This will be a regular day 1 schedule with normal arrival and dismissal times.** Orientation assemblies will be held for all students over the next few days to review the policies and procedures at the high school. The Director of Pupil Services will be distributing the student conduct policy handbook in the next few weeks. Please take time to review this with your student.

Please mark your calendar for Pennsbury High School's Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Our first PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Staff Development Conference Room at PHS West.

We look forward to working with you this school year.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Becker, Principal

Reginald A. Meadows, Principal

**Schedule for Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

**Freshman only** – report to school by 7:20 a.m.; dismissal will be at 2:15 p.m. Buses will run normal schedule. All ninth grade students should report directly to the East Auditorium. In a separate mailing, you will receive information regarding the orientation schedule and activities. **(10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students DO NOT report to school until 8/31)**

**Schedule for Thursday, August 31, 2017**

**All students** – report to A period (day 1) by 7:20 a.m.; dismissal for all grades will be at 2:15 p.m. **(Seniors with A period senior privilege should report at 8:45 a.m.)**

**Student Schedule Information**

Student schedules will NOT be mailed, Pennsbury is going green! PHS will not be printing report cards or schedules, but rather will make them available through HAC. Please make sure you are registered on the HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC) on the Pennsbury website. Students/Parents will need to access their schedule using HAC. Information regarding HAC can be found using the link in the upper left corner of the Pennsbury home page. You will need a valid email address. If you have trouble registering for HAC, please call the guidance office. Below is information on reading the schedule.

<b>Marking Periods</b>	
Q1	Nine week class, First marking period
Q2	Nine week class, Second marking period
Q3	Nine week class, Third marking period
Q4	Nine week class, Fourth marking period
Q1, Q2	Eighteen week class, First semester
Q3, Q4	Eighteen week class, Second semester
Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Course meets all year

<b>Days</b>	
1	Course meets on day 1 only.
2	Course meets on day 2 only.
1, 2	Course meets every day.

<b>Building</b>	
495	PHS campus – for specific building, East or West see room number chart below.

<b>Reading Your Room Number</b>	
W	PHS West Building
E	PHS East Building
<b>The combination of the last 3 or 4 letters and numbers is your actual room number.</b>	
<b>Please see example below:</b>	
W F103 ↑ ↑ West Bldg/Room F-103 (PHS West Building)	E 242 ↑ ↑ East Bldg/Room 242 (PHS East Building)

**e-School Mobile App**

Information on how to download and use the e-School mobile app is also available by following the link on the Pennsbury website. The mobile app will allow you to have access to your schedule with a smart phone.

All students and parents are encouraged to register for and use HAC regularly to monitor student progress. On the portal, you can access student grades, schedule, attendance, and demographic information. Please note: grades will not be available during the first ten days of a marking period.

Parents/students who do not have access to a computer or smart phone can report to the guidance office of either building to use a district computer in order to access their child's information.

**Important Phone Numbers**

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GUIDANCE	215-949-6714	GUIDANCE	215-949-6750
ATTENDANCE	215-949-6780 ext 70913	ATTENDANCE	215-949-6791
NURSE	215-949-6722	NURSE	215-949-6792

**General Information**

**BUS SCHEDULE:** Transportation information can be found on HAC. You can also gain access to the bus schedule on the Pennsbury website, [www.PennsburySD.org](http://www.PennsburySD.org).

**LUNCH:** Lunches will be scheduled at the building where your child has his or her C period class. Hot lunches and a la carte items are sold and served in the cafeteria. If you wish, you may bring your lunch. For more information on cafeteria plans please contact The Nutrition Group (TNG) at 215-949-6740, Ext. 18203. Lunch will be served starting on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

**STUDENT INSURANCE:** Information and applications are on the Pennsbury School District Website under Quick Links and in the Parent Handbook. If you expect to participate in sports, you must be insured. This insurance does not cover varsity football. (Varsity football insurance covers claims for injuries received in football only).

**EMERGENCY CARDS:** On the first day of school your child will be given two emergency cards to be completed and returned to his or her A period teacher. It is important that we have this information on file so that you can be contacted in the event of illness or emergency and in order that the nurse may administer any type of medication.

**NO SMOKING:** According to Pennsylvania Act 145 it is unlawful to use or possess tobacco products on school property. A citation will be issued to violators. Tobacco products (this includes e-cigarettes and hookah pens), lighters or matches are not allowed on school property.

**LOCKERS:** There is a \$5.00 maintenance fee for a hall locker and \$5.00 maintenance fee for a gym locker. Individual checks or cash is needed for each maintenance fee. Students should be prepared to pay for their locks on the first day of school. Hall lockers are optional; gym lockers are mandatory.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Unisex gym suits are sold during gym classes. If you need to buy a gym suit, the unisex black shorts are \$7.50 and the reversible shirt is \$13.00.

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**Pennsbury High School  
PTO Membership  
pennsburypto@gmail.com**

**YES, I want to support the PHS PTO and the students of our school! The \$5.00 membership per family ensures that I will receive important and informative PTO email updates.**

*We **ONLY** use your e-mail address to send out information/updates, and to ask for help. All e-mail is sent out “blind copy,” so your address is not distributed to anyone – ever. The list is started ‘fresh’ each school year, so you need to join the PTO to continue receiving emails. We do **NOT** ‘carry over’ names from year to year!*

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT CLEARLY, IF WE CAN'T READ IT, WE CAN'T SEND IT!**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (In case we are unable to read your email address!)

Student(s)' First Name(s)/Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your form and contribution to our PTO Treasurer by either:**

- returning to either **Main Office** in an envelope marked “PTO”
- mailing to: **Amy Waters, PTO Treasurer, 176 Aspen Road, Yardley, PA 19067**

***Online Option!*** – If you would like to join and pay online through PayPal: (1) Go to the PHS webpage, (2) Click PTO under the “Our School” menu, (3) Click the “PTO Online” link.