

August 22, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2022- 2023 school year, the administrative team is pleased to welcome the Class of 2026 as well as our returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Pennsbury High School offers a rich, diverse curriculum, interscholastic athletics, and extracurricular programs to develop a well-rounded student. It is our mission to create a learning environment that prepares students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for life-long success in a global society. As educators, it is our goal to inspire students to strive for academic excellence and strength of character. We hope that you will partner with us in supporting this mission. Maintaining open communication will help us better meet your child's needs. Our entire staff is available to assist your child and address any concerns during the school year. I encourage you to reach out to your student's teacher, counselor, case manager, or administrator if you have any questions or concerns.

We have many exciting changes planned for the upcoming school year.

- Creation of grade-level teams.
- Implementation of the Falcon Period. (For families familiar with EOP, the Falcon Period is a revision of the EOP structure.)
- New student information system. PowerSchool replaces the Home Access Center.

All of these changes are designed to support students in a more targeted manner, and I believe this will help to enhance the educational experience of all students at PHS. More information on these changes is below.

Grade-Level Teams

Grade-level teams will be implemented this year, establishing a group of administrators, guidance counselors, management assistants, social workers, and case managers that will remain with students throughout their high school career. **Many returning students will have a new guidance counselor this year as a result of this change. Please see below for a breakdown of the grade-level teams and counselors.**

As a part of this administrative redesign, we will have Lead Assistant Principals at both PHS East and West. I am excited to work with Patti Steckroat, Lead Assistant Principal at PHS West, and Ryan Staub, Lead Assistant Principal at PHS East, in this capacity.

Falcon Period

The administrative team is happy to implement Falcon Period this year. The Falcon Period schedule will run twice a week. On your child's schedule, you will see "Nest" as a scheduled class as well as a teacher assigned to that classroom who will function as your child's advisor until graduation. In an effort to provide students with academic support and targeted interventions, students will report to their "Nest" classroom each week to meet with their advisor; this is considered their home base. In a few weeks, students will select an activity to participate in during Falcon Period. When this occurs, you will also see a class titled Falcon Activities on your child's schedule.

During the first week of school, students will learn about Falcon Period and how to utilize that period to strive for success throughout their high school career. The following description provides further support in understanding the different activities that will occur during Falcon Period:

- **Academic** - Students will have the opportunity to complete homework assignments and/or study. Students will also have a chance to see their current teachers for extra help or make-up work if needed.
- **Advisory** - Students will work on specially designed lessons that focus on school initiatives/information, college and career readiness, social and emotional learning, and other information. This [link](#) gives a brief overview of what Advisory is. Students will not be permitted to see other teachers during this time.
- **Activity** - Students may participate in an activity or club. The Activity period may be a different group of students and teacher than their academic and advisory sections if the student chooses. If a student does not want to participate in a club or activity, they may select office hours with a teacher that is offering them. Students will select their activity on September 6th.

Falcon Period Schedule

The table below shows the schedule for the Falcon period. This schedule may change based on certain circumstances.

Type and Length of Falcon Period	Frequency/Day
40 Minute Falcon Period Academic, Advisory, or Activity	2x per week Tuesdays & Thursdays
80 Minute Falcon Period Academic only	1x per month Wednesdays

As part of the transition to Falcon Period, we will have a new bell schedule. The start and end times of the school day will remain the same. However, bell schedules for a regular day, 40-minute Falcon Period, and 80-minute Falcon Period are [linked here](#).

The schedule for the first semester of Falcon Period is [linked here](#). This schedule shows when students have an academic, advisory, or activity section of Falcon Period. We will provide the second semester Falcon Period schedule shortly after school begins.

PowerSchool

All parents should have received information on how to log in to PowerSchool. Please see the [letter linked here](#) from the IT department. You can reach out to parenttechhelp@pennsburyisd.org or call 215-428-4117 if you're having problems accessing your PowerSchool account.

All students and parents are encouraged to log in to PowerSchool regularly to monitor student progress. On the portal, you can access student grades, schedules, attendance, and demographic information. Please note that 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 smartphone can contact the guidance office of PHS East or West to use a district computer in order to access their child's information.

First Day of School

As a reminder, all ninth-grade students will report on **Monday, August 29**, for orientation. Students should report to their Falcon Period to start the day. After the Falcon Period, they will participate in a series of activities to get them acclimated to Pennsbury High School. Cafeteria services will be provided. Most students will also have the opportunity to exchange their current Chromebook for a new one during orientation. All students are expected to bring their Chromebooks and chargers so they can make this exchange.

The first full day of school for all PHS students is Tuesday, August 30. We will follow the 40-minute Falcon Period schedule. Students will follow a day 1 schedule, and the students will have normal arrival and dismissal times. Cafeteria services will also be provided. Students should bring a charged Chromebook with them to school every day.

Transportation

Please read [the 2022-23 Transportation update](#) for additional information.

Other important information

- Back to School Night - Thursday, September 22
- First PTO Meeting - Tuesday, September 13 @ 9:00 a.m. in room G106 at PHS West. Please see the [letter linked here](#) for information about joining the PTO.
- My family dog, Boz, will be coming to Pennsbury High School this year as a therapy dog. Boz is a certified therapy dog that has experience working in public schools. He is a hypo-allergic standard poodle mix that loves being around people! He will be visiting PHS about once a week, and the students will be seeing him in the hallways and classrooms.

Please visit our school website, www.pennsburyisd.org/phs, and the District site, www.pennsburyisd.org, for updated information throughout the school year, and keep an eye out for our newsletter, The Falcon Flyer, which will be published regularly.

The Pennsbury High School administrative team and staff are looking forward to working with you this school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Pennsbury High School

Administrative/Counselor Student Breakdown

2022-2023

Campus Principal			
Mr. Reggie Meadows ext. 70901 rmeadows@pennsburyisd.org			
Class of 2026 (9th Grade)			
ADMINISTRATION	TITLE	COUNSELORS	STUDENT NAME
Ryan Regensburg ext. 70802 rregensburg@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal	Linda Chuong ext. 70855 lchuong@pennsburyisd.org	A - Graf
Justine McEachern ext. 70808 jmceachern@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal Supervisor of Counseling	Joyce Cesari ext. 70854 jcesari@pennsburyisd.org	Grag - Mor
Peter Carfagno ext. 70992 pcarfagno@pennsburyisd.org	Special Education Supervisor	Erin Salmon ext. 70859 esalmon@pennsburyisd.org	Mos - Z
Lynda Norman ext. 70905 lnorman@pennsburyisd.org	Management Assistant	Julie Gartner ext. 70824 jgartner@pennsburyisd.org	Social Worker
Class of 2025 (10th Grade)			
ADMINISTRATION	TITLE	COUNSELORS	STUDENT NAME
Laura Tittle ext. 70803 ltittle@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal	Samantha Abdo ext. 70957 sabdo@pennsburyisd.org	A - Gr
Lou Sudholz ext. 70915 lsudholz@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal Athletic Director	Shannon Barnum ext. 70953 sbarnum@pennsburyisd.org	Gs - Peq
Amanda Caputo ext. 70205 acaputo@pennsburyisd.org	Special Education Supervisor	Megan Nolan ext. 70984 mnolan@pennsburyisd.org	Per - Z
Tammy Lall ext. 70956 tlall@pennsburyisd.org	Management Assistant	Katie Snyder ext. 70955 ksnyder@pennsburyisd.org	Social Worker
Class of 2024 (11th Grade)			
ADMINISTRATION	TITLE	COUNSELORS	STUDENT NAME
Richard Fry ext. 70903 rfry@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal	Dana Arbakov ext. 70958 darbakov@pennsburyisd.org	A - Gor
Ryan Staub ext. 70801 rstaub@pennsburyisd.org	Lead, Assistant Principal	Jillian Cahill ext. 70956 jcahill@pennsburyisd.org	Gos - Olc
Peter Carfagno ext. 70992 pcarfagno@pennsburyisd.org	Special Education Supervisor	Evan Altieri ext. 70954 ealtieri@pennsburyisd.org	Old - Z
Ed Salamon ext. 70805 esalamon@pennsburyisd.org	Management Assistant	Stephanie Piech ext. 70850 spiech@pennsburyisd.org	Social Worker
Class of 2023 (12th Grade)			
ADMINISTRATION	TITLE	COUNSELORS	STUDENT NAME
Corinne Lyczkowski ext. 70904 clyczkowski@pennsburyisd.org	Assistant Principal	Renee Ferdinand ext. 70857 rferdinand@pennsburyisd.org	A - Gok
Patti Steckroat ext. 70902 psteckroat@pennsburyisd.org	Lead, Assistant Principal	Kim Krajci ext. 70852 kkrajci@pennsburyisd.org	Gol - Pac
Amanda Caputo ext. 70205 acaputo@pennsburyisd.org	Special Education Supervisor	Lisa Rugarber ext. 70853 lrugarber@pennsburyisd.org	Pad - Z
Stephanie Fusco ext. 70806 sfusco@pennsburyisd.org	Management Assistant	Julie Gartner/Katie Snyder/ Stephanie Piech (See contact info above)	Social Workers
Postsecondary Counselor - PHS West - G100		Brooke Stoudt ext. 77100 sstoudt@pennsburyisd.org	All Students

General Information

LUNCH: Lunches will be scheduled at the building where students have their C period class. Hot lunches and a la carte items are sold and served in the cafeteria. For more information on cafeteria plans please contact The Nutrition Group (TNG) at 215-949-6740, Ext. 18203. Lunch will be served starting on Monday, August 30, 2021. To add funds to your student's lunch account, [please visit School Cafe](#).

STUDENT INSURANCE: Information and applications are on the [Pennsbury School District Website](#). 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. Seniors must have proof of Meningitis vaccination on file in the nurse's office by the beginning of the school year.

NO SMOKING/VAPING: According to Pennsylvania Act 145, it is unlawful to use or possess, smoke, and or use tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, hookah, or any similar products on a school bus, or school property, or at off-site school sponsored activities or on the way to and from school or a school sponsored activity.

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: Locker rooms will be available and encouraged for students to change into PHS PE apparel or athletic wear on a voluntary basis. PHS PE apparel can be purchased at either school store or the online store (more information to come). In either case, students should follow the dress code noted in the student handbook.

Important Phone Numbers

PHS EAST 705 Hood Boulevard, Fairless Hills, PA 19030 Reginald A. Meadows, Principal Ryan Staub, Lead Assistant Principal		PHS WEST 608 South Olds Boulevard, Fairless Hills PA 19030 Reginald A Meadows, Principal Patricia Steckroat, Lead Assistant Principal	
MAIN OFFICE	215-949-6700	MAIN OFFICE	215-949-6780
GUIDANCE	215-949-6714	GUIDANCE	215-949-6750
NURSE	215-949-6722	ATTENDANCE	215-949-6780 ext. 70913
		NURSE	215-949-6792

Student Schedule Information

PHS will not be printing report cards, schedules, or academic deficiency notices, but will make them available through Power school. Below is information on reading a daily schedule.

Marking Periods	
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
S1	Eighteen week class, First semester
S2	Eighteen week class, Second semester
22-23	Course meets all year

Days	
1, 3, 5	Course meets on day 1 only.
2, 4, 6	Course meets on day 2 only.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Course meets every day.

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

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