

PENN HIGH SCHOOL

Kingsmen Announcements

Black - January 16th

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SCHOOL SAFETY:

Safety is always our top priority. **If you see something, say something!** The Safe School Helpline is a convenient, confidential way for anyone to report information about situations that might affect safety at any P-H-M school or building. You can call the number any time of the day or night to report concerns about unsafe or potentially disruptive activities or situations including drug or alcohol abuse, weapons, harassment, bullying or threats. All calls are completely confidential.

800-418-6423 (800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359)

TEXT: 66746, TIPS

www.safeschoolhelpline.com

Download the app

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-Talk(8255) or
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

- **Seniors: Please turn in your Senior Info Card to the Main Office asap! This card was in your cap and gown packet. If you need another one, please stop by the Main Office to pick up another card. This is for your name on your diploma.**
- Penn High School's annual Snowball Dance will be held from 7:30-11 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

Join your fellow Kingsmen for an incredible 2019 Snowball experience. The theme for the 2019 Snowball Dance is the Crystal Ice Palace.

Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes all-you-can drink lattes, coffees, frappuccinos, as well as a delectable dessert bar, dancing, and of course some special "surprises" throughout the evening.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be sold at Penn outside of the Cafeteria only on Thursday, Jan. 17, and Friday, Jan. 18.

Bring a date, a group of friends, or come solo.

The entrance for the dance will be at Door C. The dance will be held in the Main Arena and West Balcony.

Be sure to check your confirmation email for the link to make your song requests in advance.

Parent Volunteers are needed for the Winter Dance, which is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

Sign-up to volunteer [here](#).

- Any junior interested in applying for the Prom Committee needs to send Mrs. Rice an email (arice@phm.k12.in.us) expressing interest. Use your Penn email account and put "Prom Committee" in the Subject Line. Applications will then be sent. Thank you!
- The Penn High School Program of Studies is now available for Penn students who beginning the process to choose next school years courses. Click the link for the Program of Studies:
<https://penn.phmschools.org/main-news/2019-2020-program-studies-now-available>
- Any girls interested in playing volleyball next season need to meet with Coach Pawlik.
- Any boys interested in starting a Boys Volleyball program this spring need to see Coach Pawlik ASAP.
- Boys interested in trying out for the Boys Golf Team need to attend a meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in Staff Dining.
- The Penn High School Boys Lacrosse Team is searching for 3-4 RESPONSIBLE high school students (male or female) to serve as Team Managers for the 2019 Season. These individuals will be helping with game day setup and teardown, and will be trained

as a timekeeper, stats keeper and video taping game day. Anyone interested in earning a Varsity Letter as the Team Manager of Boys Lacrosse, please email: myjim11@sbcglobal.net. We will close the interview process January 31.

- If a student plans to ride the bus home with another student, Penn must have signed letters from parents from BOTH riders with phone numbers. These should be in the counseling office at the START of the school day. Deans need time to verify the bus notes and when they are given to us halfway through the day, there often isn't time to call and then the notes can't be approved. Students can pick up the bus notes from the counseling office at the end of the day and give them to the bus drivers.
- Students who are in need of food can pick up food packs on the cart outside of Room 150 courtesy of Kingsmen Care.

Donations of non-perishable food items may also be dropped off at Room 150.

- The Bookstore is now selling.... Rocketbooks ! We have 3 colors for you to choose from and the price is only \$21.75
- New Spirit gear is on sale in the Bookstore. Stop by the Bookstore and check out the outstanding Kingsmen apparel which is on sale for great prices. Kingsmen Spirit gear makes great presents !!!
- The Fall 2018 edition of Spectrum is here! Read and see what's on the minds of published Penn authors and artists. Get your copy for \$5 in the Bookstore.
- Want to buy custom Penn Gear? The Penn Boosters have an online store that you can customize which Penn Group that you want to support. Click the link and then order your gear! Go Penn!!!
<http://pennboosters.itemorder.com/>
- For parents with busy schedules, it can be hard to make sure that kids are eating a healthy breakfast before they go to school in the morning.

Sometimes children aren't hungry right after waking up, and it's hard to find food they like to eat that is also healthy. Also, some kids refuse breakfast at home, but are hungry when they arrive at school. Fortunately, we have a great breakfast program for all students, and it's available at school every day.

If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out! Free meal students receive a free breakfast. Reduced price breakfast for qualified students is .30. Regular priced breakfast is \$1.10 at elementary and \$1.25 at secondary. Ala-carte is also available at the middle and high schools.

[Click here](#) for details.

- **There are no snow make-up days built into the 2018 - 2019 school calendar this year. Penn-Harris-Madison has again been approved by the Indiana Department of Education to use eLearning lessons on the day of a school closing. eLearning stands for electronic learning that can be accomplished by students working on their Chromebooks or a computer from home through the internet.**

eLearning is designed to be delivered over the internet through a link the school or teacher provides. Each Penn High School student will have eLearning lessons for every class. Penn High School teachers will maintain up-to-date eLearning assignments that students can access on their Chromebooks.

[Click here](#) for High School Technology Instructions for eLearning days.

Teachers will have assignments posted at the normal school day start time and be available by email during regularly scheduled school hours on days when school is closed and eLearning takes place.

In the event that your child has an IEP and receives direct service minutes during the school day, the Exceptional Education teacher will contact parents to make alternative arrangements, if necessary.

Thank you for partnering with P-H-M teachers and schools. Your support is crucial to your student's success, and it is greatly appreciated.

- Save money and support one of Indiana's top high school athletics programs by purchasing a Penn High School All-Sports Pass. Click the link for details:
<https://penn.phmschools.org/main-news-sports-news/kingsmen-athletics-all-sports-passes-sale-now>
- **SENIORS ONLY:** To submit senior quotes for the yearbook staff to review, please email pennkingsmenyearbook@gmail.com .

Please remember to keep your quote clear, appropriate, and short!

The Yearbook staff reserves the right to inform you that your quote will not work, for whatever reason, and you will need to find a new one.

We will accept senior quote submissions until MARCH 8. No exceptions will be made!

Please email your quote in the following format:

First name, Last name, quote.

- Penn Student All-Sports Passes are \$20 while supplies last! There are 56 Home Games (Winter & Spring sports, all levels) left in the school year, which would cost \$336. Buying an All-Sports Pass would save you \$316. The passes are not good for IHSAA tournaments.
- Talent Show auditions will occur January 10 and 11 after Winter Break for rehearsals and performance the week of January 22-25.

If you have questions, be sure to reach out to Mr. Coffee (mcoffee@phm.k12.in.us).

- The PHM DVT/Planetarium will be showing The Winter Night Sky: LIVE on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, and can be pre-ordered by visiting phmschools.org/planetarium-digital-video-theater, or they can be purchased with cash, check, or card 30 minutes before the show starts. The DVT is located inside Bittersweet Elementary.

About The Winter Night Sky: LIVE - Would you like to know an easy way to find and identify those winter constellations? Come join us for a live presentation and overview of the current winter night sky, which includes constellations, stars, colors of stars, Milky Way, planets and more!

- Penn High School's Art Gallery features the work of students and professionals.

The work of the Fine Arts Department in the Ernestine M. Raclin School of Arts at Indiana University South Bend is featured from Nov. 19-Jan. 16.

[Click here](#) for the Art Gallery schedule for 2018-2019.

The Gallery is in need of docents after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It means coming to the Gallery once a week from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. Those interested need to see Mrs. Miller in Room 154.

- The ID policy will be enforced starting on Tuesday, Sept. 4. All students will be required to wear their ID before being admitted into the building.
- **Student Work Permits:** If you have a completed **Intention to Employ State Form 896**, please bring it to the Main Office in the morning time and it will be processed during the day.

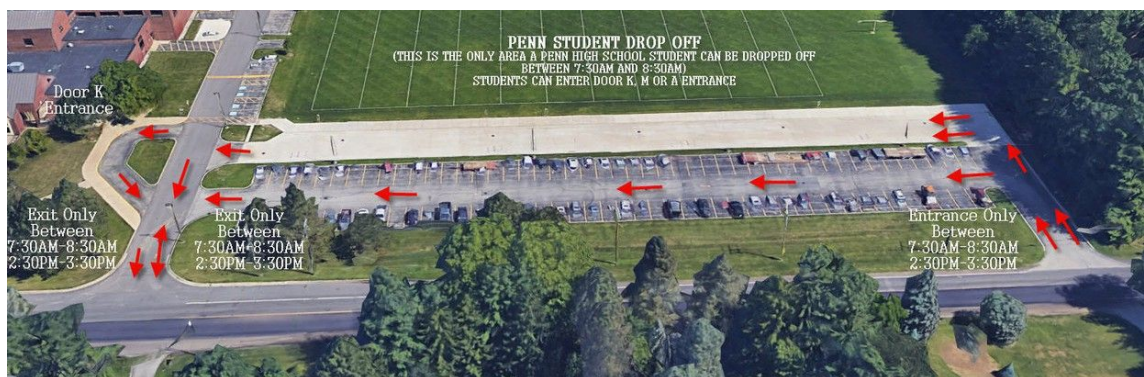
- Do you like helping others? This may be for you.

KINGSMEN TUTORS is an internship class open to Juniors and Seniors.

You will be assigned to a Penn High class for the school year, based on your choice of teacher and/or subject. Kingsmen Tutors are a valuable part of the class helping students become more successful. This class can be taken for credit or no credit.

Applications are in the Counseling Center or the Math/Science office.

- Penn High School students can become a **BIG BROTHER or BIG SISTER** mentor to an elementary student at either Bittersweet or Elm Road School. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to give back to their community and be a role model and friend to a young child. **The program is open to juniors and seniors who are in good academic standing and do not have any problems with their attendance or tardiness.** The Penn student will be paired with a child in K-5th grade and visit once a week for one hour at their assigned school. The Big Brothers Big Sisters visits occur during the B1 and G1 study hall period on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The program begins in October and runs until late April. **There is an application process with an interview required for all interested students and an application can be obtained from either your Counselor or Mr. Tugmon.**
- Current School Year Penn Parking Passes need to be displayed in your vehicle. Tickets will be issued for vehicles that do not display a tag or are parked inappropriately.



[Click here](#) for instructions on Penn High School's Drop-off and Pick-up procedures before and after school.

- [Click here](#) for a downloadable 2018-2019 Penn High School Calendar. The Penn School Calendar includes Gold/Black Day designation, along with the dates for Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring and all breaks, key test days, Winter Dance, Prom and Graduation.

- Click the link for details and the necessary forms:
<https://penn.phmschools.org/students-and-parents/transportation/student-parking>

Click on the following links for **IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION**:

School Messenger, the alert notification service:

<https://www.phmschools.org/parents/schoolmessenger>

Parent FAQ on Emergency Preparedness:

<https://www.phmschools.org/school-emergency-frequently-asked-questions>

12th-grade Immunization Requirements:

<https://www.phmschools.org/parents/12th-grade-immunization-requirements>

- **Reminder ~ Students who have an early dismissal, make sure you stop by the attendance window at Door A before you exit the building.**
- **Students must enter the school at Door A during school hours and check in at the Security booth.** Make sure that you have your school ID. Do not try to enter Door K (or other doors) and ring the buzzer or disturb classes.

All students should be picked up at Door M immediately after school. Parents should follow the established traffic pattern and not park along the shoulder on Jefferson Rd. This presents a safety issue for our students and all automobiles in the vicinity.

Click the link for information about reporting absences and late arrivals:

<https://penn.phmschools.org/attendance>

- When a student is ill, has an appointment or needs an early dismissal, parents/guardians need to use the **Attendance Office** automated line @ **(574) 258-9501**. The automated line is 24/7, which allows the convenience of calling anytime of the day. **Remember to give your student's I.D. when calling.**
- Students who will be extending their winter breaks in order to visit a college will need to bring in a document from the college's office of admission that verifies the visit. Then, that day away from school will be noted as a "college visit" (which makes it exempt or a non-absence from school). For additional information on attendance, visit the [attendance](#) webpage.
- Parents of students enrolled in Elkhart Area Career Center classes are responsible to contact the EACC with attendance information, in addition to Penn High School

attendance. Please contact EACC secretary Trisha Malone at 574-262-5650, option 2 or email tmalone@elkhart.k12.in.us.

- Download Penn High School Calendars for your phone by visiting <https://penn.phmschools.org/calendars>. You can download a Penn High School Calendar that lists Gold and Black days, as well as important dates. There is also a Fine Arts Calendar and an Athletics Calendar. You can also print out a Gold/Black Days Calendar.
- **If you are going to change your bus route**, you must contact Brenda Chaffee at 574-258-9524 or bchaffee@phm.k12.in.us. If you will have a new address, **parents/guardians must provide two proofs of your new address** to the school for your bus route to be changed. **You must also contact the school if you are no longer needing a bus route due to driving next year**; or if there is a change in an alternate pick-up address. Transportation is trying to prepare for routing for next year, and any updates will help them to route students correctly.
- **Parking passes will now only be sold before and after school. Parking passes are sold in Student Services.**
- To help after-school traffic flow, please be aware of "right turn only" signage. Signs will be set up at the Jefferson lot and will also direct students exiting the Main lot (the roadway by ESC) to turn right.
- All vehicles on PHM property need to be registered and display a parking hang tag. **Tickets will be issued.**
- **If you park at River Valley**, it needs to be south of the lamp posts.
- **Please wear your ID every day. If you do not have an ID, you can purchase a new one for \$3 in the IMC. Make sure that you have your ID on and a pass in order to be out of class. If not, our security staff will walk you back to class to obtain one.**
- Everyone should now have an ID card. If you do not have one, please report to the library before or after school or during your lunch to have one printed. All students are expected to have an ID displayed at all times. Displaying an ID card is a matter of safety and security, as it quickly informs us of who belongs here.
- The **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER (IMC)** is undergoing a number of changes in the way it can serve Penn High School students.

Click the link to find out about IMC resources, how to get passes, about new policies and more: <https://penn.phmschools.org/imc-guidelines>

- **"LOST AND FOUND"** is located in the IMC. Ask a student assistant in the IMC to help you locate your lost belongings.

We could have your lost athletic bags with clothes, jackets, sweatshirts, lunch bags, water bottles, shorts, t shirts, and shoes. Electronics are given directly to Resource Officer Reppert.

- You must have a pass, or be in a class to be in the IMC. Students are not permitted to eat lunch in the IMC. Lunch is to be eaten in the cafeteria. Please remember to bring all trash up to the tray carousel and wait to be dismissed by the supervising staff.
- Did you know **ebooks** are available to you to check out 24/7? Go to mackinvia.com, type in Penn High School, and then use your full email address for your username and your ID number for your password. Email carmstrong@phm.k12.in.us if there is a title you want or if a password isn't working.
- Students will not be allowed in the stands at athletic events with backpacks or beverages. Students are not allowed in the aisles/walkways in the bleachers.
- Take a moment to familiarize yourself with our **DRESS CODE**. Make sure that you are following it. The **DRESS CODE** is on Page 22 of the Penn High School Student Handbook:
https://penn.phmschools.org/sites/penn.phmschools.org/files/pennhs_handbook_2017.2018.pdf

Among the items covered in the [Dress Code](#) at Penn High School is the wearing of hats during the school day. Please remember that hats should not be visible and should be placed in a backpack or locker. Also remember that hoods should not be worn on students' heads during the school day.

- **Return your loaner Chromebooks to the IMC at the end of the day.** If you do not, there will not be charged Chromebooks for students to check out the following morning.
- If you need access to the Internet for Chromebook/homework/eLearning, there is an affordable Internet service for eligible households that is \$9.95 a month: <https://internetessentials.com/>

- **KINGSMEN COURT** (student government) has a suggestion box at the entrance of the IMC. Students are encouraged to voice any concerns or comments about Penn High School's environment and how Kingsmen Court can improve it.
- Follow the **COUNSELING CENTER** on Twitter @PennCounselor and @PennScholarship for college and scholarship info.
- **TAKE 3**
 - **Take Care of Yourself.**
 - **Take Care of Each Other.**
 - **Take Care of This Place.**

Athletics:

- If you are participating on a Penn Athletic Team or are in a Penn-sponsored Club, you must register online at <https://registermyathlete.com/schools/index.php>.
- Open swim starts on Monday, Sept. 10, and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. There is no charge but you must live in the PHM district. Students must have their ID's.
- Penn Student All-Sports Passes are \$20 while supplies last! There are 56 Home Games (Winter & Spring sports, all levels) left in the school year, which would cost \$336. Buying an All-Sports Pass would save you \$316. The passes are not good for IHSAA tournaments.
- Students interested in participating in I-Ball Basketball may pick up and return forms to Mr. Bowers. There is a registration folder in both Rooms 173 & 163. Registration is due on or before Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Division I basketball team names are first come, first serve. Player registration is due on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Players MUST be registered at Registermyathlete.com. If a player is not registered, they will not be able to play. Players may not be listed on more than one team roster. The first I-Ball games will be played on Thursday, Jan. 17.

- Anyone who plans on competing for the Boys Track Team should be attending Speed Workouts in the Fitness Center on Thursday mornings from 7-8 a.m. if you are NOT currently in a sport.

- **PENN FITNESS CENTER**

Free to all community, staff, & students!

Back to School Hours!

Mornings Mon-Fri: 5:45 am-7:45 am *Open to staff, students, & community*

Mon-Thurs: 3:17pm-5pm *Students & staff*, 5:30pm-6:30pm *Walkers only*

Mon & Thurs 6:30pm-8:30pm *Open Ball, Weight Room & Fitness Room to staff & community*

Tues & Wed 6:30pm-8:30pm *Pickleball and Badminton, Weight Room, & Fitness Room to staff & community*

Sat: 8am-9am *Walkers only*

Sat: 9am-12pm *Open Gym to staff, students, & community*

All students MUST have a current school ID from Penn to attend, and a lock.

Adults MUST have a current photo ID and live in the PHM Corporation.

Open to all PHM staff members!

- **ATHLETIC PRACTICES PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF**

DOOR D is the designated drop-off and pick-up location for students going to or coming from Athletic practices.

DOOR E is NOT a drop-off/pick-up location, and it is only unlocked after school for athletic contests, not practices.

Clubs/Activities:

If you are participating on a Penn Athletic Team or are in a Penn-sponsored Club, you must register online at <https://registermyathlete.com/schools/index.php>.

The first official meeting of the Penn High School **Political/Discourse Club** will be held from 3:25-4:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

The **Political/Discourse Club** will meet in Room 176 every Tuesday after school from 3:25 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

The next **Writers' Guild** meeting will be after school in Room 239 on Thursday, Jan. 18. Make it your New Year's Resolution to join us!

The **Art Club** is painting props for the Exceptional Education Academy's district-wide Fall Ball, which is hosted at Penn High School. The Art Club will meet on Thursday after school in Room 162.

Young Life is a faith-based organization at Penn that is open to ALL students. It's a safe place to meet people, hang out, support each other, and have fun! We meet most Monday nights off campus (check our IG for time and place: @yl_penn) and Gold Fridays before school in staff dining. Hope you'll come and check it out!

The **Cubing Club** will meet every Thursday (starting Nov. 29) in Room 206 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Come hang out, learn how to solve new puzzles, and learn new skills! All skill levels are welcome.

The **Penn Bowling Team** is seeking members. The team practices at OC Lanes (1416 Lincolnway East, Osceola). Interested students should contact coach Smith at OCLanesYouth@gmail.com or call 574-292-1851.

The **Drama Club** meets every third Tuesday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. At the meetings, we talk about important information, dates of upcoming events, and play theatre games.

Dumbledore's Army is a Harry Potter club that meets every Gold Monday in Room 190 from 3:30-4:30. Wand making, board games, watching films, debates over characters, potion making, and so much more!

The **WHACK (Computer Club)** meets every Wednesday in Room 258 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Japanese Club meetings will be every Gold Wednesday.

Model United Nations meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. every Monday in Room 163.

Chess Club meetings will meet every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 210.

The **Star Wars Club** meets every Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 200.

Amnesty International is looking for members who are passionate about fighting injustice and making human rights a thing enjoyed by all people. Meetings will be every Wednesday after school (around 3:30) in Room 200.

Key Club will meet on the following dates:

January 23
February 20
March 20
April 24
May 29

The meetings will be in the Cafeteria. Attendance starts at 7:35 a.m. and the meeting begins at 7:45 a.m. You will be counted late if you arrive after 7:50 a.m.

Anyone interested in any kind of medical career (doctor, pharmacist, veterinarian, etc.) is welcome to join **Medicine Without Borders**! We are focusing on humanitarian efforts and fundraising. Please email pennmwb@gmail.com for more information and to be added to the email list!

College/Scholarship Information \$\$\$

[Click here](#) to find out about Scholarship opportunities for Penn High School students.

Students who are residents of St. Joseph County who are admitted to Purdue University for the Fall 2019 semester and current Purdue students who are residents of St. Joseph County are eligible to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the St. Joe County Alumni Club. The Scholarship registration deadline is March 31.

Please contact Nan McCartney at (574) 261-5647 or email pcsju.scholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding our scholarship program.

Scholarships.com – www.scholarships.com free and safe link to productive scholarship search.

College Rep Visits to Guidance Office:

Sign-up in CCRC rm. 119 at least 2 days prior to visit & a pass will be sent to you.*
(9th & 10th graders may only attend during Study Hall.)

***Regarding college presentations at Penn** - When you receive a pass to attend a college presentation, be sure to sign in at the visit. Attendance will be checked, and if you are not on the attendance list, your teacher will be notified you didn't attend, and any future passes will be voided.
Thank you!

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