

PENN HIGH SCHOOL

Kingsmen Announcements

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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

- **New Security Procedure:**

All students will be required to wear their ID before being admitted into the building. Any student who does not have their ID at the start of the school day will be directed to Door A, issued a new ID and charged \$3 to their student fees account. In addition, we are reducing the number of doors that will be accessible in the morning and will be communicating these changes to students. Doors D and K will no longer be open in the mornings. Please remind your child to wear their ID as they leave for school. Thank you for your continued support of Penn High School.

- Students interested in participating in the 2018 Pro-Life Youth Essay Contest should contact Mr. DeKever or stop by Room 194 after school for contest information. The deadline for submission is March 23.
- A bus trip to the Elkhart Area Career Center for Penn students (sophomores and juniors) who are interested in attending the EACC is set for Tuesday, March 27. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Door A. The trip is free. Interested students need to pick up permission slips in the CCRC.
- **ATTENTION SENIORS!** Jostens will be delivering cap and gowns and graduation products on Thursday, April 12th during lunch. A statement will be sent if you have a balance due. Please pay online or call 1-800-Jostens to pay by debit or credit card 24-hours in advance. Jostens will **only accept cash or money order** at delivery. **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT**. If you have not yet placed your cap and gown order, please call 1-800-Jostens immediately.
- Penn High School and St. Joseph Health Systems will offer 2018-19 Athletic Physicals on **Tuesday, May 22, from 3:17-5 p.m.** in the Arena gym. The cost is \$25. Checks must be made payable to Penn High School. Penn will also accept cash and credit card payment at the door. Credit card payment is subject to a \$1 processing fee. This is open to all Penn High School students and incoming freshmen.

Physical forms can be found [IHSA Pre-Participation Physical Form](#). Please remember that the **IHSAA requires physicals be completed AFTER April 1, 2018**, in order to be valid for the 2018-19 school year.

Athletes should have their physical forms COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, INCLUDING PARENT SIGNATURE, before the physical is completed.

- The **Fourth Annual Penn Dodgeball Tournament** to benefit the American Cancer Society will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

If you are interested in playing or want to sponsor a team, contact Mr. Ball at dball@phm.k12.in.us

- The English as a New Language Program and Teachers Credit Union are hosting a Community Connections Fair for our students and families who are learning English.

This community event is free and is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Walt Disney Elementary School (4015 Filbert Rd, Mishawaka, IN 46545). Organizations such as HealthLinc, La Casa de Amistad, Mishawaka Penn-Harris Public

Library, and many more will be in attendance. Come learn about the opportunities and services available to you in our community.

Este evento es gratis y tendrá lugar el sábado, 21 de abril de 2018, desde las 10 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m. en Walt Disney Elementary School ([4015 Filbert Rd. Mishawaka, IN 46545](#)). Organizaciones como HealthLinc, La Casa de Amistad, Mishawaka Penn-Harris Public Library y muchas más estarán allí. Venga y aprenda sobre las oportunidades y servicios disponibles en nuestra comunidad.

- **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.
- Prom is right around the corner! Any student who would like a 2018 Prom Guide and 10 percent off coupon to Judee's Boutique should see Miss Watt in Room 133 or 134.
- Remember the bubbly fun of car washes and bath time? The **Silver Mile 5K** is changing into a Bubble Bash - welcoming runners of all experience levels while blasting through foam bogs along the course. The event is on **Saturday, May 5**.

Early Bird registration is available until Friday, Mar. 30.

[Click here](#) to register.

Students: \$15

Adults: \$25

Family (5 or more from same household): \$80

Don't miss out on this savings!

[Click here](#) for more information about the Bubble Bash.

- **PENN DANCE MARATHON** is looking for Riley Families to participate and share their stories during our marathon on April 14! Riley Families are the whole reason for our marathon, and we would love to hear your inspiring stories and get to know you! If you or your family have been impacted by Riley Hospital and are interested in being involved, please email us at cmccoige27@phm.k12.in.us or ggramza69@phm.k12.in.us

PENN'S DANCE MARATHON will be holding a **March Madness donation drive** in support of the Ronald McDonald House! Please feel free to participate and donate items that are listed on the sheet attached. This will take place the entire month of March, and

donation boxes to drop off items will be located in Rooms 231 and 251. Link to items:
<https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/13yDwtsz3nC8qaTITow3Am2ZXMxTSMasyM3jjpOPdxQ/edit>

- **PTO MESSAGE TO PARENTS**

We all know how much the teachers and faculty at Penn mean to the education of our students. Teacher appreciation week is coming up in May and PTO would like your help to show all our staff how much we appreciate them

Please read below and consider helping us recognize what great staff we have at Penn:

Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11. We are asking parents to consider donating gift cards again this year. Our goal is to have one gift card for every teacher and staff member. As in the past, we will draw names during Teacher Appreciation Week to determine the gift card winners. We have created a Sign-up Genius page with suggestions, but we will gladly accept gift cards from other merchants and in other denominations. Gift cards should be placed in a sealed envelope labeled "PTO" and turned in to the main office by Friday, April 20. The Sign-up Genius page is at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a8af2da5fb6-teacher>

Thank you for helping us make this possible.

- **The P-H-M Education Foundation is sponsoring the Jeneane Arter Teaching in Excellence Award.** This new \$2,000 award - named after Northpoint Elementary School teacher Jeneane Arter - will be given to any current P-H-M staff member who exemplifies excellence in education. The award is underwritten by P-H-M parents Jason and Darla Lippert.

The annual award will be determined based on a current P-H-M student one-page essay of how the P-H-M staff member has made a lasting impact on his/her educational experience. Younger students may have parents/adult help them write the essay, but the essay should be the student's own words. The essay should contain specific examples of the P-H-M employee's outstanding service. Please include at the top of the page, the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- School and grade

- Telephone number and email address (for notification or question purpose)

The nominated P-H-M staff member must be a current employee. The P-H-M Education Foundation will select the recipient of the Jeneane Arter Excellence in Teaching Award through its Grant Committee. The winner will be announced by June 1, 2018.

Essays are due to the ESC by Friday, March 30, 2018, or may be mailed to the P-H-M Education Foundation, attention Jeneane Arter Award, 55900 Bittersweet Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545. The one-page essay should be either typed or handwritten. Electronic submissions will not be considered.

For additional information or questions, please contact Mari Linn M. Wise, executive director, at (574) 254-2893 or mlwise@phmef.org

- 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!
- **Startup Moxie (formerly St. Joe CEO)** is an opportunity for high school students to connect with entrepreneurs, innovators, and community leaders, as well as see behind the scenes of 30-40 businesses and hear from 30-40 guest speakers. Students will earn high school and Ivy Tech credit. [Click here](#) for details.
- Students interested in participating in the 2018 Pro-Life Youth Essay Contest should contact Mr. DeKever or stop by Room 194 after school for contest information. The deadline for submission is March 23.
- **The PENN MANAGEMENT CLASS is selling shirts for the Ronald McDonald House.** T-Shirts are \$10. Stop by Room 257 during Blocks 2, 3, or 4 on either a Gold or Black Day to purchase. Email JCarroll@phm.k12.in.us for additional information about the Fundraiser.
- 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.**

- **Tee off with Corporations for Education** at its third annual golf outing.

Save the Date - Monday, Aug. 13, 2018. There will be a 1 p.m. Shotgun start.

Proceeds support Corporations for Education (a division of the Penn-Harris-Madison Education Foundation).

- **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 Fall issue of **SPECTRUM** is here. See what Kingsmen are creating and writing about. Copies are for sale in the Bookstore for \$5.
- 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, 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 can pick up your purchased 2016-2017 Yearbooks at the student assistant desk in the IMC. You must have your ID to receive your Yearbook.
- 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 new 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.
- Did you know Penn hosts an annual TALENT SHOW in January? Start working your act now. Auditions will occur right after Winter Break. We've had staff participate, too. Acts can range from singing, to dancing, to dramatic monologues and scenes, original works and covers. Details to come.
- **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>.
- The Fitness Center will be closed Friday, March 30, Saturday, March 31, Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7.

Fitness Center reminder: Penn students **MUST have a school ID** to be in the Fitness Center after 5:30 pm. Students should also bring a lock, as all items will be moved into the locker room. **No ID - No admittance.**

Monday – Fridays: 5:45am - 7:45am for Penn Students, Penn Staff, and PHM Residents

Monday – Thursdays: 5:30pm - 9:00pm for Penn Students, Penn Staff, and PHM Residents

Monday & Thursday: Open basketball 6:30pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: Pickleball and Badminton 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Monday – Thursday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Adults Only

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Tuesday & Wednesday: Pickleball and Badminton 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturdays: 8:00 am – Noon for Penn Students, Penn Staff, and PHM Residents

We have an indoor walking track, a full weight room and a full aerobic room.

We ask that you bring a lock and a water bottle. All PHM Resident must bring a photo ID and all Penn Students must have their school ID. All PHM Employees just need to bring your Staff ID.

Please enter Door G and someone will greet you at the door.

- **PENN ATHLETICS ALL-SPORTS PASSES** are now prorated for the rest of the school year. Adult passes are \$50 and student passes are \$30. These are good for all non-tournament home contests for all winter and spring sporting events.
- **GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD** conditioning is Monday-Friday from 3:40-5:15 a.m. in the Fitness Center.
- There will be a **Silver Mile 3-on-3 March Madness Basketball Tournament** on Tuesday, March 27. Starting getting teams of three or four persons put together. Depending on the response, there will be three divisions:

Novice
Girls
Elite

- T-shirts for the Silver Mile 3v3 Basketball Tournament are on sale. The T-shirts cost \$10. Contact Mrs. Sautter in the Physical Development office to purchase a T-shirt.

- **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 **STAR WARS CLUB** will meet on **Gold Thursdays** in Room 222 after school. Come discuss the newest movie!

There will be a **KEY CLUB** meeting at 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, in the CPA (no food or drink is allowed). There will be a guest speaker from Saint Mary's College.

The **KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB** meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 193. No experience or materials necessary. We will teach you! We have snacks! Everyone is welcome. Follow us on twitter: @pennknitting

The **ART CLUB** meets after school on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 162. Check out this informational video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqpVMNbmVe4>

The **Wednesday Hackers' Association for Computing Kingsmen** (WHACK: formerly Computer Club) will be meeting from 3:30-4:30 on Wednesdays in Room 258. Come invent and build a computer game, play a game, work on Linux code, learn a new language, &/or draw nerdy things on the chalkboard. We're WHACK.

The **PENN QUIZ BOWL TEAM** will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 152. The team will meet Mondays and Wednesdays until the holiday break, with all matches on Wednesdays. For more information, contact Mr. Thompson in Room 152 or at sthompson@phm.k12.in.us.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS meets every Monday in LGIB right after school.

The **DR. WHO CLUB** is meeting every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 200. We have an open-door policy, so come when you can and stay as long as you like.

The **GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE** (GSA) meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 193. Come join us! Everyone is welcome. Email penngsa@phm.k12.in.us or follow @pennGSA on Twitter for more info.

The **P7 BIBLE CLUB** will be starting up again in the IMC from 3:30-4:15 p.m. If anyone has any questions they can contact Mason Mishler at mmishler12@phm.k12.in.us. The P7 Bible Club will meet every Wednesday to discuss various parts of the Bible while involving everyone in the meeting. There will also be snacks. Come to P7 ! We'd like to see you there!

Penn's FINE ARTS ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL TEAM will meet every Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and on every Thursday from 7:30-8:15 a.m. in Room 164. This year's theme is World War I. Anyone is welcomed to join ---we hope to see you there!

Come and play the World's most popular card games including Hearthstone, Pokemon, Dungeons & Dragons and Secret Palpatine with the **Penn GAME CLUB**. Meetings take place on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Bring your laptop, Nintendo DS/Switch, or any mobile gaming device. All Gamers are welcome.

It's not too late to join the **CHESS CLUB**. Students may join at any time during the school year. This is especially useful if you are in sports or other activities. You can join Chess Club after your season has ended.

Chess Club meetings are held every Thursday after school (3:30 p.m. start) in Room 136. The meeting ends after your game. Students may stay as late as 5 p.m., or leave earlier, depending on when their tournament game is completed.

Check out the Chess Club informational video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q-s6p-M1oc>

College/Scholarship Information **\$\$\$**

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

Each year, **Notre Dame FCU** awards \$1,500 scholarships to students in our community. The deadline is Friday, March 16. [Click here](#) for details.

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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