

PENN HIGH SCHOOL

Kingsmen Announcements

Black - September 21st

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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

- **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.**

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.

- All Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday Oct. 10.

Students must be in their assigned rooms and ready to start the test at 8:25 a.m.

Room assignments will be posted in October.

- This year Penn Harris Madison Schools is giving parents access to their student's online activities through Securly. Securly is a program parents can use to view student Chromebook use and to have control over what students have access to at home with their school Chromebook. Soon you will receive an email from Securly on how to get started with the program. For more information please see <https://www.securly.com/products/parent-portal>
- Penn Kingsmen Court (your student government) is looking for representatives of clubs, teams, and academies for the school year. Representatives from all grades and organizations are welcome to join. If you were a club representative last year, your position is not reserved. All club members have the opportunity to become a representative in Kingsmen Court.

Representatives will meet to discuss issues concerning the school, voice various opinions and concerns, plan school activities throughout the year, and much more.

Meetings for representatives will be every other Thursday morning, beginning Sept. 27, and representatives from all grades and organizations are welcome to join. However, we do ask that there is only one representative per club. Please check [this link](#) to see what organizations already have a representative identified.

In order to become a representative, first contact your club sponsor, coach, or academy leader and ask them if you can become the club's representative. Then, fill out [this google form](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 19. The Kingsmen Court will contact you later with further information. If your club has not started by Sept. 19, then you may email about becoming a representative after that date.

If you have any further questions, please email penn-kingsmen-court-grp@phm.k12.in.us

- Kingsmen Court (your student government) will have 5 representative spots designated for the Freshmen Class. Kingsmen Court is looking for students who are interested and motivated to perform the duties of a representative: be a voice to the student body as

well as participate in school unity activities. If you are interested in being on the court, please submit an application through [this google form](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 19.

If you would like to represent a club instead of the Freshmen Academy, please submit an application through our [general representative form](#) instead. More information is available about this process on the email addressed to the entire student body.

If you have any questions about this application or Kingsmen Court in general, please email penn-kingsmen-court-grp@gmail.com

- The Homecoming Dress-Up Days schedule for the week of Sept. 24-28:

Monday - Meme Day/Vine Day

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - We wear Pink

Thursday - Seniors (Toga), Juniors (90's), Sophomores (80's), Freshmen (70's).

Friday - Blackout

- 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>
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- The PHM DVT/Planetarium will be showing Egypt: Secrets of the Mummies on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for senior citizens, students and children. Tickets 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 School.

About Egypt: Secrets of the Mummies -- Journey to the royal tombs of Egypt and explore the history of ancient Egyptian society as told through the mummies of the past. The film follows explorers and scientists as they piece together the archaeological and genetic clues of Egyptian mummies, and provides audiences with a window into the fascinating

and mysterious world of the pharaohs. To unwrap the secrets of the mummies is to perhaps glimpse our own future.

- The first Penn High School Art Gallery show is scheduled to open on Wednesday, Sept. 19, and run through Nov. 1. The first show will feature Encaustics & Drawings by Carol L. Meyer and Ceramics by Andrew Tomasik.

The Art Gallery is looking for gallery docents to work one night a week after school either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. See Miss Miller in Room 154 if interested.

- **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's Powder Puff Football Game will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up for Powder Puff.
- The Notre Dame Law School is seeking jurors for its Intensive Trial Advocacy Trial this Fall. This trial will be our civil trial involving a contract dispute between two technology companies.

This juror volunteer program provides a fun and interactive, educational experience for student volunteers who serve as jurors. Students serving as jurors are given a unique opportunity to see the practice of law in action, learn the important role juries play in our democracy, and hopefully become more interested in a legal career.

The trials are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, and Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Saint Joseph County Courthouse in downtown South Bend.

Notre Dame Law Students in the Comprehensive Trial Advocacy class will serve as lawyers, and real judges or practicing attorneys will preside over every trial.

We have found that the best way to get students to both sign up and show up to fulfill their obligation is to receive sometime of credit for participation as a juror. In the past, this has been either extra credit from a professor or gaining volunteer hours. For your convenience, I am attaching an electronic flyer that you are welcome to print and distribute—it provides all necessary details.

All interested students can sign up using this Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOHgoNq-kaVXEiWpITmh_ASXcrUOO0aJEp-dDy8jmZo951mg/viewform

- 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!
- Applications for Penn's 24-Hour Theater will be available in mid-October for the 24-Hour Program on December 14-15.

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

- 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).

- **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.

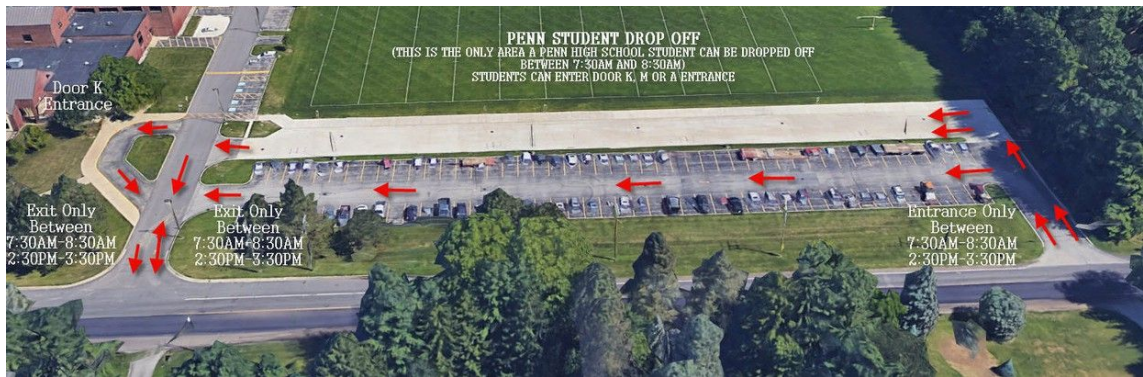
You will be assigned to a Penn High class for the school year, based on your choice of teacher and/or subject. Kingsmen Tutors are a valuable part of the class helping students become more successful. This class can be taken for credit or no credit.

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>

- **LOCKERS WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED AND PRINTED ON STUDENT SCHEDULES THIS YEAR.**

If you would like to request a locker, please fill out this [form](#).

- **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 FITNESS CENTER**

Free to all community, staff, & students!

Back to School Hours!

Mornings Mon-Fri: 5:45am-7:45am *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!

We have new equipment!

New Treadmill, Elliptical

Machine, and Cycle Bike!

As well as the innovative Octane!

Step Class with Rick

Wednesdays Only 5:40-6:30pm

Next two classes will be August 22nd & 29th

Contact Rhea Trowbridge at: rtrowbridge@phm.k12.in.us for any questions!

- **ENROLL IN CLASS IS STILL THE #1 PRIORITY FOR STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING**

Zero Period Weights will start Monday, August 27, from 7-8 a.m. Enter at Door G.

Zero Period Speed Training will start Thursday, August 30, from 7-8 a.m. Enter at Door G.

- **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>.

Calling all artists -- students, staff and parents. Please come to the Penn Art Club on Wednesday and/or Thursday on Sept. 19/20, and Wednesday or Thursday on Sept. 26/27 to Room 160 to make ceramic bowls for charity. We will start at 3:30 and go to 4:30 or so each night. Come one or come all nights. The Parrot Heads of Michiana are sponsoring a empty bowl dinner Nov. 2 at the Mishawaka Food Pantry on Lincolnway by downtown Mishawaka. All proceeds will benefit the food pantry.

Freshmen Mentoring will be conducted on Thursday, Sept. 20, and Friday, Sept. 21.

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! Swing by for our first meeting, Sept. 24, and see what all the magic is all about!

Penn Dance Marathon will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:45 a.m. !!! If you love helping others and having fun, be sure to show up! We will be talking about some introductory things that need to be set up, so make sure you are there! Both meetings will be held in Room 231. Please email kobrien@phm.k12.in.us or mball@phm.k12.in.us with any questions! Hope to see you there!!

The first **Spanish Club** meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 19, right after school in Room 105! Contact Miss Grant at agrant@phm.k12.in.us, Abby Meckstroth or Matthew Pruitt if you have any questions.

The first meeting for **Key Club** will be Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7:45 a.m in the Cafeteria.

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

The **Japanese Club** will be meeting on Gold Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Room 103.

The **Penn Vet Club** is having its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18, after school in Room 212. Please email pennvetclub@gmail.com with any questions.

German Club will hold its first meeting in Staff Dining on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 3:30-4 p.m. Activities to be decided.

Model United Nations will conduct a meeting for new members at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in LGI-A. A meeting for returning Model United Nation members will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, in Room 163. After the Sept. 17 meeting, all Model U.N. meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. every Monday in Room 163.

Chess Club meetings will meet every Thursday. However, we will not meet on Thursday, Sept. 20. The second club meeting will be Sept. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 210. Contact Mr. Kistler (LKistler@phm.k12.in.us) if you wish to join chess club.

SADD will meet for the first time on Monday, Sept. 17, in Room 239 before school at 7:45 a.m. If you are interested in impacting our school in a positive way please join us with your great ideas to kick off a fantastic start to the year.

The **Penn Equestrian Club** informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. in Room 165. Enter Door D and it's the first room on the right. If you cannot make the meeting, you may contact Coach Katie Peterson: jeffkatiepeterson@att.net

The **Gender & Sexuality Alliance Club** will meet after school on Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Room 161.

Writers' Guild will met on the first and third Friday of each month. The next meeting is Friday, Sept. 21, after school in Room 239 until 4:30 p.m. Come ready to write!

College/Scholarship Information

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

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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