

Penn High Alumni

Fall 2015



Homecoming tailgate planned

Come out to Penn High School from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and join us for a Penn High School Alumni Association tailgate prior to the Homecoming game. There will be free pizza and soft drinks, along with giveaways and Sign up to become a member and receive a free Alumni Association t-shirt.



Many thanks to Beacon Health System for sponsoring the t-shirts.

The football game will kick off at 7 p.m. against Adams at TCU Freed Field. The Alumni Association's tailgate will be located by the football practice fields. We hope to see you there!

New contact information

Find the latest updates about the Alumni Association in these numerous formats:

Mailing address (same):
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Email: alumni@phmef.org

On the web:
www.pennhighalumni.org

On Facebook:
Search for P-H-M
Education Foundation



Penn color guard on the football field Friday, Aug. 28, before the dedication of the TCU Freed Field.

TCU Freed Field dedicated at game

Prior to the August 28 kickoff of Penn High School's first 2015 home game, TCU President & CEO Paul Marsh was joined by P-H-M Superintendent Dr. Jerry Thacker and P-H-M Education Foundation Executive Director Mari Linn Wise for recognition of the renaming of TCU Freed Field. This 12-year

collaboration is an extension of a long-standing relationship TCU with the school corporation and the Foundation.

This valued partnership will provide P-H-M students and their families access to a number of unique financial health and awareness programs.

Class reunion update, new web site and Facebook

CLASS OF 1990: Classmates enjoyed gathering on Aug. 7 for a night out and Aug. 8 for the reunion dinner at Waterford Estate Lodge. Both events were well attended. No plan for the 30-year reunion ... yet!

NEW WEB SITE: Get the latest Alum-

ni Association and Penn High School news through the newly developed web site at www.pennhighalumni.org. Along with a web site, a Facebook page has been created. Like us at www.facebook.com/pennhighalumni. Feel free to share your news with us at alumni@phmef.org.

P-H-M honors, accomplishments

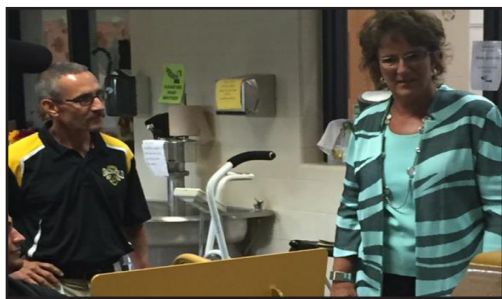


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CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE WALORSKI visited Penn High School on Sept. 2 and viewed the Health and Human Services Academy.

PENN GIRLS GOLF: Penn beats

Marian to finish NIC athletics regular season unbeaten, plays in NIC athletics conference meet on Sept. 12.

PENN GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Penn places 7th in the elite IWU Invitational.

WHIRLPOOL INNOVATION CHALLENGE: A group of Penn students visited Whirlpool headquarters Sept. 2 to kickoff the annual innovation challenge.

CHROMEBOOKS: Penn students brought in their current white Chromebook for the new and improved model on the first day of school.

Alumni News

Meilstrup takes command

Congratulations to Matthew (Matt) Meilstrup - Class of 1988 - who became Commanding Officer on the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Eagle* on June 12. *Eagle* is the largest tall ship and the only square-rigger in the U.S. government service.

With a crew of seven officers and 50 permanent enlisted personnel, Meilstrup will sail the East Coast with stops including New York; Boston; Key West, FL.; Philadelphia; Bahamas; and Bermuda.

While at Penn High School, Meilstrup played football under Chris Geesman and was selected to the Indiana Academic All State team his senior year.



Photo Provided by www.cga.edu

Matthew (Matt) Meilstrup will serve as Commanding Officer on the *Eagle* through 2017.

Survey results lead to welcoming new members

Thank you to all who took the on-line membership survey last May. The collected data allowed the Alumni Association committee to focus on the areas of growth and marketing.

Survey results showed the need to market the Association to recent Penn graduates. Newly graduating seniors will receive a five-year free membership to the Association. We welcome the following Class of 2015 new members to the Association: Austin Burns, Evan

Cleppe, Ben Collier, Ryan Craker, Lauren Ellenberger, Sierra Jones, Andrew Ivaldi, Andrew Latham, Payne McCaskill, Corchameilia Martin, Cassidy Meiss, Austin Smith, Jasime Stahl and Austin Witchie.

Many thanks to those supporting the scholarship fund through donations at www.pennhighalumni.org. You can make a direct donation that will allow the Association to increase the amount and number of scholarships awarded.

In Memoriam

Remembering Penn High School students, staff, and administrators

- Ardith Eby
P-H-M Staff, Aug. 24, 2015
- Basil Leslie
P-H-M Staff, Aug. 15, 2015
- Jack Savage
Class of 2015, June 14, 2015
- Nick Savage
Class of 2014, June 14, 2015

News To Share?

Do you have news to share with your fellow classmates? A wedding, promotion, birth of a child, relocation? Send your news to alumni@phmef.org. Share your photos along with a description.

Honoring a fellow classmate

Undesignated donations made by class reunions or in memory of a loved one will support the Alumni Association scholarship. Your donation and support will help grow this scholarship.

South Bend Cubs owner to speak at Oct. luncheon

Andrew Berlin, the South Bend Cubs owner, will be the featured speaker at the 2015 Superintendent's Luncheon on Oct. 13 at Windsor Park, Mishawaka. The annual luncheon also includes P-H-M Superintendent Dr. Jerry Thacker's State of the Corporation address, where he shares his vision for the upcoming year.

Berlin will discuss how businesses can change the landscape of education through partnerships.

Tickets are \$35 and are available online at www.phmef.org or by calling (574) 254-2893.