



# PASO ROBLES HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Bearcats!

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! The enclosed information is to assist you as we prepare for the first day of school on August 15th, 2019. In addition, all welcome back information can be found at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback). **Please take a moment to complete the following checklist to ensure you are ready to go for the 2019/2020 school year:**

- Create/Login into your Parent Aeries Portal Account
  - Update your information and print your Emergency Contact Card. You will need this to pick up the students schedule. If you need help there are helpful guides posted at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback). If you need additional assistance with this process please join us at one of the following support nights.
    - August 5th in the PRHS Library Computer Labs from 5:30-7:30 pm**
    - August 6th at Lillian Larsen or the Oak Park Community Center from 5:30-7:30 pm**
- New Student, Parent, or Guardian
  - Are you a Freshman this Year? Attend Freshman Orientation on August 7th from 8:00-12:00 pm in Gil Asa Gymnasium. **This mandatory freshman orientation is for students only and students MUST attend all (4) four hours.** Our LINK Crew starts the structure and connection for freshmen to receive support and guidance from our upperclassmen to ease the transition to a larger school. Students will need to return on August 8th anytime between 8:00 am-3:00 pm to receive schedules, textbooks, Chromebooks, and more.
  - Are you a new Bearcat? For our new Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors, please join us for a New Student Orientation on either August 7th, 8th, or 9th. from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Please meet in front of the school by the flagpole.
  - Are you a new parent/guardian? New Parent Information sessions will be held on August 7th from 8:00-9:00am, 11:00am-12:00pm, and 6:00-7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. Each session will be in both Spanish and English.
- Complete both sides of the Chromebook Enrollment and Agreement Form (enclosed). Turn this form into the library as part of textbook pickup. Forms are attached and can be found at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback).
- Review the 2019/2020 Important School Updates and Attendance Updates provided in this packet and posted online at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback).



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- Complete your Free and Reduced Lunch Application - We are asking ALL families regardless of financial status to complete and turn in Free and Reduced Lunch Application. This application can also be completed online at <https://pasoschools.rocketscanapps.com>. These applications ensure that PRJUSD receives all available funding to support our students. You will need to turn in this completed form or your printed online confirmation to pick up your schedule..
- Driving to school this year? - All students, faculty, and staff are required to have a free PRHS Parking Permits. Please complete a Parking Permit Application found online at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback) and return to the PRHS Safety Office. Parking on campus without a permit can result in ticketing and towing.
- Pick Up your Student ID Card, Textbooks, and Schedules and More!
  - Juniors and Seniors (11/12th) - August 7th from 8:00-11:00am and 12:00-3:00pm**
  - Freshman (9th) - August 8th from 8:00-11:00am and 12:00-3:00pm (Day after Freshman Orientation)**
  - Sophomores (10th) - August 9th from 8:00-11:00am and 12:00-3:00pm**
  - Come Prepared!
    - We only distribute schedules, textbooks, and other items directly to the students as we work to make all students college, career, and community ready.
    - Take a look at the Schedule Pick Up Map at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback). Maps will also be available during Class Schedule pick up.
    - Bring your Signed Emergency Contact Card, Signed Chromebook Enrollment and Insurance Form, Signed Parking Permit Application, and Signed Free and Reduced Lunch Application with you to pick up your schedule.
    - PE Clothes will be on sale August 8th and 9th from 8:00-11:00 am and 12:00-3:00 pm. More info at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback)
    - Make the most of your time at PRHS. ASB Stickers will be on sale August 7th, 8th, and 9th in room 503. \$35 now saves you money all year long. For more information please visit [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback).

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. The entire Paso Robles High School's family is looking forward to a new and successful 2019/2020 school year.

Sincerely, Anthony Overton, Principal, Paso Robles High School



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## 2019/2020 School Year Important Updates and Information

**New, Improved, and Updated PRHS Policy Handbook** - The PRHS Policy Handbook has a new look and has been updated. This handbook provides a comprehensive outline of the policies and procedures for Paso Robles High School. All students, parents, guardians, staff, and faculty should be familiar with the PRHS Handbook. Please visit [www.pasoschools.org/bearcathandbook](http://www.pasoschools.org/bearcathandbook) for an updated copy. A copy can also be obtained in the PRHS Main Office. In particular, please make sure to review the following policies: **Attendance, Cell Phones, Tardies, Dress Code, Co-curricular/Extracurricular Participation Eligibility - Loss of Privilege**

**Student Parking Lots** - All students, staff, and faculty will require a free parking permit for the 2019/2020 School Year. Parking permits can be obtained from the Safety Office at any point during the school year and during class schedule pick up. **Parking during the school day without a parking permit will lead to ticketing and towing.**

To ensure the safety of all students the Student Parking Lots will be out of bounds during the school day. Students will need to plan accordingly. Students found in the parking lots during unauthorized times will receive a verbal warning followed by parent notification followed by the revocation of their parking permit. Please see the Parking Permit application at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback) for more information.

**Chromebook Enrollment Changes** - Starting with the 2019/2020 school year students will check out their Chromebook device for the duration of their time at PRHS. Students **WILL NOT** have to turn in their Chromebook or complete paperwork at the end of each school year. Students **WILL** need to complete a **Chromebook Enrollment and Insurance Form** at the beginning of each school year. For issues or concerns about Chromebooks please contact the PRHS Library.

**Student Pictures** - In an effort to reduce the impact of student pictures on the instructional day 2019/2020 School Pictures were taken during the spring of 2019. Students will receive their photo packets and proofs at the beginning of the school year. For those students that did not attend a PRJUSD school in the spring or those that missed picture day, picture make-ups will occur on August 8th and 9th from 8:00am-3:00 pm in the Library. There will also be a picture retake and make up day on November 15th, 2019. Families that order photos in the spring will receive their pictures after the beginning of the school year. Information regarding picture and picture orders can be found at [www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback](http://www.pasoschools.org/welcomeback).





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## A Quick Message for the PRHS Counseling Department

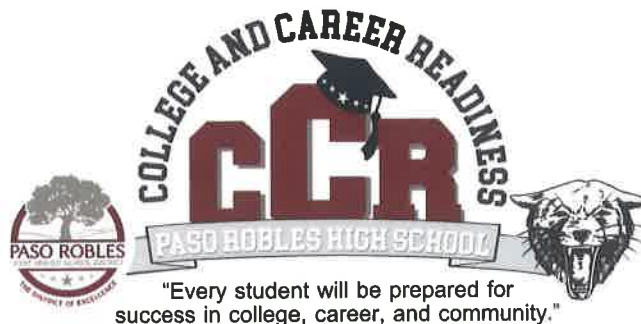
The PRHS counseling department is excited to welcome two new team members. Mrs. Tara Walker will be joining us as our new College and Career Counselor and Mrs. Natalee Johnson will be joining us as our new 12th Grade counselor. Below is the list of counseling assignments for the 2019/2020 school year.

9th Grade Counselor - Alex Thompson - [athompson@pasoschools.org](mailto:athompson@pasoschools.org)  
10th Grade Counselor - Lindsay Soto - [lesoto@pasoschools.org](mailto:lesoto@pasoschools.org)  
11th Grade Counselor - Jessica Shatwell - [jshatwell@pasoschools.org](mailto:jshatwell@pasoschools.org)  
12th Grade Counselor - Natalee Johnson - [njohnson@pasoschools.org](mailto:njohnson@pasoschools.org)  
College and Career Counselor - Tara Walker  
Guidance Counselor Specialist - Jennifer Clayton

Please remember it is always best to either schedule an appointment or email your student's counselor with questions or concerns, as the beginning of the year is a very busy time. For scheduling concerns walk-in slots are available during your student's schedule pick up time.

Your involvement is essential to your students success. As we continue to partner with you, we are hoping you can attend our grade level parent meetings. Below are the lists of dates and times.

12th Grade Parent Night - Wednesday, August 28th 6:00 pm in the PAC  
11th Grade Parent Night - Wednesday, September 18th 6:00 pm in the PAC  
9th Grade Parent Night - Wednesday, October 1st, 6:00 pm in the PAC  
10th Grade Parent Night - Wednesday, October 23rd 6:00 pm in the PAC



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## Stay in Touch with the Bearcats

We are looking forward to a positive 2019/2020 school year and look forward to growing and building relationships with our parents and community. In an effort to streamline communication with students, parents, faculty, staff, and the community, please see the following helpful tips for staying in touch with PRHS for the 2019/2020 School Year! First off, please keep an eye out for the following important documents.

- Bearcat Principal's Newsletter** - Keep an eye out for the monthly newsletter from Mr.Overton celebrating Bearcat accomplishments, highlighting upcoming events, and emphasizing important updates or changes!
- Bearcat Bulletin** - Make sure to stay up to date with the Bearcat Bulletin at [www.pasoschools.org/bearcatbulletin](http://www.pasoschools.org/bearcatbulletin).

## Official Communications

All official PRHS Communication will be sent through our Blackboard Communication System. This includes autodialer phone calls, emails, and post to our website. Please make sure that you subscribe to receive one of these communications regularly.

- Autodialer** - Please make sure that your current phone number is up to date in Aeries through the Aeries Parent Portal ([www.pasoschools.org/aeries](http://www.pasoschools.org/aeries)). This number will be used for autodialer updates delivered right to your phone.
- Emails** - Please make sure that your current email is up to date in Aeries through the Aeries Parent Portal ([www.pasoschools.org/aeries](http://www.pasoschools.org/aeries)).
- Bearcat News Feed - Website** - Visit us at [www.pasoschools.org/prhs](http://www.pasoschools.org/prhs) and check out our Bearcat News Feed for the latest announcements and information.
- Bearcat Public Event Calendar** - Don't miss out on your favorite Bearcat Events. Visit us at [www.pasoschools.org/prhs](http://www.pasoschools.org/prhs) and click on the Calendar Link in the upper right corner.

## Social Media

PRHS and its many clubs, teams, and organizations also maintains several social media pages. These are great places to get new information and celebrate the amazing things going on at PRHS. However, please make sure you are also connected through one of the ways above so you don't miss any important news or information as social media will not be used for official communication. For a complete list of our Social Media site please visit us at [www.pasoschools.org/bearcatsocialmedia](http://www.pasoschools.org/bearcatsocialmedia).



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## Attendance Update

### *Be Here, On Time, All Day, Every Day*

Attendance is a vital and important part of our everyday mission. Most importantly, the best way for your student to access the high quality programs and expertise of our faculty and staff is to be at school each day. However, the importance of accurate and timely attendance also ensure that our school is safe, students are accounted for, and ultimately attendance is how our school is funded. Please take a moment to review the following important attendance policies. This will help ensure the accuracy of our records and reduce frustration this school year. Remember Bearcats Be Here, On Time, All Day, Every Day!



## Attendance Office Contact Information

(805) 769-1510 ~ [prhsattendance@pasoschools.org](mailto:prhsattendance@pasoschools.org)

## Clearing Absences

Please clear any absences the **DAY** of the absence. Excused Absences can only include illness, medical appointments, death of an immediate family member, jury duty or court appearance, or a religious ceremony or retreat. Illness that lasts more than 3 days requires a doctor's note. All doctors notes require signature and stamp. All other absences are considered unexcused. Absences can be cleared by either of the following:

- Call the attendance office at (805) 769-1510. Please leave a message with your student's name, your name, and the reason for the absence. We try to answer the phone each time. If we miss your call please leave a message. Attendance voicemails are delivered to our computer and are processed throughout the day.
- Email the attendance office at [prhsattendance@pasoschools.org](mailto:prhsattendance@pasoschools.org). Please leave a message with your student's name, your name, and the reason for the absence. We verify email address with the address listed in Aeries and will call with any questions.
- When you receive the autodialer message informing you of your student absence stay on the line and leave a message for our Attendance Office.



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## Off-Campus Passes

While we hope our students are with us the entire school day we understand that there will be moments that your student will need to leave early from school. If a student leaves early from school for any reason they must have an off campus pass. ***Students that leave campus early without an off campus pass will not be able to clear those absences later.*** Please see the following ways to obtain an off campus pass for your student:

- Send your student to school with a note with the following information: student's name, time for release, reason, and your signature. Student can obtain their pass from the attendance office before school, nutrition break, or at lunch break.
- Email the Attendance Office at [prhsattendance@pasoschools.org](mailto:prhsattendance@pasoschools.org) with the following information: student's name, time for release and reason. We verify email address with the address listed in Aeries and will call with any questions.
- Call the attendance office at (805) 769-1510 **BEFORE 11:00 am** and have your student pick up the off campus pass from the attendance office before school, nutrition break, or at lunch break. We try to answer the phone each time. If we miss your call please leave a message with the student's name, time for release, and the reason. Attendance voicemails are delivered to our computer and are continually processed throughout the day.
- AFTER 11:00 am, parents will need to come to the attendance office to sign out their students. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT CAN TAKE UP TO 15 MINUTES TO GET A STUDENT FROM CLASS** particularly if they are in the P.E. or Agriculture classes.
- If a student is sick and needs to go home, the student **must** report to the nurse's office to receive an off campus pass. Parents will be notified, and report to the front office to pick up their sick student from the nurse's office.
- Please return off campus passes for medical appointments signed and stamped by the medical office.

