



Perry High School

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Panther Guide

2025-2026

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Welcome to Perry High School – Home of the Panthers!

It is with great pride and deep gratitude that I welcome you to a new school year at Perry High School—my alma mater and the place I proudly call home. As a graduate of PHS, stepping into the role of principal is more than just a professional milestone—it's personal. I am honored to lead this incredible school that helped shape who I am today, and I am passionate about preserving and building upon the legacy of excellence that has defined Perry High School since 1956.

From the moment you walk our halls, you'll feel the heartbeat of a school built on tradition and Panther Pride. Our pride in maroon and gold doesn't just represent our school colors—it represents our character, our commitment, and our community. They symbolize the relentless pursuit of greatness that defines our students, staff, alumni, and families.

This year marks an exciting chapter in our journey. Perry High School is now celebrating **four consecutive Region 1-AAAA All-Sports Championships**, a record-breaking streak that reflects the strength of our programs, the dedication of our coaches, and the unwavering effort of our student athletes. But it doesn't stop there, we're just getting started. Whether in academics, athletics, the arts, or leadership, we are committed to continuing our climb and breaking even more records along the way.

As we begin this year together, I ask each of you to join me in honoring the traditions that have made Perry High great while boldly stepping forward into new possibilities. This handbook is here to support you. It outlines the policies, procedures, and expectations that create a safe and respectful environment where all students can thrive. It also includes key dates, events, and frequently asked questions to guide you through the year.

Though not every situation can be anticipated, please know that every decision we make will be grounded in what is best for our students and our school community. We are here to support you, challenge you, and celebrate your growth.

At Perry High School, we "*Perry Proud*" and "*Take Panther Pride in all we do.*" These are more than words, they are a call to excellence. Let your actions reflect your goals, your pride, and your passion. Hold yourself to a high standard and never forget that you represent something bigger than yourself: a legacy 68 years strong and growing every day.

Welcome to *Perrydise*. Let's make this year one for the record books...together.

With Maroon and Gold Pride,

Sincerely,

Dr. Art Billings

Dr. Art Billings
Perry High School
Principal

School Spirit

School Spirit differs from place to place because of the people. It has to come from the heart, and if there is no heart, there is no school spirit. It is the positive attitude our students, faculty, and staff have about our school. It can be seen in our classrooms when we do our best in assignments; athletic and extracurricular events competing for victory; sportsmanship in glorious victories and acceptable defeats. School spirit is the attitude students and teachers have about Perry High School as well as their attitude toward each other in and out of the classroom. When positive school spirit is promoted, students are motivated to work harder, academically and athletically.

Alma Mater

*Far above the Ochlahatchee,
'bove its waters clear-
Stands forever Alma Mater
Perry loved and dear.*

*Lift your voices, send them upward,
Loud your praises sing;
Hail to thee - our Alma Mater
Wide your honors ring!*

*Stands forever crowned in knowledge,
Lift thy purpose high,
And thy fame, O Alma Mater,
May it never die.*

*Lift your voices, send them upward
Loud your praises sing;
Hail to thee - our Alma Mater,
Wide your honors ring.*

Mrs. Aurelia Evans

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

2025-2026

This handbook is a guide for students and parents. The expectations are in agreement with both State and Houston County Board of Education. Please read the handbook carefully, ask questions and share it with your parents. You are expected to know the contents and follow the rules, procedures and in turn become a self-disciplined, productive member of our student body.

Dr. Arthur Billings.....Principal
 Nicole Stone.....Asst. Principal of Instruction
 Dr. Tyler Rodgers.....Assistant Principal
 Melisa HuntAssistant Principal
 Jay Wood.....Asst. Principal/CTAE Supervisor
 Alicia Rogers Guidance Counselor
 Dr. Kayren CannonGuidance Counselor
 Megan NewellGuidance Counselor
 Ashlee Pullins.....Guidance Counselor
 Chess MaloneMedia Specialist
 Robin Joyner.....Media Clerk
 Cassandra DixonBookkeeper
 Nancy WhiddonSecretary-Administrative
 Diane MooreSecretary-Receptionist
 Lindsay PaigeATS
 Dusti Alford.....Secretary-Counselors
 Michelle Clarke.....Secretary- Attendance
 Tia GibsonMed Tech
 Jennifer HowardLunchroom Manager

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

EnglishDr. Leslie Rees
 Fine ArtsMelissa Sendek
 MathematicsTiffany Frank
 Physical EducationKevin Smith
 ScienceDr. Dawn Knapek
 Social StudiesDr. Courtney Herbert
 Special Education.....Dr. Renee Arflin
 CTAE.....Blake Dunbar

<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Foreign Language</u> <u>+ Fine Arts</u>	<u>JROTC</u>
Leslie Rees*	Tiffany Frank*	Courtney Herbert*	Dawn Knapek*	Melissa Sendek*	Lt. Col. Tom Alford
Dena Batchelor	Hope Bell	Dena Batchelor	Haley Adams	Anna Caulley	Chief Robert Spears
Susan Custer	Leya Foster	Charles Brunelle	Angie Barajas	Melisa Dubuc	SMSgt. Jason Hemphill
Tiffany Jackson	Stephanie Hunczak	Witt Campbell	Kristie Butler	Joy Dumas	
Renee Arflin	Evan Jones	Casey Chafin	Marc Campos	Rob Ingram	
Phillip Huffman	Lacey Locke	Savannah Cook	Nolan Lowery	Pamela Diaz Rojas	
Jill Martin	Sarah Mathis	Nathan Dooley	Ulysius McGhee	Joe Sendek	
Savannah McKleroy	Austin McIntyre	Adrian Mahler	Jacqueline Render	Pascuala Smith	
Jessica Northenor	Jamie Stewart	Britni Martin	Klayson Rumell	Brianna Walker	
Jaqueline Render	LaTonya Thomas	Reggie West	Savannah Seereiter-Gordon		
Julia Whilden	Melissa Westphal	Shawn Wiley	Jason Smith		
Kelsea Wilkins	Felton Williams	Felton Williams	Annslee Swann		
Deidre Williams	Jesse Wilson	Jesse Wilson	Felton Williams		
Felton Williams	Joi Wright	Hannah Wood	Allen Wilson		
Jeff Winston	Erica Yarbrough		Carrie Lord		


<u>CTAE/Vocational</u>	<u>Physical Education</u>
Blake Dunbar*	Kevin Smith*
Caleb Andrews	Denny Bryant
Holly Arnold	Ally Clegg
Kama Beaumarchais	Sam Dollar
Ashley Denton	Eric Devoursney
Kyle Dekle	Mark Gainous
Luke Lineberger	Cody Mahler
Crystal Quick	Jason Respert
	Steven Spurley

2025-2026 Perry High School

Period	School Schedule			
1st	8:00 -- 8:55 (Warning Bell 7:59)			
2nd	9:00 -- 9:50 (Warning Bell 8:59)			
3rd	9:55 -- 10:45 (Warning Bell 9:54)			
4th	10:50 -- 11:40 (Warning Bell 10:49)			
5th	A	B	C	D
	11:41-12:01	11:45-12:03	11:45-12:26	11:45-12:49
		12:04-12:24		
	12:03-1:10	12:26-1:10	12:49-1:10	12:50-1:10
6th	1:15 -- 2:05 (Warning Bell 1:14)			
7th	2:10 -- 3:00 (Warning Bell 2:09)			
Period	Panther Period Schedule			
1st	8:00 -- 8:45 (Warning Bell 7:59)			
2nd	8:50 -- 9:35 (Warning Bell 8:49)			
Panther Period	9:40 -- 10:15 (Warning Bell 9:39)			
3rd	10:20 -- 11:05 (Warning Bell 10:19)			
4th	11:10 -- 11:55 (Warning Bell 11:09)			
5th	A	B	C	D
	11:55-12:15	12:00-12:16	12:00- 12:37	12:00-12:59
		12:16-12:36		
	12:16-1:20	12:37 -1:20	12:58-1:20	1:00-1:20
6th	1:25 -- 2:10 (Warning Bell 1:24)			
7th	2:15 -- 3:00 (Warning Bell 2:14)			
Period	PM Activity Schedule			
1st	8:00 -- 8:50 (Warning Bell 7:59)			
2nd	8:55 -- 9:40 (Warning Bell 8:54)			
3rd	9:45 -- 10:30 (Warning Bell 9:44)			
4th	10:35 -- 11:20 (Warning Bell 10:34)			
5th	A	B	C	D
	11:21-11:41	11:25-11:43	11:25-12:06	11:25-12:29
		11:44-12:04		
	11:43-12:50	12:06-12:50	12:29-12:50	12:30-12:50
6th	12:55 -- 1:40 (Warning Bell 12:39)			
7th	1:45 -- 2:30 (Warning Bell 1:29)			
Activity Period	2:30 -- 3:00 (Warning Bell 2:14)			

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

Have Panther Pride In All You Do!

	Hallways & Common Areas	Cafeteria	Restrooms	Classrooms	Bus
P repared	Take the quickest route	Have your lunch number and money ready	Have a Smartpass	Have ALL needed materials	Be on time
R espectful	Use respectful volume and language	Wait patiently in a single-filed line	Respect others' privacy	Be respectful of others, opinions, and the learning environment	Use respectful language and volume
I nvolvement	Keep moving to your assigned location	Clean up all trash	Keep all bathrooms clean	Be an active listener and learner	Remain seated in approved or assigned seat
D edicated	Keep hallways clean	Be kind to all	Utilize assigned restroom appropriately	Be organized	Go directly to your appointed location
E xcellence	Be on time	Remain in your approved lunch area	Report any issues or missuse	Maintain a positive attitude	Show appreciation for your bus driver and monitor

Important Dates

2025-2026 School Year

- July 23: Opening Session for Certified Staff
- July 23-July 29: Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration
- July 30: First Day of School
- September 1: Labor Day Holiday
- September 2: Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
- October 6 - 10: Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers
- October 13: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
- November 11: Veterans Day Holiday
- November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 19: Last Day of Semester - ½ for Students
- December 22- January 1: Christmas & New Year's Holiday
- January 2: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
- January 5: Second Semester Begins
- January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- February 16: Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 17: Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
- March 30 - April 3: Spring Break
- April 6: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
- May 20: Last Day of Semester - ½ for Students
- May 21 - 22: Post-Planning/Site Collaboration
- May 21 - 22: 2026 High School Graduation
- May 25: Memorial Day Holiday



2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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JUNE

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JULY

- 23-29: Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration
- 30: First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 1: Labor Day Holiday
- 2: Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

OCTOBER

- 6-10: Fall Break
- 13: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration

NOVEMBER

- 11: Veterans Day Holiday
- 24-28: Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

- 19: Last Day of Semester - 1/2 Day for Students
- 22-31: Christmas & New Year's Holiday

JANUARY

- 1: New Year's Holiday
- 2: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
- 5: Second Semester Begins
- 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

FEBRUARY

- 16: Presidents' Day Holiday
- 17: Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

MARCH

- 30-31: Spring Break

APRIL

- 1-3: Spring Break
- 6: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration

MAY

- 20: Last Day of Semester - 1/2 Day for Students
- 21-22: Post-Planning/Site Collaboration
- 21-22: High School Graduation
- 25: Memorial Day Holiday

HALF-DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

- 11:30 a.m. - Middle Schools
- 12:00 p.m. - High Schools
- 12:30 p.m. - Primary and Elementary Schools

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Report Card Dates

Semesters	End Date	Date Reports Issued
Progress Report, Day 30	September 10	September 17
Progress Report, Day 60	October 30	November 5
End 1 st Semester, Day 90	December 19	January 7
Progress Report, Day 119	February 13	February 25
Progress Report, Day 150	April 8	April 15
End 2nd Semester, Day 180	May 20	May 20

Report cards are issued as follows, based on 180 days of school:

High School: every 18 weeks at the end of the semester (about 90 days), with progress reports issued close to six and 12 weeks of each semester.

Activities and Clubs

Students must be passing five or more of the seven classes in which they are enrolled to be eligible to participate in any and all extracurricular activities. They must also be on track for graduation. Students participating in GHSA events or sports must have received a minimum of 2.5 credits from the previous semester to be considered eligible.

AFJROTC- Lt Col Alford, Chief Spears, and Sgt Hemphill- Room 703 cont.

Purpose: The objectives of AFJROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.



Aero Club

Purpose: The purpose of this new club will be to explore various aspects of aerospace science through drones, remote-controlled airplanes, and rockets. Cadets will also be given the option to work toward a Private Pilot's License (PPL) with a flight simulator and in a real airplane. Cadets will build and program a drone, with the goal of competing in local and regional drone races. Cadets will build and launch a rocket with the goal of competing in local and regional rocket competitions. The Aero Club Team will be authorized to wear a special patch on their uniform.

Financial Obligations: \$30 for T-shirt and supplies.
There will be opportunities to raise money to offset this cost.

Drill and Color Guard

Purpose: The Color Guard Team performs ceremonies at sports events, military retirements, and other school and community events throughout the local area. The Color Guard Team will compete against local area JROTC units and will compete in the National Drill and Color Guard Competition in Daytona Florida.

Financial Obligations: \$300 for Daytona Competition in May

Kitty Hawk Air Society

Purpose: The objectives of AFJROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals. It is the academic honor society of AFJROTC. Its purpose is to promote high academic standards and achievement. It promotes the development of leadership abilities, recognizes academic excellence, and furthers the members' knowledge of the Air Force Role in aerospace.

Raider Team & Fitness Team

Purpose: The Raider Team competes in athletic competitions against other JROTC units throughout the nation in events including obstacle course, rope bridge, team foot race, rope climb, tire flip, and sled pull. Perry's Varsity Boys Team won the Raider's Air Force National Championship in 2023 at Molina, Georgia, and look forward to a competitive 2025 season. Raider team members are authorized to wear the Raider competition shirt with their uniform on Fridays.
Fitness team won the All Service National Championship in Daytona in 2024 and 2025! The team will again in May 2026 travel

to Daytona to defend their Title.

Financial Obligations: Raider dues: \$200

There will be opportunities to raise money to offset this cost.

Band- Mr. Ingram- Room 707

Concert

Purpose: The concert band offers opportunities for students to perform and compete. Students must be enrolled at PHS and must be able to read music. Students must have approval from the director.

Financial Obligations: Annual band fee, including uniform rental- An additional fee is charged if a school owned instrument is rented.

Marching

Purpose: The marching band offers opportunities for students to perform and compete. Students must be enrolled in PHS and must be able to read music. Student must be physically able to rehearse outdoors for extended periods of times. Students must have prior approval from the director.

Financial Obligations: Annual band fee, including uniform rental- An additional fee is charged if a school owned instrument is rented.

Color Guard

Purpose: Students must try out and be selected (in the Spring). Students must be physically able to rehearse outdoors for extended periods of time.

Financial Obligations: Annual band fee, including uniform rental



Chorus- Mrs. Dumas- Room 706

Purpose: To develop independent choral musicians through group singing, performance, and sight reading.

Requirements: Students must be enrolled in chorus class at PHS. Students must participate in evening performances several times a year.

Financial Obligations: Semester fees as well as a One-time purchase of chorus uniform (fundraisers are available to help or to cover expenses)



FBLA- Mr. Dunbar, Mrs. Arnold, and Mr. Andrews- Rooms 806, 802, and 804

Purpose: Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The Association has four divisions: FBLA for high school students, FBLA for Middle Level junior high, middle, and intermediate school students, PBL for post-secondary students, and the Professional Alumni Division for business people, educators and parents who support the goals of the association. The FBLA-PBL Mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Financial Obligations: Membership fee- \$15 without t-shirt or \$22 with t-shirt
Other fees may apply if the student participates in local and or state leadership conferences.

Membership Requirements- must be a student in grades 9-12 at PHS.

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



FCA- Mr. Jones and Dr. Stewart-Room 302

Purpose: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes vision is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Our relationships will demonstrate a steadfast commitment to Christ and His Word through Integrity, Service, Teamwork, and Excellence.

Financial Obligations- None

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.



FCCLA- Ms. Beaumarchais and Mrs. Quick- Rooms 704 and 702

Purpose: Everyone is part of a family. Family Career and Community Leaders of America is the only national career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life: planning, goal-setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication necessary in the home and workplace.

Financial Obligations: See sponsor for details.

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



FFA- Mr. Dekle, Mr. Lineberger, and Mrs. Denton- Room 501, 502, and 503

Purpose: The purpose of PHS' Future Farmers of America is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural education.

Financial Obligations: \$10

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



French club – Mrs. Caulley – room 112

Purpose: The purpose of the French club is to provide opportunities to explore and appreciate French culture by tasting various foods, watching short clips or films, participating in enriching games or activities, and discussing differences between French culture and American culture.

Financial Obligations: See sponsor for details.



Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.

Future Georgia Educators – Mrs. Mahler – Room 114

Purpose: PAGE's Future Georgia Educators aims to identify, recruit, and prepare the next generation of Georgia's teachers. Students will strengthen their understanding of the teaching profession, connect with schools, individuals, and potential future employers through networking opportunities.

Student Requirements: Students should be interested in going into the education profession, involved in the education pathway, or are interested in going into the coaching profession.

Financial Obligations: \$20 (includes t-shirt) and fundraising events



Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.

Hispanic Club- Mrs. Diaz- Room

Purpose: The purpose of this club is to educate members of the PHS community on the unique and diverse cultures of Latin America. It is also to raise awareness, empower, and celebrate the Latin community at PHS. This club welcomes all students; it is not based on race nor ethnicity.

Financial Obligations: See sponsor for details, \$ is based on activities chosen

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



One Act- Mr. Sendek- Theatre

Performance (Fall Competition)- Mr. Sendek- Theatre

Purpose: An audition founded group of performers with a GHSA competition in late October or early November. This production is designed to promote the appreciation of performing arts in our school and community and provide opportunities for the individual artist's growth and development. Attendance is mandatory and those students unable to attend will be dismissed.

Financial Obligations: \$40



Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

Technical (Fall Competition)- Mr. Sendek- Theatre

Purpose: An application founded group of technicians with a GHSA competition in late October or early November. This production is designed to promote the appreciation of performing arts in our school and community and provide opportunities for the individual technician's growth and development. Attendance is mandatory and those students unable to attend will be dismissed.

Financial Obligations: \$40

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



Spring Musical Production-Mr. Sendek Theatre

Purpose: The Spring Musical is an exciting, audition-based production that brings together performers, musicians, and technicians to create a full-scale theatrical experience. This is an extracurricular activity and is not connected to any theatre class- ALL students are eligible to audition or apply for crew positions! The production provides opportunities for students to develop their talents in acting, singing, dancing, and technical theatre while fostering a love for the performing arts in our school and community. Commitment is essential- attendance is mandatory, and students who cannot participate consistently may be dismissed.

Financial Obligations: See sponsor for details.

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



Pantarae- Yearbook- Mrs. Northenor- Room 211

Purpose: To compile a history of classes, clubs, and sports activities throughout the school year by creating a student-based yearbook. Students learn graphic design using HJeDesign. Through teamwork, the staff develops a theme and works all year to meet deadlines. Students sell ads to help finance the book.

Financial Obligations- None

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



Partner's Club- Ms. Batchelor and Ms. Render- Rooms 803 and 801

Purpose: Our mission is to bring Perry High School students, both with and without physical/intellectual disabilities, together to help provide sports training for Special Olympics, participate in school and community projects, the opportunity to appreciate the strengths and differences of each other as individuals, and to spend additional time together socially to build lasting friendships. Panther partners benefit from the relationships they build and the personal rewards that come from helping their peers with special needs.



Financial Obligations: \$30 annual fee and fundraising events

Planned Activities: monthly meets and events as scheduled (See sponsor for details.)

Panther Prose Society – Ms. Custer and Ms. Whilden- Rooms

Purpose: To foster a love for reading and writing among students, providing a supportive space to explore and enhance your literary skills. Students will hold book discussions and share creative writings with others.

Requirements: Strong literacy skills and open-mindedness about creative writing.

Financial Obligations: none



Planned activities: See sponsor for details.

PBIS Ambassadors- Dr. Herbert, Mrs. Hunt, and Ms. Bell- Room 103

Purpose: Our mission is to help all faculty, staff and students to show Panther PRIDE in everything they do. (**P**repared, **R**espectful, **I**nvolvement, **D**edicated, and the standard of **E**xcellence) Student ambassadors will help make decisions about activities and ideas to support and celebrate students and staff.

Requirements: Students must complete an application and be chosen to be a partner. Membership is limited due to numbers and needs.



Financial Obligations: Help with fundraisers.

Planned activities- See sponsors for information.

Pep Squad –Ms. Cook, Mrs. Mahler, & Mrs. Seereiter-Gordon – Room 114

Purpose: Our club is dedicated to fostering enthusiasm, unity, and pride among students, faculty, and the community. As members of the Pep Squad, we aim to create a vibrant and positive atmosphere at all school events, from competitions to events and beyond. We strive to encourage participation, build lasting friendships, and to have Panther Pride in everything we do!

Requirements: All are welcome!



Financial Obligations: \$20 (includes t-shirt) and fundraising events

Planned Activities: See sponsors for details.

Photography Club- Mrs. Mahler- Room 114

Purpose: To encourage students to explore their creativity and passion for photography while learning new skills and techniques.

Requirements: All are welcome, but it is recommended that students have SSLR (digital) cameras of their own.

Financial Obligations: \$10

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



Prayer Club- Mrs. Frank- Room 406

Purpose: A student-led organization with the opportunity to read Bible passages, have dialogue about current-day applications, and to pray.



Financial Obligation: None

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.

Science Book Club- Dr. Knappek- Room 2218

Purpose: Literature and Science have impacted one another throughout the ages. Our goal will be to learn to analyze the science in both fiction and non-fiction works, promoting literacy skills, scientific literacy, and an appreciation for both literature and science. Students and Advisor will together choose books to read, and then meet to discuss. Depending on the length/complexity of the work, discussions may be held by chapter or by entire book.

Financial obligation: Occasional purchase of a book



Science Olympiad – Mrs. Hunczak - Room 304

Purpose: To allow students to show off their knowledge of science by competing in a science competition through knowledge-based and hands-on activities.

Requirements: Strong science skills and willingness to be open minded in learning a new science skill.

Financial Obligations: \$45

Planned activities: See sponsor for details.



Student Council- Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Walker

Purpose: An organization formed to promote positive school spirit, to nurture student leadership, to encourage philanthropic

activities within the school and the community, and to model ethical behavior for the student body. All students are welcome but must promote a positive attitude, demonstrate Panther Pride, and have good attendance. To run for Class Officer, students will complete an application and must have a completed teacher recommendation. To run for SENIOR class officer, student must have been active in Student Council the previous year and be able to commit time after school as needed. (Student officers must have a recommendation from a teacher, fill out an application, be available for an afternoon meeting each week, and must have been in student council the year prior.)

Financial Obligations: \$20 (includes t-shirt)

Planned Activities: See sponsor for details.



Honorary Societies

Beta Club- Dr. Rees and Dr. Stewart

Mission Statement: The National Beta Club promotes the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among students. Achievement-recognizing and honoring high academic achievement; Character- preparing young people for life and empowering them to be successful; Leadership- developing the leaders of tomorrow; Service- demonstrating our motto: Let us lead by serving others. The motto is more than simply a catchy phrase, it states the philosophy upon which the National Beta Club is based. Service to others is indeed one of the most important characteristics of Beta Club membership. Opportunities to serve are found all throughout the year for various local charities and purposes. Students are encouraged to participate in both club service opportunities as well as finding their own places within the community to serve

Membership Requirements: Maintain a 90 or above cumulative GPA and perform a minimum of 20 service hours per year

Financial obligations:

\$60 for new member fees

\$45 for all returning members

Additional (optional) cost for students attending convention

National Art Honor Society- Mrs. Walker

Purpose: This program is specifically designed to help generate interest in art and to inspire, encourage and recognize young artists. The NAHS goal is to promote the arts in our schools and communities. Activities include promoting school spirit, beautifying the school and community, exploration of the arts and service projects.

Membership requirements: Must be a 10th-12th grade PHS art student who has completed the Comprehensive Art I/II (Intro.) class and be actively enrolled in an art class.

Financial Obligations: \$25 per year

National Honor Society: Mrs. Lord and Ms. Barajas

Purpose: The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Four main purposes have guided NHS chapters from the beginning: "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." Students with a cumulative GPA of 92 or higher are eligible to apply and, if accepted, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 90 or higher to remain a member of the Perry High NHS Chapter. To receive Senior honor cords, members must document a minimum of 45 service hours by April of their senior year.

Financial Obligations: One-Time membership dues are \$45, collected at the time of induction only (not an annual fee)

National Technical Honor Society- Mr. Jay Wood

Purpose: The NTHS is an educational non-profit organization that exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career and Technical Education. As a member, you have access to exclusive scholarships to help further your education and advance your career.

Financial Obligations: \$35 the first year, \$20 each additional year



Perry Panther GHSA Competition Teams

Football- Coach Smith

Cross Country (Boys)- Coach Baker

Cross Country (Girls)- Coach Baker

Softball - Coach Clegg

Cheer- Coach Westphal

Comp. Cheer- Coach Merritt

Football Cheer- Coach Clay

Basketball Cheerleading- Coach Murray

Volleyball - Coach Wilkins

One-Act- Mr. Sendek

Flag Football- Coach Wilson

Basketball (Boys) - Coach Gainous

Basketball (Girls) - Coach McIntyre

Wrestling- Coach Jones

Literary- Mr. Sendek

Tennis (Boys)- Coach Wilkins

Tennis (Girls)- Coach Wilkins

Bass Fishing- Coach Wilson

Golf (Boys)- Coach Campbell

Golf (Girls)- Coach Campbell

E-Sports- Coach Adams

Baseball- Coach Bryant

Soccer (Boys)- Coach Dooley

Soccer (Girls)- Coach Dooley

Track & Field (Girls)- Coach Chafin

Track & Field (Boys)- Coach Mahler

Swimming (Boys)- Coach Wiley

Swimming (Girls)- Coach Wiley

PHS Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I...

1. AM LATE/Tardy?

If you arrive to school after 8:10 you must report to the Attendance Office to get a check in (tardy) slip for class. Anything over 20 minutes out of a class is considered an absence. For your tardy or absence to be excused, you must bring a note from your parent, doctor, court, or other approved written documentation within 5 days of your tardy/absence.

It is the student's responsibility to be in every class on time. Students are subject to consequences for repeated tardies. If a student is more than 10 minutes late to class without a valid pass, it is considered skipping and students are subject to consequences.

2. HAVE BEEN ABSENT?

If you have been absent, you must bring a written excuse from your parent, doctor, court, or other approved entity stating the reason for your absence. This written note is to be turned in to the office and placed in the **EXCUSE BASKET** at the Attendance Office. This excuse must be provided to the attendance clerk within 5 days after the absence and must contain the following information:

<p>Name of Student Date of Note Date of Absence Reason for Absence Parent/Doctor signature Phone number of parent</p>

Notes written after the 5th day grace period will remain unexcused and will be filed in the student's folder.

****All absences, both excused and unexcused, do count towards exemption. **After 5 absences, exemption status is lost, even if those absences are all excused.******

The State Board of Education policy allows only the following circumstances as excused absences:

*Personal illness

*Death or serious illness in the immediate family

*Recognized religious holidays

*Absences mandated by a governmental agency

*Conditions which render school attendance impossible or hazardous to the students' safety and health.

*Students who serve as a page in the Georgia General Assembly

*The school is only able to accept ten (10) parent notes before requiring note from medical or legal office.

3. AM GETTING A LICENSE OR LEARNER'S PERMIT?

Stop by the main office to fill out a Certificate of Enrollment form. The form will be ready for pick up at the end of the school day. The **ADAP Certificate** will be attached if the student is getting a license.

4. NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY?

A written parental request must be made before permission will be given for a student to leave campus early for any reason. **The written request must be taken to the office prior to the beginning of the school day.** All notes requesting an early dismissal must contain the full name of the student and a telephone number where a parent may be reached for confirmation. At the time of the dismissal, **the student must sign out in the office.** Students must provide an excuse from their doctor/dentist or a written excuse from the parent in order for school time missed to be counted as excused.

**Once a student arrives to the school campus, he/she is subject to follow all school policies and procedures. Between the hours of 7:15am to 3:00pm, or from the time a student arrives on school property, that student must get prior permission and must check out through the front office before leaving campus.*

5. NEED TO RIDE A DIFFERENT BUS?

Sorry, you cannot ride a different bus. A student can only ride the bus assigned based on that student's address on infinite campus. If you move, you must provide proof of residency to central registration to have the address and bus changed.

6. GET TO SCHOOL EARLY?

Students cannot be on campus before 7:15am. Students who walk, drive, or get dropped off, will go directly to the Staples gym. Students who ride a bus will go directly to the cafeteria. Any student assigned to In School Suspension is required to go directly to the ISS room (in Staples gym conference room). You will need to pick up your breakfast from the cart in the Staples Gym Lobby on your way. You may eat your breakfast in the ISS room.

7. NEED TO USE THE PHONE OR ANOTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE?

The office phone is available for use with the permission of office personnel. *Students will not be permitted to leave class to use the office phone. Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day.* Students may **NOT** use ANY electronic device, other than their school provided Chromebook, during school hours (7:15am-3:00pm). Electronic devices include but are not limited to: phones, AirPods, iPads, headphones, apple watches, etc. **Students cannot have their phones out during the school day at any time without prior permission. Students are subject to consequences for violation of electronic devices.**

8. HAVE LOST SOMETHING?

Students who lose, misplace, or feel that they have had something stolen, need to report the incident to school personnel immediately. A lost and found area is located in the front office. All misplaced textbooks that are turned into the office will be returned to the teacher that issued the book. Students are responsible for all items issued to them by the school. Although school personnel will try to help locate items, the student, not the school, is responsible for all items.

9. NEED TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL?

When the bell rings at 3:00pm, students should exit the building or go directly to their assigned area. **If involved in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity, the student will report directly to that activity. Students staying for tutoring or academic priority time should go directly to the appropriate location.** Students who drive should go directly to the student parking lot. Those who are picked up will report directly to the parent pickup ramp. Students who ride a 1st round bus report directly to the bus ramp. Students who ride all other buses should report directly to the cafeteria and sit at assigned table. All students who walk should exit the building and campus when the bell rings.

10. NEED TO TAKE MEDICINE AT SCHOOL?

As needed and prescription medications must be checked in at the office as soon as the student arrives at school. **Students are prohibited from carrying medications with them during the school day.** **All** medications should be given to the medical technician or school nurse in the front office. A parent permission form to dispense medication to students is available in the front office.

11. NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE DURING CLASS TIME?

You must have permission from your teacher and have a pass.

12. DO NOT HAVE MY COMPUTER AT SCHOOL?

First, charge your computer each night and bring it to school daily. If you forget or are unable to bring your computer, you are still responsible for the work. Teachers have a limited number of computers in the classroom for student use. If you borrow a computer from a teacher, you must return it before leaving that class. You are responsible for the computer and any damage that may occur during the time of possession

13. WANT TO SEND/RECEIVE A DELIVERY?

DELIVERY OF FLOWERS AND BALLOONS TO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS BY PARENTS, FLORISTS, OR OTHER STUDENTS IS NOT PERMITTED.

ALL food deliveries are also prohibited. NO Door Dash, Uber Eats, Grub Hub, etc. are permitted. Students are subject to consequences for all food deliveries. This includes any deliveries from outside establishments made by parents, guardians, siblings, friends, etc.

14. AM IN AN INAPPROPRIATE AREA? You should always be in the appropriate location. If you are in the wrong area, quickly return to the correct area. You are subject to consequences. If you are in a location where someone is violating a procedure or rule, leave that area immediately. For example, there should only be 1 person per bathroom stall at all times. If someone else walks into your stall, leave immediately. Report all inappropriate behaviors. (All students in the same area are subject to receiving the same consequence).

15. NEED TO REPORT SOMETHING TO AN ADULT?

Students can talk with any Perry High School staff member. Students and parents may also alert an administrator of a situation by completing an anonymous alert.

<https://www.anonymoualerts.com/houstoncps/>

16. WANT TO EXEMPT FINALS?

A comprehensive final examination in each course grades 9-12 will be given each semester. Students may exempt final examinations provided: 1. They have a B average (80 or above). 2. Are absent no more than 5 days during the semester; this includes both excused and unexcused absences. 3. Must not have been assigned to ISS or OSS during the semester. 4. Must have cleared all obligations to the school, including media center, textbooks, school property, fees and the like. 5. Must not have received Hospital Homebound Services. No other students may be exempted from tests. In courses for which a State-mandated end of course exam is required, the grade on the end of course exam shall count 20 percent of the final grade. No student may exempt the end of course exam.

17. HAVE FORGOTTEN SCHOOL RELATED MATERIALS/PROJECTS IN MY VEHICLE?

Students are not permitted in the parking lot during the school day for any reason. In situations where it is imperative for the student to get an assignment from the car, the student should get permission and a pass from an administrator.

18. WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN GHSA SPORTS?

To be eligible to participate in Georgia High School Association (GHSA) interscholastic activities, student-athletes must pass at least 2.5 credits per semester that count towards graduation. This includes students enrolled in dual enrollment programs, who must pass at least 2.5 units each semester at both their high school and postsecondary institution. Students gain or lose eligibility on the first day of each semester.