



Perry High School

**GEORGIA
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2023-2024**

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Welcome to Perry High School

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your principal, in a school where excellence is the standard! I am energized and committed to making a positive difference in your experience at Perry High School. We will accomplish this by setting high expectations and providing you with supportive systems to assure they are met. Perry High's tradition of excellence is a testament to the enduring dedication of the students, parents, teachers, staff, and the abiding devotion of the entire Perry community in making Perry High School the best school anywhere!

It is very important that you take the time to review the handbook and become familiar with these guidelines. This handbook is provided to inform you of the school and system's policies and procedures that must be followed to ensure a safe and conducive environment for learning to take place. Should an event take place that is not explicitly covered in the handbook, we reserve the right to make decisions that are based on the best interest of our students. I encourage you to keep this handbook as a reference throughout the school year, as it also includes important dates, events, and frequently asked questions.

You will often hear the phrase "Panther Pride in all we do!" and "Commit to the P!" When we say this, we believe that if you're going to do something, do it right. As a student of Perry High, when you look at your work in all areas, as a reflection of yourself, as a representation of who you are and what you are about, you will find it much easier to become motivated to get something done, and done well. Again, I welcome you to **Perrydise**, where we "Commit to the P" and take "Panther Pride in all we do!"

Sincerely,

Wesley D. Martin

Wesley D. Martin
Perry High School Principal

Panther Pride In All We Do



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

Student Expectations

2023-2024

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.

Wesley D. Martin.....	Principal
Nicole Stone.....	Asst. Principal of Instruction
Arthur Billings.....	Assistant Principal
Melisa Hunt	Assistant Principal
Jay Wood.....	Asst. Principal/CTAE Supervisor
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Rhonda Walters.....	Media Specialist
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Dawn Maddox	ATS
Brandie Chapman.....	Secretary-Counselors
Michelle Clarke.....	Secretary- Attendance
Carrie Sharples.....	Med Tech
Jennifer Howard	Lunchroom Manager

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

English	Susan Bray
Fine Arts	Tiffany Poole
Mathematics	Tiffany Frank
Physical Education	Kevin Smith
Science	Dawn Knappek
Social Studies	Courtney Herbert
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Crystal Quick

Physical Education

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Charles Anthony
Eric Devoursney
Mark Gainous
Fran McPherson
Cody Mahler
Randy Moss
Steven Spurley

Perry High School 2023 - 2024

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		
			12:27-12:47	
	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		
			12:37-12:57	
	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		
			12:07-12:27	
	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)			

Have Panther PRIDE in Everything You Do!

At Perry High School, we encourage students to have Panther PRIDE in everything they do. This expectation is deeply ingrained into our school culture. We use our PRIDE matrix to communicate what this means in various settings of our school.

PANTHERS SHOW PRIDE BY BEING	P _{REPARED}	R _{ESPECTFUL}	I _{NVOLVED}	D _{EDICATED}	The Standard of E _{XCELLENCE}
COMMONS AREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain dress code Be on time to class No gathering at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use respectful language Talk quietly Be respectful of other people's property and space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist others if needed Be attentive to posted information Refrain from cell phone use until 3:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it clean Respect your environment Use your time wisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show appreciation and gratitude for faculty and staff Be your best you!
HALLWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain dress code Keep moving in the right direction Use locker responsibly Have pass during class times, before and after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use respectful language Use your inside voice and talk quietly Keep your hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist others if needed Be attentive to posted information Refrain from cell phone use until 3:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it clean Keep traffic moving Walk at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be early to class Greet others with kindness
CAFETERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain dress code Know your lunch number Have your account in order Be prepared to leave on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use respectful language Use your inside voice and talk quietly Wait your turn in line Stay in assigned areas Put trash in the trash can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist others if needed Be inclusive and invite others to lunch Report any misuse Refrain from cell phone use until 3:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it clean Respect your environment Clean up your space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show appreciation and gratitude for custodial and cafeteria staff Say, "Please" and "Thank You"
RESTROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands Sign out and have a hall pass during class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use restroom during transition time Keep the restrooms clean Put trash in trash cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any misuse Refrain from cell phone use until 3:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it clean Use nearest facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show appreciation and gratitude for custodial staff
BUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prompt and prepared Enter/Exit the bus calmly Remain in your seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use respectful language Use your inside voice and talk quietly Listen to the bus driver/monitor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be attentive Assist bus driver and others if needed Adhere to safety policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep aisles clean and clear Dispose of trash Maintain pride for bus property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show appreciation and gratitude for bus driver/monitors

Minor Behavior Infractions in the Classroom

1. Minor Incident Report – warning, parent notification
2. Minor Incident Report – warning and parent phone call
3. Minor Incident Report – student/counselor conference- parent contact by counselor
4. Minor Incident Report – student reflection and teacher detention (parent contact)
5. Minor Incident Report - office referral- notify admin.

* Additional intervention strategies may be used along with MIRs

* Major offenses will result in an automatic office referral

Perry High School 2023-2024 Tardy Contract

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

I am being placed on a tardy contract because I have accumulated 3 or more tardies to class.

I know that I am responsible for class time and should make every effort to be in class on time. If I arrive at or after 8:00 a.m., I should report to the front office and sign in. **I must have the appropriate parental note or medical documentation turned in within 5 school days for the tardy to be excused.** I understand that if I am late to any class, my teacher will mark me tardy. If I miss **21** or more minutes of a class, I will be counted absent for that class. If I arrive to class without an excused note and over 20 minutes late to 2nd – 7th period, I will receive an unexcused absence. Any tardy over 10 minutes late results in a behavior referral for skipping. I understand that unexcused tardies will be cumulative and the student will be assigned consequence **based off of the number of tardies accumulated when speaking with an administrator.**

- ❖ 1st tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- ❖ 2nd tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- _____ ❖ **3rd tardy- tardy contract/parent contact through the automated phone system**
- ❖ 4th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- ❖ 5th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- _____ ❖ **6th tardy- 3 days administrative AM detention notice sent home.**
- ❖ 7th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- ❖ 8th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system
- _____ ❖ **9th tardy- (if you drive) loss of parking for 3 days/ (if you do not drive) loss of phone during lunch and special lunch seating for 3 days**
- ❖ 10th tardy - warning/parent contact through the automated phone system.
- ❖ 11th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system.
- _____ ❖ **12th tardy - 3 hours of alternative discipline or 1 day of ISS (lose ability to exempt finals)**
- ❖ 13th tardy - warning/parent contact through the automated phone system.
- ❖ 14th tardy- warning/parent contact through the automated phone system.
- _____ ❖ **15th tardy- 3 days of ISS**
- _____ ❖ **Administrative Discretion**

I understand the importance of being on time to all of my classes. Failure to comply with the tardy policy will be considered a breach of contract and may result in further consequences.

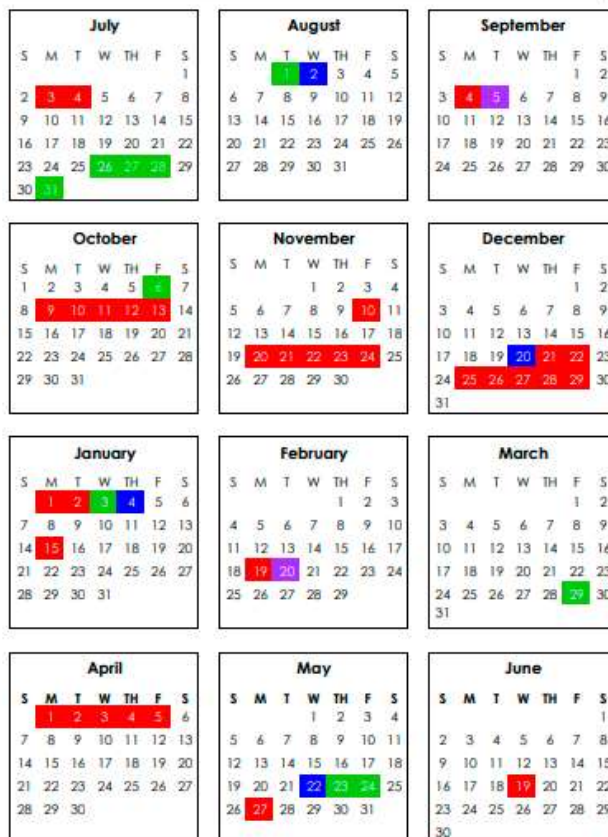
Student Signature

Parent Signature



2023-2024

July 26 – August 1, 2023	Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 26)
August 2, 2023	First Day of School
September 4, 2023	Labor Day Holiday
September 5, 2023	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
October 6, 2023	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
October 9, 2023	Columbus Day Holiday
October 10 – 13, 2023	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers
November 10, 2023	Veterans Day Holiday
November 20 – 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20, 2023	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
December 21 – January 2	Christmas & New Year's Holiday
January 3, 2024	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
January 4, 2024	Second Semester Begins
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 19, 2024	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 20, 2024	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
March 29, 2024	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break
May 22, 2024	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
May 23 – 24, 2024	Post-Planning/Site Collaboration
May 24 – 25, 2024	High School Graduation
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day Holiday



First & Last Day of Semesters

Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration

Holidays/System Shutdown

Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

Approved June 14, 2022 by the Board of Education

Report Card Dates

Semesters	End Date	Date Reports Issued
Progress Report, Day 30	September 13	September 15
Progress Report, Day 60	November 2	November 6
End 1st Semester, Day 88	December 20	January 10
Progress Report, Day 120	February 20	February 22
Progress Report, Day 150	April 10	April 12
End 2nd Semester, Day 180	May 22	May 24

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL COACHING STAFF

Kevin Smith	Chief of Athletics Staff/Head Football*
Eric Devoursney	Football
Charles Anthony	Football
Randy Moss	Flag Football*
Steven Spurley	Football
Tyler Rodgers	Football/ Golf*
Cody Mahler	Football
Witt Campbell	Football/ Baseball
Austin McIntyre	Football/ Boy's Basketball
Denny Bryant	Football/Baseball*
Mark Gainous	Boys Basketball*
Felton Williams	Football
Daniel Wood (KCES)	Softball*
Evan Jones	Wrestling*
Ciara Northern	Cheerleading*/ Girls Soccer
Jamie Stewart	Volleyball*
Fran McPherson	Girls Basketball*/Softball
Emily Patrick	Cross Country*
Nathan Dooley	Boys Soccer*/ Girls Soccer*
Marc Campos	Wrestling
Jeff Winston	Bass Fishing
Devin Skelton	Baseball
Shawn Wiley	Swimming*/ Football
Reggie West	Flag Football

*Head Coaches

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Students must be passing five of the seven classes in which they are enrolled to be eligible to participate in any and all extracurricular events. They must also be on track toward graduation. See the sponsor of the activity for details. To participate in GHSA sports/events, students must have received a minimum of 2.5 credits at the end of the previous semester to be considered eligible.

Clubs and Activities	Honorary Society
AFJROTC Drill Team and Color Guard	Beta Club
AFJROTC Kitty Hawk Air Society	National Art Honor Society
AFJROTC Drone Club	National Honor Society
Anime	National Technical Honor Society
Band- Color Guard	
Band- Concert	
Band- Marching	
Chorus	
FBLA	
FCA	
FCCLA	
FFA	
One Act (Spring Production/Fall Competition)	
Pantarae	
Partner's Club	
PBIS Ambassadors	
Photography Club	
Prayer Club	
PBIS Ambassadors	
Prayer Club	
Stretch Your Stress Away	
Student Council	

Activities and Clubs

Students must be passing five of seven classes in which they enrolled to be eligible to participate in any and all extracurricular activities.

They must also be on track toward graduation.

Students looking to participate in GHSA sports/events must have received a minimum of 2.5 credits at the end of the previous semester to be consider eligible.

AFJROTC - Lt Col Tom Alford and Chief Robert Spears

Purpose- The objectives of JROTC 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.

Drill Team and Color Guard – Competition teams that compete in local, state, and national drill meets. They also support the school and community while instilling spirit de corps. The team performs for school (football games, raising and lowering of the Flag daily, etc.,) and for special community events requesting Color Guards.

Financial Obligations/Dues- none

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

Kitty Hawk Air Society- Lt Col Tom Alford and Chief Robert Spears

Purpose- The objectives of JROTC 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.

Kitty Hawk Air Society – It is the academic honor society of AFJROTC. Its purpose is to promote high academic standards and achievement. It also develops leadership abilities, recognizes academic excellence, and furthers member' knowledge of the Air Force Role in aerospace

Drone Club- Lt Col Tom Alford and Chief Robert Spears

Purpose- The purpose of this club is to learn about drones and become certified to fly them. This will be the first year for the club and students will be assembling drones and learning about their use and requirements for certification. The hope is for the club to expand and be involved in drone competitions.

Requirements: FAA Certification through JROTC

Anime Club- Tiffany Jackson

Purpose-To bring awareness about Japanese and other Asian cultures, languages, and to provide opportunities of exposure to the ever-growing world of anime and manga. No prior knowledge is required.

Financial Obligations/Dues- none

Planned activities- see sponsor for details

Band (Concert)- Rob Ingram-Purpose- The concert offers opportunities for students to perform and complete. Students must be enrolled at PHS and be able to read music. Student must have director approval.

Financial Obligations/Dues-Students are required to pay a yearly band fee which includes uniform rental. An extra fee is charged if you rent a school owned instrument.

Band (Marching)- Rob Ingram

Purpose- The marching offers opportunities for students to perform and complete. Student must be enrolled at PHS and be able to read music. Student must be physically able to rehearse outdoors for extended periods of time. Students must have director approval.

Financial Obligations/Dues-Students are required to pay a yearly band fee which includes uniform rental. An extra fee is charged if you rent a school owned instrument.

Band (Color Guard)- Rob Ingram

Students are selected by audition in the spring. Student must be physically able to rehearse outdoors for extended periods of time.

Financial Obligations/Dues-Students are required to pay a yearly band fee which includes uniform rental. An extra fee is charged if you rent a school owned instrument.

Chorus- Joy Dumas

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

Requirements - Students must be enrolled in the chorus class at PHS. Students must pay a per semester fee to cover chorus operating expenses. They may cover that expense using the fundraisers provided. They will also be responsible for the one-time purchase of a chorus uniform. Students will be required to participate in evening performances several times a year.

FBLA- Blake Dunbar, Holly Arnold, and Caleb Andrews

Purpose- 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 Middle Level for junior high, middle and intermediate school students PBL for postsecondary 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/Dues- membership fee is \$15 w/o t-shirt or \$22 w/ 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 9th-12th at PHS

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details

FCA- Evan Jones and Jamie Stewart

FCA's vision is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

Financial obligations/Dues: None

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

FCCLA- Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick

Purpose- Everyone is part of a family, and 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- Kyle Dekle, Luke Lineberger, and Ashley Denton

Purpose- 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/Dues- \$10

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

One Act (Spring Production and Fall Competition)- Joe Sendek

Purpose- An honorary society of performers and production technicians designed to promote the appreciation of performing arts in our school and community and provide opportunities for the individual artist's growth and development.

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$35

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

Pantarae- Yearbook- Jessica Northenor

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/Dues- None

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details.

Partner's Club- Dena Batchelor and Tony Whitten

Purpose: Our mission is to bring Perry High School students and physically/intellectually disabled students 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 will also benefit by learning the personal rewards and responsibilities that come from helping their peers with special needs.

Financial Obligation/Dues- \$25 annual dues/ fundraising for other events

Planned Activities- monthly meetings and events as scheduled

PBIS Ambassadors- Dr. Herbert, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Wilkins

Purpose: Our mission is to help all faculty, staff, and students 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.

Membership Requirements: Complete application and be chosen.(Limited membership-we would like a small number of students who represent our school well.)

Financial Obligations- Help with fundraisers

Planned activities- See sponsors for information.

Photography Club- Adrian Mahler

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

Membership Requirements: All are welcome but it is recommended that a student has a DSLR (digital) camera of their own.

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$25 (includes t-shirt)

Activities: See sponsor for more details.

Prayer Club- Tiffany Frank

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

Financial Obligation/Dues- None

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details

Stretch Your Stress Away- Bethany Copeland

Mission/Purpose: Life can be stressful! High school can be stressful! Come practice stress management through gentle stretching, breathing exercises, and mental exercises that can serve as effective coping strategies for the stress of everyday life.

Membership Requirements: All are welcome! Please arrange transportation accordingly when after school or before school meetings are planned. Wear comfortable clothing that you can move in while maintaining dress code. (Waiver must be signed.)

Financial Obligations/Dues: None. Bring a yoga mat if you have one!

Planned Activities: See sponsor for more details.

Student Council- Bethany Copeland and grade level sponsors

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. 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/Dues- \$20 (will include t-shirt)

Planned Activities- See sponsor for details

Honorary Societies

Beta Club - Lindsey Gentry and Jamie Stewart

The National Beta Club Mission Statement To promote 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 of The National Beta Club is "Let Us Lead by Serving Others." This motto, more than simply a catchy phrase, 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.

Financial obligation/dues- \$35/year at the beginning of the school year Membership requirements- Students must have and maintain a 90 or above cumulative GPA and perform a minimum of 40 service hours/year.

National Art Honor Society- Brianna Walker

This program is specifically designed to help generate interest in art and inspire, encourage, and recognize young artists. The NAHS goal is to promote the arts in our schools and community. Activities include promoting school spirit, beautifying the school and community, exploration of the arts and service projects. {This club is open to 10-12th grade art students who have completed the Comprehensive Art I/II (Intro.) class and are actively enrolled in an art class.}

Financial Obligations/Dues-: \$25 Annually

National Honor Society- Carrie Lord and Angie Barajas

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 chapters of NHS 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 who have a cumulative GPA of 92 are eligible to apply to show their dedication to community service, leadership, and qualities of character. A faculty committee will review and score the applications. Students will then be notified of their acceptance, if they meet the criteria set forth in our bylaws. Once accepted, members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 90 or better. In order to receive Senior honor cords, members must document a minimum of 30 service hours by April of their senior year, and meet the minimum attendance requirement of 4 meetings per year of membership.

Financial Obligations/Dues-ONE-TIME membership dues: \$40 (collected only at time of induction—not every year).



National Technical Honor Society- Mr. Jay Wood

The National Technical Honor Society is an educational non-profit that exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. As a member of NTHS, you'll have access to exclusive scholarships to help you further your education and advance your career.

Financial Obligations/Dues-: \$35 first year and \$20 each year after.

Honorary Societies

Beta Club- Sponsor: Courtney Herbert and Christie Steese

The National Beta Club Mission Statement

To promote 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 of The National Beta Club is "Let Us Lead by Serving Others." This motto, more than simply a catchy phrase, 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-Students must have and maintain a 90 or above cumulative GPA and perform a minimum of 40 service hours/year.

Financial obligation/dues- \$35/year at the beginning of the school year

NHS- The National Honor Society— Sponsors: Tammy Conner and Carrie Lord

Purpose- Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. It is more than an honor roll. The objective of the PHS chapter of NHS is to recognize and foster enthusiasm for **scholarship** (academic eligibility), to promote the development of strong **character**, to encourage positive **leadership**, and to cultivate responsible citizenship through **service** to the school and community. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student--one who excels in **all** of these areas, which is the basis for selection. These four principles shape the organization's activities and are reflected in the member's responsibilities.



Membership requirements- To be considered for membership, students must have demonstrated academic eligibility by earning a cumulative GPA of 92 or better. Academically eligible students will complete an application that highlights their leadership and service activities. The application is reviewed by a faculty committee and selection is determined using a rubric. Members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 90 to remain in good standing. In order to receive honor cords, students must be members for 3 years and are required to attend meetings and complete a total of 10 service hours each year of membership for a total of 30 hours before graduation. Students are encouraged to participate in club service projects, as well as finding opportunities to serve in the community. For more information, please check the PHS website.

Financial Obligations- Annual Dues: \$40- paid only once (before induction) .

PHS Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I...

1. AM LATE TO SCHOOL?

If you are late to school, you must report to the Attendance Office to get a check in slip for class. 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.

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

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. NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE DURING CLASS TIME?

You must have permission from your teacher and get a written hall pass containing your name, the date, the location, and teacher's signature.

7. NEED TO USE THE PHONE?

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 except in specified areas during specified times. Students may use their devices from **7:15am to 7:50am only in the Staples gym or cafeteria and during the student's lunch period- while in the cafeteria or patio area.** This privilege may be revoked at any time with the discretion of the administration. Students may not use their cellular devices at any other time or location. **Students cannot have their phones out in class, in the hallway, in the bathroom, or any other area without prior permission.**

8. GET TO SCHOOL EARLY?

Students cannot be on campus until 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 In School Suspension is required to go directly to the ISS room. (Breakfast is served in each area.)

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. 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. 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 in to 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.

12. 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.

13. WANT TO SEND/RECEIVE A DELIVERY?

DELIVERY OF FLOWERS AND BALLONS 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.



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