

Freshman Newsletter

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Welcome to High School

You have begun your career as a High School student! Hopefully, your first week has gone smoothly and you are beginning to get into the groove of things. As the year progresses, you will continue to have new experiences and be faced with challenges.

Getting off to a good start in your classes can help set the tone for your high school career. It is important for you to take your school work seriously and develop a routine that works for you. Remember, each class you take counts for credit and you will need 28 credits to graduate.

The School Counseling Department is here to assist you in being successful in school, at home, and to help you prepare for your future. Stop in anytime!!!!

Important Websites:

Gmail

Teacherease

PCHSPanthers.com

Connection.naviance.com/pinckychs

Counselors.....who are we and what do we do??

- Located in office (Office 152)
- Mrs. Smith - Class of 2021 (Freshman) and Class of 2019 (Juniors)
- Ms. Wilkin - Class of 2020 (Sophomores) and Class of 2018 (Seniors)
- Meet with students individually to plan High School Courses
- Meet with students individually for counseling
- College and Career Counseling
- Schedule Changes
- Help with organization skills
- Assist in both school and personal conflict resolution

High School Hints for Success

- Set Goals!
- Get Organized!
- Get Involved!
- Communicate with your teachers!
- Check email daily!
- Do your homework on the day it was assigned!

Test Taking Strategies

- Prepare early
 - Treat every class as preparation for tests
 - Preparing begins first day
- Study after class
 - Review your notes
 - Make your own study guide
- Ask teacher what format the test will be
- Study hints - your teacher is your best resource. Before answering a single test question, read the directions
- Beware of time limits
- Read all of the answers before selecting one
- Make sure an essay answers the question
- Quality not quantity

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PSAT 8 Score Reports

Today you received your PSAT 8 Score Reports. These score reports have a wealth of information which can sometimes be confusing. Below you will find a Quick Guide to creating and navigating your CollegeBoard.org account!

How to create your College Board account:

Step 1: Go to www.studentscores.collegeboard.org

Step 2: Click on create account

Step 3: Fill out all demographic information. Be sure to enter your name exactly as it appears on your score report. Even if there is a mistake, we can fix that later!

Step 4: Create a username and password. My advice is to use your school email (ex. 2019ksmith) as your username so that you remember it!

Step 5: Click you agree and you will be directed to your personalized page that will have your PSAT 10 scores listed.

What can you view???

- In-depth report details
- Test questions for each section
 - Here you can view your answer and the test question. You can also view the difficulty of the question.
- Skills Insights
 - This section is designed to help students gain a better understanding of how scores relate to specific academic skills.

All Scores for future tests will link on this account. You will be able to view your progress with each test you take. You can also access Khan Academy a FREE SAT test prep tool as well as SAT registration for future tests.