

*Principal Williams reports for 25/26*

***General school culture updates, since 11/17/25 to 12/15/25, Monday***

- Friends-giving: We celebrated this annual tradition on 11/21st. Both the food & spirits were notable and eventful. Students made meaning creating a 'table cloth' of gratitude & thankfulness. This was collected and saved- planning to bring this out on our next special occasion. We are most appreciative to our NHS for all their planning, pie baking, preparing and cleaning up- they continue to soar & achieve on all levels!
- Rotary: Mrs. Wendel & I collaborated to improve the current Interactive/Peaceful Schools scheduling, both anticipating our new counselor to come abroad and be a consistent and solid presence for this wonderful organization.

**New News!**

**COGNIA:** The 3-year Mid-Year assessment for school accreditation has begun. This has been a continued embarkation that displays PHS as being more suitable in higher education, allowing students better access to universities. It is a lot of paperwork, reports, data and assessments, surveys, etc. that keep us on this path of excellence.

**Acellus:** PHS online platform has been going well. We will be issuing grades at the semester. Several Spanish students are starting SPA2 now, and others are using it to progress their credits.

**Principal's Coffee:** (12/2) Great conversation, specifically surrounding parents desiring more challenges for their children- opportunities in academia.

**Holiday enjoyment at PHS:** Building Fun: 4 Days of Winter bliss! We have also decorated our main hall and the cafe. The festivities are warm and inviting. We also donated 4 trees to our PHS families, as well as worked with some local businesses and with DO- giving food and gift certificates out to those in need.

**Safety:** PHS had a false alarm with an accidental push of a button on our phone PA system. We realized as the verbiage sounded throughout the halls that we were in a lockdown that the system did not connect to dispatch or Gold Coast Alarm (GCA) Company. Mr. Berry followed up quickly and GCA was called to bring in new installation by 12/2/25; this was completed.

\*On 12/9/25, the alarm sounded school-wide as a result of a sub entering into the woodshop, PHS did not receive any calls ensuring our safety. Mr. Berry was notified and he said PHS is still rooted with AT&T, everyone else in POLSD is with Verizon- he thinks this is the reason for a delay and lack of communication. He is working with GCA in regard.

**12/9/25: Ms. Carlton needed 2 iPads to aid with the awesome journalism class. She wrote a grant and won \$1500. With the Yarg Foundation– now equipping our students with state-of-the-art technology.**

**Up and exciting!**

- **12/12/25: Our drama club is performing their uniquely written Christmas script. This Friday Driftwood is traveling over- 2 separate time units- to share in the holiday fun district wide!**
- **12/19/25: We will be celebrating the holiday season united at Driftwood- enjoying a lunch and some games together! Then Winter break-loads of family & friend time and naturally wonderful foods!**

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