

Pana High School
Report to the Board of Education
August 20th, 2018

Open House will be Thursday, August 23rd, 6:30 – 8:00pm.

We have two new faces at PHS this year: Lauren Bobarsky – Band Director, Amanda Terry- Music, including choir, she will also be in charge of the play this year. We also have two other staff changes at PHS this year, Lynn Pumphery has returned to fill our Social Studies/Driver Education vacancy and Jason Storm moved from the Junior High to the High School within our Special Education Department.

Registration was held August 1st with all district schools in the high school building again. We had a successful turnout and again had many positive comments about registration being held in one place. The high school had several of the forms online and many parents printed forms at home, filled them out, and turned them in – saved them a lot of time! Additionally several parents expressed interest in seeing the registration process moved to an online format next year. Here are our current enrollment numbers:

Freshman= 107

Sophomore= 97

Junior= 100

Senior= 104

Total= 408

Freshmen Orientation was Tuesday night, August 7th. We had the incoming freshmen in the building from 1:30-5:30pm. The incoming ninth graders attended sessions with PHS staff members and discussed the following topics: tips on high school success; credits, transcripts, graduation requirements; office procedures, school rules, and the importance of a diploma. We also met with the parents from 6:30-7:30pm. Overall we had 92 students out of 103 first time freshman show up for this event. 100% of students in attendance reported that this day would help them have a better HS transition. 100% of students also reported that we should continue to have a day like this for future classes. In order to make this day possible it took 4 service learner helpers; 5 HS teachers: Sanders, Whalen, Brown, Smothers and Bowker; Mrs. Adam, Mr. Strom, Ms. Paschall and Mrs. Sowarsh; 15 pizzas. Shout out to Bonnie Sowarsh for organizing this event!

Ms. Bobarsky has been busy with band camp. The Marching Band has already participated in the Hillsboro Old Settlers Parade, and the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade in which they got 2nd Place! This year's halftime show will showcase songs from Star Wars.

Fall athletic teams have begun practicing with the following number of students participating:

Football = 60

Volleyball = 26

Boys Golf = 7 , Girls Golf = 13

Boys Soccer = 16

Football Cheerleading = 12

Cross Country = 10

Seniors will be recognized for volleyball on Tuesday Oct 16th. Seniors will be recognized for golf on Tuesday, Sept 18th (girls) and Wednesday, Sep 19th (boys). Seniors will be recognized for soccer on Tuesday, September 18th. Seniors will be recognized for football-cheerleading-band on Friday, October 12th at the football game.

The following is information regarding the Orange & Blue scrimmages for our fall sports:

Soccer - Thursday, August 16th - 5:00 warm up & player introduction, and scrimmage. Admission is free but a non-perishable food item for the food pantry would be appreciated.

Volleyball - Thursday, August 16th - player introductions 5:45. F/S scrimmage at 6:00, varsity scrimmage at 7:00. Admission is free but a non-perishable food item for the food pantry would be appreciated.

Football - Friday, August 17th - player introduction at 6:00. F/S scrimmage at 6:15, varsity scrimmage at 7:00. Admission is free but a goodwill monetary donation to Pana QB Club would be appreciated. The Lion's Club will begin the tailgate at 5:00pm.

Mr. Bonser led the Solar Car Team to a 5th place finish in the the classic division! Additionally two other awards were given to students competing in the event. Lucas & Katelyn were awarded the "Order of the Cell" award and the team also received the "William Shih Technological Achievement" award. *(Students to present at Board Meeting.)*



Discussion Topic- Ron Brook of Christian County Sheriff's department contacted me about using PHS as a host site for a law enforcement training this Spring. The training would be provided through funding from a program called NRA School Shield. This program's mission as is posted on their site is to "The NRA School Shield program is committed to addressing the many facets of school security,

including best practices in security infrastructure, technology, personnel, training, and policy. Through this multidimensional effort, NRA School Shield seeks to engage communities and empower leaders to help make our schools more secure.”

In order to accommodate their training they would need a full week of access to a classroom within the HS during the school day with students present. The Christian County Sherriff’s office intends to invite local law enforcement from all surrounding local departments and counties to take advantage of this opportunity. The group size would be 20-25 people per day. --I would like to discuss the various pros and cons to hosting the training.