



# Pittsfield High School

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year at Pittsfield High School! I hope the summer was restful and that you have been working diligently on your summer assignments! I have every reason to believe that the 2015/16 school year will be a successful one and I hope you are all ready to embrace the academic challenges that will be before you. Many teachers, secretaries, guidance counselors, and custodians have worked very hard over the summer to prepare our **"Home under the Dome"** for your arrival so that we can ensure that PHS is a place where all students learn, are held to high expectations, are challenged to grow, and leave career and college ready.

You can view your preliminary class schedule now in PowerSchool, but your official class schedule will be given to you on the first day. School Counselors are busy double-checking your student's schedule to make sure they are accurate. Once the year begins, the deadline to change or drop a class will be September 11<sup>th</sup> and is done through the School Counseling Office.

Your first day of school is Wednesday September 2nd. You should report by 7:20 a.m. to the following locations where you will be assigned a homeroom.

**Grade 10 - Gym**

**Grade 11 - Theater**

**Grade 12 - Library**

During an extended homeroom period you will be given your updated schedules and locker assignments. Your homeroom teacher will also go over school policies and procedures, and answer any questions you may have. During the week of school, class meetings will be held to discuss our expectations of Personal Achievement, Honorable actions, and Strength in community in greater detail. A copy of the school and district handbook will be handed out during the week of September 7th for you to read and sign.

I would like to invite everyone to visit our website: <http://pittsfieldhigh.pittsfield.net/>. Please bookmark our site and check back frequently as we will now begin to use the features such as the photo gallery, school calendar, and the newsletter features on a regular basis. I want to make sure the website is user friendly and helpful, so please email or call the main office with any feedback or suggestions you may have.

I want to invite parents to consider joining our School Council. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Guidance Conference Room. Parents interested in being a member of the PHS School Council should call PHS before Sept. 12th @ 499-9535. The School Council meets once a month with the principal to review policy, set improvement goals and, in general, advise the administrative team. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as participation in the school council is a great way to help your student's educational experience at PHS.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you on September 2nd.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bishop  
Principal  
Pittsfield High School