CLASS OF 2022



We want your success!

Presenters

- Bonnie Ceballos PHS Academic Counselor
- Darlynne Fu PHS Academic Counselor
- Lisa Spitz PHS Academic Counselor
- Melanie Moseley Parent & Family Liaison
- Valarie Bell PUSD Support Counselor

Parent & Family Liaisons



Melanie Moseley & Maria Espinosa

How did you get your name?



Who is Who in PHS

- Dr. Janet Schulze-Superintendent
- Todd Whitmire--Principal
- Ted Alfaro--Vice-Principal
- Jennifer Clark-Vice-Principal
- Veronica McClennan--Vice-Principal
- Raj Naicker--Vice-Principal
- Connie Spinnato--Vice-Principal
- Magdalena Gonzalez-Lead CRA

Today's Objectives



- To go over information to secure a successful transition to Pittsburg High School
- To help you feel comfortable with your transition to Pittsburg High High School

Counselors



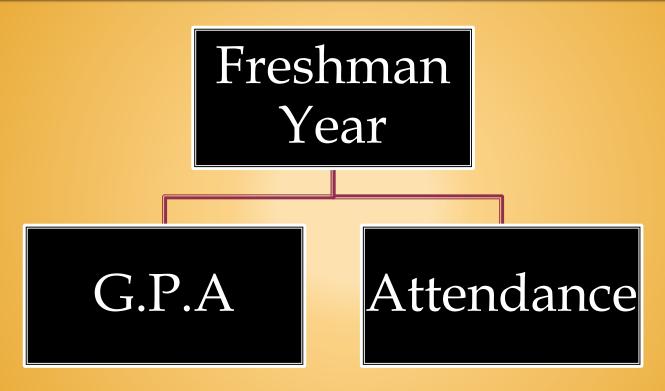
- Darlynne Fu-A-Cooper
- Bonnie Ceballos-Cordell-Eovva and AVID
- Lisa Spitz Erickson-Joseph
- Danni Le Puente, Jovel-Lindsey
- Akeem Ajani Lira-Paara Martinez
- Jasreen Jawanda- Parras-Thatcher
- Leidi Arias- English Learners, Lopez-Z, Ventura- Zermeno
- Manuel Rodriguez English Learners, A- Longoria, Thomas-Venegas
- Special Education Dr. Elizabeth Gonzalez-Sadrian / Ann Maione

Additional Supports:

- Marisa Mota College & Career Technician
- Synitha Walker-College & Career Technician
- University of California Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)-TBD
- Sherene Sasser- Workforce Coordinator

Staying on Track to Graduate

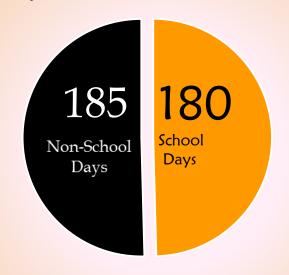




• Freshman year can be a predictor if a student graduates on time (within 4 years)!

Parents Have a Vital Role

365 Days In a Calendar Year



- Supervise
- Encourage
- Support
- Collaborate

Graduation Requirements

- 220 Total Credits to Graduate
 - 140 are Subject Requirements
 - 80 are Elective Credits



- 2 semesters per year
- 5 credits per class per semester = 60 credits per year
- Complete 35 hours of Community Service (100 hours for Puente & AVID)



Graduation Requirements vs. A-G

Large Group Activity

Subject		Units*
English	(4 years)	40
Social Studies	(3 years)	30
Mathematics	(2 years)	20
Fine Arts/Foreign Language (1 year)		10
Physical Science	(1 year)	10
Life Science	(1 year)	10
Physical Education	(2 years)	20
Electives		80
TOTAL		220
Community Service Requirement		35 hours**

	A-G Requirements	Years
A	History & Social Science	2 years
В	English	4 years
C	Mathematics***	3 years
D	Laboratory Science	2 years
E	Language (other than English)	2 years
F	Visual & Performing Arts	1 year
G	College Preparatory Elective	1 year
***	4 years is recommended	

^{*5} units per class/2 semesters in the year

^{**} AVID & Puente need to complete 100 hours

Online Parent Portal

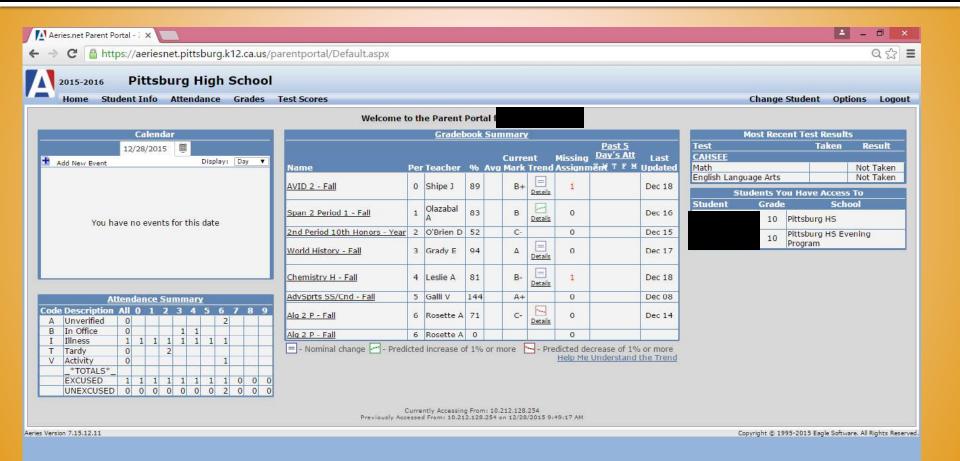
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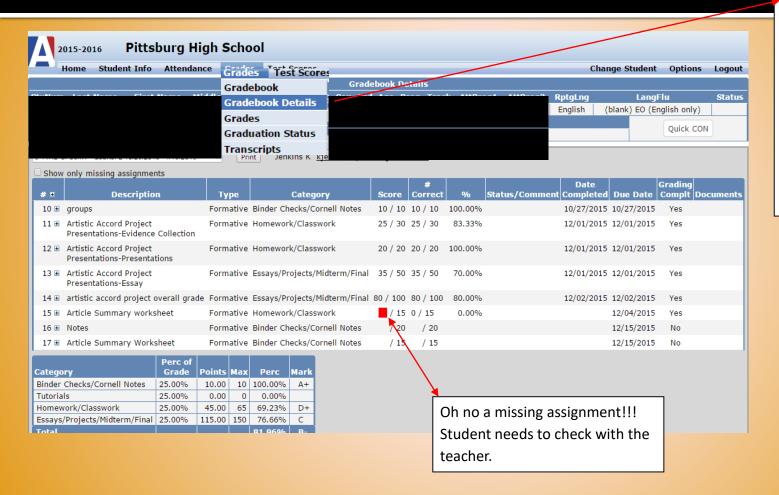
- Monitor Number of Tardy Occurrences
- Monitor Number of Absences
- Monitor Grades
- Monitor Missing Assignments
- Monitor Test Scores
- Email your child's teachers
 Receive a weekly report



Home Screen

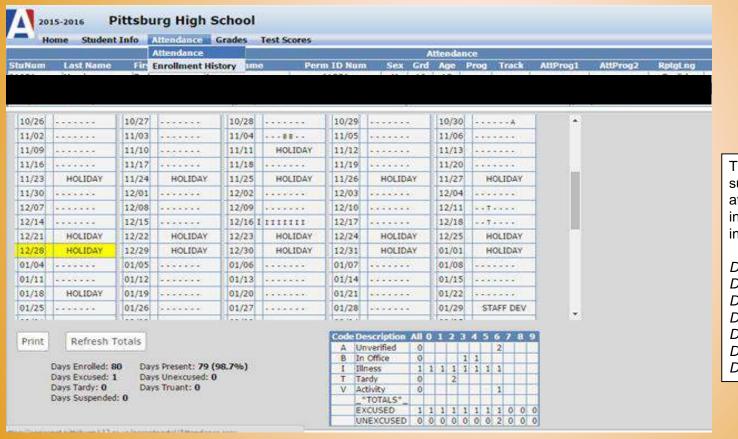


Gradebook Details



The 2nd drop down the Gradebook Detail provides a list of assignments, scores, dates completed as well as any missing assignments. In the lower area of the screen there is a summary of the percentages for each grade category based on the teachers syllabus.

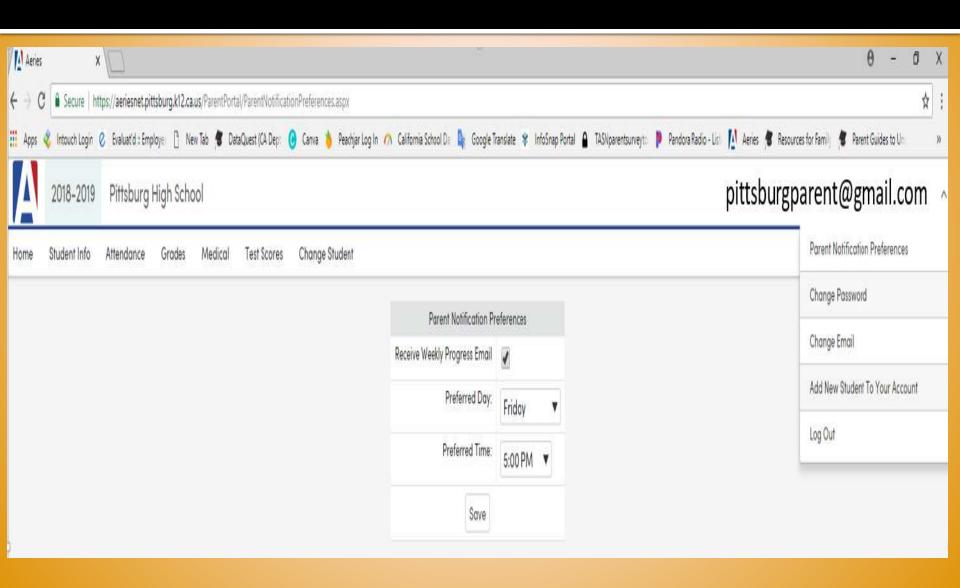
Attendance Screen



This screen will provide a summary of your student's attendance for the year. It includes the following information:

Days Enrolled
Days Present
Days of Excused Absences
Days Tardy
Days Suspended
Days of Unexcused Absences
Days Truant

Set Up a Weekly Parent Notification

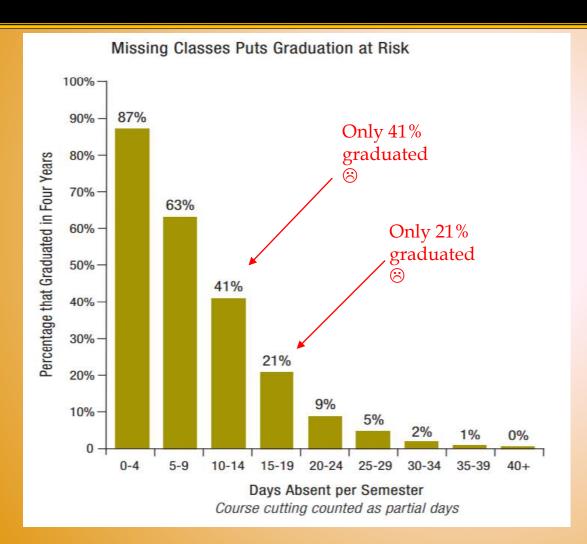


School Attendance Matters!



- Chronic Absences = 10% school year =18 days
- 1-2 days a month can lead to Chronic Absenteeism!
- Attendance correlates to school success
- Absenteeism correlates to school failure (including dropping out!)
- 1 day absent = 7 periods missed = 7 lessons missed

School Days Missed Impacts Graduation



87% of students in the 9th grade who missed 4 days or less graduated in four years.



10 Minute Break



Creating a partnership with your child's academic counselor will help support your child's success!

Get to Know Your Counselor

How did you give your 9th grader their name?



Large Group Activity

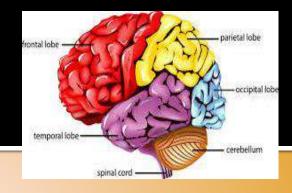


- 1. In general, do adolescents plan ahead for tomorrow or live for today?
- 2. In general, do adolescents think of others feelings and how their actions can impact others or do they think of themselves?
- 3. In general, are adolescents willing to wait or want everything now?
- 4. In general, do adolescents think things through or act on their emotions?

How adolescents think vs. Adults

How we want our children to think	How adolescents think
Plan ahead for tomorrow	Live in "today"
Think of others feelings and how their actions can impact others	Think of themselves
Willing to wait for things	Want things in the "now"
Think things through	Act on their emotions

The need for boundaries



- The brain is not fully developed until age 25!
- The prefrontal cortex (the decision-making area of the brain) develops last! (UCLA 2013)
- The lack of life experience results in teens seeing day-to-day existence, not long-term perspective.

What Challenges Might Scholars Face Socially?

Socially

- Reestablishing positive identity
- Relationships with old and new friends
- Cliques
- Sense of belonging
- Peer pressure

Socially/How parents can help

- Mutual respect
- Having an open attitude to establish new friendships
- Cooperation & Communication
- Practice patience with our teens
- Agree to Disagree
- Focus on the positive, not the negative
- Motivate & Inspire
- Be a Positive Role Model

What Challenges Might Scholars Face Emotionally?

Emotionally

- Relinquishing/new friendships
- Sense of identity
- Managing time
- Seeking purpose and roles
- Key values

Emotionally — How parents can help

- Talk & listen to your teen
- Promote self-discipline
- Help them learn from mistakes
- Celebrate hard work
- Be consistent & predictable
- Resolve conflict
- Give independence
- Stay involved/Be a great motivator
- Focus on academic goals
- Discuss your family's rules around dating

What Challenges Might Scholars Face Academically?

Academically

- Lack of organization
- Unfamiliar buildings, lockers, & class schedules
- Academic workload is rigorous
- Multiple teaching styles and expectations
- Unsure of who or where to ask for help

How parents can help

- Assist in organizational skills
- Help with time management skills
- Ensure scholar is sleeping between
 8-10 hours daily
- Encourage independent decision making & problem solving
- Help set goals
- Monitor progress via parent portal
- Set the expectation for daily ontime attendance

What Challenges Might Scholars Face Physically?

Physically

- Apprehensive about their abilities
- Feel inferior/different
- Desire to "fit in"
- Physical changes

How parents can help

- Encourage regular physical activity
- Limit computer, television, video games
- Talk with your teen—regarding physical changes they may experience
- Reassure physical changes are normal
- Communicate with school if your child has physical challenges that impede his/her ability to complete P.E. instruction
- Encourage scholar to use P.E. uniform

Signs of Concern



- Lots of anxiety / worry, lasting for weeks
- Many tantrums, or is irritable much of the time
- Frequent stomach aches and/or headaches
- Has trouble sleeping
- Not interested in things they used to enjoy
- Avoids spending time with friends
- Low or no energy
- Not wanting to leave the home

Interventions

The "CARE TEAM" will meet weekly to decide which services are best suited for the student.

- 4 CORNERS
- LINCOLN CENTER
- GUNTER
- REACH
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
- SUCCESSFUL PURPOSE
- POLY ATAMAI



Social Media



- Teens are on social media in alarming numbers.
- Connected 24/7 to peers and the Internet.
- Doctors recommend a maximum of 2 hours of screen time per day.
- Can cause conflicts ("he said, she said")
- Impacting recommended hours of sleep

The Importance of Parent Involvement

Students with involved parents have:

- 1. Higher test scores and grades
- 2. Better attendance
- 3. Positive attitudes
- 4. Less behavior issues
- 5. Higher graduation rates





Monitor Regularly & Stay On Track for Graduation







Do not wait until the grade is a "D" or "F"

Parent Workshops



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SUPPORT SERVICES



Parent Project



- The teen years can be difficult. Being the parent of a teenager can be even more difficult!
- **Strengthening Parents & Transforming Teenagers**
- Learn to avoid arguments and fights with your child
- Prevent or intervene in the use of alcohol and drugs
- Improve academic performance and school attendance Find resources to help your family

Parent Advisory

ELAC

ELAC is a parent group that is dedicated to working with parents of English Leaners (EL) to provide them with information about the school academics, community programs and resources for EL students.



SSC is a team of teachers, parents and administrators who are responsible for developing an annual school plan and budget to facilitate school-based program coordination. Particular attention is paid to meeting the individual needs of each student.

Stay Informed













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Dads On Guard

Parent Workshops

Parent Questionnaire

Why we need you to fill it out:

- To improve our parent orientation
- To be able to meet the needs of our parents and families
- To plan parent workshops on topics of your choice



Q & A Session









Thank you for coming! Working Together, Every Scholar, Plus Parent, Every Day!