

# Patterson High School

## *Summer Newsletter 2020*



### **A Message from Principal Dave Smith**

The new school year brings with it a sense of excitement and feelings of enthusiasm. This year those feelings might also be accompanied by feelings of uncertainty and anxiety centered around distance learning. We all know the 2020-21 school year will be different than any other previous year and your feelings of uncertainty and anxiety might be overpowering your enthusiasm a bit. Please know that Patterson High has been working diligently to make distance learning not only effective, but as seamless as possible for all of our students and families. Teachers have been working hard to prepare lesson plans and digital learning platforms to maximize classroom instruction. Office staff have been working to streamline processes to make information more readily available for both students and families. Custodial staff have been working tirelessly to implement new cleaning and disinfection protocols. Everyone in the PHS community is dedicated to making sure that all members of the Patterson school community start the year safe and ready for learning.

As the school year unfolds, we will undoubtedly be faced with new obstacles and new experiences, all of which we will work through together. Our ability to come together is what makes PHS a great place; it's what makes us Tigers.

This school year is a new adventure, and it is an adventure we will take together. The staff and faculty of PHS is dedicated to remaining in communication with you as we navigate these uncharted waters together. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

*Go Tigers!!!*

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### **Aeries**

If you have an existing Aeries Parent Portal account created it is mandatory that you go online to confirm or change your students data for the 2020-2021 school year. It is very important that all phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contacts are up to date. If you have never created an Aeries Parent Portal account you will receive a letter in the mail with the instructions to create a parent account. Your parent account must be updated or created before your students can pick up a schedule. If you need assistance with updating your portal, please call (209) 892-4750 to schedule an appointment.

[Click here for the Aeries Parent Portal](#)

## ROAR Days

ROAR Days are scheduled for August 31 through September 3, 2020 in the 9th Street parking lot. ROAR day is when students can pick up a Chromebook (if needed), textbooks, and schedules. **In order for a student to receive a schedule, the student must have an updated parent portal account and be cleared of all fines.** Photos will not be taken these days, but will be scheduled for a later date.

### Dates - Assigned by Grade

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
<i>August 31</i>	<i>September 1</i>	<i>September 2</i>	<i>September 3</i>

### Times - Assigned by Last Name

A/B/C	D/E/F	G/H/I	J/K/L	M/N/O	P/Q/R	S/T	U/V/W	X/Y/Z
8:00-8:45	8:45-9:30	9:30-10:15	10:15-11:00	11:00-11:45	12:30-1:15	1:15-2:00	2:00-2:45	2:45-3:30

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## Yearbook News

Welcome back to another fabulous year at PHS! There's no better way to remember the excitement than by purchasing the yearbook! The 2020/2021 school year will certainly be unlike any other in our history. The yearbook staff is committed to creating a book to document as many events, emotions and experiences as possible, but we need your help. This year is going to be different. We all know this. We want to preserve as much as we can for our students and that includes the yearbook. This will be a keepsake to be enjoyed for years to come. Please send us pictures of your students and their friends (safely practicing social distancing of course)! We will be asking for pictures representing different topics, from pets to hobbies and everything in between. Please email any photos to [phsyearbook@patterson.k12.ca.us](mailto:phsyearbook@patterson.k12.ca.us). This year the price will start at \$65 and will increase to \$70 on January 15, 2021. Students will have the option of customizing the front cover of their yearbook by adding a line for only \$5 until January 15, 2021. Order online at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) (enter code 13655). We will have a limited supply of yearbooks, so please reserve your copy early!

**Parents of Seniors:** Seniors were scheduled to take their senior pictures over the summer between August 17th and August 21st. Seniors who did not take their pictures during this time frame will be scheduled to take them at a later date (to be determined). While Lifetouch offers a variety of poses and outfits for senior pictures, all seniors take the formal tux or drape picture. This is the picture that will be used in the yearbook. Seniors who do not take a tux or drape picture with Lifetouch will not have a senior picture in the yearbook. Senior ads can also be purchased online at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) (enter code 13655).

## Chromebook Insurance and Pick Up

Chromebook insurance is available through the school district. The cost is \$25 per student per year and is available for purchase until September 25th. Parents who marked "YES" to buying insurance during enrollment and data confirmation will see a charge show up in the parent portal. Parents who did not mark "YES" and still want to purchase insurance can make payment by check. The check MUST include your student's ID number and can be dropped off at Patterson High School or the District Office (510 Keystone Blvd).

New students can pick up a Chromebook at the District Office on Monday, August 31st from 8:30 am to 11:30 am or 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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## School Updates

For updates regarding distance learning and the reopening of school sites, please refer to the Important Updates section on the PJUSD website at [https://www.patterson.k12.ca.us/important\\_updates](https://www.patterson.k12.ca.us/important_updates).

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## Office

While students are engaging in distance learning, the school office will be open **by appointment only**. Please call (209) 892-4750 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm (Monday through Friday) to schedule an appointment if you need to visit the office for any reason.

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## Senior Attendance

Please be aware that only a doctor's note can clear a student's absence. Parent calls excuse the absence for homework but not for attendance accounting purposes. **Any senior who accumulates 120 or more period absences will not be able to participate in graduation activities, including participation in the graduation ceremony.** If you have any questions please call the attendance office at (209) 892-4750.

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## Athletics

Every student athlete at PHS needs to be registered and cleared online for participation in all PHS Athletics Programs. If your student plans to participate in sports, please visit [www.AthleticClearance.com](http://www.AthleticClearance.com) to begin the registration and clearance process for the 2020-21 school year.

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## Nurse's News

Any medication taken by a student during the school day must be on a medication form signed by the physician and the parent. Medications must be maintained in the health office with the exception of inhalers and Epi-pens. Medication is defined as all prescribed or over the counter pills, capsules, tablets, liquids, ointments, creams, inhalers, and Epi-pens. Medication must be in the original container and prescribed medication must be labeled with the student's name.

Diabetic students and parents must make an appointment with the school nurse before the student may be on campus. Appointments will begin one week prior to resuming on campus classes. If you are a new diabetic, please call 209-803-8066 or email and leave a message with the student name and a good contact number or email.

As of July 1, 2019 students are required to have a second varicella. Any student receiving immunizations over the summer should forward a copy to the health office. Students who are non-compliant for any vaccine may be asked to go home until proof of vaccination has been obtained. Please see the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. A list of required immunizations can be found at <https://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

Any student who has a health condition and cannot participate in PE must have a physician complete a Recommendation for Limited Participation in PE form and turn it into the school nurse for review. Any student who has any health condition that limits any activities at school should make an appointment with the school nurse by emailing [kjob@patterson.k12.ca.us](mailto:kjob@patterson.k12.ca.us).

All forms may be downloaded from the PJUSD website under Health Services.

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(by appointment only)

**Patterson Joint Unified School District Website:**

<https://www.patterson.k12.ca.us/>

**Patterson High School Website:**

<https://pattersonhigh.patterson.k12.ca.us/>