



# Pelion High School

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Dear PHS Students and Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer so far and are anticipating the start of the 2017-18 school year. My name is Bryan Hearn, and it is my privilege to introduce myself as your new principal. I have been on the job for just a few weeks now, but it is already quite clear that the student quality and community support here in Pelion are second to none. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you to make the most of your high school experience!

Students will report to the **first day of school** on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The school day for students will be 8:05 am- 3:15 pm.

## Schedule Pickup

This letter provides information concerning all of the pre-school opening activities. Please read it carefully, and I strongly encourage students and parents to participate in all of the events. **The schedule pickup date is Thursday, August 10 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and then again from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The building will be closed from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm.** Before students can receive their class schedules, parents must register their child(ren) online in InfoSnap. Our computer lab on the 100 hall will be available for parents who do not have internet access at home. With InfoSnap, parents can pay school and lunch fees, and complete iPad paperwork. All activities will be held in the Commons Area, Learning Commons, and 100 Hall Computer Lab. The other areas of the school **will not be open for visitation at this time**. School Counselors will be available during these registration hours to discuss any questions or concerns. **PLEASE NOTE: On schedule pickup day we would like for you to park in the student parking lot (off HWY 178) and enter the building through the double doors that are located to the left of the Learning Commons (the large glass windows).**

- **Please log on to InfoSnap to see your child's fee schedule. NOTE: This will not be the actual schedule your child will follow. Only classes that have a fee are listed in InfoSnap and are in no certain order.**
- **All parents need to provide a copy of a service statement and their driver's license. The address on both documents MUST MATCH.**
- **Seniors will not be required to have this documentation to pick up their schedule.**

## School Fees

**School fees can be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card.**

Fees are computed from the following information:

- a. The amount is based on your present schedule.
- b. The amount includes the instructional materials fee.
- c. All fees must be paid (or arrangements made to pay) before you can receive your schedule. If you cannot pay on August 10, **we still want you to come to make arrangements for payment and get your schedule.**
- d. Breakfast and lunch tickets may be purchased. Tickets will be sold for 5-30 meals.
- e. Parking permits are \$25.00 and are **not** included in the fee total. **Only those students who have taken the Alive at 25 course and have signed their consent to participate in the district's random drug-testing program are eligible to purchase a parking pass and park in the student parking lot.** You can go to [www.scaliveat25.org](http://www.scaliveat25.org) or call 803-732-6778 to register for a class.
- f. Band and Orchestra fees are \$40.00 if the student uses a school instrument and \$20.00 if they own their own instrument. **Fees can be adjusted when you arrive.**
- g. The Optional Protection Plan for the iPad is again \$50.00 for 2017-18. It is **not** included in the fee total. We **highly** recommend that you take advantage of this coverage.

### **“Living With” Arrangements**

All “Living With” arrangements need to be made prior to August 10th. If you have filled out this paperwork in the previous years, you may come in to the school to renew. If this is new for you this year, you must contact Student Services at 803-821-1000.

Since the school and the Student Services department will already have the residency form on file, we are not going to require those to be completed again. However, the resident and the parent/legal guardian will still be required to provide proof of residency during registration. They will have to provide the following:

- The resident will be required to provide an ID and a bill in their name. If the resident cannot accompany the parent/legal guardian to register the student, the parent/legal guardian can bring a copy of the resident’s ID and a bill in the resident’s name to prove residency.
- The parent/legal guardian will be required to provide an ID and two documents of mail in their name to prove residency.

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks will be sold during registration and through September 14 at the Early Bird price of \$60.00. On September 15, the cost will return to the regular price of \$70.00. Parents will have the option of paying for the annual in full, or can make a \$30 deposit to reserve their book and then pay the remaining balance over the course of the school year. Students who desire to personalize their yearbook may pay an additional \$6.00 to have their name printed on the cover. This year we will once again be offering the option of printing personalized icons on the cover along with a student's name. Students can add up to 4 icons for \$4.00 each.

### **Bus Routes**

Bus Routes are available on the Lexington County School District One website.

### **New Student Orientation**

An orientation will be held August 17 at 6:00pm for all new students and their parents. The opening session will be held in the Commons Area. Students and parents will then visit with their first semester teachers. **Remember to bring your schedules with you to assist in finding classrooms.** Please make every effort to attend this meeting so we can get to know each other and the school.

### **Immunization Requirements**

The nurse will confirm that all ninth graders and new students have updated vaccinations. She will notify you if your child needs additional vaccinations.

### **LTC, WKHS, RBHS, LHS or GHS Attendance**

Students will report to their off campus classes on the first day of school. If your child’s first block class is off campus, the student must be at PHS by 7:30 am to board the shuttle bus. Students riding the morning shuttle bus must ride the elementary bus to PHS. Students may also have the option to drive their own vehicle to their off campus classes.

### **Athletics**

Varsity Football practice will begin on Friday, July 28 at 6:00pm. All prospective players that have not participated in the summer program should immediately contact Coach Holland at 821-2207 for information.

### **Student Parking and Pickup**

The Highway 178 entrance serves as both the student parking entrance and as the routine parent drop off and pickup area. Parents desiring to sign students in or out should use the Lydia Drive entrance and come to the main office.

### **Student Early Release**

Any parent wishing to release their student early needs to send a note containing a valid daytime phone number. Also, anyone picking up a student should be listed on their contacts in our PowerSchool system. This process will ensure a safe and effective pickup of students.

We look forward to seeing you **at schedule pick-up on August 10th!**

Sincerely,

W. Bryan Hearn  
Principal