

welcome
CLASS OF
2026

to
Palatine High School

PLACEMENT TESTING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
See page 4 for details



A MESSAGE FROM TONY MEDINA

PRINCIPAL OF PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Palatine High School! Palatine has a long tradition of excellence in academics, athletics and clubs or activities. Our school community exemplifies “Pirate Pride” and we hope that all of our new students and parents embrace it and carry on the strong tradition on their four-year journey. Our amazing staff works diligently to provide your child with a classroom atmosphere that encourages students to set high expectations for themselves and achieve at a high level.



We encourage you to get involved in your child’s high school experience. Help them maximize their time here by setting goals and encouraging them to challenge themselves. Be sure to ask thoughtful questions about their interests, not only about academics but also colleges and careers. Please visit our website <http://www.d211careercluster.org> to dig deep into what courses your children may choose based on their career interests. When researching, start the discussion with your children about challenging themselves to take one of our Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses that will result in them earning college credit. Other helpful post high school information can be found regarding the Harper College Promise Scholarship inside the back cover of this guide.

Stay active in your child’s athletics or activities. Our Pirate Booster Club is a great way to connect with other parents. The boosters provide incredible opportunities for our students through fundraising efforts and donations. Getting involved with the boosters will provide you with a stronger connection with our school community that will enhance not only your time as a Pirate, but also your child’s.

We could not be more excited to welcome our newest Pirates. I look forward to connecting with you and your child to make it an incredible four years.

Tony Medina
Principal

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STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome to the Pirate family! The Palatine High School Student Services department is excited to assist with the transition to 9th grade and looks forward to serving as a resource for you and your student.

During the summer prior to freshmen year, each student is assigned a school counselor. The school counselor will be your main contact for school-related questions throughout your child's high school experience. The Student Services department also is staffed with school social workers and school psychologists who can provide additional support for students' social-emotional needs.

The student services faculty members are assembled into three Student Assistance Teams. Each team is composed of 3-4 school counselors, a school social worker and/or a school psychologist, and an intervention administrator. The Student Assistance Teams regularly collaborate to identify students who might benefit from targeted school supports.

The Registrar's office is part of the Student Services Department and maintains all permanent student records including report cards and transcripts. Residency verification and other enrollment documents are processed through the Registrar's Office.

The Student Services department can be reached at 847-755-1626.

KEY DATES

October 16, 2021

Placement Testing

November 1 - December 3, 2021

Enrollment documents due (see page 2 for Enrollment Information)

November 19, 2021

Career Matchmaker surveys completed

December 8, 2021

Incoming Freshman Night

December 15, 2021

Elective course requests due in Parent Portal

January 26, 2022

Course selection confirmation mailed home

February 4, 2022

Last date to request elective course changes

June - July, 2022

Summer orientation sessions

July 2022

Registration for 2022-2023 school year begins

August 8, 2022

Freshmen Kick-Off

August 11, 2022

Classes begin

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Completing the enrollment process provides confirmation that your incoming freshman student intends to attend Palatine High School in the coming school year. The enrollment process must be completed before students can participate in the course selection process. Information will be sent to families in October detailing how to initially enroll or complete the process through Infinite Campus's *online registration*.

Enrollment window: November 1 - December 3

You will need to upload the following documents to Infinite Campus.

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency can be demonstrated by providing one of the following original documents:
 - Current ComEd or Nicor utility bill in the parent's or legal guardian's name.
 - Current lease naming parent/guardian as a party to the lease.
 - Current property tax bill in the parent's or legal guardian's name.

Enrollment is a one-time process occurring when a student prepares to enter school for the first time. Registration occurs annually requesting you to confirm or update your information in Infinite Campus. Contact the student services office at 847-755-1628 for further details.

Enrollment documents are due by December 3, 2021

Contact the Registrar's Office at 847-755-1628 for further details.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The final step toward becoming a Palatine High School student is registration. Registration is an annual process taking place in the summer months preceding the start of each school year.

Registration cannot be completed unless a parent/guardian has completed the enrollment process.

Families will complete the registration process through Infinite Campus. You will receive details about the registration process, including details about required school fees and optional purchases at a later date.

School registration cannot be completed until the 9th grade physical examination and immunization records are verified. See page 3 for details about Student Health Information.

Registration fees may be waived for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Parents can qualify their students for these benefits by submitting an application form. Applications for free or reduced-price meal benefits will be sent to families in late July.

INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT

Each year, Palatine High School invites incoming freshmen and their parents to an evening event designed to provide a smooth transition from 8th grade to 9th grade. During Incoming Freshman Night, parents and students receive placement test results with information about the course planning process, elective course choices, summer school options, and school registration.

Incoming Freshman Night includes a Curriculum Fair with classroom teachers providing information about core classes (English, math, and science) and elective course options.

Palatine High School will host its annual Incoming Freshman Night for the Class of 2026 on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Parents of enrolled students will receive more information about this event in November. The presentation will be available in Spanish.

**INCOMING
FRESHMAN
NIGHT**

**DEC. 8
6-8 p.m.**

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION



Illinois School Code requires all incoming 9th graders to have a valid physical examination and up-to-date immunization records on file with their high school prior to beginning freshman year. **Students cannot attend school unless these requirements are satisfied.** The physical exam must be documented using the official State of Illinois form available on the District 211 website at <https://adc.d211.org/health-exam-form>. The physical must be completed within 12 months of the start of school which is on or after August 12, 2021.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE 9TH GRADE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS ARE VERIFIED.

Incoming freshmen choosing to participate in a Palatine High School summer athletic camp, including pom-poms and color guard, must provide evidence of a valid physical exam within the last 13 months prior to the start of the summer camp which is on or after April 30, 2021.

Religious Exemptions to Required Immunizations

Families seeking a religious exemption from the immunization requirements must use the official Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examinations form. This form must be signed by a licensed medical physician.

School Health Services

Palatine High School's Health Services office is staffed by a school nurse and a health clerk who provide support for illnesses, known medical conditions, and injuries. In the event a student must be sent home from school for a medical reason, the Health Services office will notify the parent/guardian. In cases where the parent/guardian is unavailable, the office will contact an adult listed as an emergency contact on the student's school registration information. Please make sure emergency contact information is up to date.

The Health Services office will only administer prescription and non-prescription medications in school after the parent/guardian has provided a signed copy of the Authorization for Administration of Medication form. Families of students with chronic health conditions should contact the Health

Services office to discuss appropriate accommodations for the student.

The Palatine High School school nurse can be reached at 847-755-1662.



Required Dental Examination

All students in the Class of 2026 are required to provide proof that an oral health examination was completed by a licensed dentist between November 15, 2022 – May 15, 2023.

The official State of Illinois oral examination form is available on the District 211 website at <https://il49000007.schoolwires.net/domain/3472>.



PLACEMENT EXAM

Incoming freshmen are required to complete a placement exam. The results of the placement exam assist in determining the English, math, and science courses the student will participate in during 9th grade. The exam results also help identify students for required participation in the Incoming Freshmen Academy math and reading summer school programs.

Palatine High School uses the PSAT 8/9 as its placement exam. The PSAT 8/9 is part of a series of exams offered by the College Board and serves as a precursor to the SAT, a long standing college entrance exam that also is used by the State of Illinois as its mandated student achievement test for third-year high school students. The PSAT 8/9 provides scores for mathematics and evidence-based reading and writing. More information about the PSAT 8/9 is available on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.



The Class of 2026 will take its placement exam on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. in order to check-in and locate their assigned testing rooms. Students should bring at least two No. 2 pencils and a calculator when reporting for the placement exam. Calculators are allowed for portions of the mathematics exam, however, smartphones are not allowed to be used as calculators. The exam will conclude at 11:15 a.m. Enrollment materials may be submitted during the placement exam. Students eligible for testing accommodations will receive information about accessing these supports in the weeks leading up to the exam date.

Questions about the placement exam can be directed to Fred Rasmussen, director of student services, at 847-755-1626.

TRANSPORTATION TO PLACEMENT EXAMS

Palatine High School provides dedicated bus transportation to and from the placement exam. Students wanting to access this optional service must be at the designated bus stop (intersection) closest to their home no later than 7:15 a.m. on October 16. Questions about bus transportation can be directed to the District 211 Transportation office at 847-755-6796. Bus routes are provided for your reference.



Bus #1

- Stop 1 - N. Meryls Tr./Rosiland Rd.
- Stop 2 - N. Quentin Rd./W. Woodland Ave.
- Stop 3 - Lake Cook Rd./Crooked Creek
- Stop 4 - Lake Cook Rd./Barrington Woods
- Stop 5 - Lake Cook Rd./Lenwood
- Stop 6 - Hicks Rd./Forest Knoll

Bus #2

- Stop 1 - Hicks Rd./Constitution
- Stop 2 - Old Hicks Rd./Nichols
- Stop 3 - Nichols/Baldwin
- Stop 4 - Baldwin/Gardenia (west side of Baldwin)
- Stop 5 - Baldwin/Dundee Quarter

Bus #3

- Stop 1 - Rand/Pine Creek Apts
- Stop 2 - Rand/Diane
- Stop 3 - Capri/Lilly
- Stop 4 - Gardenia/Ivy
- Stop 5 - Rand Grove Village

Bus #4

- Stop 1 - Baldwin/Inverray (east side of Baldwin)
- Stop 2 - Baldwin/Hidden Creek Circle
- Stop 3 - Nichols/Bloomington

Bus #5

- Stop 4 - Frontage/Silver
- Stop 5 - Frontage/Bayside
- Stop 6 - Frontage/Long Valley
- Stop 7 - Frontage/Woodbury
- Stop 8 - Rand/Long Valley
- Stop 9 - Rand/Ports O Call entrance

Bus #6

- Stop 1 - Tahoe/Willow Wood
- Stop 2 - Hicks/Rimini Ct.
- Stop 3 - Northwest Hwy./Benton (north of NW Hwy.)
- Stop 4 - Smith/Colfax
- Stop 5 - Colfax/Benton
- Stop 6 - Benton/Palatine Rd.
- Stop 7 - Palatine Rd./Kerwood

Bus #7

- Stop 1 - Rohlwing/Kenilworth
 - Stop 2 - Rohlwing/Lincoln
 - Stop 3 - Lincoln/Ashland
 - Stop 4 - Baldwin/MacArthur
 - Stop 5 - Baldwin/Clark
 - Stop 6 - Clark/Anderson
- ## Bus #8
- Stop 1 - Olive/Warren
 - Stop 2 - Bell/Joyce
 - Stop 3 - Joan/Winston
 - Stop 4 - Winston/Anderson
 - Stop 5 - Jonathan/Lake Louise Drive
 - Stop 6 - Wilke/Anderson
 - Stop 7 - Williams/Plate
 - Stop 8 - Jane Addams School

Bus #9

- Stop 1 - Quentin/Inverleith Apts
- Stop 2 - Alva/Franklin
- Stop 3 - Northwest Hwy/Maple
- Stop 4 - Sterling/Countryside
- Stop 5 - Palos/North St.
- Stop 6 - Dundee/Knollwood
- Stop 7 - Quentin/Panorama Dr.

Bus #10

- Stop 1 - Smith/Brandon
- Stop 2 - Stephen/Geri Ct.
- Stop 3 - Lakeside/Martin
- Stop 4 - W. Dundee/Pendelton
- Stop 5 - Cherrywood Apts/Smith
- Stop 6 - Garden/King Charles
- Stop 7 - Cunningham/Timberlea

**PLACEMENT
EXAM**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 16
8:00 - 11:15 A.M.**

COURSE SELECTION AND ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS

Incoming freshmen will be placed into specific English, math, and science courses based on placement test scores and recommendations from 8th grade teachers.

The typical freshman will participate in the following set of courses:

- 1) English
- 2) Math
- 3) Science
- 4) Wellness
- 5) Lunch
- 6) Elective #1
- 7) Elective #2
- 8) Study Hall



Elective course options will be provided to you in late October. We encourage you to review these options with your child's academic readiness, personal interests, and future goals.

Elective course requests will be collected via the D211 Infinite Campus Parent Portal and specific instructions for using this system will be sent to you in late October. The deadline to submit elective course requests is December 15, 2021.



MATH PLACEMENT

Math placement is finalized in the spring for all students initially placed into a math course of geometry or higher. Some students may be recommended for a summer school math class during the summer prior to their freshman year.

FRESHMEN STUDY HALL

Select students will have the option to take a third elective course in lieu of the required freshmen study hall. Eligible students will be notified of this option in late January.

AP SEMINAR

Students scoring in the top 20% of their class on the placement test are invited to take the District 211 Creative Aptitude Problem Solving (CAPS) assessment on January 12, 2022. Results of the CAPS assessment will be used to determine eligibility to take the AP Seminar course. A full description of AP Seminar is available in the District 211 curriculum guide <https://adc.d211.org/curriculum-guide>.



COLLEGE MAJORS AND CAREER CLUSTERS

High School District 211 has aligned its curriculum according to 16 career clusters as defined by the National Career Cluster Framework. Each cluster is composed of career fields that are related by specific skills and areas of knowledge.

Xello, an online software tool, helps students build self-awareness, explore options, create plans, and make decisions about life after high school. Incoming freshmen will be asked to complete the Xello Career Matchmaker

survey prior to selecting elective courses. The survey results can help guide students to choose elective course options based on career clusters connected to students' future plans.

More details about District 211's curricular alignment with the 16 career clusters is available online at <http://www.d211careercluster.org/>.





DISTRICT 211 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

All students must meet District 211 graduation requirements to be eligible to receive a diploma. Students will complete a four-year course plan with assistance from their assigned school counselor. The four-year plan accounts for all requirements as well as elective courses connected to a student's individualized areas of interest.

Students in the Class of 2026 must complete a minimum of twenty (20) units of credit including the following requirements:

1. Four units of English
2. Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject
3. Three units of mathematics with at least one course at the 300-level or higher. One of the three required units must be Algebra I and one unit must include geometry content.
4. Two units of science
5. One unit of American history
6. One unit of social science survey; or one-half unit of economics and one-half unit of government
7. One unit of world language, art, music, or vocational education
8. One-half unit of consumer education (or equivalent)
9. One unit each of Freshmen Wellness and Sophomore Wellness
10. One-half unit of physical education for each semester of attendance (or equivalent) after sophomore year
11. Complete thirty (30) hours of instruction in safety education (driver education classroom instruction)
12. Pass a qualifying examination on the state and federal constitution, Declaration of Independence, use of the American flag, and the Australian (secret ballot) method of voting
13. Participate in the assessment testing system as established by the State of Illinois
14. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

POWER OF 15

High School District 211's goal is to have all students graduate from Palatine High School with the equivalent of at least 15 college credits. This goal is called the "Power of 15" because students who earn at least 15 college credits while still in high school are more likely to experience success after high school. Students can earn college credit by:

- Participating in an Advanced Placement (AP) course and earning a passing score on the AP exam
- Taking a Dual Credit course (a course that provides both high school and college credit simultaneously)

The District 211 Curriculum Guide identifies both AP and Dual Credit courses. It also provides more background information about the impact student grades in Dual Credit coursework may have on the student's eligibility for post-high school financial aid.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Incoming freshman students are eligible and encouraged to attend summer school courses prior to the start of 9th grade. Participation in summer school can assist with the transition to high school and strengthen skills needed to be successful in the high school classroom. Some summer courses are designed exclusively to support students' exploration of specific Career Clusters.

Some students are required to attend Incoming Freshmen Academy summer courses relating to math and reading skill development. There are no course or transportation fees associated with these required summer courses. You will be notified in February if your child qualifies for the Incoming Freshmen Academy.

Summer school is organized as two 3-week sessions. Classes meet Monday through Thursday. Summer classes do not meet on Fridays.

- First Session: June 7 – June 28
- Second Session: June 29 – July 21 Look for information about summer school registration and fees in the spring.

STUDENT READINESS PLAN

The District 211 *Student Readiness Plan* is designed to help students prepare for high school graduation and their lives as independent young adults. The *Readiness Plan* focuses on five essential readiness components: Academic Readiness, College & Career Exploration, Involvement, Global Competitive Skills, and Wellness.



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All Palatine High School students are assigned an account within the District 211 *Student Readiness Plan* online portal providing them with a centralized hub to create individualized goals, measure progress, and track activity throughout their high school experience.

During each year of high school, your child's school counselor will lead your student through targeted activities that directly connect to various elements of the *Student Readiness Plan*. Parents have access to view their children's *Readiness Plan* and are encouraged to have discussions with their children about goals and overall status. More information, including log on instructions, is available at <https://adc.d211.org/studentreadiness>.



FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Over the summer, Palatine High School will host orientation sessions for all incoming freshmen and their parents. Facilitated by school counselors, these 90-minute orientation sessions provide small groups of participants with a deeper understanding of the school's curriculum, guidance service model, technology resources, and iPad distribution. The specific orientation sessions dates will be sent to parents in the spring.

You may want to examine the school website at <http://phs.d211.org> in advance of orientation sessions to learn more about academic programs, student activities and athletics, and other general information about Palatine High School.



ACTIVITIES

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| Advancement of Black Leaders | Film Making Club | Pirate Pals |
| Aquarium Club | Foreign Exchange Club | Pirates and Politics |
| Art Club | Freshmen Class | Pop Culture Club |
| Auditorium Tech Crew | Gaming Club | Photography Club |
| Auto Club | HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) | Poms (ELS) |
| Badminton Intramurals | I-Compete | Presidents Club |
| Best Buddies | Improv Show | Programming Club |
| Books for Breakfast | International Club | Purely Exceptional Pirates |
| BPA (Business) | Intramurals | Robotics Club |
| CAD Drafting Club | Investing Club | S.A.D.D. |
| Chamber Strings | Jazz Combo | Scholastic Bowl |
| Chess Team | Jazz Ensemble | Science Olympiad |
| Children's Production | Jazz Lab Band | Senior Class Club |
| Color Guard (JV) | Junior Class Club | Service Club |
| Color Guard (V) | Latin Dance Crew (DNA) | Sign Language Club |
| Computer Club | Literary Magazine (FACE) | Slam Poetry |
| Commit to the Pirate | Marching Band | Social Studies Club |
| Cultural Awareness Club | Mariachi Club | Sophomore Class Club |
| Concert Band | Math Team | Special Olympics |
| Dance Show | Midnight Blues | Speech Team |
| Debate Team | Modern Music Masters/Tri-M | Student Council |
| Drama Club | Musical | Students Against Violence |
| Ecology Club | National Honor Society | Theater Guides |
| Environmental Club | Newspaper (Cutlass) | Track/Cardio Intramurals |
| ELS Art Club | On-Our-Own | Variety Show |
| ELS Club | Orchesis | Varsity Club |
| Fall Play | Org Latinx American Students | Weight Room |
| E-Sports Club | PAC – Palatine Activity Club | Woodworking Club |
| Fashion Club | PEP Squad | WYSE Club |
| FCA | | Yearbook (Spotlight) |
| FCCLA | | Yoga Club |

Activity Director: Kim Glaser, 847-755-1612

ATHLETICS

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| Fall | Winter | Spring |
| Cheerleading - fall | Bowling | Baseball |
| Boys Cross Country | Boys Basketball | Badminton |
| Girls Cross Country | Girls Basketball | Boys Gymnastics |
| Football | Cheerleading - winter | Boys Lacrosse |
| Boys Golf | Girls Gymnastics | Girls Lacrosse |
| Girls Golf | Boys Swimming & Diving | Softball |
| Boys Soccer | Wrestling | Girls Soccer |
| Girls Swimming & Diving | | Boys Track & Field |
| Girls Tennis | | Girls Track & Field |
| Girls Volleyball | | Boys Volleyball |
| | | Boys Water Polo |
| | | Girls Water Polo |
| | | Boys Tennis |

Athletic Director: Luis Arroyo, 847-755-1770

Palatine High School values student involvement and participation in extra-curricular activities, including athletics, clubs, and the fine arts. These activities provide students opportunities for enrichment while also helping them to connect to their school community. All students are encouraged to join at least one of these groups during freshman year.



Palatine High School offers a wide variety of unique student clubs and activities. A full list of these organizations is available on the school website at <https://adc.d211.org/domain/154>.



Athletic teams are organized according to the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. A list of teams is available at: <https://www.palatine.portal.rschoolday.com>.



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Athletic and activity camps are part of the Palatine High School summer school program. Specific camp details, including how to register in Infinite Campus will be sent to you in the spring as part of the summer school information packet. Students must have a valid physical on file with the nurse's office to participate in these camps.



ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM

All students at Palatine High School are assigned an iPad as part of District 211's one-to-one technology program. The iPad is an integral part of the school's approach to teaching and learning, and students are expected to have their fully-charged iPad in school each day.

Student iPads are optimized for learning. Access to selected device settings are controlled by school personnel in order to minimize distractions. Additionally, the App Store is blocked to help keep students focused on learning tasks while they use their iPad.

Students are responsible for keeping their iPad in good operating condition. Devices that are damaged or lost must be reported to the school's Technology Department. Students are responsible for the costs associated with repair or replacement. Parents are encouraged to enroll in the District 211 iPad Protection Plan. The Plan carries a \$25 annual premium and offers discounted repair/replacement costs. Full details about the iPad Protection Plan are available at <https://adc.d211.org/Page/5182>.

Any student requiring assistance with a school-assigned iPad should visit the Technology HelpDesk located in the Media Center, or visit the Technology Department's webpage at <https://adc.d211.org/domain/309>.



SOFTWARE SYSTEMS & USER ACCOUNTS

A variety of software systems are used to maintain student information, manage instructional tasks, and support student development. Parents and students alike have access to these systems, and parents are encouraged to establish user accounts for each system and reference the library of tutorial videos to learn how to maximize the use of these systems. The tutorial videos are available on the District 211 website at adc.d211.org/page/7133.



Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus (IC) is used to manage student data such as contact information, attendance, grades, and assessment scores. The IC portal is located at <https://campus.d211.org/campus/portal/township.jsp> and requires parents to create a unique individualized user account. Account creation requires an activation key and all parents are sent that key during the fall of their child's 8th grade year in anticipation of entrance to high school. Parents of transfer students will receive an activation key upon school enrollment. Parents are discouraged from sharing their IC password with their child since the parent account includes privileges unique to the parent's role. Students have their own IC accounts.



Schoology

The *Schoology* portal is located at <https://d211.schoology.com/login?&school=13690631>. This platform helps teachers track, report, deliver, and collect instructional materials. Parents will receive an email early in the school year with details about accessing *Schoology*, including an individualized username and temporary password. Once in *Schoology*, parents will be able to see every course associated with their child.



Xello

Xello, formerly called Career Cruising, is an online tool students use to develop awareness of future career paths and to create plans to achieve personal goals for life after high school. Students have the ability to share their *Xello* profile with their parents and this step is built into students' use of the system. Once sharing is activated, your child will send you a link to their profile. You do not need to establish an account to access this shared profile. More information about *Xello* is available at <https://xello.world/en/>.



MySchoolBucks

MySchoolBucks is the exclusive system for District 211 parents to make school meal prepayments, as well as make online payments for monetary transactions with the school such as iPad protection plans and repair costs, student parking permits, and more. Parents can create a free *MySchoolBucks* account at www.myschoolbucks.com or by downloading the *MySchoolBucks* app to their mobile device. Please contact the District 211 Food & Nutrition Services department at 847-755-6681 if you have questions about this free service.



FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES AND MEAL/FEE WAIVER INFORMATION

Each July, the annual meal/fee waiver application is available for families interested in applying for benefits. If approved, students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals, as well as waiver of applicable school fees including instructional fees, Driver Education, PE uniforms and locks, AP testing, summer school tuition, and graduation cap and gown fees. A new application must be submitted annually to qualify.

District 211 cafeterias offer breakfast, lunch, and snack service daily. Menus and information on food & nutrition services is available online at <https://adc.d211.org/Page/6398>.





PALATINE PIRATE BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership..... \$30

The *Basic Membership* includes a 2021-2022 Boosters car decal.

Deluxe Athletic Membership \$65

The *Deluxe Athletic Membership* includes Basic Membership benefits, plus FOUR (4) all-age athletic passes* good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

Deluxe PLUS Athletic Membership \$90

The *Deluxe PLUS Athletic Membership* includes Basic Membership benefits, plus SIX (6) all-age athletic passes* good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games. **BEST VALUE**

Class of 2022 Palatine Pirate Graduation Lawn Sign..... \$15

Purchase a *Palatine Pirate Graduation Lawn Sign* for your Class of 2022 graduate. Signs will be delivered in April 2022.



Your membership or direct donation to the PHS Pirate Boosters will provide funds for multi-disciplinary, academic, athletic, and music programs that benefit all students at Palatine High School. Please see our Welcome Letter and Volunteer Opportunities on our website, www.phspirateboosters.com, for additional information. Questions? Please email membership@PHSPirateBoosters.com.

*All-Age Athletic Passes are good for adult/child admission; however, they are not valid for IHSA playoff games. High School District 211 students are admitted free to football and basketball games with a school ID.

Additional All-Age Athletic Passes (\$15 each) are available for purchase through the Pirate Boosters. Pirate Boosters Membership required to purchase additional passes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When is the first day of school for freshmen?

Classes begin on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

2. Is a school supply list available so my freshman student is fully prepared on the first day of school?

A supply list is not issued for freshmen. Individual teachers will share details about specific supply items students will need for their classes. Students are encouraged to bring pens, pencils, folders, notebooks, school-issued iPad, and charger on the first day of classes.

3. How many courses do students take during 9th grade?

All freshmen are required to take English, math, science, and Wellness classes. Additionally, freshmen take two elective courses and have a lunch period in their daily schedule. All 9th grade students are assigned to a study hall period. Parents will be notified if their child is eligible to choose a third elective course in lieu of study hall.

4. How do students qualify for a third elective?

Freshmen students who qualify for a third elective will be notified in January. We recommend that all students select an alternate elective choice. Students' elective choices must be finalized by February 4, 2022.

5. When do students receive their freshmen year daily course schedules?

Official course schedules will be available on the first day of school. Students will receive a tentative schedule during the summer before the start of freshman year.

6. My child is interested in athletics. When do fall sports begin?

The fall 2022 sports season will begin on August 8.

7. How do I register my child for an athletic team or extracurricular activity?

Parents use Infinite Campus to register for extracurricular athletic teams, clubs, and activities. Completing the registration process requires the parent to log onto the Infinite Campus Parent Portal first. A menu of options is displayed on the left-hand side of the screen after logging in. Select school store and follow the on-screen prompts to complete registration for the desired team and/or activity.

8. Where is my bus stop, and what time will the bus pick me up?

Parents can use the *MyStop* app to track their child's bus. More information about the *MyStop* app is available on the District 211 website at: <https://adc.d211.org/domain/18>. Please call the Transportation department at 847-755-6798 with any questions about bus service.



9. Is summer school required?

Incoming freshman students are individually invited to attend specific courses to assist them in developing the skills necessary for success in high school. The Incoming Freshman Academy is a mandatory summer program for select students based on their math and English course placement. Notification regarding Incoming Freshman Academy participation will occur in January. Additionally, students may be invited to attend optional math courses based on their math placement for freshman year. Math placement is finalized in the spring; students will be notified of their recommended summer math programs at that time.

10. What is the Wellness class and does my freshman have to take it?

All freshmen are required to take Wellness as part of their 9th grade set of courses. Successful completion of the freshman Wellness course satisfies two graduation requirements: (1) a full year 9th grade Wellness and (2) the mandated Health Education curriculum as established by the Illinois State Board of Education. Students in the Wellness course split time between a classroom setting where essential concepts are explored and an activity setting where concepts are applied. More information about the Wellness course is available in the District 211 Curriculum Guide.

11. I am not satisfied with my child's results on the placement exam. Can my child retake the placement exam?

Retesting is not available due to exam protocols established by the College Board. The placement exam, the PSAT 8/9, is not the only factor used to determine a student's placement in core subjects. Teacher recommendations also are considered before specific courses are assigned.

12. When will my child receive the results of the placement exam?

Placement exam results will be distributed at Incoming Freshman Night on December 8, 2021.

13. Whom should I contact if I have questions about placement test scores, course placement, or other details about my child's transition to high school?

Questions about course placement determinations should be directed to the student services office at 847-755-1626. Student service staff members are available to assist the families of the Class of 2026 so that the high school experience begins on a positive note.



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HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

District 211 students are eligible to participate in the Harper College Promise Scholarship which provides up to two years (60 credit hours) of free tuition at Harper College upon high school graduation. Students can earn this scholarship by achieving quality grades in their high school courses, by having good attendance, graduating from high school on time and ready to begin college-level coursework, and by performing community service hours annually. Students apply for this scholarship during the first semester of freshman year and eligibility criteria becomes active during the second semester.



More information about the Harper Promise Scholarship is available on the District 211 website at <https://adc.d211.org/harper-promise> or the Harper College website at <https://www.harpercollege.edu/about/promise/index.php>.



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