

October 6, 2024

Dear Potomac Community,

What a Homecoming & Spirit Week! I would like to take a moment to thank our SALC students and Instructors, our Class Officers and Class Sponsors, and our Admin Team for all the support for the various activities over the past week. Please find Potomac Senior High School updates below:

**PSAT:** This Wednesday, October 9, all Grade 9-11 students will participate in Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying (PSAT) testing for most of the school day. Grade 12 students will be provided with asynchronous learning opportunities from home and are not expected to be in the building that day.

The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT, and even the ACT. Please also remember that PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships, so we encourage students to focus and do their very best on the test. Students can practice for the PSAT by visiting the College Board website [HERE](#) and trying a few sample questions or the Practice Test.

**TOUCH BASE:** On Monday, November 4, we will hold our Fall Touch Base event from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the school. The Touch Base event provides parents with the opportunity to briefly meet with teachers to discuss student progress and to plan strategies for continued student growth. Students do not report to school as the remainder of the day will serve as a teacher workday. Please plan to attend!

**ADMIN UPDATE:** I have graciously served as Acting Principal for our school for these past two months. It has been my pleasure to work with this dynamic team of leaders and educators. Mr. Boles will be returning to the principal role on Monday, October 7. Although there will need to be a few days of transition, please address future Principal emails or questions to Mr. Boles directly at [bolesbc@pwcs.edu](mailto:bolesbc@pwcs.edu).

Kudos to the Potomac Teachers, Staff, and Admin team for providing fantastic administrative coverage over the first weeks of the school year and a special shout out to Mr. Bill Bixby for all his support and love for Potomac!

**GET INVOLVED:** Looking to deepen your impact as a Potomac Parent? Consider getting more involved in our Potomac PAC or PTSO! Involved parents assist student achievement by being more aware of school resources, modeling responsible behaviors, and providing valuable parent feedback for the school.

1. The Principals Advisory Council (PAC) assists with Continuous Improvement Plans and budget priorities and is looking for 1 Sophomore and 1 Senior parent representative to join our next IN-PERSON meeting which will be held on Thursday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Potomac Library. Please email our PAC Executive Board at [pshspac@gmail.com](mailto:pshspac@gmail.com) to join.
2. The PTSO assists with community partnerships and student/staff support events and is looking for members to assist with business sponsorships, planning activities, and selling concessions. Please click [HERE](#) to join our next VIRTUAL meeting which will be held on Thursday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please join for only \$20.00 using [THIS](#) link.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center, is pleased to offer free student tickets to all *Hylton Presents* performances this season for students at our school! There are a limited number of tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis for each performance. Families can claim one free student ticket and one free accompanying adult ticket using the code **SCHOOL2425PW**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 9: PSAT Day (Grade 9-11 students)
- October 9: Asynchronous day for Grade 12 students
- October 14: Division wide PD Day (NO SCHOOL)
- October 17: IN-PERSON PAC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Potomac Library)
- October 17: [VIRTUAL PTSO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.](#)
- November 4: Touch Base Conferences

Thank you for your continued support of Potomac Senior High School!

Stacy Norwood

Acting Principal