

September 22, 2024

Dear Potomac Community,

Thank you to the parents, students, and staff who came to our first PTSO Meeting of the year this past week. We are a stronger school because of the various opportunities for our Potomac parents to authentically engage in their student's learning and school experience planned by our PTSO. If you have not already done so, please click [HERE](#) to join for just \$20.00! Please find Potomac Senior High School updates below:

**HOMECOMING 2024:** Our 2024 Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m. at Potomac High School. A School Spirit Week with several fun student events and the Homecoming game on October 4, will both precede the dance. Guest forms will be available starting September 23. Students can obtain a guest form with more information in the main office. Guest forms must be returned no later than October 2, 2024. More detailed information will be shared soon!

**PSAT:** On Wednesday, October 9, all students in grades 9, 10, and 11 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.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS:** Our Fall Academic Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Potomac High School Auditorium. The ceremony is based on student achievement from the 2023 - 24 school year. Award recipients will be notified via individual letters distributed at school and a letter that will be mailed home to families with additional details. Please contact your student's School Counselor with questions. Please see award criteria below:

*A student shall be enrolled in at least six classes that carry a Carnegie unit of credit. All classes that carry a Carnegie unit of credit shall be used in computing the yearly average.*

*A student shall earn a grade point average for the year of 3.5 (non-rounded) or higher.*

*A student shall earn a grade equivalent to 3.0 or better for the year in each class. That is, no student is eligible for an academic letter if he or she earns a grade lower than a grade equivalent to 3.0 for the year.*

#### **SENIOR INFORMATION:**

**SENIOR CONFERENCES:** During the weeks of September 16 and 23, Counselors have been or will be meeting individually with all Seniors to review graduation requirements and discuss post-secondary plans. Students have been provided with a copy of their transcript and a hard copy of the Senior Handbook. Please ask your student to share these informative documents with you for successful matriculation in May.

**GRADUATION:** We're excited to share Graduation information much earlier this year! Our Potomac Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025, at EagleBank Arena on the campus of George Mason University at 2:00 p.m.! If you haven't already, please be sure to contact Jostens ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or 1-800-Jostens) for Cap/Gown orders and Graduation announcement information. Please be sure to email/verify your Senior's graduation status with their Counselor if you have any questions or concerns right away! Successful completion of mandated coursework remains a Graduation requirement.

**SENIOR NEWS:** Please stay up-to-date on Senior news by checking [THIS](#) Senior Class page available 24/7 on the Potomac HS website.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 3: Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

September 30 – October 4: 2024 Potomac Spirit Week

October 4/October 5: Potomac Homecoming Game/Dance

October 9: PSAT Day (Grades 9-11 students)

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

Stacy Norwood

Acting Principal