

## **PHS School Council**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2026**

**6:00 - 7:00pm (AI guest speaker to follow at 7pm)**

### **Library**

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

J. Kimpson & K. Brewda

Methods of Communicating with PHS community

- PHS Instagram Account - 1 account only
- School Day Messages to Parents. This is the site to pay for field trips and to find out about events happening at PHS
- PHS Website - both WRDSB announcements get downloaded to the school website and school announcements and news are posted on the website. Announcements can seem out of order because a posted item can be reposted to stay at the top of the website
- 'School Council Survey' will be completed before the due date

#### **2. Leadership Update**

House Leaders:

- Bake Auction, 40 participants, \$800.00 raised for Panthers helping Panthers (example for students who can't afford Prom Tickets)
- Lunch Trivia - Themed for various occasions i.e. Easter, Multicultural Week
- Multicultural Week- Fair / Henna Station /NEW this year: was the Cultural Museum
- Food Drive - competition between PHS houses / food totals will be based on weight
- House Week - means different events every day where the houses will try to gain the most points for their house
- Spring Assembly to celebrate our teams and show our school spirit
- Grad Breakfast - fun event to socialize & reflect on their year; leadership students plan this event
- Prom - June 4th, 6-10pm Tapestry Hall. Theme: The Great Gatsby
- Commencement - June 8th at 7pm at Centre in the Square, Kitchener
- MOGA - (Most Outrageous Group Activity) - an after-school event where students go through activities supervised by staff but run by student leaders
- Food Truck Day - June 11th, modified schedule
- Arts Night - Harmony - Fri May 8th 7pm-8:30pm

Senior Assassin Game - A school day message went out to parents today about this. It is a game senior students are playing in the community. School Property is off limits to play on. This is a water-gun based activity. Students pay \$10.00 to play and gain access to an app. The last student standing wins the money. The app gives the student a target. Students wear goggles or waterwings for immunity. Although it is fun for students there are dangers. Community members may think water guns could be other guns.

### 3. **Principal's Report**

S. Weatherdon

- Quiet Week is from June 12-18th; no field trips or events taking students out of class
- Exam Week is from June 19-24th

#### Whole School Assembly Update

Guest Speaker Assembly - [Vicki Olatundun](#) with message Believe-Behave-Become; she spoke about the power of words. She linked this message to the PHS mascot the Panther. She showed a picture of the panther and a leopard and told the students that panthers have the same spots but they are hidden under their coats. Each Panther is unique. Accept people and their differences.

- Enrolment - PHS student enrollment has had a sharp decrease in enrollment over the last few years;
- PHS has had 4 small grade 9 classes entering high school which has resulted in a school size of 700 students. Last year we lost 4 staff members and this year we are losing 3 more staff. Leaving staff are based on seniority within our school
- PHS will have 1 Principal and 1 Vice Principal next year
- PHS has been communicating with the WRDSB through conversations with the superintendent. A memo summarizing the declining enrollment has been shared.
- PHS students have been going over to elementary schools for various events: Staff did a STEM presentation to Clemens Mills students/ Elementary and Secondary Affinity Groups have met up/ Track and Field Days students help out/ Math contests
- IDEAS: Reach out to Grade 6 students before the Wm G Davis years - Grandview/Saginaw/Coronation/Blue Heron
- Create Video's on how great PHS is done by students and parents. This could be an ACTION ITEM for the fall to launch before decisions are made. Gr 8 Day happens in Cambridge Schools in November so a December release of videos could work for timing. This will be discussed at the first School Council meeting that happens on the "Meet the Teacher" Night

### 4. **Staff Update**

L. Brennan

- Summer School questions were answered
- NEW [Study Skills Help](#) page on the PHS Website as of May 2026 - found under the Academics Tab. A few staff created the documents. PHS staff are being asked to review the materials to see which study tip would match with their course most. Lunch time sessions are going to be offered to students to learn how to use these study tips