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Letter from the Principal

Celebrating our Success

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying your summer and also getting ready for another school year. We are working hard here to make sure everything is ready for your child to return to school. The list includes things like the facilities, our teachers, the curriculum, student schedules, and our Student Handbook. Quite frankly, after the first month of summer, I am ready for the students to return. I look forward to having them all here. Doing paperwork is the least favorite and most stressful part of my job.

This summer, our Library is being renovated. We are going to have a new section there with a Small Group Instruction (SGI) room and a Technology classroom with brand new computers. While the library will still be filled with books and other educational resources, the addition of these two rooms will allow us to provide additional learning opportunities for our students. We are also getting plans together for our new Field House. We hope to have this project completed by the Spring of 2024.

Our New Student / Freshman Orientation program is set for August 9 at 9:00 AM in the high school auditorium. Our Back-to-School Night is on September 13. This event will begin at 7:00 PM. If you want to check out our Library renovations, this would be a great time to do that.

We are also proud of some big changes to our curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. We are adding an Early College opportunity through our partnership with LCCC. We also have some new class offerings.

- Entrepreneurship (Business)
- Journalism (English)
- Fitness and Wellness (PE / Health)
- Concert Band and Music (Music)
- AP Biology (Science)
- American Popular Culture and Sports History (Social Studies)

We are welcoming a new full-time Music teacher at the high school, Mr. Matty Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard will begin working with the Marching Band on August 2. We look forward to another great year in the Music department.

The high school has two full time guidance counselors who work during the summer. They are very eager to assist your child with scheduling questions, report card, or transcript questions. They are also here to help with emotional and mental health concerns. Ms. McHugh handles the rising seniors and freshman. Ms. Bleiler handles the rising sophomores and juniors. They can be reached at vmchugh@palmerton.org and ableiler@palmerton.org.

The Keystone scores have come in. We are sifting through the data now. Once we have completed this analysis, we will share the results with you.

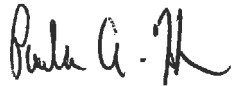
Our high school offers 45 activities and clubs as well as a number of Varsity and Junior Varsity sports. We added our newest sport in June when we added Girl's Wrestling. Last year, we won 5 League and District titles. Our team rosters totaled over 300 athletes. We also had a number of multiple sport athletes.

In June, the Class of 2023 graduated with a beautiful ceremony in our stadium. We graduated approximately 100 students. Many of our graduates continue their educational careers at colleges, universities, and trade schools. Others join the military or enter the work force.

While we may be considered a small high school, we certainly do our best to offer something for everyone. Please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of all we have to offer. The best way to make the most out of the high school experience is simply to get involved and stay involved. Participation also makes for better attendance and better achievement.

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610 826-3155 ext. 2214 or at phusar@palmerton.org.

Sincerely,



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