

Paradise High School Bobcat News



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Coming up...

No school:

Dec. 19–Jan. 2 Winter Break
Jan. 16 M.L. King Jr. Day

Special events:

Dec. 8 Seniors Josten's order
Cafeteria, 2nd lunch
Dec. 16 First semester ends
Jan. 7 Winter Formal
Jan. 26 Seniors Josten's order
Cafeteria, 2nd lunch
Jan. 26; 6 pm Cash for College
Feb. 10 Basketball
Homecoming
Feb. 10 Grading period ends
March 14; 6 pm Junior Parent Night

Parent meetings:

Dec. 6; 6 pm Senior Grad Night
Committee
Library
Feb. 2; 4 pm Parent/Teacher/
Student Org
*Library (No meeting
in January)*
Jan. 10; 6 pm Senior Grad Night
Committee
Library

Plan ahead for these test dates:

Date(s)	Test	Who
Feb. 7	HSEE: English	All 10th grade
	HSEE: English	12th grade
Feb. 8	HSEE: Math	All 10th grade
	HSEE: Math	12th grade
March 13	HSEE: English	10th grade (make ups)
	HSEE: English	11th & 12th grade
March 14	HSEE: Math	10th grade (make ups)
	HSEE: Math	11th & 12th grade
April 23- May 3	STAR	9-11th grades
May 7- May 18	AP	Students in AP classes

From the PHS Administrative Team:

"Late start" begins in January

Happy busy holiday season!

The first half of the school year has flown by. First semester finals will be held the week of December 12–16.

Our first semester will be completed on December 16. Grades will be mailed home on January 6. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about their learning or grades.

"Late Start Wednesdays" begin Jan. 4

Research has taught us that schools improve when teachers are given the time and support to work together to clarify essential student learning, de-

velop common assessments for learning, analyze evidence of student learning, and use that evidence to learn from one another.

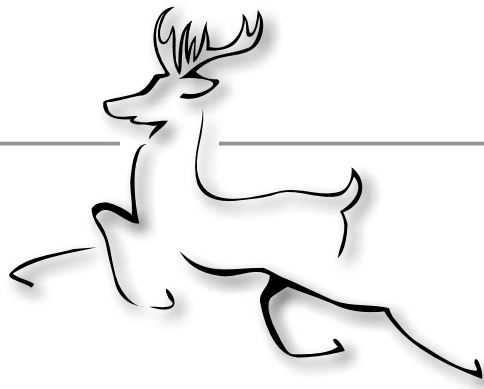
As we work to provide the best education for each student, PUSD's Board of Trustees has authorized a change in our school schedule each Wednesday, beginning January 4.

This change will provide an opportunity for teachers to collaborate in their Professional Learning Communities. This valuable working time will promote student achievement and high learning levels of success in our school.

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PHS schedules: Effective Jan. 3

Regular Day Schedule (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)			"Late Start" Wednesday Schedule		
Period	Class begins	Class ends	Period	Class begins	Class ends
0	7:03 am	8:21 am	0	No zero period	
1	8:27 am	9:22 am	Teacher Collaboration	8:14 am	8:54 am
2	Homeroom 9:28 am	10:27 am	1	9:00 am	9:50 am
3			2	9:56 am	10:51 am
Lunch (9/10) <i>Closed campus</i>	10:33 am	11:28 am	3	10:57 am	11:47 am
4	11:28 am	12:08 pm	Lunch (9/10) <i>Closed campus</i>	11:47 am	12:27 pm
5	11:34 am	12:29 pm	4	11:53 am	12:43 pm
Lunch (11/12) <i>Open campus</i>	12:14 pm	1:09 pm	5	12:33 pm	1:23 pm
6	12:29 am	1:09 pm	Lunch (11/12) <i>Open campus</i>	12:43 pm	1:23 pm
7	1:15 pm	2:10 pm	6	1:29 pm	2:19 pm
	2:16 pm	3:14 pm	7	2:25 pm	3:14 pm



Annual Winter Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7 pm

featuring

Paradise Concert Band and PHS Choir
Holiday Pies Silent Auction

Paradise High Cafeteria Free Admission

Is school closed due to weather?

If the weather outside turns frightful, parents should listen to local television and radio stations to determine if PHS is closed for the day—or if a snowfall is closing school early.

If the snowfall occurs at night or early morning, the school could be closed before the buses leave on their routes. It's also possible that school could be

closed in the morning after buses have left on their runs. If this happens, those students already on their buses will be taken back to their morning bus stop.

The third possibility would be to close schools earlier than the normal release time. If this situation occurs, the students would be bused to their afternoon bus stops.

In any of the school closing situations just described, the district will notify local radio and TV stations immediately, including the Town of Paradise emergency broadcast station at 1500 AM and the Upper Ridge emergency broadcast station at 1460 AM on your radio dial.

TV and Radio Stations

KLRS-FM	92.7
KFMF-FM	93.9
KMXI-FM.....	95.1
KALF-FM	95.7
KCEZ-FM.....	102.1
KHSL-FM.....	103.5
KRQR-FM.....	106.7
KPPL-FM	107.5
KPAY-AM	1290
Town of Paradise-AM	1500
Upper Ridge-AM.....	1460
KRCR-TV	Channel 7
KHSL-TV	Channel 12
KNVN-TV.....	Channel 24

Late start

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Student instructional minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will increase by three minutes at the end of each day with the school day now ending at 3:14 pm. Zero period on those days will be an extended period; there is no zero period on Wednesday.

Morning bus schedules will remain the same throughout the week; afternoon buses will depart three minutes later to accommodate the new schedule.

Supervision will be provided on Wednesday mornings by administration and classified staff for all students arriving prior to the 9 am start time.

We look forward to continued and even greater success for our students. Please visit our school web site www.phs.pusdk12.org for more information.

Characteristics of Professional Learning Communities:

- A focus on learning
- Action orientation: learning by doing
- A commitment to continuous improvement:
- Results orientation

Please do not hesitate to give one of us a call if you are interested in learning more about our school's commitment to Professional Learning Communities.

Michelle John, Co-Principal

Jeff Marcus, Co-Principal

Adam Rich, Assistant Principal

Don't forget:

ALL students are required to pick up a **new schedule showing their spring semester classes** on Tuesday, Jan. 3, beginning at 7:15 am in the PHS Cafeteria.

Heard around campus—

Congratulations to the PHS Band—they're a blue ribbon group for certain!

The band took first in its division at the Del Oro Band Review, defeating bands from Auburn and Stockton. It also placed first in the Lodi Band Review competing against bands from Sacramento, Stockton and Antioch.

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Local sponsors are needed for the Every 15 Minutes program which will be presented on March 28-9. Send your check to Project Vision, care of PUSD's Main Office.

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If you'd like to receive e-mails from the **PHS Parent/Teacher/Student Organization** with school information and events, you need to sign up with the organization.

Write to: phsptso@pusdk12.org

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You can give family and friends a sweet gift this holiday season—and help PHS student groups at the same time. Members of the **Class of 2012** and **California Scholastic Federation** are each selling **See's candy**.

Please contact a student or Cris Dunlap (872-6425, ext. 3109) for information or to place your order.

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You can **raise funds for Paradise High** when you're out shopping—and it won't "cost" you a thing through **eScrip**. Go to www.escrip.com/program/3ways/index.jsp and enter our PHS Group ID #500020291. You'll receive a card which you can use when shopping at local stores; PTSO will get a percentage of your purchases.

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PHS students will receive a \$45 discount when enrolling in **driver's ed training** online with HighschoolDriversEd.com. Both online or homestudy courses are available; a portion of your registration will benefit PTSO but you must use discount code: hsde045.

Guidance Office news:

Discover a scholarship!

You can receive weekly updates regarding scholarships available to PHS students by submitting your e-mail address to Ginny Brown, in the PHS Career Center. Write her at gbrown@pusdk12.org to get on the list.

Applications and additional help are also available at the Career Center.

Concurrent enrollment at Butte?

PHS students interested in taking a course at Butte College in the spring semester must submit a concurrent enrollment form by Jan. 5. Butte College's web registration is Jan. 12; the spring semester starts Jan. 23.

College application "season" is here

College applications are already due or will soon be due for Fall 2012 enrollment. Application due dates vary by school. For information about the school(s) your student is interested in, see their website. The deadline for both CSU and UC schools was the end of November for fall admission.

Career Center hours are changing

The new semester brings with it

new hours for the PHS Career Center. The center will be open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Tips for filing for college financial aid

Families can file financial aid applications for federal and state assistance from Jan. 1 through March 2.

PHS can help you with the paperwork if you attend the Cash for College Financial Aid Night at the PHS Library on Jan. 26. The 6 pm event will feature information from the CSU Chico Financial Aid Office. To register, contact the Guidance Office as soon as possible; space is limited.

Seniors will be considered for the CalGrant financial aid program if they return a completed "CalGrant GPA Verification/Release of SSN" form (these were passed out in Government and Economics classes) by March 2 and complete the FAFSA by the same date.

Planning on Butte College next fall?

Butte College offers Reg-to-Go at PHS for seniors who'll be attending the college next fall. Reg-to-Go allows students to register early with a better class

selection. Students must attend informational meetings and take assessment tests to qualify. See the Guidance Office for details.

Junior parent? Set aside March 14

Junior Parent Night is set for 6 pm on Feb. 14 in rooms 130-131 at PHS. Parents will hear representatives from local colleges, learn about graduation requirements and discover tips for helping their student navigate through the senior year.

SAT I & II • www.collegeboard.com	
Test Date	Register By*
Nov. 5	Oct. 7
Dec. 3	Nov. 8
Jan. 28	Dec. 30
March 10 (SAT only)	Feb. 10
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 8
ACT • www.actstudent.org	
Test Date	Register By*
Dec. 10	Nov. 4
Feb. 11	Jan. 13
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4

*Late registration is often available; see website

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Happy holidays!

**Calendar change: school
 now resumes Tues., Jan. 3.**

*First semester ends Dec. 16.
 Report cards will be mailed Jan. 6;
 keep an eye on your mailbox.*

Bobcat sports events—

Boys Basketball

- Dec. 8-9 Frosh Paradise Tourney
- 8-10 Del Oro Tourney
- 15-17 Var Red Bluff Tourney
- 15-17 JV Willows Tourney
- 15-17 Frosh Oroville Tourney
- Jan. 3 vs. Foothill
- 5-7 JV/Var Oroville Tourney
- 11 vs. Chico
- 13 vs. Oroville
- 18 at Red Bluff
- 20 at Lassen
- 25 at Las Plumas
- 27 vs. Pleasant Valley
- Feb. 1 at Enterprise
- 3 at Oroville
- 8 vs. Red Bluff
- 10 vs. Lassen
- 15 at Shasta

Girls Basketball

- Dec. 6 vs. Durham
- 8-10 JV/Var Oroville Tourney
- 8-10 Frosh Las Plumas Tourney
- 14-17 Var Red Bluff Tourney

- 15-17 JV Willows Tourney
- 16-17 Frosh Oroville Tourney
- Jan. 3 at Foothill
- 4 at Corning
- 10 at Chico
- 12 at Oroville
- 17 vs. Red Bluff
- 19 vs. Lassen
- 24 vs. Las Plumas
- 26 at Pleasant Valley
- 31 vs. Enterprise
- Feb. 2 vs. Oroville
- 7 at Red Bluff
- 9 at Lassen
- 14 vs. Shasta
- 16 vs. Pleasant Valley

Wrestling

- Dec. 9-10 Var Bear Creek Invitational
- 10 JV Red Bluff Invitational
- 17 Var Jailbreak Duals/Folsom
- 17 JV Durham Invitational
- Jan. 4 vs. Corning
- 6-7 Var Norcal Championships
- 11 at Oroville

- 14 Armijo Invite/Fairfield
- 18 vs. Pleasant Valley
- 21 JV Panther Challenge
- 25 vs. Las Plumas
- 28 Placer Duals/Auburn
- Feb. 1 vs. Lassen
- 4 JV North Valley Champ.
- 11 League Championships
- 18 Var Division Championships

Help plan Grad Night

Join in on the fun in planning Grad Night for the Class of 2012. The event is open to PHS, Ridgeview E-Learning and Home Tech Charter students

Parents of all students are needed on the committee—not just parents of seniors. Committee members coordinate door prizes and arrange for entertainment, tickets and food.

To volunteer, e-mail Cris Dunlap, cdunlap@pusdk12.org. The committee's next meetings are set for 6 pm on Dec. 6 and Jan. 10 in the PHS Library.