

School Year Wraps Up

PBL High School

May 2018

2017-2018 Coming to an End

As I send out this newsletter there are only eleven student attendance days remaining in the 2017-2018 school year. Needless to say, the year is quickly coming to a close. Even though summer break is within sight, there is a still lot to be done; end of the year papers, projects, and of course final exams are still ahead of us during these next eleven days. As writer and motivational speaker Robin Sharma put it, "Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic." So let's all finish in epic fashion.

On another note, as we head into the summer, our high school will be under extensive construction with the hope of having an updated electrical and heating/cooling system once we return to school in August. Due to this, the high school building will essentially be off limits during the summer. If your child is participating in summer school, drivers ed, or any sort of camp through PBL High School, please make sure to check the location as it will not occur inside the high school itself.

In closing, it's been a pleasure working with the students and parents of the Class of 2018, and I wish all of you the best of luck in the future. I also look forward to seeing and working the rest of you again next year.

Travis Duley

Principal
Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School

Upcoming Events:

- May 12th
 - Fine Arts Festival
- May 16th
 - Last Attendance Day's for Juniors & Seniors who are exempt from final exams
- May 16th
 - Senior Awards Night
7:00 p.m.
- May 18th & 21st
 - Final Exams
- May 19th
 - Salute to Veterans
- May 21st
 - Senior Tea & Graduation Practice
7:45 a.m.
- May 23rd
 - Baccalaureate
7:00 p.m.
- May 25th
 - Graduation
7:00 p.m.

Important Extra Curricular Code of Conduct Change

During this school year Paxton-Buckley-Loda made the decision to adjust our Extra Curricular Code of Conduct to align with what many of school districts have done for years. Based on this change, the Code of Conduct,

which can be found on pages 29-35 of the [PBL High School Handbook](#), is now a year round policy. This means that any student involved in extracurricular activities, found in violation of any portion of the Code of Conduct

during the summer months, will face the same consequences that they would have faced had this violation occurred during the school year. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Niebuhr or Mr. Duley.

Final Exam Schedule

Semester exams will be on Friday, May 18th and Monday, May 21st. Some important items of note for semester exams are:

- Semester exams count for 20% of the overall grade.
- As always, we have a closed campus, so all students should be in attendance all day during semester exams, unless he/she is a junior or senior who has earned an exemption.
- Juniors & Seniors who are exempt from all exams, are also exempt from school on Thursday, May 17th as this is designated as a review day.
- Juniors and seniors, who are exempt from all exams, should not be on school grounds during the school day.
- Juniors and seniors who are exempt from some, but not all exams, must be here by the start of the class period they must take an exam in and stay through the end last period that they have an exam in. Juniors and seniors, who are exempt from all exams, should not be on school grounds during the school day.
- The schedule for each day is as follows:

Friday, May 18th

8:00 – 9:27	2nd Period Exam (87 Minutes)
9:32 – 10:59	4th Period Exam (87 Minutes)
11:02 – 11:32	5A Lunch/Guided Study (30 Minutes)
11:35 – 12:05	5B Lunch/Guided Study (30 Minutes)
12:08 – 1:35	6th Period Exam (87 minutes)
1:40 – 3:07	8th Period Exam (87 Minutes)

Monday, May 21st

8:00 – 9:27	1st Period Exam (87 Minutes)
9:32 – 10:59	3rd Period Exam (87 Minutes)
11:02 – 11:32	5A Lunch/Guided Study (30 Minutes)
11:35 – 12:05	5B Lunch/Guided Study (30 Minutes)
12:08 – 1:35	7th Period Exam (90 minutes)
1:40 – 2:25	Exam Make-Up (45 Minutes)

The last period on Monday is to allow time for students who need to finish or make-up any exams. Students who need to do this will be expected to report to the classroom of the teacher they need to finish or make-up the exam with. If a student has all of their exams completed, and they have transportation available, then they may leave at 1:35. Buses will not be at the school to pick up students until 2:25, so all students who have their exams completed, but do not have any transportation, will report to the high school gym.

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Important End of Year Information for Seniors

Final Exams

- Even exam hours are Friday, May 18th & odd exam hours are Monday, May 21st.
- If you are exempt from all exams, then your last day of attendance is Wednesday, May 16th.
- If you have to take exams on Friday, May 18th you must be in attendance starting at the beginning of the class period you have to take an exam, and stay until the end of the class period of the last exam you must take.
- If you have to take exams on Monday, May 21st you must make arrangements with your teachers to take those exams ahead of time.

Senior Awards Night

- Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.
- All students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend; however, students who are receiving an award on this night will receive a notification letter ahead of time so they are aware of this and are in attendance to receive the award.

Senior Tea/Graduation Practice

- Monday, May 21st at 7:45 a.m. in the Commons.
- Breakfast will be served, and there will be a guest speaker. After the breakfast and speaker, graduation practice will be conducted.
- All seniors must attend or you will not be allowed to walk at graduation.
- All seniors must be dressed up. For young men this means dress pants, a collared shirt, and a tie. For young ladies this means a dress, a skirt, or a pant suit.
- All seniors need to bring their cap and gown. Be sure to put your name on a piece of tape inside your cap and gown so you can tell which one is yours.

Baccalaureate

- Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym
- Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Seniors need to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. and will meet in the Little Assembly to get directions and to line up to enter the gym.
- Seniors need to bring their cap and gown.
- A rose ceremony will occur during the baccalaureate ceremony. Roses may be purchased in the high school office from Kim for \$3 each. All roses must be ordered by the end of the day Thursday, May 10th.

Graduation

- Friday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym
- Each student will receive six floor seats for guests. The seating arrangement is determined by a random drawing. The tickets for these seats will be distributed to seniors after graduation practice. Seating for any additional guests is available in the bleachers.
- Seniors need to bring their cap and gown.
- Seniors need to arrive at the high school no later than 6:00 p.m. and will meet in the Little Assembly to get directions and to line up to enter the gym.
- Dress code is the same as Senior Tea. If you do not wear proper attire, you will be asked to go home to change.



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**“Excellence through Rigor,
Relevance, and Relationships.”**



Our Mission & Vision

It is the mission of Paxton-Buckley-Loda Community Unit School District No.10 to prepare each student to be a successful citizen as demonstrated through strong character, responsible actions, and a passion for life-long learning. PBL students will be empowered with the skills that allow them to read with comprehension, communicate clearly, utilize technology, think critically, work effectively with others, and use information to solve problems. PBL is committed to a systematic approach of support and intervention to assist each individual in reaching his or her full potential. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment while fostering a climate of high expectations for our students, staff, and the communities we serve.

Rigor: PBL is dedicated to providing a rigorous curriculum, coherent across grade levels, where students learn, think, comprehend, and communicate analytically.

Due to a rigorous curriculum:

- I can achieve anything by giving maximum effort, using my academic skills to think critically to solve problems and to communicate with others.

Relevance: Relevance is reinforced at PBL by making curricular connections between learning objectives and real life experiences. Students will prepare for adult roles by learning and applying fundamental skills and competencies.

My educational experiences are relevant to me because:

- I can be a self-motivated, life-long learner.
- I can be accountable to myself and others.
- I can plan for the future by adapting easily to change and managing new technologies and information.

Relationships: Positive relationships are the foundation for all learning experiences at PBL. Students, staff, parents, and community members will collaborate to create and foster a safe environment where respect for others and tolerance of individual differences are modeled and expected at all times.

To build positive relationships:

- I can be tolerant and accepting of individual differences.
- I can demonstrate responsibility through good decision making.
- I can display good citizenship by representing myself, my school, my community, and my country with pride.
- I can achieve my goals through self-motivation and by encouraging and working with others.