

Princeton High School

Survival Guide



2009 – 2010

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WHO'S WHO AT PHS

Principal	Barb Schmidt
Dean of Students	Andy Berlinski
Director of Student Activities	Dave Moore
Attendance Secretary	Maria Gold
Guidance Counselors	Brian Church Debra Dullard
Guidance Secretary/Registrar	Elena Hilmes
Social Worker	Bill Kline
School Nurse	Susan Cater
Division Chairpersons	
English, Library, Fine Arts	Beth Gerig
Foreign Language, Social Studies	Elaine McVety
Mathematics	Wendy Grove
Science	Pam Bryne
Physical Ed., Health, Driver Ed	Roger Lowe
Special Needs	Diane Smith
Vocational/Technical	Randy Swinford

WHAT TO DO WHEN...

To attend a dance or athletic activity?

Buy a ticket or bring your student ID card with you to the event.

Lost articles/books/valuables?

Go to Student Affairs Office.

Lost ID card?

Go to Main Office.

Problem with locker?

Report problem in Student Affairs or Custodial Office.

Problem with other students and/or threats, harassment?

See the Principal, Dean of Students, or your counselor.

Absence?

Have a parent or guardian call the school before 10:00 a.m. on the day you are out. (875-3308 ext. 230)

Arriving late?

Upon arrival, sign in at Student Affairs Office. Your parents **MUST** call 875-3308 ext. 230 to confirm the tardy.

Leaving early?

Students may not leave the building without signing out in the Student Affairs Office. Parental consent must be obtained before a student may leave.

Miss the bus?

Get a ride from a parent or neighbor, walk, but **COME TO SCHOOL**. Sign in at the Student Affairs Office before reporting to class.

Illness/injury?

Ask your classroom teacher to sign your agenda book and then report to Student Affairs Office.

Need tutoring?

See teachers or use the Tutorial Learning Center. For private tutoring see your counselor – private tutoring is paid for by the parent.

Problem with a teacher or a coach?

Discuss the problem after school when you can meet privately with the teacher or coach. If you feel you can't approach the teacher or coach by yourself, see your guidance counselor for suggestions.

Scheduling problem/drop or add a class?

Make an appointment with the guidance secretary to meet with your counselor. You can also see your counselor before or after school, between classes or during lunch.

WHAT IF I'M SICK?

In case you are ill or there is a severe family illness, parents are expected to telephone the Student Affairs Office on the day of the absence. The phone number is 875-3308, extension 230. Notes from parents or calls from friends will not be accepted, unless the family does not have a telephone.

Determining Excused or Unexcused Absences

The administration will decide whether a student is to receive an excused or unexcused absence regardless of the parent's approval of his/her child's absence.

EXCUSED ABSENCES ARE GIVEN FOR:

1. Illness
2. Observance of a religious holiday
3. Death in the immediate family
4. Family emergency
5. Circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parents or guardian for the safety or health of the student as determined by the school administrator
6. Other situations approved by the school administrator
7. In-school suspension

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ARE GIVEN FOR:

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| 1. Oversleeping | 7. Driver's license test |
| 2. Shopping | 8. Baby sitting |
| 3. Unexplained "personal reasons" | 9. Hair appointments |
| 4. Unexplained "appointments" | 10. Attendance at sporting events or concerts |
| 5. Missing the bus | |
| 6. Car trouble | |

IN-SCHOOL ILLNESS:

Except for an emergency, ask your classroom teacher to sign your Agenda Book and then go to the Student Affairs Office.

Parents/guardians will be called if you need to go home and/or seek emergency care. The school nurse is available Tuesday and Thursday between 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Princeton High School 2008-2009 Calendar

Friday, August 21, 2009	Teachers Institute – No Attendance
Monday, August 24, 2009	First Day of School – 2:00 p.m. dismissal
Monday, September 7, 2009	Labor Day – No School
Friday, September 18, 2009	School Improvement Day– Dismissal at 11:50
Thursday, September 24, 2009	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00 to 9:00
Friday, September 25, 2009	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 to 11:00 No School
Monday, October 12, 2009	Columbus Day – No School
Monday, October 26, 2009	Institute Day – No School
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	Beginning of Term Two
Thursday, November 12, 2009	Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25, 2009	Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26, 2009	Thanksgiving – No School
Friday, November 27, 2009	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Friday, December 4, 2009	School Improvement Day – Dismissal at 11:50
Friday, December 18, 2009	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21, 2009 till Friday, January 1, 2010	Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2010	School Resumes
Friday, January 15, 2010	Teachers Institute/End of Term 2
Monday, January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Tuesday, January 19, 2010	Beginning of Term 3
Thursday, February 18, 2010	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00 to 9:00
Friday, February 19, 2010	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 to 11:00 No School
Monday, February 22, 2010	President’s Day – No School
Friday, March 19, 2010	End of Term 3
Monday, March 22, 2010	Teachers Institute
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Start of Term 4
Friday, April 2, 2010 thru Friday, April 9, 2010	Spring Break - No School
Monday, April 12, 2010	School Resumes
Friday, April 23, 2010	School Improvement Day – Dismissal at 11:50
Friday, May 21, 2010	School Improvement Day – Dismissal at 11:50
Monday, May 31, 2010	Memorial Day – No School
Tuesday, June 1, 2010	Last Day of Attendance

For a current calendar please visit our web-site at www.phs-il.org

WHO QUALIFIES FOR HONOR ROLL?

Students receive High Honor Roll recognition by earning a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in their subjects. Students receive Honor Roll recognition by earning a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 and having no grade less than a “C”. Honor Rolls are acknowledged at the end of each term.

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION IVCC Tuition Guarantee Program – Criteria

- Student declaration of commitment to participate as freshman or as incoming student,
- Cumulative grade-point of 3.0 or better,
- No unexcused absences or suspensions,
- Student must participate in and complete at least one extracurricular school activity per year,
- Student must be enrolled in Princeton High School for a minimum of one full academic year, inclusive of the 12th grade.
- Student must demonstrate examples of community service.

WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?

As you enter high school, each student is assigned a guidance counselor. Most of you are assigned a counselor based on the first letter of your last name.

A – L	Mr. Church
M – Z	Mrs. Dullard

Your counselor is the one person at Princeton High School who works with you during the entire time you are in high school. Teachers, coaches, and even club sponsors change from time to time, but as much as possible, we try to keep you with the same counselor for all four years.

What do you do with a counselor now that you have one? Each of you will see your counselor to accomplish tasks that are required by the school, such as receiving orientation information, registering for classes, planning your high school curriculum, getting college and career information, and taking special tests.

Keep in mind that your counselor is here to help you be the best student that you can possibly be. No one can think very clearly about a math equation or remember a foreign language if there is a big problem bothering him/her. Counselors are trained to help students deal with many problems that can arise during high school. You may have a quick question or a long story to tell. Either way, your counselor is here to listen and to help you find answers to your questions.

Remember: Your counselor will get to know you faster if you will just stop by and say “hi” now and then. All counselors are located on the second floor in the Guidance Office.

SOME POSSIBLE REASONS TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR

- Having difficulty with a class
- Needing a schedule change
- Having difficulty getting along with teachers, parents friends, boyfriend/girlfriend or family members
- Wanting help communicating with parents
- Wanting help/advice dealing with personal issues
- Wanting help finding a college
- Wanting to locate web sites for educational planning
- Wanting help deciding upon a career goal
- Having problems attending school regularly
- Wanting to share GOOD NEWS/MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

You can add any reason to this list. If there is a question that you want to ask or an issue that you want to discuss, that is exactly the reason you should drop in and see your counselor.

To make an appointment to see your counselor, stop by the Guidance Office and see Mrs. Hilmes, Guidance Secretary

DON'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE!

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

DO IT NOW!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Membership by Application, Audition, Try-out, or Election

NAME	SPONSOR	OFFICE
Band Ensembles	Ms. Bonner	Band
Choral Ensembles	Ms. Schertz	Choral
Cheerleading	Mrs. Moats	
Class Officers	TBA	
Class Advisory Board	Class Sponsors	Varies
F.F.A.	Mr. Foes	19
Foods Club	Mrs. McVety	301
German National Honor Society	Ms. Evenhouse	110
Lifesavers	Mrs. Smith	Special Needs Office
Marching Band	Ms. Bonner	Band
National Honor Society	Mrs. Polowy	304
Pep Band	Ms. Bonner	Band
Pom Pons	Mrs. Swinford	
Plays/Musical	Mrs. Gerig	105B
Scholastic Bowl	Mrs. Polowy	304
Special Olympics	Mrs. Pat Marquis	262
Student Council	Mrs. Saylor	
Sportsman Club	Mr. Wahlgren	
Thespians	Mrs. Gerig	105B
TMH Helpers	Mrs. Walleart	TMH
Yearbook	Mrs. Bowman	English Office

WHO COACHES WHAT, WHEN?

FALL

Cross Country - Boys & Girls

Head Coach: Pat Hodge
Asst. Coach: Joann Bowman

Football

Head Coach: Dave Moore
Asst. Coaches: Steve Amy,
Andy Berlinski, Dan Foes, Rob
Jensen, Jesse Snyder, Spencer
Davis

Golf – Boys

Head Coach: Brian Church
Asst. Coach: Charlie Yelm
Head Coach: Charlie Yelm

Golf – Girls

Head Coach: Jason Bird
Asst. Coaches: Rod Jagers,
Harlen Franklin, Kurt Garvin

Soccer –Boys

Head Coach: Connie Lind
Asst. Coaches: Beth Peacock,

Tennis - Girls

Head Coach: Andy Puck
Asst. Coaches: Eric Tinley
Vanessa Madison

Volleyball

Head Coach: Jesse Brandt
Asst. Coaches: Paul Robinson,
Eric Tinley,

WINTER

Basketball – Boys

Head Coach: Spencer Davis
Asst. Coach: Vanessa Madison,
Scott Jensen

Basketball - Girls

Wrestling

Head Coach: Steve Amy
Asst. Coach: Jason Bird, Aaron
Christianson,

SPRING

Boys Track

Head Coach: Dan Foes
Asst. Coach: Marty Makransky,
Curtis Odell

Girls Track

Head Coach: Pat Hodge
Asst. Coach: Andy Puck

Baseball

Head Coach: John Cruz
Asst. Coach: Eric Pinter,
Michael Fauth, Tim Taylor

Girls Soccer

Head Coach: Ed Young
Asst. Coach: David Gray

Softball

Head Coach: Bob James
Asst. Coach: Vanessa Madison,
Tim Williams, Keith Kamphius

Tennis – Boys

Head Coach: Connie Lind
Asst. Coach: Alex Arauza

SOURCES OF HELP WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN SCHOOL

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance/Fire	911
Hospital	875-2811
City Police	872-2351
City Fire	875-1856
Sheriff's Department	875-3344

MISCELLANEOUS COUNSELING

Allied Counseling Group	815-224-4522
Catholic Charities	815-223-4007
Journeys Counseling Associates	815-872-2100
Lubbs Counseling Services	815-879-0048
New Directions Counseling Center	815-875-2192
North Central Behavioral Management	815-875-4458
Options EAP	815-879-0327

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Freedom House	815-872-0087
24 Hour Crisis Line	1-800-474-6031
States Attorney Child Protection Services	815-875-8667

Other

Regional Poison Control Center	1-800-543-2022
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