

Putnam Valley High School

Welcome Back 2019!



Welcome Back, Students!

We are looking forward to everyone's return on Tuesday, September 3rd! Please make sure that you have electronically signed off on the **Code of Conduct** and **Laptop Use Agreement** so every student can get his/her laptop on the first day of school.

**PVHS is now an International
Baccalaureate World School !
The ONLY in Putnam County!**



We wish Mr. O'Connor best of luck as Principal of Dover Middle School!



We have a new Big Buddy Program for 9th Graders!



Mr. Mello, Our new Assistant Principal



Our 1st group of IB Diploma Candidates!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This will be a year of new beginnings. We have a new Superintendent, a new Assistant Principal and the ushering in of PVHS as an IB World School! We are looking forward to how these changes will continue to propel us forward and provide us with new opportunities for our students.

I would like to officially welcome Mr. Matt Mello as the new PVHS Assistant Principal! Mr. Mello is a passionate and growth-minded educator, and I am proud to work with him in a new capacity as an administrator. He will be a fair and dedicated Assistant Principal, who

will always have the best interests of the students at heart. We are currently interviewing to replace Mr. Mello in the Social Studies Department for this year.

In addition to our new Assistant Principal, I would also like to welcome our new science teacher, Mr. John McManus. Mr. McManus went through a rigorous process of screening, a committee, and a demonstration lesson this past spring. Throughout the process, everyone on the committee showed great enthusiasm for having Mr. McManus as a member of the PVHS faculty.

As was announced last year, Ms. Dina Castrillon will be joining us in the Guidance Department replacing Ms. Kilduff, who has moved to the Elementary School. Mrs. Cochrane will also be extending her leave through the first semester. She will be covered by Ms. Rocio Guerrero, who has experience teaching all levels of Spanish.

Our goal is to provide the students of Putnam Valley High School with a quality educational experience that prepares students for life beyond high school. We are now part of a "worldwide network of highly respected

WELCOME MR. MCMANUS!

Mr. McManus is our new addition to the PVHS Science Department. Mr. McManus graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree at Manhattanville College. Previously to Putnam Valley, he worked in the engineering industry where he specialized in medical device product development and smart home technology. Mr. McManus will be teaching Innovation and Design, Honors Physics and AP Physics.



schools” that offer the IB program. The International Baccalaureate program works to create reflective, balanced, and caring individuals who are ready to embrace our global society. We are incredibly proud that every 11th-grade student will take an IB Standard Level English class and that we have 19 students participating in the full diploma program. All students will be challenged with a rigorous 21st-century curriculum that will promote creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. We have a strong team of passionate teachers who are well trained and ready to support our students in this new endeavor.

As we did last year with the later start time and the Community Lunch, we will continue to focus on ways to improve the social-emotional needs of our students. We want all children to feel safe and have a sense of belonging in our school so they can reach their highest potential as learners. To that end, we have redesigned our Freshman Foundations program to include Senior Big Buddies who will help each 9th grader adjust to life at the high school. Additionally, we will continue to foster programs, curriculum, and assemblies that address the mental health crisis that is facing our youth. With the growth of social media and cell phones, students deal with a myriad of issues that are not always easy to handle. However, we will continue to work towards combating these challenges through building strong relationships with every child to ensure all children feel cared for and accepted at PVHS.

On the first day of school, students will attend Community Meetings where they will be welcomed by the administration. In addition, they will also participate in Class Meetings with their advisors and have the opportunity to get their laptop. Additionally, seniors will be greeted with a special light breakfast to

honor their entrance into the 12th grade! Please note our Opening Day schedules in this document!

We are looking forward to an exciting first day and a very positive year!

Sincerely,

Sandra Intrieri, Ed.D.

Please make sure to sign the [Code of Conduct](#) and the [Laptop Use Agreement](#) found on the high school website in order for your child to pick up his/her laptop on the first day of school!



Opening Day- September 3, 2019

9th Grade Schedule

| Time | Activity |
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| Period 1: 7:50-8:30 | Welcome/Big Buddy Meeting- Gym |
| Period 2: 8:34-9:14 | Team Building- Gym |
| Period 3: 9:18-9:58 | Team Building-Gym |
| Period 4: 10:02-10:42 | Laptops- 1st floor (laptop in locker, then go to the Cafeteria for BBQ) |
| Period 5: 10:45- 11:44 | Community BBQ- Outside of Cafeteria |
| Period 6: 11:48-12:28 | Community and Class Meeting-PAC |
| Period 7: 12:32-1:12 | Freshman 101- Cafeteria |
| Period 8: 1:16- 1:56 | Stress Management- PAC |
| Period 9: 2:00-2:40 | Scavenger Hunt |

Freshman Foundations

This is our 5th year of the Freshman Foundations program. This program is designed to help Freshman acclimate to their new building without anxiety or fear. The day is filled with fun activities that will better prepare students for a successful 9th grade year. As an example, “Freshman 101” will help 9th graders understand their schedule and how our schedule works at the high school. This year, we also have Team Moljo with us to run team building

games with the 9th graders that will make a fun filled and stress free first day. Our new Senior Big Buddies will meet their little buddies in the morning and participate in many of the activities together. 9th graders will also have a Community Meeting with administration and a class meeting with their advisors, Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Nelson and Ms. Foster. 9th graders will end the day with a Scavenger Hunt that will take them around the building looking for answers. Please send your child with comfortable clothing for the first day activities!

Opening Day- September 3, 2019


10th-12th Grade Schedule

| Time | Activity |
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| Period 1: 7:50-8:30 | First Period Class & Senior Breakfast- Cafeteria |
| Period 2: 8:34-9:14 | Second Period Class & Sophomore Class Meeting- PAC |
| Period 3: 9:18-9:58 | Third Period Class & Junior Class Meeting- PAC |
| Period 4: 10:02-10:42 | Fourth Period Class & Senior Class Meeting- PAC |
| Period 5: 10:45-11:05 11:05- 11:44 | 10th,11th,12th Class Meeting 10th grade - PAC 11th grade -Library 12th grade - Gym Community BBQ- Outside of Cafeteria |
| Period 6: 11:48-12:28 | Sixth Period Class & Senior Laptops- hallway outside Gym |
| Period 7: 12:32-1:12 | Seventh Period Class & Junior Laptops- hallway outside Gym |
| Period 8: 1:16- 1:56 | Eighth Period Class & Sophomore Laptops- hallway outside Gym |
| Period 9: 2:00-2:40 | Ninth Period Class |

**Schedules will be
available for viewing on
Powerschool by noon
on Thursday, August
22nd!**

Outstanding Attendance 2018-2019

"Strive for Five"



The following students are recognized for outstanding attendance (5 or less excused absences) for the 2018-2019 school year!

Grade 10

Chen, Fiona
Garcia, Bianca G.
DeVito, Madeline
Holowiak, Michael
Scantlebury, Aiden
Simpson, Kelsey
Wollenweber, Tyler

Grade 11

Cabreja, Kristine
DeGiorgio, Nicolas
Cobelli, Nina
Morales, Joshua
Smith, Spencer
Tucker, Jordan

Grade 12

Gelfer, Jasmine
Keesler, Paul
Lamere, Belle
Lee, Shannon
Pereira, Jolie

