

PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL TIGER TRIBUNE

May 13 - May 20



Graduation Save the Date!

Graduation is currently slated for June 20th at 5:30pm on the PHS Front Lawn. A mailing is coming soon from the Main Office that will include your wristbands (4), graduation announcements, and other information you need to know for the big day.

For planning purposes, graduation generally runs about 2 hours. We will begin the procession of the graduates promptly at 5:30pm.

Due to the Monday graduation date, **Senior Sunset** will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 16th. If you aren't sure what senior sunset is, it is the evening (typically the night before the last day of school) where our seniors gather on the lawn to watch the sunset together. Students typically bring their yearbooks, blankets, lawn games and just enjoy time together. More info will be provided closer to the event.

Limited yearbooks left for purchase of the PHS Prince Yearbook!

The 2022 Prince has gone to print. We have a limited number of copies for sale. You can purchase yours at www.yearbookordercenter.com using code 4078.

Yearbooks typically sell out. If you are sure you want one, you should buy it soon!

PHS Prom Meetings

Mandatory Prom Meetings are coming for all PHS Students attending our upcoming Prom. Meetings will be conducted May 11th at 7pm via zoom, May 16th during break in the PAC, and May 16th in the PAC at 2:37. Links and reminders will be in Class Canvas Announcements.

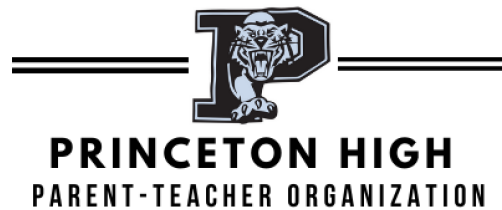


Cranbury Late Bus Schedule Change

The 6pm late bus to Cranbury will not run on the following Friday evenings:

May 6, and May 13

The 5:30pm and 6:30pm buses will remain on schedule.



Class of 2022 Lawn Signs: Available for a limited time.

Class of 2022 lawn signs will be available for a limited time and only if one is reserved in advance. If you would like one, please complete the Google Form below. Signs will not be delivered to homes but will be available for pickup in early June. The PHS PTO is excited to offer the Class of 2022 signs free of charge. The signs are double-sided, printed in color, and long-lasting. An email will be sent out with pick-up instructions at a later time.

<https://forms.gle/2CVGWdpNgzHRoJkH8>

The last day to order a sign is Monday, May 16th.

PPS Special Ed PTO

Upcoming SEPAG General Meetings and Officer Election Information



[Please see the latest SEPAG newsletter here.](#)

Our final general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.**, also on Zoom, and will include the election of officers for the 2022-23 academic year. Three executive board positions are open for one-year terms: 2 Co-Presidents, and 1 Secretary. The Zoom link the meetings is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3979210547?pwd=SVplcXFyMk5tZ1BBT3l6cVRjelBFUT09>
(Meeting ID: 397 921 0547; Passcode: 684188).

PHS Health and Wellness Green Team News

Welcome to news and tips from the PHS Health and Wellness Green Team (HWGT). Each week we will provide updates and information to help PHS families lead more mindful and sustainable lives.

This Week's Sustainability Tip: Green Lawn Care, Part One

Now that Spring is here and we're spending more time in our yards, it's important to consider the impact that traditional lawn care has on the environment. According to the National Wildlife Federation:

- 30% of water used on the East Coast goes to watering lawns; 60% on the West Coast.
- 18% of municipal solid waste is composed of yard waste.

- The average suburban lawn received 10 times as much chemical pesticide per acre as farmland.
- Over 70 million tons of fertilizers and pesticides are applied to residential lawns and gardens annually.
- Per hour of operation, a gas lawn mower emits 10-12 times as much hydrocarbon as a typical auto. A weed eater emits 21 times more and a leaf blower 34 times more.
- Pesticides kill 60 – 90% of earthworms when applied. Earthworms are important for soil health.

Fortunately, it's easy to have a green lawn and do it in a green way. Here are some easy tips to make your lawn care more sustainable.

- **Water Early in the Morning:** Much of the water from daytime watering is lost to evaporation. Avoid overwatering your lawn: it's more damaging than not watering enough.
- **Don't Mow When You Don't Need To:** Grass will grow at different rates when temperatures and moisture levels vary. Many lawn companies and homeowners mow weekly, even when it's not needed. This wastes gas, money, and time, and makes our neighborhoods unnecessarily noisy.
- **Leave Clippings on the Lawn:** Sometimes referred to as "grass-cycling," this provides nutrients equivalent to one application of fertilizer. For effective grass cycling, wait until the lawn is 3" tall then set the mower height to remove 1". The clippings left on the lawn will quickly disappear from view. This technique also saves hauling yard waste to the landfill.
- **Learn from the Weeds:** Dandelions thrive at a pH level of about 7.5 so are a sign to add sulfur to lower the pH. Clover and medic are signs that your lawn may be nitrogen poor and need compost.
- **Welcome Beneficial Weeds:** Before the introduction of weed-killers, people expected to see a mix of plants in a lawn. Many common plants like clover and dandelions are actually beneficial. Clover is a nitrogen-fixer, adding nutrition to the soil, and the long taproot that makes dandelions so difficult to eradicate is actually an effective aerator. Deep roots also bring useful minerals up to the surface where they can be used by other plants. Additionally, the flowers of these plants provide food for pollinators that don't find much to eat in landscapes dominated by monoculture grass.
- **Allow Your Lawn to Go Dormant:** Lawn grasses have an effective coping strategy when water is scarce: dormancy. While brown grass is not perhaps everyone's ideal, letting plants go dormant can save a lot of water. Give grass a half-inch of water every other week during dry times, and it should bounce back when conditions improve. It's best to stay off drought-stressed grass.
- **Test Your Soil:** Nutrient deficiencies can cause grass to turn yellow, brown, or die. A simple soil test can let you know if you need to add nutrients to enhance the health of your grass.

Open Space/Sustainability Events Around Town:

D&R Greenway: Spring Native Plant Sale

May 7, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

D&R Greenway Land Trust, Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton

The in-person plant sale is back! For more information and to access the plant list, visit <https://drgreenway.org/shop/native-plants/>

Friends of Princeton Open Space: Call for Land Stewards

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.-Noon/1-4:00 p.m.

Mountain Lake House Parking lot, 57 Mountain Ave, Princeton

Join our team and dig into our new project: Riparian Restoration Project: Help Restore the Lakeshore. Volunteers will work under the guidance of FOPOS' stewardship staff to identify and remove target invasive species from the northern bank of Mountain Lake using pruners, loppers, and hand saws. We will also plant natives and install protective deer-exclusion caging. Invasive shrubs, such as Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) and burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), will be replaced with native species including viburnums, dogwoods, and oaks. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.fopos.org/getinvolved>

Mercer County Park: Eyes on Eagles

Saturday, May 7, 30-minute Sessions start at 1:30 p.m., Free

Marina Parking Lot, Mercer County Park

Join our program leaders lakeside to appreciate our resident Bald Eagles! During these 30-minute sessions, our program leaders will interpret Bald Eagle ecology and behavior, provide participants with an up-close look at our nesting pair and answer any questions. Each 30-minute session will be limited to 20 participants. Walk-ins will not be permitted. The walk from the parking area to the nest viewing site takes about 5 minutes; please arrive at the nest viewing site at your scheduled time. For more information and to register, visit the Eyes on Eagles website.

Sustainable Princeton: Don't be Idle, Let's Upcycle, May 2022

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Parking Lot Behind Monument Hall, Princeton

Sustainable Princeton's waste collection event is back. The following items will be collected:

- **Batteries:** All types of batteries will be reused or recycled through Wireless Alliance. NOTE: Battery ENDS MUST BE SEALED with clear tape or wrap to prevent electrical discharge during shipping. No corroded batteries. No car or other large batteries.
- **Bikes for Adults:** The PHS Biking Club is collecting bikes suitable for adults to be refurbished & distributed to those who need one. NOTE: This collection does not include children's bikes, scooters, or biking accessories.
- **Block Styrofoam™: Packaging Styrofoam™** used to encase a fragile item can be locally upcycled into picture frames. NOTE: All Styrofoam™ must be free of tape

and glue! This collection does NOT include peanuts, plates, cups, egg cartons, or take-out boxes. We cannot accept spongy lookalike foams. (The lookalike foams act more like a sponge that bends or compresses. Alternatively, Styrofoam™ breaks or crumbles under force.) Finally, since we will be increasing our inspection of materials, you no longer need to bag your Styrofoam.

- **Cell phones and tablets:** All cell phones and tablets, as well as their accessories, can be refurbished or shredded for precious metals reclamation by Wireless Alliance. Review their information regarding data security. NOTE: To allow data cleansing of Apple products, disable the Find My iPhone Activation Lock.
- **Cooking Tools:** All brands of metal-based* cookware, bakeware, and cutlery (*Nonstick Aluminum, Stainless Steel, Carbon Steel, Cast Iron) will be recycled through Terracycle's Calphalon® Cooking Tools Recycling Program. To aid in shipping, please bring these in a large box and wrap knives in paper or bubble wrap. This is a new collection we are piloting.
- **Metal lawn sign frames:** Metal frames are accepted for scrap metal recycling. Please remove the signs. We are not aware of any recycling opportunity for the signboards.
- **Printer cartridges:** Ink cartridges will be refurbished or upcycled by Wireless Alliance. All printer cartridges, including laser and inkjet, are accepted.
- **Razors:** All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units), rigid plastic packaging, and flexible plastic bag packaging will be recycled through Terracycle's Gillette® Razor Recycling Program. This is a new collection we are piloting.
- **Reusable bags:** Gently-used reusable shopping bags will be collected for clients represented by a member of the Food Insecurity Task Force. All reusable bags are accepted.

For more information,

visit <https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/event/dont-be-idle-lets-upcycle-may-2022/>

Sustainable Princeton: Sustainable Minds Discuss Community Solar

Wednesday, May 18, 7-8:00 p.m., Free, via Zoom

This special session will feature two dynamic speakers that will share the benefits of community solar, and help you decide if it's right for you. Come with questions! Elena Weissmann, Mid-Atlantic Director of Vote Solar: Elena coordinates Vote Solar's campaigns in the Mid-Atlantic, advocating for inclusive and equitable solar policies throughout the region. Elana will provide an overview of Community Solar within the region and nationally, addressing equity and accessibility issues.

Tracey Woods, Research & Project Specialist at Sustainable Jersey: Tracey Woods works with the Sustainable Jersey Energy Team as a Project Research Specialist. Tracey will focus on New Jersey, describing the current state of NJ's community solar program. She will explain how you can subscribe and what municipalities are doing to enable adoption.

[Register for this event here.](#)

Sustainable Princeton: Changing the Landscape Survey

If you live in Princeton and have a lawn or outdoor property, we invite you to complete this brief and confidential survey. Please include your email for a chance to win one of our Changing the Landscape prizes including a Bee House, Landscaping Book or Native Tree or Plant! Survey winners will be contacted at the conclusion of the survey.

Are you aware of the Landscape Transition Fund? Sustainable Princeton has established a fund to incentivize the transition to battery-powered lawn care equipment by providing financial assistance to commercial landscapers.

Learn more about the Changing the Landscape campaign on our Current Projects page.

[Please follow along with PHS Athletics news, scores and more online!](#)

The Tiger Tribune is a “Friday” communication for PHS Families.

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