PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL TIGER TRIBUNE

September 10-17

Princeton High School **TOP STORIES**



Thank you for attending the Welcome Back night!

We welcomed about 600 students at our Welcome Tigers Event from 4-10pm on Friday Night. Students participated in a bunch of activities such as a photo booth, caricature artist, basketball, laser tag, and even a mechanical bull! We hope to bring more fun events like this for our students throughout the school year. If you have a fun event that you would like to see PHS host, please send your ideas to Mrs. Lygas.

NEW AND IMPROVED PHS TIGER CLASS CANVAS PAGE



All students have been invited to join the PHS All Students Canvas Page. We use this page as our main communication with students throughout the year to post news, events, and important information. Please make sure students accept the canvas invitation to join the class. This class is

for ALL PHS Students. Once in the class, students are broken into their sections for their graduation years so we can send grade specific information to them easily. Students access Canvas through ppslink. If you were not invited to the All Students Class or can't find your invite, please see Mrs. Lygas in the Counseling suite and we will get you set up!

PHS CLASS MEETINGS!

Class Meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 14, blocks 2-5. Class Meetings are a brief gathering held for each class at PHS. All students will report to their assigned class periods throughout the day for attendance. When called, designated classes will be escorted to the PAC. Students should NOT report directly to the PAC unless they have a free period. Students will participate in an overview of the school year, expectations, safety, and hear from their class presidents! **Go Tigers!**



9th Grade Orientation Recap

You can find a highlight video from 9th Grade orientation posted <u>here</u> if your child missed our August date or is looking for a refresher. This is the first time we tried capturing the day. Big thanks to our student volunteers who showed off their camera skills:)

Meet the Admin Parent Night Replay

If you missed Meet the Principal Night, you can catch it <u>here</u>. This event replaced the New Parent Orientation originally planned for the 14th since the program was so similar. If you have any questions for PHS Administration, please reach out!



Picture Day is Friday, September 17th!

All students will sit for their school picture on the 17th. These pictures will be used to create the PHS 2021-22 school id cards. If you miss picture day, the make-up date is October 20!

Please pre-purchase your child's school pictures at www.mulifetouch.com and use school code EVTG2CRW2.

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Crisis Go is a go! We have a new mechanism for Covid screening forms. Instructions for the program are posted in the Class Canvas Pages. Please check that out and have your screening form complete to expedite your entry into the school building.

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Check the PHS PTO website for meeting dates, updates, and information http://princetonhspto.weebly.com or click the PTO link under the Parents tab on the PHS homepage.

SAVE THE DATE: PTO MEETING: Wed., September 22nd @7:00 PM (Zoom) Topic: Supporting your teen this school year

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Welcome to a new school year! Please share these easy and green back to school tips with your family, and help us make PHS and our community more sustainable.

Reuse backpacks and as many of previous years' school supplies as you can.

If you need to buy new supplies, purchase recycled notebook paper and other items made with recycled content, such as recycled pencils and <u>markers</u>, refillable or <u>recycled pens</u>, and <u>100% recycled</u>, <u>chlorine-free notebooks</u> and <u>printer paper</u>.

If you decide to buy new binders, try to find brands that are PVC and lead-free. The chemical additives in PVC have been linked to chronic health problems including asthma, learning disabilities, and diabetes. Check out the information about toxic-free school supplies from Center for Health, Environment & Justice:

http://www.chej.org/publications/PVCGuide/PVCfree.pdf

Pack lunches in reusable containers that can be brought home to wash. If you compost at home, have your student bring home leftover food. Right now, only the PHS kitchen staff is able to compost.

Encourage the use of reusable water bottles instead of buying single use water bottles from school or using cups.

If your student drinks coffee/tea, provide them with a travel mug they can bring to school or their favorite coffee shop.

Encourage walking/biking to school.

Don't forget to recycle properly at school

RECYCLING BINS (blue/yellow/labeled):

- o Empty/clean labeled #1 & 2 plastics without tops (plastic cups go in the trash)
 - o Empty/clean glass jars/bottles without tops
 - o Empty/clean metal cans
 - o Milk cartons
- Clean paper/cardboard (copy paper, notebook paper, newspaper; paper plates, napkins, and paper cups go in the trash).
 When in doubt, throw the item out.

Use both sides of printer and notebook paper before recycling them.

Reuse scrap paper for printing at home; print longer assignments

double-sided.

When working on computers at home, remind your student to take a few minutes to look away from their computer every hour.

Remind your student to turn off lights and gadgets when they're done with schoolwork to cut back on wasted energy.

Make time every day to get outside. See below for Labor Day hike ideas.

Focus on PHS Sustainability

For more information on Princeton town recycling: https://www.princetonnj.gov/resources/recycling-in-princeton

For more information on greener school supplies: https://earth911.com/living-well-being/eco-friendly-back-to-school/

Sustainable Princeton: https://www.sustainableprinceton.org

Visit the PTO website for more sustainability tips and information: http://princetonhspto.weebly.com/wellness--sustainability.html

Sustainability/Nature Events Around Town:

Looking to take a hike over Labor Day weekend?

Visit https://njtrails.org and Cranbury Hiking Trails for local ideas.

Want to try Geocaching?

Visit Cranbury Geocaching and http://centraljerseygeocaching.net/c/ for information.

Upcoming Events:

Cranbury Day: September 11, 9: 00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Visit https://www.helenecody.com to register for the Helene Cody 5K/1 mile fun run.

Friends of Princeton Open Space: Fall Planting Days, September 11/18

Help FOPOS get to the finish line with the Forest Restoration Project in the Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve! Thanks to an army of volunteers led by FOPOS Natural Resources and Stewardship Director, Anna Corichi, nearly 8,000 herbaceous plugs have been planted. Help plant the last 1,000! Registration will be required to attend. Visit https://www.fopos.org for more information.

Mercer County Parks: Just A Hike

Sunday, September 12 - Mercer Meadows @ Hunt House, 1-3:30 p.m. The name says it all; this program is Just a Hike. A Mercer County Parks naturalist will lead you along the trails, point out species of interest, and be there to answer your questions. To register, visit: https://register.communitypass.net/mercer

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September 17-24

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FALL PLAY AUDITIONS on September 23!



PHS Theatre is excited to announce auditions for the Fall Play, *Bethel Park Falls*. Auditions will be held on Thursday, September 23 at 3:30 PM. Auditions are open to **all** PHS students. Please open and review the <u>Audition packet</u>, and please see Ms. Krawiecki in the Black Box Theatre if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Here's the link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/195qpe17NxeLHyzcRPoC CUvEoBpgU49PJn 39ekAjiYU/edit?usp=sharing

Purchase School Pictures! Make-Up Picture Day is October 20th!

If your student missed today's picture day, the make-up/retake date is October 20. There is still time to purchase a photo package from today. If you would like to purchase today's photo online, you may do so only until midnight on Sunday, September 19th at www.mylifetouch.com and use school code EVTG2CRW2.

After Sunday, you can purchase the pictures after you receive their photo proof in October. If you know you need photos for November/December, I suggest you purchase them now. Thank you!

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PHS Course Add Drop Dates

Changing courses after the academic year has started can often be very disruptive to a student's schedule. Students and families have the opportunity to change courses during the course verification period in June. Changes once school starts will be limited to placement changes and core course issues. Students, parents, teachers and Supervisors must all be in agreement before any and all changes are made. For your reference, here are our add/drop dates. This will be very new to ninth graders, in particular. If students are interested in adding or dropping a course, please review the dates as per our program of studies below. Thank you!

Adding classes after school starts:

- * Last day to add a first semester class: September 20th, 2021
- * Last day to add a second semester class: February 11th, 2022
- * Last day to add a full-year class: September 20th, 2021

Dropping classes:

- * Last day to drop a first semester class: September 20th, 2021
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WEBINAR LINK:

https://princetonk12.zoom.us/j/81978059047





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Sustainability/Nature Events Around Town:

D&R Greenway: Fall Native Plant Sale, September 18, 9-11:00 a.m.

In Person/Open to the Public; One Preservation Place, Princeton (across from Johnson Park Elementary School.) Visitors must wear masks and maintain social distancing. Click on the **Fall 2021 Native Plant Inventory** to view a complete list of all of the plants, shrubs, and trees available for sale. For more information, visit https://drgreenway.org/shop/native-plants/

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The Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks: Sukkah Village 2021 September 19-30

Join us to tour 11 Sukkahs, a traditional Judaic shelter, on public sites around downtown Princeton designed by architecture and design firms and NJIT competition winners. Special programming throughout the 10-day event will include panel discussions, walking tours, a film screening, and family-friendly arts/crafts. The event will promote the impact of design in addressing key social issues impacting NJ and the nation as a whole, such as

- Homelessness
- Food insecurity
- Sustainability
- Struggles of refugees worldwide

For more information, visit https://sukkahvillage.com/sukkah-village-princeton

Duke Farms: Geocaching for Beginner: September 25, 10-10:45 a.m., \$5

Join Duke Farm staff for this 45-minute crash course in geocaching for beginners. Geocaching is an outdoor scavenger hunt that makes use of your phone's GPS technology as you search for hidden caches along established trails. For more information and to register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geocaching-for-beginners-tickets-169476327257?aff=ebdsoporaprofile

Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands: National Public Lands Day of Service:

September 25, 2-4:00 p.m., 145 Mapleton Road, Kingston Our public lands need you! Join FPNL for an afternoon of stewardship, tending the Flemer Arboretum in the Mapleton Preserve. They'll be spiffing it up in anticipation of new labeling and mapping of specimen trees.

Visit https://fpnl.org for more information.

Volunteer to Help Sustainable Princeton Move the Storm Drain Mapping Project Forward!

Sustainable Princeton's Climate Action Plan Emissions Reduction Strategies team is working to finish mapping all of the storm drains in Princeton. This crowdsourcing project is important to help municipal officials properly analyze the stormwater flow and plan for flooding conditions. All you need is comfortable walking shoes and a portable smart advice (or willingness to borrow someone else's). Complete the doodle poll here and contact Khiara Berkowitz-Sklar for more information.

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The Tiger Tribune is a weekly communication for PHS Families.

Princeton High School

151 Moore Street, Princeton, NJ 08540 For submissions: Email tigertribune20@princetonk12.org





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September 24-October 1

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6:30 - 6:42pm Period 1 6:45 - 6:57pm Period 2 7:00 - 7:12pm Period 3 7:15 - 7:27pm Period 4 7:30 - 7:42pm Period 5 7:45 - 7:57pm Period 6 8:00 - 8:12pm Period 7

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PHS CLUB FAIR is on OCTOBER 1!!!



One of our most anticipated days of the year - - The PHS Club Fair is coming soon!!! We have changed the format of the fair so that ALL students can attend! Students will report to their PE/Health/Drivers Education Course and participate in the Club Fair during the school day.

Leader Note: Leaders who submitted their complete club applications on time should have received information already. If you were late or incomplete with your application, you will receive a message by Monday with information about your club status.

Save the date for the WEEK OF RESPECT! Introducing True Blue Week!!! The first full week of October is officially the Week of Respect, but at PHS we call it True Blue Week to promote respect, acceptance and kindness throughout our school community. We hope you will participate in the activities for the week such as PJ Day, Blue and White Day and an outdoor movie night on October 8th! More details coming next week!

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Another Free Event

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Meet ତ Greet with Principal Chmiel

Join us for an informative morning at PHS. Hear Principal Chmiel's plan for the future and share your thoughts and ideas on how to strengthen our PHS community.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:35 AM @PHS Front Lawn (Center Tent)





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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH FROM 3:30-4:30 P.M.

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ZOOM

The Princeton SEPAG's mission is to provide input to the school district on systemic issues concerning students with IEPs or 504 plans. Parent feedback is crucial to our mission.

Please join us for the SEPAG's first general meeting of the year to let us know how the first few weeks of school went for your family. What worked well and what didn't? We want to hear from you!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3979210547?pwd=SVplcXFyMk5tZ1BBT3I6cVRjelBFUT09 Meeting ID: 397 921 0547 Passcode: 684188 The Princeton Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) strives to represent all families who reside in the Princeton Public School District and have a child with an IEP or Section 504 plan.



Anyone with an interest in special education can be a SEPAG member, including families whose children are currently in out-of-district placements and PPS staff members.

Our Mission: To Engage, Educate, and Empower

Our purpose is to provide input to the district on system-level issues to improve the policies, programs, and services for students with disabilities and learning differences.

Family input is crucial to our mission! We have liaisons at each school in the district as well as an outof-district family liaison and a student liaison to share information and solicit feedback on issues affecting our students.

To connect with your school's liaison, please visit https://sites.google.com/view/princetonsepag/contact

2021 Fall Events

SEPAG General Meeting #1 Sunday, 9/26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

How did the first few weeks of school go for your family? What worked, and what didn't? We want to hear from you!

SEPAG's virtual 2021 Board of Education Candidates Forum Wednesday, 10/13 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Hear the four candidates running for three seats on the Princeton Board of Education discuss their perspectives on special education issues

SEPAG's Special Education Roundtable with Dr. Carol Kelley, Micki Crisafulli and the Special Education Supervisors
Thursday, 11/11 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE - Details to come

SEPAG General Meeting #2 Sunday, 12/12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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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.

WASTE-FREE LUNCH TIPS

Did you know: Each year, American school children toss out 4.6 billion pounds of lunch waste?

- Lunchtime trash is second only to office paper as the leading source of school waste.
- Americans discard about 2.7 million tons of aluminum yearly, the largest source being used beverage and packaging containers.
- Almost 4 million tons of tissues and paper towels wind up in landfills each year.
- Americans produce enough non-biodegradable styrofoam cups annually to circle the earth 436 times.
- 40 billion plastic utensils are used in the US every year. Most are thrown out after one use.
- Toxic levels of lead exist in over 40 different juices and juice boxes.
- Most juice boxes cannot be recycled due to the inseparability of the cardboard, plastic, and aluminum foil used in the product.

It's easy to pack a waste-free lunch, even for high school students. Here's how:

1. Use a lunch box/pail/bag instead of a paper bag. Look for a container that is lead and PVC-free for the safest option. If you do use a paper bag, ask your student to bring it home so that you can reuse it again. If you compost at home, ask your student to bring home food scraps. Please note that the PHS composting program is for cafeteria staff only.

Reusable lunch containers that can hold soups/stew/pasta/sandwiches come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and materials (plastic, stainless steel, glass, and fabric) and can be purchased easily and locally at ACE Hardware, Whole Earth, and Whole Foods. Use a reusable bag or container for snacks. Many bags can be tossed in the washing machine or rinsed in the sink, and they're ready to re-use for another lunch.

- 2. Consider buying larger bags of snack items, and placing them in a reusable container for your student's lunch.
- 3. Pack beverages in a reusable bottle, or include a drink in a container that can be recycled at home or school. It is less expensive to purchase a large bottle of juice/water than purchasing individual bottles. Juice pouches are not recyclable, but juice boxes can be recycled at home (NOT at school). Look for the upcoming October 8th HWGT tip on why single use water bottles have such a negative impact on the environment.
- Include a cloth napkin and reusable utensils that can be brought home to be washed.
- 5. Avoid single use straws; consider reusable stainless or silicone ones instead of those made of plastic.

Packing a waste-free lunch doesn't take any additional time, and remember that every small step/change that each of us can make makes a big difference for our planet. Visit the websites below for more tips.

https://earth911.com/home-garden/waste-free-lunch/ https://earth911.com/food/zero-waste-lunch/ https://zerowastechef.com/2014/08/17/how-to-pack-a-zero-waste-lunch/

Sustainability/Nature Events Around Town:

The Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks: Sukkah Village 2021 September 19-30

Join us to tour 11 Sukkahs, a traditional Judaic shelter, on public sites around downtown Princeton designed by architecture and design firms and NJIT competition winners. Special programming throughout the 10-day event will include panel discussions, walking tours, a film screening, and family-friendly arts/crafts. The event will promote the impact of design in addressing key social issues impacting NJ and the nation as a whole, such as

- Homelessness
- Food insecurity
- Sustainability
- Struggles of refugees worldwide

For more information, visit https://sukkahvillage.com/sukkah-village-princeton

Duke Farms: Geocaching for Beginners: Saturday, September 25, 10-10:45 a.m., \$5

Join Duke Farm staff for this 45-minute crash course in geocaching for beginners. Geocaching is an outdoor scavenger hunt that makes use of your phone's GPS technology as you search for hidden caches along established trails.

For more information and to register, visit

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geocaching-for-beginners-tickets-169476327257?aff=ebdsoporaprofile

Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands: National Public Lands Day of Service:

Saturday, September 25, 2-4:00 p.m., 145 Mapleton Road, Kingston

Our public lands need you! Join FPNL for an afternoon of stewardship, tending the Flemer Arboretum in the Mapleton Preserve. For more information, visit https://fpnl.org

Mercer County Parks: Pole Farm History Walk

Sunday, September 26, 1:30-3:00 p.m., \$5

Take a walk with local historian Dennis Waters, as he uncovers the past and paints a picture of a time where a phone call from NJ to Europe required hundred-foot-tall poles and no touch screens at all. For more information and to register, visit http://www.mercercountyparks.org/#!/calendar/pole-farm-history-walk-2021/

Sustainable Princeton: An Electric EVening at the Princeton Shopping Center:

Friday, October 1, 4-7:00 p.m., Free

Come out to test drive the latest models of electric vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles and learn all you need to know about charging and owning an EV. For more information and to register,

visit https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/event/an-electric-evening/

Mercer County Parks: Just a Walk

Sunday, October 3, 1-3:30 p.m., Mercer County Park, East Picnic Area, Free For more information and to register, visit http://www.mercercountyparks.org/#!/calendar/just-hike-oct3/

Volunteer to Help Sustainable Princeton Move the Storm Drain Mapping Project

Forward! Sustainable Princeton's Climate Action Plan Emissions Reduction Strategies team is working to finish mapping all of the storm drains in Princeton. This crowdsourcing project is important to help municipal officials properly analyze

the stormwater flow and plan for flooding conditions. All you need is comfortable walking shoes and a portable smart advice (or willingness to borrow someone else's). Complete the doodle poll here and contact Khiara Berkowitz-Sklar for more information.

Events in Our Community

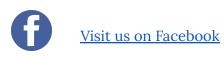
Jewish Family & Children's Services Meals on Wheels Fundraiser: October 3rd

There is an upcoming JFCS Wheels for Meals fundraiser taking place on Oct 3rd - It's a bikeathon but people can walk and run as well. JFCS provides meals for the food insecure in our area through churches, nursing homes, preschools or on the road w/the Mobile Food Pantry. JFCS is hoping to raise over a \$150k to continue to do its great work in our local communities. Here is the link for the event for both the website and social media: https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/JFCSWHEELS

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