

Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Vision:

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

Mission:

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. The learning curve has been high since the start of virtual school beginning on March 16, 2020, when PHS staff came together for the first day with no students to begin planning for online school. By the end of Monday, staff met to assess where we were in terms of preparation for live instruction which was set to begin on Tuesday morning, March 17, 2020. Since that time, PHS staff have become comfortable with delivering live virtual instruction using primarily Google for Education technology. Staff uses Google Meets (formerly Hangouts) to meet with entire classes of students. The HS staff continues to meet daily at 7:30am for a connection time. Our belief is that if we stick together and connect, it will make it that much easier to keep our school together. We have overcome many obstacles in a short period of time; including issues such as staff and student internet access and technology proficiency. Staff continue to celebrate student attendance and the quality of student work despite the obstacles presented by online learning.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. PHS would like to thank Chris Nepper for his support of staff and students during the transition to online school.
- b. Staff with daily expectations to teach online who also have school age children at home are grateful to Matt Andres and his staff for continued food service that allows these work-at-home parents to better balance work and family needs.
- c. Lori Elwood and Lindsay Meissner continue to maintain the needs of the Greenhouse to ensure the plants are thriving.
- d. Chauncey Jones has tried extracurricular Google Meets including a “pizza making party” and a “beginner gymnastics” class.
- e. PHS Counselor Emily Krystowiak maintains daily outreach to students by providing a Google Forms survey for students. She has virtually completed all sophomore meetings and will begin Freshmen meetings this coming week. Emily continues to be the backbone of staff and student morale with daily messaging at virtual staff and student meet-ups. Our counselor intern, Ashley Adler (PHS graduate) is completing her masters in school counseling degree this spring 2020. Ashley’s final internship day at PHS, which she also finished virtually, was April 3, 2020.
- f. CTE teachers Hadfield, Rayburn, Anderson and Meissner have found new ways to create learning for students when their hands-on project-based learning classes have to be done virtually. Teachers are making use of scavenger hunts, homemade student projects and other virtual technology resources to make their classes come to live.

- g. All PHS teachers are conducting live meets with students. Teachers hold whole class or small group live meets daily to deliver new instruction, answer questions, or assess student learning. Teachers quickly learn and share education technology to improve the quality of online instruction.
- h. Attendance is still being maintained at PHS. Staff have developed a flexible system of allowing students to “check in” throughout the day to allow for internet connection difficulties at assigned class times. Kim Fox reports corrected attendance for the previous day to allow for staff to reconcile any “late night” student check ins.
- i. Cheryl Ashbeck and Lori Elwood have been amazing at keeping connections with students. These ladies make calls to students daily, monitor attendance issues and do virtual meets with students each day to maintain relationships.
- j. There is much gratitude for our Spanish teacher, Alix Madden, as she continues to translate for our EL students, and assist teaching staff to translate their assignments to Spanish for our EL students, in addition to teaching her own live classes. She is meeting online and calling home to families of our EL students to ensure they stay engaged during this difficult time of change.

3. Looking Ahead:

- a. High School graduation will still happen even if it only postponed
- b. Prom 2020 will be rescheduled
- c. Spring AP testing will be completed virtually in student homes

- d. State testing (ASPIRE/FORWARD) is cancelled for spring 2020 and the state is working on what a modified school and district report card will look like.