

Peotone High School Announcements - November 20, 2020

- ❖ The current temporary closure that was supposed to end on November 30th has now been extended through the winter break. The Board of Education will determine the return date at the BOE meeting on December 21st @ 6:00pm. (See memo after the announcements) Information to dial into the BOE meetings are on the main page of the district website.
- ❖ Upcoming Dates:
11/23 (Mon): PHS Remote Learning / KACC No classes
11/24 (Tues): PHS Remote Learning / KACC No classes
11/25 (Wed) - 11/27 (Fri): Thanksgiving Break - No classes PHS and KACC.
- ❖ Peotone High School would like to recognize Emma Coffey as our November Student of the Month! The November Board of Education Academic Student of the Month is Emma Coffey, daughter of Michael and Sue Coffey, of Monee. Emma is a junior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.07 on a 4.0 grading scale. She is on the PHS varsity volleyball team and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Emma plays club volleyball. During her spare time, Emma enjoys spending time with her family and friends. After high school, Emma will attend college to pursue a medical career. Congratulations Emma!!!
- ❖ Congratulations September/October PBC Excellence in Teaching Winners!! We would like to congratulate Mr. Mike Heywood, Kara Lindsey, Belinda Schirmer, Colleen Crabbe, Keith Cucio, Moira Burke, and Paraprofessionals Kathleen Richards and Rhonda Carroll (Special Education Department). All were verbally recognized at the last 207U BOE Meeting for being selected as the Peotone Bowling Center's Excellence in Teaching Award for the months of September and October.

Below are a few words regarding each month's winners:

Mr. Heywood: ***Nominated by Chelsea McKay - I have chosen to nominate Mike Heywood as the Peotone PBC Teacher of the Month. Mr. Heywood is one of the most passionate and dedicated teachers I have ever worked with. He has learned to embrace technology with the most positive attitude and works so hard to do what is best for his students. I appreciate Mr. Heywood because he is always willing to pitch in and work with students even when he isn't required. He has been a huge part of making our show choir a successful program by taking over the combo. He volunteers his time to work with students after school hours and on weekends and has developed relationships with students who share his love of music. He is the first one to come to me with ideas of how we can make our programs better, applied for grants to help out the music program, and sponsors clubs so all students can feel included and have a positive high school experience.

Special Education Department: ***Nominated by Mike Heywood

The Special Education Department here at the high school has been understaffed since the beginning of the year. They've been working incredibly hard to make up the difference. In spite of the added stress of the pandemic sparking further complications, they've worked above and beyond providing special education services to our PHS students. They've been troopers throughout. For the aforementioned, they deserve the bowling pin and deserve to be recognized for their efforts.

- ❖ The PHS Book Club meeting will be a virtual meeting on December 2nd. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Schubbe.
- ❖ Winter Athletes: Winter athletes that have not viewed and signed the Code of Conduct form. You can find the Code of Conduct presentation on the PHS 8to18 Athletic Website. Link for the Code of Conduct: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uXhDi88ZmMxLf7W_MLOKbBK1fk3Hy2Se/view
- ❖ JUNIORS: Keep selling those Scented Melts! The Junior Class Fundraiser is due November 30th. Please drop off order forms with payment on either Monday, November 30th or Tuesday, December 1st 1:00-3:00 at PHS. Contact Mrs. Suarez with questions lsuarez@peotoneschools.org.
- ❖ 2020-2021 Yearbook Orders: To place an order for THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK go to Peotone High School's Website. https://yearbookforever.com/.../peotone_high_school_buy.../
- ❖ Friends of Music is excited to be selling delicious BUTTER BRAIDS online! Orders are due by December 5th. They will arrive December 19th and we will have a local pick-up that day. All funds will be going to our scholarships for this year. Thank you for your support! Contact Friends of Music with questions: peotonefom@gmail.com
<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/.../5e141e3f.../824390>
- ❖ Seniors: FAFSA is accepting applications for student aid for those attending college next year. Questions: see your School Guidance Counselor.
- ❖ Sports: The IHSA has paused all in-person practices, games, conditioning/weights etc. They will re-examine on December 2nd and then again on December 14th. Until things change, we will be unable to hold in-person extracurricular activities at this time. (See memo after the announcements)

*** You can also refer to the athletic calendars for sport schedules at the following links:

<https://phs.peotoneschools.org/calendar>

<https://il.8to18.com/PeotoneHS>

*** You can also follow the "Peotone High School - Athletic Department" Facebook page for athletic updates.

Lunch Menu:

Mon (11/23): Bosco sticks, marinara sauce, salad w/dressings, mixed fruit, & milk.

Tues (11/24): Pulled pork sandwich, hash brown, corn, applesauce, cucumber slices, chocolate chip cookie, & milk.

Remote Lunch Orders: Students can still place a weekly Remote Lunch Order. Orders for the following week are due by midnight on Sunday. Please go to the link on the PHS Website - "Select Remote Learning Lunch Request Form".

https://phs.peotoneschools.org/for_parents/lunch_menu

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November 17, 2020

Dear Families and Staff of Peotone 207-U,

After much discussion at last evening's school board meeting, we will be extending the current temporary move to full-remote instruction through the month of December. This was an extremely difficult decision, as there is no argument that the best place for students to learn is at their school building. Unfortunately, the back and forth of students and staff needing to quarantine has created much inconsistency with teaching and learning. We will finalize the return date to in-person instruction at the Board of Education meeting on December 21.

With the holiday season upon us, and the likelihood that families will be traveling and gathering, the option to extend the move to provide full-remote instruction will provide greater consistency to our students and staff. We felt it was important to give parents enough notice to help avoid too much disruption at home.

We would still ask that during this closure, if you have a child who becomes symptomatic, COVID positive, or has been determined to be a close contact to a positive case, please notify your school nurse.

As of now, winter sports are on hold. We are awaiting further guidance from IHSA, as well as IDPH, but we are hopeful that we may be able to begin some very limited practices.

I appreciate your patience and your understanding as we work to get back to in-person learning.

Sincerely,
Steve Stein



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November 19, 2020

Dear PHS Families and Staff of Peotone 207-U,

As you may be aware, during the Governor's press conference Tuesday he announced further restrictions, for the entire state, to help slow the spread of the virus. Because of the decision to move to Tier 3 mitigation, we are unable to move forward with winter sports or any type of practices at this time.

To maintain compliance with the most recent mitigations issued by Governor Pritzker that take effect on November 20, the IHSA Board issued guidance to pause all IHSA winter sports and activities by November 20.

"All IHSA sports and activities will cease by November 20 for what we hope is a short-term pause," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Given the rising COVID-19 cases in our state and region, we support the Governor's mitigations and believe it is imperative for everyone in the state to do their part in following them so that we can return to high school sports participation as soon as possible."

We will keep you posted regarding changes.

Sincerely,

Steve Stein