



# PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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**Max Gill, Principal**

July 23, 2018

Dear PHS Class of 2022 Parents and Students,

We hope you are enjoying your summer! We are excited as you start your high school career at PHS. These years will go quickly and will be full of great memories. Many of you have already started the school year by participating in our summer sports programs and summer school. We are looking forward to seeing the Class of 2022 fill our hallways!

We look forward to meeting all of you at **Freshman Orientation on August 9, 2018**. This will be a time to meet your classmates, meet the PHS staff, learn about clubs & high school life, walk through your schedule, and have fun and get ready for a great year!

Here is a list of some important information for the start of the year:

- **Freshman Orientation** will be **Thursday August 9, 2018** from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Bus service will be provided. Please call transportation at 763-8080.
- The first day of school is Wednesday, August 15. Our school hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. The building opens for students at 7:00 a.m. Students should not arrive before 7:00 a.m. unless they are attending a morning club/activity supervised by a staff member.
- As a part of our district technology initiative, each incoming freshman will be re-issued their iPad. We are excited to add these as tools to facilitate academic growth.

Students at Portage High School have numerous opportunities to be challenged as they learn through academic offerings including dual credit, advanced placement, honors, career & technical, and *Project Lead The Way* courses. The rigorous curriculum is directly aligned to the Indiana State Standards. Minimum diploma requirements include at least 8 credits in language arts, 6 credits in math, science and social studies, 2 credits in physical education, and 1 credit in health. In addition to exciting classes, PHS offers many clubs, activities, organizations, and sports. Successful students make the most of their high school careers by committing to activities they love. We encourage you to have a "try it all" attitude as a freshman and find what you enjoy. You are entering with a clean slate and you get to become the young adult you want to be!

Parents, thank you for your commitment to your child's education. I realize high school can be a bit overwhelming as a parent with all the choices and high school lingo. Please do not hesitate to call with questions or concerns. I urge you to take time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school policies, as well as talking with your students about how we (student, parent, school) can make the transition to high school a success. I look forward to working with you and your student. It's going to be a great year!

See you on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. for Freshman Orientation!

Sincerely,

Max Gill  
Principal

**We Educate, Empower, and Inspire Excellence!**