

# The Eagle Guardian



## A Newsletter for Parents and Guardians of Students at Prince Edward County High School

Volume 1

November 2011

Welcome to *The Eagle Guardian!* Our goal is to ensure that parents and guardians of students at Prince Edward County High School are well informed about events and opportunities which impact their children. This is our very first volume in a series of newsletters which will be distributed on a monthly basis. We hope that you will enjoy reading about activities at PECHS as well as learning about important initiatives. Please let us know if there are items you would like us to include in future issues.

*Craig Reed, Principal*

### PECHS Contact Information

Principal: Craig Reed

Assistant Principals: Cynthia Johnson, Danny Soderholm

CTEC Coordinator: Mary Beth Blessing

Athletic Director: Rodney Kane

Guidance Counselors: Maribeth Ewing, Gary Sims

Attendance Clerk: Sarah Edmondson

Student Support Specialist:

Wanda Walker

Teacher Websites –

[www.pecps.k12.va.us](http://www.pecps.k12.va.us)

### **SOL Benchmarks and Testing**

On November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, our students will participate in the second benchmark testing session for this school year. SOL stands for Standards of Learning.

Standards of Learning are the academic standards set by the Commonwealth of Virginia to measure student achievement in English, mathematics, science, and history/social science. Students must pass end of course SOLs in order to receive verified credits in the core classes mentioned above. Please emphasize the importance of these assessments to your child and encourage him/her to do his/her best. For additional information on SOLs, please refer to the Virginia Department of Education's website at [www.doe.virginia.gov](http://www.doe.virginia.gov), or contact the guidance office here at PECHS.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

***If you would like to volunteer for specific activities at PECHS, please contact Wanda Walker, Student Support Specialist, at x. 3341.***

**PTSA Meeting- November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
***The Parent/Teacher/Student Association of Prince Edward County High School needs you!!! Provide your input and suggestions, as well as plan for exciting opportunities for our students and staff. Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the library.***

Attendance Matters!!!  
Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, teachers will report attendance for every period in our electronic data system. This will assist us in ensuring that student attendance figures are as accurate as possible. Please remind your child to be on time to every class- every day. With your help, we will continue to work towards our goal of having every student in school for every class every day! \*Congratulations to our sophomores who currently hold the highest rate for attendance this year (96%)!!!

**After School Success Program**  
***Students at PECHS who need additional assistance with their core classes are eligible to attend our After School Success Program. This program runs from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and is provided by content teachers in core subjects (English, mathematics, science, and history/social science). Specific courses are offered on specific days of the week, and transportation (afternoon activity buses) is provided. For additional information, please contact your child's core content teacher.***

### Student Achievement Assemblies

At the end of each grading period, student achievement assemblies are held by grade level to recognize those students who have been selected by their teachers for various categories. Students are recognized for Outstanding Achievement, Citizenship, Effort, and for passing all of the most recent benchmark assessments. Parents are always welcome to attend these assemblies, and we encourage your participation in your child's successes. Upcoming grade level achievement assemblies will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> grade – 9:00, 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 10:05, 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 1:25, 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 2:20).



**Go Eagles!!!**

#### P.R.I.D.E. Breakfast

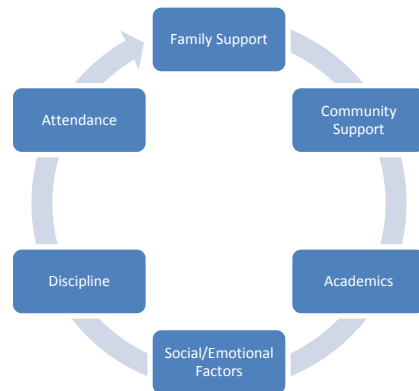
All students who successfully pass all of their most recent benchmark assessments in core subject areas are treated to a special breakfast in the PECHS cafeteria shortly after the period in which benchmarks are taken. These students are recognized for their continuing progress towards the successful completion of the end of course SOL tests. The upcoming P.R.I.D.E. breakfast is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Again, we welcome parents and guardians to attend this event. Please contact Wanda Walker, Student Support Specialist, for additional information.

**P.R.I.D.E. =  
Polite/Responsible/Innovative/Determined/Empowered**

Please refer to our high school calendar on our website for additional event listings ([www.pecps.k12.va.us](http://www.pecps.k12.va.us)).

#### Noteworthy Dates

Period Attendance Reported by All Teachers – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
PTSA Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (Library)  
Student Achievement Assemblies – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
P.R.I.D.E. Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> through Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>  
End of Six Weeks – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Report Cards Issued – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Winter Sports Begin – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> (Physicals Required)  
SOL Non-Writing Make Up Tests – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Save the Date – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Snacks with Santa!!!



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*Our mission is to provide quality instruction to our students so that they may become effective and productive members of society in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world.*