

A message from PIEDMONT HIGH

Good evening Piedmont families. This is Principal Dylan Stamey with several important updates and reminders.

STUDENT EMAILS: Please encourage all students to check their emails daily. If your student is not checking their email, they are missing important information. If you have any questions, or your student is having issues checking their email, please review the tech support paragraph below.

TECH SUPPORT: A new page has been added to the Piedmont website that provides students with several options for obtaining technical support for their Chromebooks, including how to request a Wi-Fi hotspot. Go to Quick Links on the Piedmont website and click on "Computer Support for Students" to access contact information and links if you need Chromebook support: [Piedmont Tech Support Page](#).

BLOOD DRIVE: Piedmont High will host a blood drive on 3/19 from 8:30-2:00. Signups are still available at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor code to sign up is PiedmontHS. If anyone has any questions, they can contact me at julie.plyler@ucps.k12.nc.us

REGISTRATION: Students should continue to check their emails for information regarding registration. We are currently entering our 3rd week of registration. This week, counselors will be visiting classrooms to meet with students and finalize course selections. Registration information can also be found on the [Piedmont High Registration Webpage](#).

Pre-ACT: Reminder that all 10th grade students will be taking the Pre-ACT March 16 or 17. All 10 grade students with last names A-K will test on March 16 and all 10th grade students with last names L-Z will test on March 17. Students will follow their normal school day once the testing is complete. Only virtual academy students will be allowed to sign out after the testing session at approximately 11:30. Continue to check email regularly for information regarding this test. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Amanda Starnes at AmandaR.Starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us or 704-296-3170.

CAREER MANAGEMENT TOOL-PARENT NIGHT: In collaboration with Major Clarity, UCPS will be hosting a parent night for a career management tool overview. Interested parents can register at <https://bit.ly/MajorClarityParentNight>. This opportunity will allow parents to learn more about the tool students will be using to plan their future.

FREE MATH 1 TUTORING OPPORTUNITY: Our math department is offering free virtual Math 1 tutoring on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:30-4:30. A link to log in with Microsoft Teams will be on the Math 1 Canvas page. Please encourage your Math 1 student to take advantage of this opportunity.

PEER TUTORING OPPORTUNITY: Each morning in our cafeteria from 8:00-8:30, Piedmont High students have the opportunity to work with trained peer tutors. Peer tutors will be supported by teacher and support staff to provide assistance for any student. Please take advantage of this awesome opportunity. All students and peer tutors will go through our normal health screenings.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS: If you have a senior student who has not received their required 2nd Meningococcal vaccine please do not send your student to school until they have received the vaccine. If you have a virtual student they must also complete the vaccine requirement to come on campus for **any** reason. Nurse Hamilton will be sending notification letters this week to those students who have not met this requirement.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: We continue to ask our families for support in not sending students to school if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms. We also ask that you keep students at home if anyone in the home is currently displaying Covid-19 symptoms or is waiting on pending Covid-19 test results. If displaying symptoms, a negative rapid test result does not clear you to return to school. Only a negative PCR test result or alternate diagnosis would allow for a student's return. If your student stays at home, please send in a note upon returning to school. If you have any questions about sending your student to school, please call Nurse Hamilton at 704-296-3170 or email at tracy.hamilton@ucps.k12.nc.us.

As always, thank you for your support of Piedmont High School. Have a great weekend!