

## **Welcome! Please remember . . .**

### ***School begins Tuesday, September 5!***

This is a day earlier than we've opened in the past. We encourage students to arrive by 8:20, to be sure to be on time for Main Lesson at 8:30. Classes continue until 3:45 (2:45 on Thursday).

### ***School Supplies***

All students are expected to come to class prepared with the following supplies:

- Notebooks or paper, pens, pencils and erasers for note-taking. Some math classes may require graph paper.
- Colored pencils for preparing Main Lesson books. We recommend a set of 36 colored pencils, the kind that can be used with water, such as Aquarell. They are available in the school store (with a 20% discount to school families) or at art supply stores.
- A ruler
- The Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus scientific calculator. Please label the calculator and its cover with name and phone number. Used calculators are usually available on-line, e.g. at Amazon.com – we've seen them for \$30 to \$40, but prices may vary seasonally.
- Homework assignment planners will be provided to students in Grade 9. We highly recommend that students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 purchase a day planner or assignment book to record homework assignments.
- Clothing for PE: In general, shorts or sweatpants, t-shirts, socks and shoes acceptable for gym floor and field games. Check with the PE teacher and the class syllabus for more information

### ***HS Communications***

Most communication in the High School is done through email. If you don't receive High School emails at least once a week during the school year, please check your spam or bulk mail folder, then call the HS Office: 503-654-2200, extension 218, or [kate.mcgill@portlandwaldorf.org](mailto:kate.mcgill@portlandwaldorf.org).

### ***Reporting Absences***

To excuse your student from all or part of the school day, please write or call the HS Office at least a day in advance. Students who miss school for reasons other than illness must also pick up an absence form at the HS Office to be signed by teachers and returned to the office. Absences of more than three days may affect main lesson credit – please refer to the HS Handbook, Attendance.

### ***HS Resource Website***

Find your student's major assignments and class syllabi, selected forms and schedules, college and life opportunities, and the HS Handbook on the HS Resource page – <https://portlandwaldorfhs.wordpress.com/>. Or from the PWS web page click on Resources, HS Resources. Please let us know your suggestions for this site.

### ***Parent Evenings***

High school parent evenings give parents and teachers opportunities to explore important issues in the academic and social life of the school, meet other parents, and support the work of each class. Please put the following dates on your calendar and watch for additional information in the HS email.

*Wednesdays, August 30, September 27, November 29, February 7, April 18*

***Did You Know?***

You can access the school database, also known as Veracross, to update your contact and emergency information, check school schedules and messages, check the status of assignments, access report cards, and more. You may also receive emails from faculty asking you to check the parent portal for information about your student's progress in a specific class. If you don't know your username and password, or have difficulty logging in, please call the HS Office. If you are new to PWHS, you will receive an email with your username and instructions to set your password during the first week of school.

***Care for School Books***

In an effort to promote sustainability and care for belongings, students will be held responsible for replacing school books if they are lost or stolen. Please see the more detailed explanation on the High School Parent & Student Agreement Form.

***Testing Accommodations for Learning Challenges***

Students with specific, diagnosed learning disorders, disabilities or physical conditions may qualify for accommodations on standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT. Examples include extended testing time for dyslexia, dyscalculia and ADHD; extra breaks and access to food and water for diabetes; and special testing materials for severe visual or aural impairment. Application for accommodations requires early submission of specific documentation. Please contact our Student Assistance Coordinator, Francine Adams ([francine.adams@portlandwaldorf.org](mailto:francine.adams@portlandwaldorf.org)) or the HS Office for more information.