



PERMIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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August 10, 2016

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND WORD-FOR-WORD

To the Permian Parent / Guardian & Permian Student,

Welcome Panthers! I hope you are ready for the new school year! The Permian Faculty and Staff have been working very hard these last two weeks preparing for your arrival. School begins on Monday, August 22, 2016, at 8:30 am.

The first day of school will be a little hectic with 3,600 students invading the campus at one time. To help with this process, all students will need to do the following:

Beginning Friday, August 19th, Permian will post all Freshmen and Sophomore students by alpha and grade level on the main front doors of the school. Juniors and Senior names will be posted on the doors of the new Junior-Senior Wing or as we call it, Upperclassmen Hall. Next to each student’s name, will be their Home Room teacher and room number. Students will find their name and then report to that classroom the first day of school. **ALL students will be assigned a Home Room Teacher.** Once we have all students in their Home Room class, we will activate them online, then give them a class schedule. Students will attend all classes the 1st day of school.

You may come up to Permian Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, and see what room number your Home Room class will be the 1st day of school. Please note, there will be no schedule changes the 1st day of school. We want to see which students show up before we make any schedule changes. Please arrive to school early on the 1st day of school. Doors open at 8:00 am.

Seniors will begin taking their ID pictures the 2nd day of school on Tuesday, August 23rd. Juniors will be on Wednesday, August 24th. Sophomores will be on Thursday, August 25th, and Freshmen on Friday, August 26th

With construction finally over, we have gained student parking spots. **There will be plenty of parking for students on campus, in fact, more than all the permits sold last year.** Here are the guidelines to purchase a parking permit this year:

1. **NEW FOR SENIOR PARKING:** – In addition to purchasing a \$35 student parking permit, Seniors can reserve and paint their own parking spot for an additional \$25 dollars. There will be two rows reserved for this new Senior opportunity in the East parking lot just outside of the fieldhouse. Seniors can begin purchasing their parking permits on Wednesday, August 17th, beginning at 8:30 am. Seniors will have 2 “Paint Days” to paint their parking spot if they paid the additional \$25 to reserve their spot. Those two “Paint Days” will be Saturday and Sunday, August 20th & 21st, right before school begins. NOTE – Seniors are classified by having 18 or more credits.
2. All Juniors, and the few Sophomores who are already 16, may begin purchasing regular student parking permits on Thursday, August 18th, at 8:30 am.
3. **FOR ALL STUDENT PARKING PERMITS:** Students must be 16 years of age and have a valid driver’s license, in which they are able to drive to school by themselves. Driving to school with only a driver’s permit is not acceptable (and against Texas law) and students cannot purchase a parking permit with a driver’s permit. **It must be a Driver’s License. Driver’s Permits are not acceptable.**
4. Students can purchase a Student Parking Permit in our Bookkeeper’s Office next to the Main Office for \$35.00. Payments must be made in cash or check form. Credit cards are not accepted.
5. In order to purchase a parking permit, students must show their valid driver’s license and proof of insurance to the bookkeeper. Once the bookkeeper verifies the information, the student will be given a form to complete that includes general student information; and also, make, model, color, year, and license plate number of the vehicle that will be driven to campus. The permit must be placed on the rear view mirror of the vehicle and visible at all times while on campus.

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6. Enforcement of all parking permits will begin, Tuesday, September 6th, which is after a 10 school day “grace period” for purchasing parking permits. This gives students plenty of time to purchase their parking permit.
7. Once school begins, parking permits will only be sold before and after school. Due to construction being completed, Permian has plenty of parking for students and we will not sell out of permits, even later in the year when many of our Sophomores turn 16.

There will be student orientations the 1st week of school for all students. Here is a list of policies that will be emphasized:

1. **Dress Code** – Student Dress Code will be strictly enforced. Unnatural hair color is not acceptable. Ball caps are not permitted on campus during school hours. Parents need to approve their child’s dress before they leave for school. This helps school officials tremendously. **A copy of the Dress Code & Bell Schedule is included with this letter.**
2. **Lunches** – **ALL 9th & 10th & 11th Grade students will have a Closed Campus and must eat lunch on campus in our cafeteria.** 12th Grade will have an Open Lunch and can leave campus to eat lunch or eat in the cafeteria.
3. **Student ID’s** – Students will take their ID picture the 1st week of school. Students will wear their ID’s around their neck with a school issued lanyard at all times while on campus. Student ID’s and their required lanyards are color coded to better identify students on a 3600 member campus. Seniors are Black and White and have a fancier lanyard than the other grade levels. Juniors have Gray ID’s and lanyards. Sophomores have Blue ID’s and lanyards, and Freshmen have Green ID’s and lanyards. Note – Student parking permits are also color coded the same as ID’s and lanyards for better identification in the parking lots.
4. **School Supplies** – Students must bring a 3 ring notebook, notebook paper, pens, pencils, 2 Kleenex boxes, and dividers the 1st day of school. Backpacks are permitted in all classes. Teachers will give a list out of other supplies that students will need during the 1st day of school as they see them in class.
5. **Student Planners** – Students will be issued a Student Planner the 1st day of school. Student will be required to write down all assignments in the Student Planner every day. Two planner grades will be taken each Six Weeks in every class at Permian this school year.
6. **Newsletters, Updated Website, Student Wi-Fi Access** – To help better communicate with parents, there will be newsletters mailed home every six weeks. The website will also be going through a change and will be updated often for better communication. Permian will have Wi-Fi access for students this school year. After training during the first few weeks of school, students will have access to it every day while they are on campus.
7. **Follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter.** The Permian Administration has a new official Facebook page and Twitter for you to follow for important school news, announcements, and good news to share. Both of those social media sites can be found at: **Permian Panthers@GoMojoNation**
8. **Student Cell Phones** - Finally, there will be some minor changes concerning student cell phones. Students will still be able to text during passing periods. However, earbuds and headphones are not permitted in any class or during passing periods. Teachers have total control of allowing cell phone use in the classroom. If teachers allow cell phone use in their classroom, it must be used for educational purposes only.

I am excited for the new school year. I am looking forward to meeting you and seeing your teenager grow into a young adult and watching them graduate. Great things are happening at Permian! **Scores on state tests have improved again and Permian “Met Standard” for a 4th year in a row concerning state accountability on STAAR tests.**

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am honored to serve you, and your son or daughter as Principal of Permian High School. GO MOJO!!!

Respectfully,

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