

Important Announcements & Updates

1. If you have not already done so, please take some time to review this year's [Parent-Student Handbook](#). Then head on over to Skyward and sign this year's Handbook and important permission documents for the school year. Please note, your student will not be eligible to take home their chromebook or attend field trips without this step. Thank you!
2. Please note: The date for Conferences has changed from 11/7, to 11/3 (evening) and 11/4 (throughout the day).
3. As of this month, all major communication from your scholars' teachers will come through [ParentSquare](#). Please reach

Academic & Curricular Updates

Our teachers have been working hard to design meaningful, rigorous learning experiences that will challenge and excite your scholars this year. We have also been hard at work to ensure all students have access to equitable learning opportunities that ultimately bring about freedom through education. Take a look at some of the amazing new policies in place this year!

Standards Aligned Grading System:

We have received a variety of feedback, concerns and questions regarding the new grading policy. Please read over [this letter](#) that gives a bit more research and context, and hopefully helps answer some of the questions and initial concerns. If you would like to schedule time to meet about this and other changes this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Dr. Leeper](#).



Entrepreneurship Education

A Message from our coach, Mrs. Dana Wood

Soarmania Soars at PHCSE! Last week was buzzing with excitement as our scholars stepped into leadership! Classroom mayoral speeches inspired peers, and senator candidates took the gym stage to share their visions. Students in grades 6–8 also recorded campaign messages for the Vice President, Speaker of the House, Secretary, and Treasurer—aired during entrepreneurship time for all to see.

Calendar Highlights

October 7: Picture Day!

October 13: Indigenous Peoples Day, No School for students & staff

October 16: School Board Meeting, 7PM

October 24: End of Quarter 1

October 30: High School Transition Fair

October 31: Report Cards

November 3-4: Parent Teacher Conferences

On Friday, every scholar had the chance to share their voice and cast their vote!

Adding to the excitement, we welcomed special guests from **MicroSociety, Inc.** on Wednesday. A student panel wowed our visitors with their insight and entrepreneurial spirit—what a proud PHCSE moment!

Next up: our Annual Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, October 10th, with Judge DeLuca officiating LIVE on our school's YouTube channel. Job applications and interviews will kick off later this month—Soarmania's just getting started!

We encourage families to ask scholars about their daily learning—your interest makes a big impact!

Student Services Corner

Save the Date:

PHCSE Transition Info Night

Thursday, October 30, 2025

– 6-7:30 PM

PHCSE Gym

Come and receive valuable information regarding high school transition and the admission process from the folks that know it the best: current high school representatives in the admissions process. Please check your Skyward or ParentSquare messages for a Save the Date from our School Counselor, Ms. Burton. We hope to see you there!

Attendance Reminders

Consistent attendance is crucial to your scholars meeting academic success. Please refer back to Ms. Green's letter from the start of the school year with important attendance information.

If your child will be absent, please report it by:

- Submitting attendance excuses through ParentSquare
- Calling the front office at (412) 793-6471
- Emailing attendance@phcse.org
- Reaching out to our Social Worker, [Ms. Green](#)

Remember: Consistent attendance is key to academic success. Please ensure your scholar arrives on time each day and is ready to learn.

Safety at PHCSE

On Monday, 9/29, we successfully completed our first fire drill of the school year!

Regular safety drills are an essential part of keeping our scholars—and everyone in our building—safe and prepared. Please take a moment to read this [important letter](#) from our District Safety Coordinator, Dr. Terri Williams, outlining the key drills we'll be practicing throughout the year.

Additionally, we've had a few recent incidents involving pepper spray. We're sharing a [helpful letter](#) with information about its effects and safety reminders. Please review it and talk with your scholar to ensure they understand the seriousness of these items.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to our school team.

Stay Connected

ParentSquare

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