

# PEET JUNIOR HIGH TIGER NEWS



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October 2018

Parents and Guardians: You are invited to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 29 & November 1

The schedule for conferences is as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 4-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 4-7:30 PM

There will be NO classes for students on Friday, November 2.

Report cards will be distributed in the **Front Entrance Hallway**. Teachers will be located in the new gym. Please limit conference time to not more than **FIVE MINUTES** with each teacher.



Note the schedule listed below is for part-time/traveling teachers.

**ALL OTHER TEACHERS WILL BE HERE FOR EACH CONFERENCE SESSION.**

Teacher	Thursday, October 25 4-7:30 p.m. (CFHS Only)	Monday, October 29 4-7:30 p.m. (Junior High Only)	Thursday, November 1 4-7:30 p.m. (HS & Jr High)
Adam (Business)*	--	4-7:30pm @ Holmes	4-5:30pm Peet 5:45-7:30pm @ Holmes
Balvanz(IT)#	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-5:15pm @ CFHS 5:30-7:30pm Peet
Carter (Health)	--	4-7:30pm Peet	Not Available
Christopher (Social Studies)	--	Not Available	4:30-7:30pm Peet
Engels, B (French 1) #	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-7:30pm Peet
Horstman (English)*	--	4-7:30pm @ Holmes	4:00-5:15pm Peet 5:30-7:30pm Holmes
Johnson (Math/GTT)	--	Not Available	4:30-7:30pm Peet
Mallin (English)	--	4-7:30pm Peet	Not Available
Messmore(FCS)#	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-7:30pm Peet
Perez (IED) #	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-7:30pm Peet
Robertson (Art)*	--	4-7:30pm @ Holmes	4-5:15pm @ Holmes 5:30-7:30pm Peet
Sliwinski (Science)*	--	4-7:30pm @ Holmes	4-7:30pm Peet
Smith (PE) #	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-5:15pm Peet 5:30-7:30 @ CFHS
Steffen (Science) #	4-7:30pm @ CFHS	--	4-5:15pm @ CFHS 5:30-7:30pm Peet
Tura (Orchestra)	--	--	4-7:00 Peet
Wait (ESL) #*	4-6:00pm @ CFHS	4-6:00pm @ Holmes	4-6:00pm Peet
Weiss (IT)*	--	4-7:30pm @ Holmes	4:00-7:30pm Peet

\* Also at Holmes Jr. High # Also at Cedar Falls High School Times and locations where traveling teachers can be found

ALSO – Peet students enrolled in classes at Cedar Falls High School – teachers will be available to meet with parents during conference time AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

We look forward to your attendance at conferences. If you have questions, please call the office (553-2710).

**PICTURES RE-TAKES:** Students who missed school pictures on August 30 and August 31 will have picture re-takes on Tuesday, October 9. If students would like their picture re-taken, the picture packet they receive will need to be turned into LifeTouch Photography at the time of make-up pictures. You can order pictures online at: [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com).



**COUNSELING SOUND-BYTE:** Each month, we focus on themes regarding student Character & Leadership. Holmes and Peet have both collectively committed to going through lessons in each 4th hour classroom every Monday. These 10 minute lessons provide food-for-thought and help students self-reflect about themselves and their actions. Lessons include media content as well as discussion questions led by teachers. For October, we will be focusing on Preparation and Attendance. These are conversations that we would love for you to continue at home with your student(s). What does preparation mean? How do individual students prepare for different aspects of their life whether academics, athletics, music, etc.? What does it mean to prepare yourself to come to school? What is the difference between being sick versus not feeling well? When should you stay home?

We want students and parents to have the facts:

## Did you know?

- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic attendance.
- A high school graduate earns, on average, \$1 million more than a dropout over a lifetime.
- A student who misses 10 day or more during the school year is 20% less likely to graduate from high school and 25% less likely to ever enroll in college.
- Chronic attendance can affect your ability to earn a living. Dropouts are less likely to succeed in a career. And even those who do graduate won't do well at work without good attendance habits.

We challenge all students and parent/guardians to do their own attendance check! Look at your student(s) total absences on PowerSchool. Is there room for improvement? How could your student(s) commit to to ensure they miss no more than \_\_\_ days for the rest of the school year? (9 or fewer absences = satisfactory attendance) If you need ideas on how to improve your child's attendance or preparation in school, please contact your school counselor!

**END OF QUARTER 1:** The End of Quarter 1 will be on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Up-to-date grades will be viewable on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Grades will be handed out at Conferences on Monday, October 29 and Thursday, November 1.

- Login to PowerSchool to view student grades: <https://powerschool.cfschools.org/public/>
- **Academic concerns** should first be directed to the classroom teacher. All teacher contact information is located at: <http://www.cfschools.org/staff/#peet>

**END OF TRIMESTER 1:** The End of Trimester 1 is Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to view up-to-date grades on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** In September, students applied to be a part of the Student Council Crew. Twenty-six student leaders were chosen and they campaigned the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> for the elected positions of President, Vice President and Speaker of the House. The vote will take place Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with winners being announced the following afternoon on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **ANTI-BULLYING MONTH:**

#### **October is National Bullying Prevention Month**

October 1<sup>st</sup> is set as Stomp out Bullying Day. Students wear blue on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to recognize that we all must work together to stop Bullying and increase awareness of the impact that bullying has on all students. Please mark your calendars for October 1<sup>st</sup> and wear blue in support of this initiative!

**HOMEWORK COMPLETION:** Please make sure your student(s) are completing their homework. We ask our teachers to only assign homework if it is meaningful and necessary to help students learn what is needed for their course. Because of that, we expect all students to complete their assigned homework on time. Students that need extra time are provided that time when they are genuinely trying.

Students that choose to not do their work are assigned to one hour of detention after school. We do this for a number of reasons:

- Students need to have a full understanding of the material.
- Students need to be prepared for classroom activities.
- The consequence for not doing the work is doing the work.

At Peet Jr. High, academics is the priority. If students have an activity after school, that is not a reason to miss detention. Getting the work done is the priority. Students out for athletics have to serve the hour and then go to practice or game.

We are appreciative of the support we get from parents as teachers work to help kids reach their potential. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Boevers or Mr. Urbanek.

#### **UPCOMING SAFETY DRILLS:**

We will be practicing our "Run & Hide Drill" and "Shelter-In-Place Drill" on Friday, October 19. We practice these drills to better prepare our staff and students in the event of an emergency. If you would like to opt your student out of participating in the drills or you have questions regarding the drills, please contact Mr. Boevers at 319-553-2769. Below is the schedule we will run on the afternoon of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

October 19 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon Revised Schedule:		
Period 5 class	12:32-1:02	30 min
Period 5 – Drills	1:02-1:18	16 min
• Shelter-in Place Drill	1:02-1:05	3 min
• Run-Hide Drill	1:05-1:18	13 min

#### **PICK-UP REMINDER:**

As a reminder, when picking students up from Peet, please do not park in the cross walk. We want to ensure a safe route for students, staff and community members to walk across Seerely Blvd. and the crosswalk should be reserved for walking and not parking.

#### **SERVICE PROJECT:**

On Thursday, September 27, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Peet students participated in a service project planting 50 trees on Lone Tree Road with many local businesses. Special thanks to Mrs. Beneke and Mr. Beland, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Teachers, for helping organize our students to make it a successful service project!



**TUESDAY – FRIDAY DAILY SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE:**

7:15 am Front Lobby Doors are Opened  
 7:50 am First Bell  
 7:55 am Warning Bell  
 8:00 – 8:46 Period 1  
 8:50 – 9:36 Period 2  
 9:40 – 10:28 Period 3 / Announcements  
 10:32 – 11:00 Tiger Time  
 11:04 – 12:28 Period 4 / includes lunch  
     A Lunch - 11:04 – 11:34  
     B Lunch - 11:31 – 12:01  
     C Lunch - 11:58 – 12:28  
 12:32 – 1:18 Period 5  
 1:22 – 2:08 Period 6  
 2:12 – 3:00 Period 7 / Announcements

**MONDAY (90 minute) LATE START SCHEDULE & WEATHER RELATED DELAY SCHEDULE:**

7:30 – 9:00am Staff Report for PLC Work  
 8:30 am Students may enter the building – Cafeteria  
 9:20 am First Bell  
 9:25 am Warning Bell  
 9:30 – 10:01 Period 1  
 10:05 – 10:36 Period 2  
 10:40 – 11:14 Period 3 / Announcements  
 11:18 – 11:46 Tiger Time  
 11:50 – 1:14 Period 4 / includes lunch  
     A Lunch - 11:50 – 12:20  
     B Lunch - 12:17 – 12:47  
     C Lunch - 12:44 – 1:14  
 1:18 – 1:49 Period 5  
 1:53 – 2:24 Period 6  
 2:28 – 3:00 Period 7 / Announcements

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

Picture Re-Takes	October 9
End of Fall Mid-Term	October 26
Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30-7:30pm	October 29
Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30-7:30pm	November 1
No School – Teacher Conference Comp Day	November 2
End of Trimester 1	November 16
Booster Club Dance: 7:30-10:00pm	November 16
Professional Development – No School	November 21
Thanksgiving Break – No School	November 22-23

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