

Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Vision:

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

Mission:

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community

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1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. Mr. Downs and Mr. Piotrowski will highlight student learning in social studies at PHS.
- b. Mrs. Krystowiak, Dr. Watson, and the rest of the PHS staff collaborated before winter break to update the PHS Master Schedule for the next school year. While some adjustments remain, the courses added and courses removed for next year have been decided ([see attached document](#)). Our decisions were made with goals of increasing educational rigor at PHS (particularly for upperclassmen), responding to student interests/needs, preparing for staffing situations, and adhering to state guidelines. The new master schedule represents a significant step forward for PHS.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. Tomorrow Mr. Steward, Mrs. Krystowiak, Dr. Watson, a remarkable student, and one of her parents are meeting to design a Gifted/Talented Plan for her. This has not been done in a long time at PHS. The effort comes from conversations with Mr. Steward, who has been concerned about the lack of challenge for advanced students, Mrs. Krystowiak, who attended a conference breakout session last fall which inspired her to think about GT issues at PHS, and from the student herself, whose consistently excellent test scores practically demanded attention. The plan will center around enrichments, cluster

grouping, independent studies, and a robust three year plan for her. The goal is to continue to challenge this student at her level so she does not peak in high school and prepares herself to do extraordinary things in life. We will learn from this process and develop a process for all of our gifted students to have access to such a plan in the future.

3. Looking Ahead:

- a. We gave the second iteration of STAR Reading and STAR Math this week, giving us two data points with which to work. We can now begin planning interventions and enrichments for students, as well as using the data to align our curricula. The end of the 1st Semester is next week, then the entire school starts a new schedule!