

OCTOBER 2025

Poterville Middle & High School

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Our LINKS mentors were invited to attend Peer to Peer Leadership Summit at Eaton RESA last week. They met other mentors and learned about their programs and then started to prepare for our own new program.

GOOD NEWS!

Our school store is up and running - The Viking Vault! Our students are making Poterville clothing and other items. They will have some items at Homecoming to check out.

FOOD SERVICE BENEFITS

Please complete the [online food service form](#) if you did not do so for the 2025-2026 school year. Our school receives educational benefits and can apply to grant opportunities based on the number of forms completed. We are missing most families' forms - especially at the middle and high school.

HOMECOMING THEME - UNDER THE SEA

- Monday: Hawaiian/swim day (surfs up)
- Tuesday: mermaid vs pirates
- Wednesday: wacky Wednesday (washed up)
- Thursday: class color (coral reef)
- Friday: maroon and gold (buried treasure)



Upcoming Events

October 2: Manufacturing Day Field Trip for 11th grade

October 6-10: Homecoming week

October 8: Alro Steel Mentoring

October 9: Powder Puff

October 10: MS Rewards Trip

October 10: Homecoming/End of 1st Quarter

October 11: Homecoming Dance - 7-9pm - Guest forms due by Oct 1

October 16: PSAT/NMSQT for those who signed up

October 17: Student Council - popcorn at lunch

October 17: TEAM Viking PM

October 20: Vision Screening grades 5, 7, 9

October 24: MS Digital Citizenship Lesson in WIN

Senior Updates

Senior Photos - due by Jan 16 - see specifications attached below.

Senior Yearbook Ads - Due 2/28/2026.

Seniors should be working on college applications if they plan to apply. October is usually the free application month.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT:

Freshmen:

Gabriella Silvers
Odin McCowen

Sophomores:

Khloe Bustillos
Tooker Harris

Juniors:

Kendall Leinerth
Aaron VanCleve

Seniors:

Violet Jackson Green
Koda Johnson
Bailey Martin
Lillyana Bustillos
Keegan Bennett
Wyatt Hancamp
Elijah Pung
Luke Ward

REMINDER ABOUT HOMECOMING DANCE ATTENDANCE:

Students must be in good attendance (missed less than 10% of school), good behavior (no major offenses within the quarter of the dance) and be in good academic standing (passing a minimum of 5 out of 6 classes).

CONGRATULATIONS to the NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY WITH CTE:

Students must be enrolled in the Eaton RESA Career Preparation Center during their junior and senior years, maintain strong academic and attendance standards, and complete 20 hours of community service. We are so proud of them!

Makenzie Smith
Isaiah Woloszyn

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

MS Robotics meetings for October from 2:50 - 3:50 Room 104:
Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

MS Yearbook meetings for October from 2:50 - 3:50 Room 104:
Oct 6th and Oct 20th

DOES YOUR STUDENT WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?

Check out the below information/flier. If your student is interested - please connect with Mrs. Tara Logan regarding our next study abroad trip in 2027. Students go to both Spain and France so they can practice using the language they have studied here at school. This is a great opportunity for them to travel with support and see the world.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK PARENT PHOTO SUBMISSION

Do you have photos you have taken at school events that would be good for our middle school yearbook? Please submit your photos to our [Google Drive](#).

KEY STAFF INFORMATION

To speed up responses to questions, concerns, and/or comments – we ask that you use the below information to find the right person to contact. If you are not sure, Heather Morehouse – our main office administrative assistant can also assist you (morehouseh@ppsvikings.org).

Technology and Credit Recovery– Jim Sherman – shermanj@ppsvikings.org – contact him for all issues with Chromebooks and credit recovery

Athletics – Hunter Geisenhaver – geisenhaverh@ppsvikings.org – contact him for all athletic related questions

Attendance – April Rademacher – attendance@ppsvikings.org – contact her to call in your student or to let us know/send in documentation for absences

Dean of Students – Dave Mateer – mateerd@ppsvikings.org – contact him for truancy, any behavior questions

Food Service Director – Emily White – whitee@ppsvikings.org – contact her for all questions related to food service or allergies

Middle School Counseling/Social Work Support - Julie Steinacker – steinackerj@ppsvikings.org – contact her for counseling supports for middle school students and all 504 requests or concerns for middle and high school.

Principal – Kaytie Palmiter – palmitek@ppsvikings.org – contact her for scheduling concerns, staffing concerns (provided you have already contacted and tried to work with the staff you are concerned about), and communications.

Special Education – Amber Baker – bakera1@ppsvikings.org – contact her for all questions related to special education.

College Advising - Ruthann Clinton - clintonr@ppsvikings.org - contact her for all questions related to college

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED For information for:

- Homecoming Dress for Middle and High School
- CKH Focus for the Month of October - Self-Direction
- Senior yearbook photo requirements
- HS Yearbook Purchase Information
- Study Abroad Information

Please note - we will no longer be putting photos into the newsletter and instead plan to post more on Facebook after conversations with families at PTC that it would be more helpful to post there.

UNDER THE SEA

MONDAY OCT. 6TH

Surfs Up
(Hawaiian/Swim
attire - school
appropriate)

THURSDAY OCT. 9TH

Coral Reef
(Class Colors)
Seniors: Pink
Juniors: Blue
Sophomores: Red
Freshman: Black
MS: Team Colors

WEDNESDAY OCT. 8TH

Washed Up
(Wacky Wednesday)
Wear your craziest,
wackiest attire

TUESDAY OCT. 7TH

Mermaid VS Pirate
(Wear your best
Mermaid and Pirate
attire)

FRIDAY OCT. 10TH

Buried Treasure
(Maroon and Gold
attire)

Think, Choose, Act

Lead yourself to who you want to be.

This month, we're challenging students to envision future goals and take intentional steps toward who they want to be. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop your child's ability to self-direct.** We can model self-direction by celebrating the positive in each day, seeking the good in others, and emphasizing our responsibility to make positive choices.

1 Engage: Find the Good!



Self-direct your thoughts and share Good Things as a family each day. After school, around the dinner table, or before bed, ask each family member to share something good from the day. We often see what we seek! Let's focus on finding the good.

2 Empower: Make a Plan



If your student doesn't already use a planner, empower them to start using one to manage their time better. Have a weekly meeting with your student to share what they have added to their planners. You can help them add family gatherings, school events, and due dates.

3 Excel: Affirm Daily



Practice growing as a family through positive affirmations. At dinner or some point during the day, give affirmations to each other and share the good things you see. Take it to the next level and think of someone you could affirm outside your family. Challenge each family member to affirm or thank a different person every day this month for something they do or who they are. You can even handwrite a note to thank that person and send them the note in the mail.

Conversation Starters

♥ What is one way you can be more responsible at home or school?

♥ How do you feel when you finish a project?

♥ What is one of your future goals? What can you intentionally do now to help you achieve it?

SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK SPECIFICATIONS

ATTENTION SENIORS – Make sure your photographer knows about these requirements. Your photo must meet these requirements or you will be asked to submit again or be omitted from the senior section!

Senior Photos are due to the yearbook by **January 16th, 2026.**

This photo should be:

- **Portrait (Vertical) Full front or 3/4 view of the face**
- **High resolution photo 300 dpi.**
- **In Color, Traditional, neutral (blue, gray, brown), or solid background. Outdoor backgrounds are acceptable.**

PLEASE **DO NOT** INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Double images or collage style photos
- Props
- Shots that include hands on face
- Picture with sunglasses or hats that cover the face
- Selfies or photos of students laying down
- Student name or year
- Studio name or website
- **No Screenshots!!!**

Senior slideshow for graduation

The school also puts together a google slides presentation for graduation. For this please include **another senior picture** of your choice and a **Baby Picture**.

1. Please send: a picture of you between the age of under 12 months to 3 years old
2. Senior Slide Show Picture (Your favorite senior picture. Many choose a fun picture)

Digital files are preferred, but not mandatory.

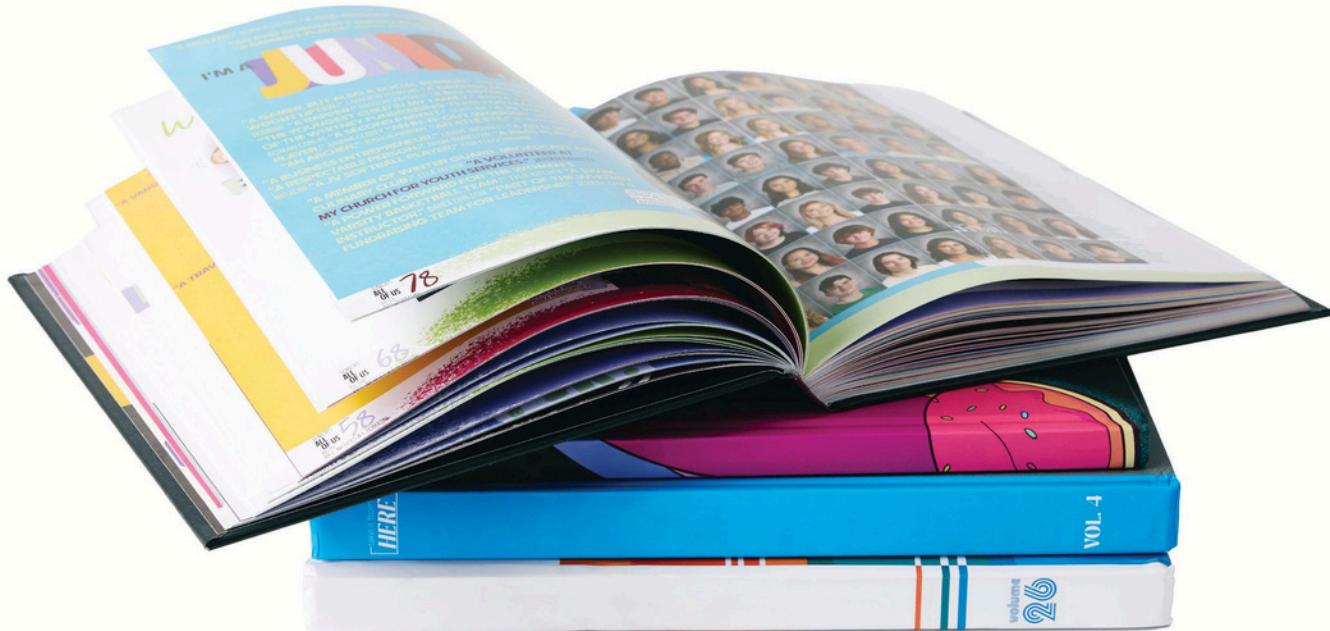
When uploading, please say Student's name, (Yearbook, Baby or Slideshow) in description

If you have questions, please contact the Yearbook advisor at logant@ppsvikings.org

You can also call at **517-645-4759**

Thank you ~ **Tara Logan**

POTTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



YEARBOOK

Watch email for special pricing starting 9/6/2025.
Scan QR code to order.



RECOGNITION ADS

Special through 2/28/2026. Scan QR code to order.



PHOTO SHARE & SENIOR PORTRAITS

Upload senior portraits.

Share your photos for possible use in the yearbook.
Scan QR code to submit.





MAR 26-APR 03, 2027

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TaraLogan

Group Leader ID
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Capitals of France and Spain

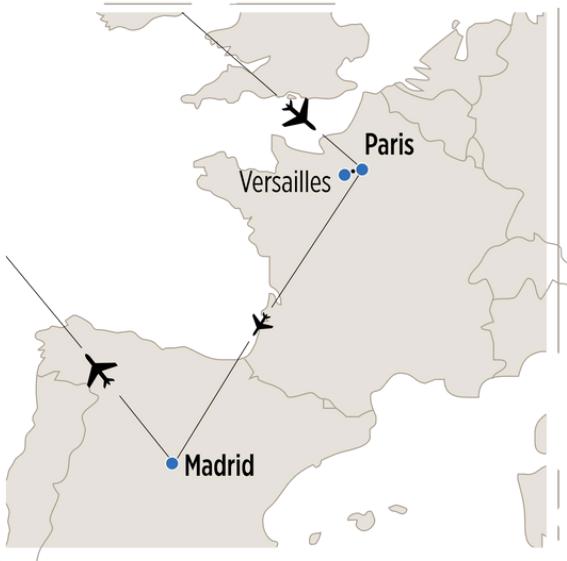
WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Round-Trip Flights
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- 3- or 4-Star Hotels 24-Hour Tour Manager
- Hourly Tour Manager
- Centrally Located Hotels
- Start Exploring
- Network All Local
- Transportation Personal
- Headsets
- Included Throughout Tour
- Pétanque Lesson in Paris

- Sainte-Chapelle
- Versailles Château and Gardens
- Louvre with Guide and Reservation
- Paint Paris Neighborhood Tour
- Seine Boat Ride
- Paris-Madrid Flight
- Paella Dinner
- Prado Tour with Audio Guides
- Madrid Tapas Evening

ITINERARY TRIP

9 Days | Overnights: Overnight Flight (1), Paris (4), Madrid (3)



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Scan the code to view your group's Tripsite and learn more details about your upcoming trip, and to register!

OUR PROMISE

Travel Changes Lives

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens.

