



Preble High School Hornet News

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Greetings to our Preble Families,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families doing well, and enjoying good health. I never imagined drafting a newsletter under these circumstances, but as the situation stands, what we expected as normal has changed.

A lot has happened these past few weeks and things are continuing to change rather rapidly. We are saddened that this is our new reality but are committed to doing the best we can to keep you informed regarding matters that may impact your son or daughter.

This newsletter is filled with a lot of new information and an attempt to address some questions you may have, as we plan for the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Take care.
Natasha Rowell



Stay connected with us and join our morning announcements daily at 9:30 am.

Follow us on our Social Media Platforms:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/greenbaypreble/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/gbpreble?lang=en> and

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/gbpreble/?hl=en>.

How can I reach a staff member?

Attached are the [Office Hours](#) of all staff at Preble.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Events subject to change due to school closure/COVID-19

May

- Friday, 22** Virtual Academic Awards,
6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 27** Virtual Scholarship Night,
6:00 PM
- Friday, 29** Last Day for Seniors

Prom and Senior Balls: As of now, all Proms and Seniors Balls have been postponed. We will continue to provide an update on the status of these very special events when more information becomes available.

PARENT NETWORK

The Preble Parent Network is looking for someone to carry on the responsibilities of the Parent Network.

The Preble Parent Network Mission is to provide drug and alcohol-free options for the students of Preble High School.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

Activities supported by Preble Parent Network:

Homecoming Parade
Dance Chaperones
Staff Appreciation
Junior Post Prom Party
Senior Graduation Party

Contact us: prebleparents@gmail.com

Facebook: [preble parents](https://www.facebook.com/prebleparents)

Twitter: [@PrebleParents](https://twitter.com/PrebleParents)



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ACADEMIC AND SERVICE LEARNING AWARDS

This event will be recorded and available for families to view on Friday, May 22, 2020, at 6pm. If your child is receiving an award you will receive an invitation under separate cover.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION DAY

Senior cap and gowns and diploma covers will be mailed to students home addresses, in the next two weeks.

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (FFCRA)

Last month, the federal government passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in response to the global pandemic associated with COVID-19. In part, this Act provides employees with certain benefits associated with their employment during this unprecedented times. The FFCRA included a provision to allow employees with children time off work to care for their children during periods of school closure.

A link was provided for families to the District's website to locate a closure letter that you can provide to your employer. That letter advised that the school closure was "indefinite." Following Governor Evers' recent Executive Order that ordered schools remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the letters for families have been updated. The updated letter is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

FINAL EXAMS

Will not be administered for the 2019-2020 school year, unless this is required for a dual credit class. Students are encouraged to remain engaged in their virtual learning classes, to maintain or improve their grades.



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FOOD SERVICE UPDATES AND REFUNDS FOR STUDENTS LEAVING THE DISTRICT (TRANSFERRING OUT, GRADUATING, ETC)

The GBAPSD Food Service Department allows students to carry their balances from year to year, whether positive, negative, or \$0 balances. Refunds are not automatically processed when a student graduates or moves from the district. To request a refund, please complete the fillable PDF on the Parent Portal and email to meals@gbaps.org. If you do not have access, call our main Food Service Office at 920-391-2565 or email meals@gbaps.org. Refunds will be completed in the order they are received. Please note, checks will not be issued for balances \$25 and below; instead families will be contacted by our bookkeeper to schedule a time to pickup the cash balance once the District buildings reopen. Refunds through a check will take approximately 3 weeks for fulfillment.

Students with siblings remaining in the District can request to have their Food Service funds transferred to their sibling instead of requesting a refund. Additionally, families can donate remaining funds to the Food Service Department.

The Food Service Department will verify all student fees are completed prior to issuing a refund. Should there be a student fee outstanding, the Food Service Department will initiate a transfer of funds from Food Service to Fees through the Accounting Department.

FUNDRAISING

If you supported a fundraiser, that was not completed, please connect with the advisor who coordinated the fundraiser. We plan to issue refunds to families when we return to the building.

GRADING PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING

[Grading Procedures during COVID-19 Alternative Learning](#)

The Board of Education approved the grading procedures for the COVID-19 alternative learning period for the 2019-20 school year. Because students, parents and teachers are facing a great deal of uncertainty at this time, the grading guidance is intended to allow for high quality formative feedback, while also recognizing the need to mitigate any negative impact on students as a result of the school closure. The overarching philosophy of the guidance for grading practices is to “do no harm.”

Based on the newly adopted Grading Policy, families will be able to select whether their child will receive a letter grade or a P/NG COVID-19 grade selection. We are working on a process for this selection and will communicate this with families in the near future.



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GRADUATION CEREMONIES

According to the Badger Bounce Back Plan, groups larger than 50 will not be allowed until Phase III. With this in mind, we continue to explore creative alternative ways, such as virtual graduations, in which to honor and celebrate our seniors. East, Preble, West and Southwest will be printing graduation programs, and if a ceremony cannot be held, we will develop a plan for distribution.

At this time, ceremony fees will not be refunded, until a decision is made to not hold a face-to-face graduation.

PARKING PASSES

We will be moving this to an online application process for the 2020-2021 school year. The announcement for applying for a parking permit will be made on our school morning announcements on Facebook on Friday, May 22. On the same day, an email with the application and process will be shared with students through their student email.



PREBLE GREENHOUSE WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS THIS SPRING

RETURN OF STUDENT BELONGINGS/LOCKER CLEAN-UP

We are currently seeking guidance from the medical community and the Department of Public Health as we develop a plan that ensures the safety and well-being of our staff and students to enter the building.

SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATIONS

We will celebrate students who have received a scholarship on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6pm. In order to prepare for this celebration, a survey was sent to your child to communicate with their counselor if they received a scholarship. Please be sure to encourage your child to submit this by the deadline, by May 13, so that we have an accurate record of all scholarships and can recognize your child in our celebration.



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SENIOR EMAIL ACCOUNTS

All students have access to their GBAPS accounts for 90 days after their final enrollment ends. This includes seniors. The Chromebooks are locked down to only allow GBAPS accounts with the exception of NWTC Google accounts. However, students should be able to transfer their content using this process: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6386856>. We have enabled it only for seniors.

“STING” A STAFF MEMBER NOMINATION

At Preble, our staff participate monthly in a "Get Stung" recognition activity, where we recognize each other for going above and beyond in our work. If you would like to "Sting" a staff member for something they have done over the past month, please fill out the [linked Get Stung form](#).

Examples of something "Sting" worthy:



- Ease the transition to digital online learning
- Engaging class content
- Availability for extra help/Google Hangouts Sessions
- Interactive lessons/videos or creative assignments/activities
- Motivational pick-me-ups
- Flexibility with deadlines, make-ups, homework, etc.

Thank you for continuing to live Preble Pride, even under these unusual circumstances. Take care of yourselves and Stay Safe!

SUMMER SCHOOL

The District's Summer School program will be held this summer. At this time, we are planning for virtual learning and hoping for the opportunity to also provide face-to-face learning experiences. We are currently developing multiple contingency plans, so that we can be responsive as new information develops regarding COVID-19. Summer school registration is not open at this time. More information will follow.

TRANSCRIPTS

If you are in need a transcript, please follow the directions in the link below:
[Transcript Information](#)



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VIRTUAL LEARNING FEEDBACK SURVEY

Thank you for completing the Virtual Learning Feedback survey. We appreciate your patience as we work through this and continue to improve our practice. Living in a virtual world is definitely a new way to consistently be doing our work, and the feedback was very useful. I have shared two questions where we as a school community can make adjustments easily. This information was also shared with our staff.

Question 6: What is one thing we are doing well?

As we reviewed the data, we noted the following trends:

- Google Classroom
- Teacher flexibility
- Communication
- Videos/Different ways of presenting information

Question 7: What is one thing that can be improved right away?

As we reviewed the data, we noted the following trends:

- Posting assignments earlier in the day and at a consistent time
- Updating IC frequently
- Access to late or missing work

**WORK
PERMIT**

WORK PERMITS

Work permits will be issued by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Currently, the Department of Workforce Development is currently allowing minors to work without a permit.

1. The student/parent needs to collect: the student's birth certificate, Social Security card, and written consent from their parent.
2. The student/parent needs to present those documents to the employer.
3. The employer drafts an intent to hire/ job offer letter.
4. The employer should call DWD and they will process all of this information/documentation over the phone with the employer and grant permission for the student to work without a permit, if applicable (they still cannot work in hazardous environments, etc.).

If there are any questions/concerns, the Department of Workforce Development can be reached at (608) 266-6860.



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YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks ordered by May 1st, will be mailed directly to your homes from Walsworth. Anticipated delivery date is the third week of May.



We have extended the date to order a yearbook to June 1st, but these books will be shipped to Preble and only distributed in the fall. Go to www.yearbookforever.com and type in the school name. From there, click on the school name and then click on the yearbook for \$60.

Also, the Preble Yearbook needs you! Despite the cancellation of spring sports and activities, the Preble yearbook will still include a spring supplement and we need your help! We are looking to get photos of how students, families, and staff members are spending their time social distancing to put in the yearbook. Please be as creative as you can and submit all photos to prebleyearbook@gmail.com.

2020 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



Congratulations to Donelly Matus-Stulzer and Tori Lyons for being named the 2020 commencement speakers.



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CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Erin Biggar** for being selected as the winner of an \$8,000 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation sponsored by the Georgia-Pacific Foundation. Winners of Special Scholarships are chosen based on their academic accomplishments, score on the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT®, and original essay. Erin plans on attending UW-Eau Claire as a member of their honors program to major in education.

Congratulations to the following students for an outstanding performance at the State DECA competition:

- **Lydia Brosig:** 1st Place - School-Based Enterprise Team, 2nd Place - Human Resources
- **Lauren Bonetti:** 1st Place - School-Based Enterprise Team, 6th Place - Business Services
- **Josh Helgeson:** 2nd Place - Entrepreneurship Team, 6th Place - Community Awareness
- **Eleanor Stoa:** 3rd Place - Automotive Services, 6th Place - Community Awareness
- **Donelly Matus:** Top 10 - Marketing Teaching, 6th Place - Human Services
- **Emily Koepf:** Medalist - Role Play Event
- **Jack Loewe:** 3rd Place - Entrepreneurship, 3rd Place - Marketing Teaching
- **Robin VandenLangenberg:** Double Medalist and Top 10 - Human Resources
- **Larkyn Soletski:** Top 10 - Innovation Plan, Top 10 - Role Play Event
- **Miyah Washington:** 7th Place - Apparel and Accessories Marketing
- **Devin Linsen:** 3rd Place - Financial Operations Research
- **Owen Brennan:** Top 10 - Quickservice Restaurant, Double Medalist
- **Hannah VanPay:** 2nd Place - Entrepreneurship Team, 5th Place - Business Operation Research

Congratulations to student athlete **Payton Cunningham** for being featured in [Nicolet National Bank's Senior Spotlight](#) in "The Press Times".

Congrats to **Carley Duffney** for being named [Fox River Classic Conference \(FRCC\) Girls Basketball Player of the Year](#). **Carley Duffney** was named to [Fox 11's All-Area girls basketball team](#) to the First Team and **Kendall Renard** was named to the Second Team.

Congratulations to student athlete **Carley Duffney** for being named to the [2019-20 Associated Press Girls Basketball All-State](#). Carley received honorable mention.

Congratulations to the following student athletes for receiving [Fox River Classic Conference \(FRCC\) Boys Basketball](#) honors: Nic Tuscan and Michael Schultz - Honorable Mention.

Congrats to student athlete **Max Wagner** for being featured in [Nicolet National Bank's Senior Spotlight](#) in "The Press Times".

Congratulations to **Kaiser Neverman** who was nominated for a [Wisconsin Prep Sports Award](#) for swimming.