October Virtual PSCC Meeting

October 18th, 2020 5:30–7:00 pm
Please type your and your students names into the chat
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Virtual Protocol

Please mute your mic unless you are talking.

If you have a question or comment please use the raise hand feature and we will call on you.

Please remember this is all a learning experience for everyone and we may not have the answers to all questions now but we will try to get the answer.
English and English as a Second Language (ESL)
Instructional Team Leaders (ITLs)

Kristen Kurzawski – English Department ITL
Kim Daelhousen – English as a Second Language ITL
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ENGLISH PSP AND CAS: 9TH AND 10TH GRADE

**English PSP**

- Students use the Saavas (formerly Pearson) textbook for this course.
- The students can annotate and respond in the textbook.
- Students are also given novels to read independently and discuss in class.
- Novels include *The Hunger Games*, *Night*, *Fault in our Stars*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

**English CAS**

- Students also use the Saavas (formerly Pearson) textbook for this course and annotate in the text.
- This course covers more units in the Saavas textbook.
- Students complete a long term research project throughout the school year.
- Novels read include *Night*, *The Joy Luck Club*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. 
AP English Courses

**AP Language and Composition**

- Taken junior year
- This is a rhetoric class. They study argument writing and how arguments are formed.
- Students read a variety of short non-fiction texts and speeches, many taken from current publications.
- Students also read *The Great Gatsby, The Crucible, and Slaughterhouse Five*.
- Students sit for the AP exam in May. If they score a 3, 4, or 5 on the exam they may earn college credit for the course.

**AP Literature and Composition**

- Taken senior year
- This course studies fiction and poetry.
- Students read a variety of plays, poems, and novels.
- Some texts include *Fences, Song of Solomon, Hamlet, Othello, and Pride and Prejudice*.
- Students sit for the exam in May. If they score a 3, 4, or 5 on the exam they may earn college credit for the course.
History of Co-Teaching Model

- **2017-2018**
  - PA Dept. Of Education changed its directives for English Learners (ELs)
  - ELs to spend no more than two academic years in sheltered classrooms
  - Pittsburgh Public Schools elected co-teaching model for Brashear

- **2018-2019**
  - Inception of co-teaching model at Brashear in English and select math classes

- **2020-2021**
  - Creation of "bridge" classes to support ELs with lower literacy levels to prepare them for co-taught English

**CO-TEACHING MODEL**
Benefits of Co-Teaching Model

- Deeper collaboration among teachers
- Diverse student experiences and perspectives brought to text and discussion
- Linguistic modeling for ELs
- Lower student to teacher ratio
- Feedback from multiple teachers
- More opportunity to support individual student needs
Important Upcoming Dates

These are all tentative to change

10/21-22: Open House - Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/28: ASA Bullying assembly
10/29: Student half day
11/11: No school - Veterans’ Day
11/12 Quarter 1 Ends
11/15- November PSCC Meeting
Open house
To sign up for a time slot with a teacher go to

https://www.myconferencetime.com/brashearthighschool/

Due to COVID procedures we are strongly recommending that all Parent/ Teacher Conferences be **conducted online**. If you have to come into the building, please remember you must wear a mask and you must have an appointment.

When you sign up for a conference, please put if you are going to complete it online or in person by writing your name as follows:

Jessica White (Online)
Jessica White (In Person)

Also, please state if you need a translator to assist you in speaking with teachers.

Need help signing up for a conference? Watch our videos.
Click on the “Open House/ Parent Teacher Conference” Folder
Find the teachers name and click on the folder

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Once in the teachers folder click on a time that works for you.
Fill out the information asked for.
Be sure to indicate if you are going to be online or in person. Again, we are asking that all conferences be online unless in person is absolutely necessary.

Jessica White (online)
Jessica White (in Person)
The website will not let you schedule for more than one teacher for a time slot and you will get confirmation emails for all meetings you schedule.
Home Access Center (HAC)
HOW TO GET TO HAC

Go to pghschools.org

Click on Parents

Once on that page
Click on Log into Home Access Center
Logging into HAC

Once you get to this page you will use your User Name and Password provided at the beginning of the year.

If you do not know/remember it you can email snorkevicus1@pghschools.org.
ESSER & ATSI Funding
Ideas and Suggestions for using our ESSER and ATSI funds

Need to spend it on the following categories:

- Learning Loss
- Social and Emotional learning
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Student Engagement
School Improvement plan