

# OCTOBER VIRTUAL PSCC MEETING

**October 18th, 2020 5:30–7:00 pm**

**Please type your and your students names into the  
chat**

# INTRODUCTIONS

# AGENDA

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Agenda overview & Virtual Meeting Protocol

English and ESL Departments

Important Upcoming Dates

Open House

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Questions

# VIRTUAL PROTOCOL

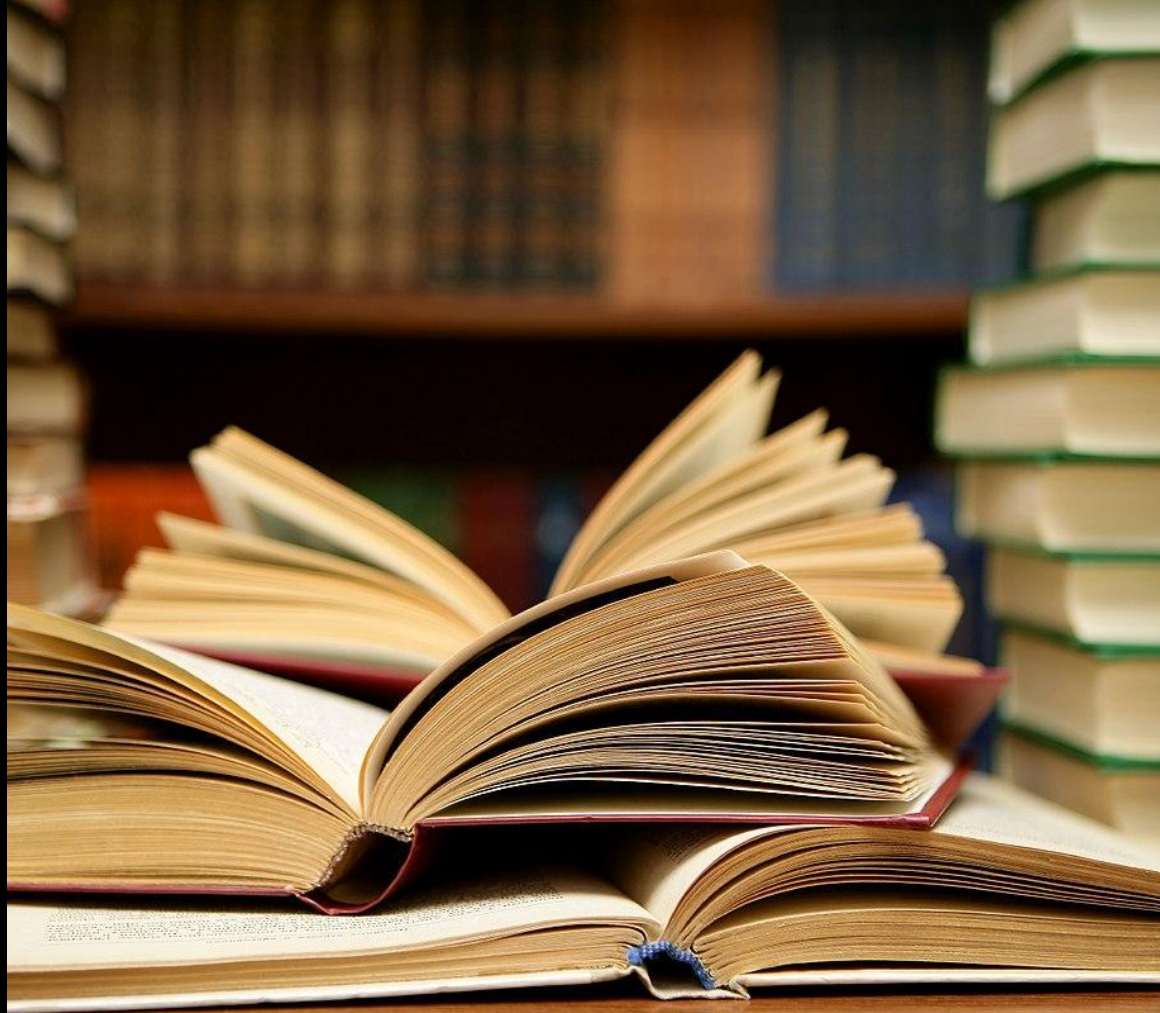
Please mute your mic unless you are talking

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

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# English and English as a Second Language (ESL)



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# Instructional Team Leaders (ITLs)

Kristen Kurzawski – English Department ITL

Kim Daelhousen – English as a Second Language  
ITL

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## English

- English PSP
  - All grade levels
  - Some sections co-taught
- English CAS
- AP Language
- AP Literature

## ESL

- English PSP
    - All grade levels
    - Co-taught with ESL teacher
  - English/ELD
    - Block class for all grade levels
    - Beginner English Learners (ELs)
  - English Through Content
    - All grade levels
    - Block class for Newcomer ELs
  - English Language Development (ELD)
    - Single period for ELs in co-taught
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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*.
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## 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.
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## 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

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## 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

# CO-TEACHING MODEL

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# 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

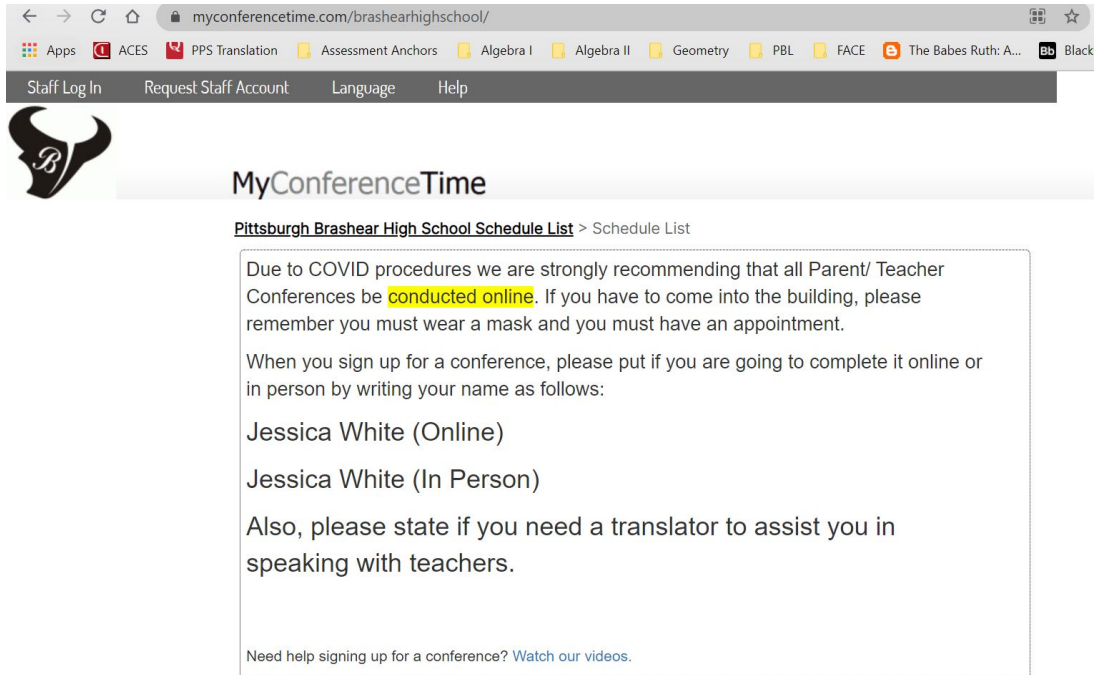
11/15- November PSCC Meeting

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OPEN HOUSE

To sign up for a time slot with a teacher go to

<https://www.myconferencetime.com/brashearhighschool/>




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [myconferencetime.com/brashearhighschool/](https://www.myconferencetime.com/brashearhighschool/). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible. The website header includes a navigation menu with links for "Staff Log In", "Request Staff Account", "Language", and "Help". Below the navigation is the "MyConferenceTime" logo, which features a stylized 'B' inside a shield-like shape. The main content area displays the "Pittsburgh Brashear High School Schedule List" page. A message box contains the following text: "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." At the bottom of the message box, there is a link: "Need help signing up for a conference? [Watch our videos.](#)"

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Apps ACES PPS Translation Assessment Anchors Algebra I Algebra II Geometry PBL FACE The Babes Ruth: A... Black

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 MyConferenceTime

[Pittsburgh Brashear High School Schedule List](#) > Schedule List

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Jessica White (Online)

Jessica White (In Person)

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

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CLICK ON THE "OPEN HOUSE/ PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE"  
FOLDER



Open House/ Parent Teacher  
Conference  
10/21 4-7pm & 10/22 8am-11am

# FIND THE TEACHERS NAME AND CLICK ON THE FOLDER

White, Jessica

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Mr. Wolfe

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Christine Wolski

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Mr. Woods

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Mrs. Yochum

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Jessica Zaremski

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Robert Zehmisch

2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences



# ONCE IN THE TEACHERS FOLDER CLICK ON A TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU

## MyConferenceTime

[Pittsburgh Brashear High School Schedule List](#) > [White, Jessica](#) > 2021 Parent/ Teacher Co

### 2021 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

White, Jessica

Thu, Oct 21, 2021	Fri, Oct 22, 2021
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM <i>not available</i>	8:00 AM - 8:15 AM <a href="#">Sign Up</a>
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4:30 PM - 4:45 PM <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	8:30 AM - 8:45 AM <i>not available</i>
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM <i>not available</i>	8:45 AM - 9:00 AM <a href="#">Sign Up</a>
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM <i>not available</i>	9:00 AM - 9:15 AM <i>not available</i>
	9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

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.

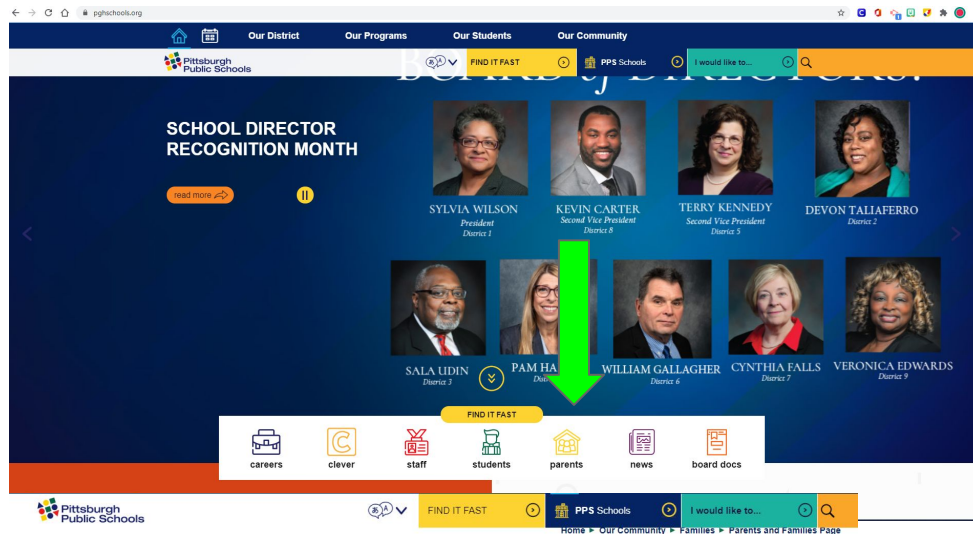
HOME ACCESS CENTER  
(HAC)

# HOW TO GET TO HAC

Go to  
pghschools.org

Click on Parents

Once on that page  
Click on Log into  
Home Access Center



## Guardian Login: eSchoolPLUS Home Access Center (HAC)

Parents can view real-time information through a convenient web portal anywhere and at any time including: Schedules, Attendance, Published Assignments, Quick Links to Communicate with Teachers, Class Averages, Report Card Information, Transcript Grades.

[View more information about HAC](#)

Log into Home Access

# 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](mailto:snorkevicus1@pghschools.org).

## Welcome to Home Access Center

**Please note:** all user passwords are Case Sensitive

This Home Access Center website is used by multiple districts to allow parents to view their students' schoolwork and other information.

If the website cannot determine your school district, a district selection box will display above the login box. If you see the district selection box, please be sure to select the correct **district** before logging in.

Please contact your school district if you experience any problems while accessing your student's information.

Select a District

PITeSchool\_Live

User Name

Password

[Forgot My User Name or Password](#)

Sign In

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



QUESTIONS

SCHOOL  
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