

Important parent survey, IB Night and the Show Must Go On!



For Thursday, January 28

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We so would appreciate your thoughts about offering online classes next fall

You as parents have received or will receive an email to get your thoughts and ideas about whether we should offer online classes next fall. Over the past several months, we have heard from many of you that even beyond the pandemic, some families see advantages to online classes. Portage Public Schools is considering continuing to offer online coursework for the 21-22 school year and beyond. We are looking for feedback about interest in the program and how it might be structured. So please, keep an eye out for that email and share your thoughts and ideas. Like always, your insights will guide our work ahead.

(Please forgive me if you have not received your email yet; you will get it soon. There are limits as to how many emails we can send through our GMail accounts, and we are sending these surveys to parents at both Portage Northern and here. Thanks for your patience and thanks for sharing your thoughts.)

Do you want to learn more about the International Baccalaureate program?

If you are an interested 9th or 10th grade student or family, Eric Alburtus and IB Coordinator Eric Lancaster will be hosting a Virtual IB Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. We will present information on what the IB Program is, what the program looks like here at Portage Central High School, and what the benefits are to this great program.

Join the Virtual IB Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. [here](#). Click [here for our Informational Flyer](#) and a [brief video introduction](#).

Find more information on the Portage Central International Baccalaureate Program here: <https://portageps.org/chs/ib/> We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Show must go on!

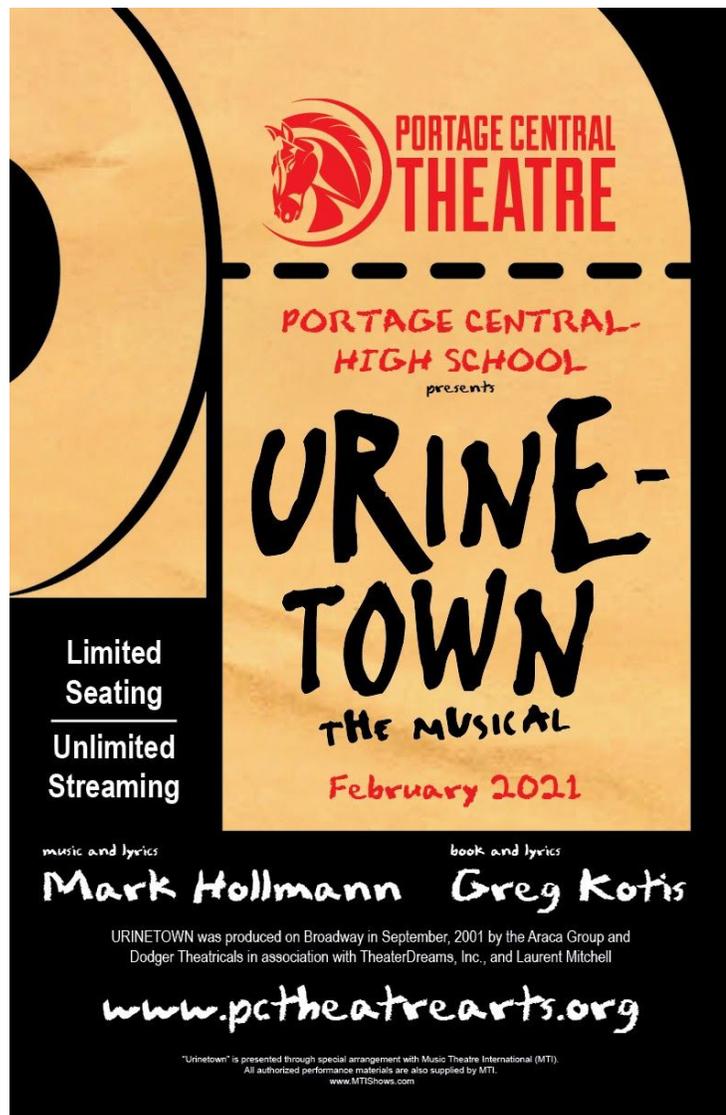
The award-winning Portage Central Theatre Department is proud to announce that even in these times "the show must go on." While this year's production will look different from anything you have ever seen, you can enjoy our production of *Urinetown* either in person or OnDemand through a professionally filmed streamed version.

Urinetown is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement -- all the fun stuff! The irreverent comedy, in which NO ONE is safe, will have you laughing in the aisles or from the comfort of your own living room.

Show dates and times for *Urinetown* are February 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m., and 7 and 14th at 2 p.m. The filmed OnDemand version will be available to stream from the comfort of your home starting February 12-21.

Tickets for *Urinetown* are on sale now.

Please visit www.pchsboxoffice.ludus.com to reserve your seats today. Tickets for students and children are \$16, and adult tickets are \$18. OnDemand stream is \$20 for your whole household! If you have any questions, please call our Box Office for more information: 269.323.5270.



Attendance procedures in the second semester

If you plan to report an upcoming absence for your daughter or son who is learning from home, please continue to reach out to the student's teachers to give them a heads up. And, when you do, please copy Austin Giles at AGiles@portageps.org or call our attendance line at 323-5259.

If you plan to report an upcoming absence for a student learning from the building, please call our attendance line at 323-5259. Again, it is good practice for your son or daughter to reach out to his or her teachers to inquire about make-up work.

If your face-to-face learner is unable to come into the building but is able to attend class virtually from home, there is no need to report this to the school, unless it will be an on-going situation (e.g. positive Covid test, quarantine, etc.). Teachers will mark the student present when they attend the Google Meet from home.

We will be sending out notice letters when a student reaches six and ten absences in any given class period, but given the pandemic, the 10th absence policy has been suspended this year and students cannot lose credit in a class based upon attendance. There also are no academic or school disciplinary consequences for unexcused absences through the school, recognizing that family and personal situations vary widely this year. Our hope is that through the reporting of attendance through Skyward and the 6th- and 10th-absence notifications, families will emphasize the importance of attending every class every day and will create expectations associated with attendance.

Just a reminder that the deadline is coming soon...

Seniors, interested in money for college?

There is still time to apply for the Portage Education Foundation scholarships. The deadline is February 15. Learn more about the PEF and apply [here](#)!

Tutoring for the 2nd Semester!

The beginning of a new semester can always bring some challenges and our student tutors want to make it easier! If your student is struggling with a class or even needs some help on a specific topic, we have tutors who are able to help either virtually or in person. Click [here](#) to fill out the tutoring form.

Featured Club of the Week: Gamers Club

Now that we are able to have students Face-to-Face it has opened up our ability to have clubs meet in person. Gamers Club was so excited to start up again this week! Gamers Club is for everyone who enjoys playing video games. Students often bring their switch or 3ds though you do not have to. It is a fun club that meets once a week on Wednesdays right after school in Room 1112. ***All skill levels are welcome!*** Please contact rmooore@portageps.org if you have any questions. Temperature checks and a [health questionnaire](#) will need to be completed before entry.

