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Dear Parents:

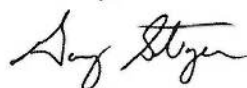
You are cordially invited to attend our annual Palatine High School Open House on Thursday, September 1, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be a shortened day with students dismissed at 12:35 p.m. Attending this program will give you an opportunity to:

- meet each of your child's teachers
- receive an overview of the curriculum in each class
- learn about teachers' expectations for your child
- tour the building
- view special exhibits

During Open House you will follow your child's schedule, a copy of which accompanies this letter. Classes will be conducted in 9-minute segments beginning at 7:00 p.m., with five minutes provided to pass from class to class. Student guides will be available to help with directions, and school maps will be distributed at the door. During your child's study hall or lunch period, we encourage you to visit our student cafeteria for refreshments. You might also browse the spirit wear and other PHS merchandise available at the Pirate Booster Club's *Pirate Treasure Store*, which is located near the gymnasium just across the hall from the cafeteria. Parents of **freshman** students are urged to attend their study hall class to meet with a counselor who will be available to answer questions. Also, your student's counselor will be available throughout the evening in the hallway across from the cafeteria.

Due to the large number of parents attending this evening, we encourage you to come early. In the past, traffic has become very congested around the building, and our parking lots fill up quickly. We encourage those who live nearby to consider walking. **As you enter the building, we will have a special performance of the Palatine High School Marching Band at 6:30 p.m. They will be performing just outside of the Main Entrance.** For those parents with babysitting needs, Palatine High School provides a babysitting service throughout the Open House program. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,



Gary Steiger  
Principal

***Attention Parents of Senior Students:***

Please join Mrs. O'Brien, College Counselor, for an informational session titled "I'm the Parent of a College Bound Senior, Now What?" The session will take place in the Auditorium from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Topics of discussion will include tips for applications, letters of recommendations, ACT/SAT, scholarships, Parchment/ordering transcripts and important changes to financial aid (FAFSA).