



# Polaris Operational Group Report

*Leading the Pack!*

September 15, 2021

## New In This Report:

### COVID Related Absences for Secondary Students

Our Secondary Team remains committed to teaching and supporting students during our return to in-person learning. Students may be facing short-term or extended absences due to COVID-related issues. While teachers cannot replicate experiences and instruction happening in the classroom, students will have opportunities to fulfill course requirements and will not be penalized for a COVID-related absence. If you are currently or potentially facing an absence, please see more information on the Polaris website --> SECONDARY tab --> [COVID Related Absences](#) page.

### New Polaris Merch

New school spirit merchandise, with our brand new logo, will be available to order soon! In an effort to best serve our community, Student Operational Group is conducting a pre-inventory survey. See the new designs and vote on your favorite color and style by completing the [Polaris Merch Interest Survey](#). Visit the quicklink on the Polaris homepage.

### October 12: School Picture Retakes

[Polaris School Portraits are now available online](#) using the quicklink on the homepage. Use your student ID to view and purchase. Purchased portraits will be sent directly home to families. If you are unhappy with your portraits, come to school ready for retakes on Tuesday, October 12. All questions should be directed to Alicia at [Fitzgerald Photography](#), (907) 726-1562.

### October 15: Fall Festival

The Polaris PTA Fall Festival is back! The PPTA is looking for Advisories who would like to host an outdoor booth or activity at the festival on Friday, October 15 between 4:30 and 6:30PM. Volunteers and LOTS of candy are needed to make this event a success. There is a candy collection box (*individual, pre-wrapped ONLY please*) in the front office. As an Advisory, please discuss if/how you would like to contribute. PPTA does have some ideas and games ready to go. Advisors have the contact information to communicate plans and questions for PPTA. Please consider supporting this community event and the PPTA.

## October 22: Secondary Fall Social

The Friday following the Fall Festival is also the final day of Homecoming. This day is up for consideration for a fall secondary social opportunity. Normally we would have a fall dance, but COVID mitigation makes those logistics next to impossible. In your Advisory, discuss if there is interest and possible ideas. Bring that feedback to the next Op Group Meeting or complete the Op Group Feedback form on the website.

## 2022 Polaris Yearbooks

The 2022 Polaris Yearbook is now available for pre-purchase at the lowest price of the year with up to four FREE embossed icons with purchased personalization. Hardbound books (112-pages of expanded coverage) are just \$55. Softbound books (first 32 pages; includes all staff/student portraits) are \$25. Visit the [YEARBOOK](#) tab on the Polaris website for purchasing information and special offers for our Senior and Kindergarten/1st Grade families. Contact Heidi Postishek ([Postishek\\_Heidi@asdk12.org](mailto:Postishek_Heidi@asdk12.org)) with any questions.

## Reminders from Previous Reports:

In this section, we will include abbreviated reminders from previous issues. You may reference all previous editions of the [Op Group Report](#) on the website.

## September 20: Operational Group Elections

The candidacy declaration deadline is Monday, September 20. Elections are on September 28. See more information about the positions open and election process on the Polaris website --> FOR STUDENTS --> Connect with Op Group --> [Elections](#) page.

## September 22: Early Release/PLC Day

Next Wednesday, September 22, is an early release day. Secondary students will be released at 11:20. Families must come into the building to sign out their student(s). High School and Middle School students should have the necessary PLC Permission Forms on file prior to the first PLC day. Forms can be found on the Polaris website --> INFORMATION tab --> [Forms](#) page.

## Polaris Asparagus

Hopefully our Polaris Asparagus' are at least halfway to the 30-mile mark for our [30-Miles in September](#) challenge! The collection box is housed in the front office and forms are due by October 4. Don't forget to [submit your photos](#) for a chance to win a FREE 2022 Polaris Yearbook!

## Homecoming

Students in the Leadership class are starting the preliminary planning for 2021 Polaris Homecoming, October 11-22. Stay tuned for more details. Share your ideas using the form on the Polaris website --> FOR STUDENTS tab --> [Connect with Op Group](#) page.

## Dates at a Glance

9/22	Elementary Early Release/Secondary PLC
10/5	Advisory Board Meeting
10/6	Elementary Early Release
10/12	<a href="#">School Picture Retake Day</a>
10/14	Band/Orchestra Concert
10/15	In-service Day: No School
10/15	<a href="#">Fall Festival; 4:30 - 6:30 PM</a>
10/20	Elementary Early Release/Secondary PLC
10/22	In-service Day: No School
11/3	Elementary Early Release
11/10	PTA Meeting
11/11	In-service Day: No School
11/16	Advisory Board Meeting
11/17	Elementary Early Release/Secondary PLC
11/25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday: No School

## Advisory Representation

Allie	x	Andrea	x	Christian	x	Heidi	x	Jeff	x
Jess	x	Joe	x	Julia	x	Larry	x	Mindi	x

## Next Meeting

*NOTE: There is no meeting on 9/22/21 due to the Early Release/PLC Day*  
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