



Freshman Orientation 2020 Video Transcript

Pike High School Principal: Mr. Troy Inman - Welcome

morning and welcome class of 2024. I am Troy Inman, the principal of Pike High School. Generally, obviously we do this in person, but because of COVID19 we are limiting our visitors in the building. A little bit about myself, this is my 26th year at Pike High School, actually Pike Township. I have been the principal now for 13 years. Before that I was a middle school teacher, a high school teacher, middle school principal at New Augusta North. I've been here I think when I first came we were about 1600 at the high school and now we are right around 3400. A lot of changes that took place during that time. We'll say that I truly believe that right now we are the best high school that we have ever been in the history of Pike Township or Pike High School. Right now our graduation rate is right around 93 - 94 percent. Last year's graduation class, 75% earned college credit. So a lot of times I talk about our students coming into a university rather than a traditional high school. Something that we're very proud of. Your students can get college credit in the International Baccalaureate Programme which I'm sure we'll talk more about, our dual credit through IU, Vincennes, or Ivy Tech or through some CTE programs that we have where college career courses where students can go right into the work world. Also very proud that we are the only large urban high school to earn an A rating by the Indiana Department of Education so we are very proud of that. This is actually the third year in a row that we have been able to receive that recognition. Three big basic things that I tell our classes when they enter Pike High School. First of all we've got to make sure that everybody is safe. Obviously with 3400 students, students from all over the world, it is very important that everybody is safe and secure and we have an environment conducive to learning. First thing obviously with COVID19 we are going to require masks when you are not at a six feet distance. So you will have to wear a mask during the school day and we'll have a lot about precautions coming up further. Secondly, we have got to make sure everyone is college and career ready. It's very important that you are when you leave Pike High School you are able to go to the university that you want to go to and that you're able to if you want to go into a career that is going to be marketable and that you're able to make a living at, so we have all the college and career programs that you could possibly want here in Pike High School. And lastly we want you to have fun. We want you to have a lot of pride in your school. We want you to enjoy your time here. We have multiple clubs, 70 or 80 clubs that you can be involved with. But again, get involved in your school. Get involved in what we're trying to accomplish and what we want to do for you. I also tell our students that they are really our bosses. You guys are really, you guys are really our bosses. Now when I say that, I can't have you disrupt, I can't have you behave badly, but our job is to provide you with the best possible education that you can receive anywhere and I believe we do a great job of that. Class of 2024, welcome to Pike High School, we're glad you're here.



Pike High School Freshman Academy Co-Leader: Ms. Ilesha Sherrer

Hello and Welcome! My name is Ilesha Sherrer and I am a Biomedical Science teacher here and Freshman Academy Co Leader along with Chad Heck, our Freshman media specialist. We usually have an Orientation Day with a large meeting about what to expect at Pike High School. This year it will be virtual and some of our staff will introduce themselves and go through some information here to help you get more acquainted with Pike High School and Freshman Center. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have further questions or call the school! Thank you for watching, Welcome and Have a Great School Year!

Freshman Academy Co-Leader: Mr. Chad Heck

I'm Chad Heck. Welcome to the Pike High School Freshman Center. We are excited to have you during this tumultuous time. Normally, Ms. Sherrer and I would be talking about job shadowing and career speaker day during this time. We are still working out how all of that is going to look this year. But whether you are online or coming to see us face to face, we want to do everything we can to help you be successful this year. Welcome again and we're glad you're here!

Pike High School Assistant Principal: Mr. Monte Tapplar

Hello I'm Monte Tapplar an Assistant Principal here in the Freshman Center. Students will have 7 minutes to transition to and from their classes. You can arrive at classes on time by planning ahead. For example, consider whether you have time to visit your locker prior to changing classes. We all must continue moving through the hallways during passing periods to maintain social distancing protocols and keep the areas clear. Parents, if your child is being transported to school by a vehicle other than a Pike Township school bus, please plan ahead to ensure your child is inside their first period classroom no later than 7:15am. You may also refer to the high school handbook to further view the district tardy policy.

Pike High School Assistant Principal: Mrs. Adenike Harmon

Hello! I'm Mrs. Harmon Assistant Principal and 504 co-ordinator at Pike High School. At Pike High School, students do not wear uniforms. However, there is still a dress code. That's right! Outerwear must be stored in your locker or backpack and hoods, headscarves, wave caps, and bonnets should not be worn in the building. Also, no sagging, nor revealing clothing, or any items that are racially offensive, advocate the use of illegal substances, or display sexually explicit content. In other words – keep it clean. Now that you're in high school, you need to know that this is a very large campus. You'll want to wear comfortable closed toe shoes while trekking these halls. Finally, don't forget your student ID. At Pike, it's a must that you have it at all times.



You'll need it to purchase lunch, visit the clinic, check out library books, obtain a tardy pass or hall pass from your teacher. For more information on the groom code, refer to the high school handbook

Mr. Tapplar

Attendance

It is important for all students to maintain adequate attendance throughout their high school experience. Students physically reporting to the building will need to report to all classes on time; and students participating in remote learning will need to login to Canvas and communicate with their teachers. If multiple absences occur, families will be contacted by school staff to help develop a consistent routine of attendance. If families experience a death in their immediate family, participate in a religious observation or an authorized school-sponsored field trip, the absences will be excused. Unexcused absences include family vacations and class cuts. Parents may contact the Freshman Center Receptionist or either of the assistant principals. You may also refer to the high school handbook to further view the district attendance policy.

Mrs. Harmon

Wireless Devices

We understand that in this digital age, wireless technology such as laptops, tablets, cell phones, are everywhere, and as a result we do allow them in the building. However, your freshman will be responsible for the safety and security of any wireless communication devices that they bring to school. It will be up to the discretion of the teacher if it can be used while in the classroom. The expectation is that they are put away prior to entering the class and that permission is obtained from the classroom teacher before use.

Mr. Tapplar

Attendance Desk

Please bring all necessary materials to the school daily. Examples include student I.D. closed-toe shoes, lunch, or money to purchase food in the building. Parents can support by calling the office ahead of time if picking students up early for scheduled appointments. You may contact receptionists in the main campus or Freshman Center. Parents are required to sign students out of the attendance office upon pickup. Please also update emergency contact or legal guardian information so we may refer if someone other than a parent arrives to pick up a student.



Mrs. Harmon

Discipline

The transition to high school is an enormous adjustment for many adolescents. We encourage our students to make healthy choices with their conduct towards peers and staff. In the event that an incident occurs resulting in a discipline referral, we want to assure you that as administrators, we believe in due diligence in investigating matters and keeping parents/guardians informed of any issues that arise. With each incident it is our goal to identify the facts first - before discipline is issued.

While most infractions are minor and result in restorative practices, conferencing with students/families, and guided learning; there are infractions that may result in out of school suspension, placement in Pike Plus Virtual School, or Expulsion. The student handbook ([Click here for handbook](#)) outlines the discipline policy and range of disciplinary actions.

Mr. Tapplar

First Day of School

When you arrive at Pike High School, staff will be located throughout hallways to help you travel to your designated classrooms. If you are unsure of where to report, please seek assistance from a staff member. You will receive your schedule on the first day of school and we will help you practice transitioning to your classes over the next few days. Remote learners will have additional instructions; however, take time to become familiar with Canvas as you prepare to meet and work with your teachers online. We understand all of you might be filled with excitement and be a little nervous. We will guide you every step of the way!

Mrs. Harmon

High School Clinic Procedures

There are 2 clinics at Pike High School. The nurses will contact parents regarding medical concerns including immunizations and injuries. In the event that your student needs to access the clinic, they will need to obtain a clinic pass from a staff member and present their student I.D. when checking in. Parents will be notified if a student needs to be treated, sent home early, or administered medicine. The clinic will store any prescription or over the counter medicine for your child during the school year. To do this, parents will need to complete a form and check-in all necessary medications with the nurse in advance. While students are prohibited from personally carrying medication, they are able to store personal hygiene products in their locker, backpacks, or purses. Please anticipate the need for essential personal hygiene items throughout the year.



Mr. Tapplar

Student Expectations

In lieu of circumstances surrounding the pandemic and the social unrest that some have experienced directly or indirectly, we will need to be sensitive to each other's needs, feelings, and perceptions about the aforementioned circumstances in addition to other matters that may arise during our time together. We expect you to be considerate of others, demonstrate a positive attitude, and seek assistance from staff if experiencing challenges that negatively impact your progress. The school must be a safe environment for all students; therefore, self-discipline must be exercised by all. Examples include following social distance guidelines, maintaining academic integrity, being quick to listen and reporting concerns to staff for additional support. We hope to empower you to become life-long learners and understand how to access resources to further your knowledge.

Mrs. Harmon

Staff Expectations

The priority of our staff is to meet the needs of students. Examples include designing and organizing culturally relevant learning activities, effectively and proactively communicating with parents, offering students instructional support as needed, maintaining a safe and caring learning environment, motivating students to engage in their education, and monitoring student behavior and learning. Staff will demonstrate professionalism in their conduct, practice human dignity and redirect students as necessary.

Mrs. Harmon

Parent Expectations

Parents, this is an exciting time in your student's life and we want to encourage you to remain active. We are partners in this and here are some tools to keep you engaged. The first is Canvas. [Pike Canvas Link](#) Teachers will be using Canvas which is an online learning platform to communicate course content to both students and parents. This is where teachers may post their Syllabus/Notes/Assignments/Study Guides/Videos & Links/Online Discussion Forums/and even assessments.

The way in which each teacher uses canvas will vary, but it's important to know that this tool is available to keep you in the loop of the instruction. Parents can create their own account which will pair and replicate the student's account which then allows you to follow along with your child's instruction.



If you are new to Pike Township, we use an information system called Skyward [Pike Skyward Link](#) and I encourage you to download the free app or set up your Skyward account online. Skyward is where you can find important first day information such as your student's ID #, schedule, locker details, and bus information. It also shares the teacher's gradebook and communicates your child's attendance each day. As long as your contact information is updated in Skyward, you'll be notified daily of any absences, and can log into review updates to grades. Skyward and Canvas are great tools to connect you to your child's progress. However, we also want you to feel comfortable reaching out to teachers. If there are ever any concerns, please be proactive by making contact immediately. We want to work with you as a partner in this journey to ensure your student has a smooth transition and builds a successful foundation for their academic careers. Mr. Tapplar and I are also here to support you. If ever needed, schedule an appointment to visit and speak with myself (**Mrs. Harmon 317-347-8603 or Mr. Tapplar 317-347-8573**).

Pike High School Assistant Principal: Mr. Randy Cooper

Hi. I'm Mr. Cooper. I'm an assistant principal in student services at the high school. One of my primary duties is to oversee the sophomore class. However, I also have a big role to play with student clubs and organizations. We are so excited to have the class of 2024 in our building. One of the biggest things you can do is to get involved. A lot of students decide to do athletics or performing arts. But we have a lot of other opportunities for you here at Pike High School. We have over seventy active clubs and organizations that are all derived through students and run with staff. Everything from art interests and cultural events to languages to environmental science. There are again, many many opportunities that you can do to involve yourself and make new friendships, establish relationships with teachers you may or may not have, and just really enjoy school. One of the primary things that I also do is I am overseeing student leadership here at Pike High School. As freshmen, you will have a unique opportunity to get involved early in our student leadership endeavors. Student Leadership Council oversees and organizes and promotes everything school spirit-wise. We do things such as homecoming and prom, and there are many many community endeavors that we also go out and do. Hallway decorations, a lot of things that are fun and spirited for the school. Again welcome class of 2024 we're very excited that you're here and we look forward to working with you all four years of your Pike High School.



Pike High School Learning Center Director: Mr. Charles Moore

Good morning, I am Charles Moore, the Director of the PHS Learning Center. The Learning Center provides academic support to the students of Pike High School and the Pike Freshman Center.

The Learning Center works with students to help the student acquire the academic skills needed to be successful at the high school level and beyond.

Among the processes we utilize, the Learning Center provides tutoring (we have a full time math tutor on staff), English and editing/writing assistance, we teach study skills, and we work with students in their development of research skills. To the students enrolled into a Learning Center class, we provide academic monitoring.

In addition, the Learning Center is utilized as a segment of the PHS Credit Retrieval Program. We monitor and assist PHS students that are seeking to increase their GPA or to earn missing credits by taking online classes via Edmentum. In this same vein, we provide access to computers, for students taking IOA classes during the school day.

The PHS Learning Center is available during the school day.

If you have specific questions, I may be reached at:

Charles Moore- Learning Center

317-347-86
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cmoore@pike.k12.in.us

Thank you.



Pike High School IB/AP/DC Coordinator: Mrs. Danielle Vohland

My name is Danielle Vohland, and I am the International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Credit (DC) Coordinator here at Pike High School. First, I would like to welcome you to the Pike Freshman Center where you'll begin the first year of your high school journey. The IB/AP/DC programs are all wonderful opportunities where you can earn college credit while you're in high school. We offer the IB Diploma Programme that takes place your junior and senior year and is a two-year programme within our school building with teachers trained in the IB curriculum for their subject area. IB is one of the most rigorous programs we offer and helps prepare students for lifelong learning in today's global society. AP classes can take place anytime during your Freshman through Senior year, and each teacher receives AP training in their subject area. We currently offer 28 AP classes at our school. Each May, IB and AP offer end of the course exams that help you earn college credit if you earn a certain score on the exam. DC classes provide students with an opportunity to earn both high school and college credit. DC Teachers must have a Masters degree in the subject area that they teach or Masters Degree in another field and 18 credit hours of 500 level work or higher in their subject area. We offer DC classes through partnerships with IU, IUPUI, Ivy Tech, and Vincennes University. Depending on our partnering university, you can take DC classes anytime between your Freshman and Senior year, must meet the partnering university's requirements, and earn a C or higher in the class. I hope you all take advantage of any one or all three of these programs while here. All three of these programs will help provide you with the rigor and skills to help you be successful in any post-secondary program.

Pike Township Graduation Coach: Mrs. Dena Irwin

Did you know that Pike High School has a resource available to all students to help them transition to life after high school whether the student wants to go into the military, workforce, or college?

Well, there is such a resource at Pike High School, and it is named the College & Career Resource Center, or CCRC for short. It is located on the main campus, front entry near the guidance counselor offices.

Hello, I am Ms. Irwin and I am the District Graduation Coach for MSD Pike Township. You can find me in the CCRC, and I am here to help you determine your options after high school.

I can help you discover careers options that are best suited for your personality, skills, aptitude,



and values. From there we can determine if a higher education beyond high school is required. If this is the case, I can help you uncover all your college options and what is needed to be admitted. You can get help with college applications, test preparation for the SAT and ACT, writing application essays, FAFSA, financial aid options, and scholarships.

If your path after high school calls you to serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or Indiana Army National Guard, I can help arrange meetings with the various military branch recruiters in the CCRC. You will find our recruiters to be very friendly and answer all your questions in the casual and safe atmosphere of the CCRC.

You say that college and the military are not for you? If this is the case, I am here to help with job applications, resume development, cover letters, interviewing techniques, professional dress choices, and thank you letters or emails.

I hope you will remember to utilize the CCRC during your four years of high school as we are here and ready to help you for life after high school. I hope to see you in the CCRC soon!

Pike High School Media Center Director: Mrs. Shelly Smith

Hello! My name is Mrs. Smith and I'm the librarian on the High School side. I wanted to share some information about Technology and Canvas.

I'll start with your Pike Google account

- Your Pike Google address is your studentnumber@students.pike.k12.in.us
- To access your account, open Google Chrome and log in
- This account will allow you access to your Google Drive (we recommend using your Google drive to create, edit, save, and share your work) If you have questions about your Google password, please contact your teacher.

Using Clever Single Sign On:

- Log in to Clever at clever.com/in/msdpike
- Select login with Google
- By logging in to Clever with your Pike Google ID and password, you will see options for instant log in. These options include Naviance, Edmentum, Canvas, Adobe Spark and more
- If you are logged into a Pike Chromebook you will be able to log in to Clever by clicking the "Log in with Google" button

Skyward:

- Log in to Skyward at skyward.pike.k12.in.us



- Once logged in you can check your grades, class schedule, and other information
- Skyward also has a free app that you can download

Pike Virtual Libraries:

- MSD Pike Township has a large collection of ebooks and audiobooks
- Access to our virtual library is available in many places (Mr. Heck will share more information with you).

Canvas:

- Log in to Canvas using your Pike Google Account.
- Use the notifications settings in your profile – add a phone number for text alerts, another email you regularly check, etc.
- Use the Dashboard (To-Do List on the right, pay attention to the icons on the Course Cards to know which course has a new announcement, discussion, etc.)
- Download the Canvas Student App – easily upload files, respond to discussion prompts, or watch course videos.
- Know when to use the Web Browser on your phone or tablet – if the app isn't doing what you want, open Canvas in your web browser!
- How to get Canvas help – use the “Canvas Guides” button in the Canvas global navigation bar on the far left.
- Look for the Destiny Library link in Course Navigation to access Pike Databases, Search the Catalog, etc.
- Canvas Inbox – reach your teacher from right in Canvas! Don't wait until the last minute if you can't access something, please contact your teacher as soon as possible to get the help.

If we do go to online only instruction, you can contact the **student support line at 317-387-2525, option 1** and leave a message. That mailbox will be monitored if we go to virtual instruction. Please contact Mr. Heck or me in either library and we will be happy to assist you.

Pike Freshman Center Media Center Director: Mr. Chad Heck

Mr. Heck here again. Come see me in the library! At the library we have popular books, movies, and graphic novels. We're so lucky in Pike to have not one, but two libraries and you can use either one or both. The library is a great place to hang out. Normally we're open for lunch and you can eat in our libraries and have access to all we have to offer, but we're still working on what that looks like this year.

One great place you will see library resources is on the PHS Canvas class when you login to Canvas. In this Canvas course, you will find links to our ebook collection and our research



resources. This is also a place where other school-wife resources will be shared with you like college and scholarship opportunities. Check that part of Canvas out after the start of school.

Stop in and tell Mrs. Smith at the main campus or me at the freshman campus hello. If you're online, drop us an email introduction. We have what you need at the Pike libraries.

Pike High School Guidance Counselor Director: Mrs. Alise Berty

Welcome class of 2024, my name is Mrs. Berty. I'm the guidance department chair at Pike High School. And one of the questions you probably have right now as an incoming freshman is, who is my counselor? Well at the high school, we assign counselors based upon the student last name, and you will stay with that counselor throughout your four years of high school. On this slide I included not only your counselor's name, but I also included their email address. How do I see my counselor? Where are they located? It's pretty easy to see your counselor at the high school. You can either send them an email which I referenced on the previous slide or you can stop by the guidance office and complete a counselor request form. Our offices are located in the main campus near the front entrance of the high school. One of the big questions that we always receive is can I change my schedule? You may request a schedule change for the following reasons: if there is a class listed on your schedule that you've already passed, if we have inadvertently given you the wrong level of a class, or if a class is listed more than once during the day on your schedule. There are some other people located in our office that I think it's important that you know their names and what they do. Mrs. Irwin works with our students on college and career readiness. She is located in what we call the CCRC which is adjacent to the guidance office. Mrs. Vohland is our Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Credit coordinator. Mrs. Monnier is one of our two social workers and she is located in the counseling office area with your counselors. Mrs. Coe is another one of our social workers and she is located in the Pike Freshman Center. And then of course my name is Mrs. Berty. I'm the guidance department chair, and I'm the counselor for the students who commit to the IB program during their junior and senior year. Stop by the guidance office any time. Let us know what we can do to help you out and help you be successful in high school and we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Thanks!

Chartwells Food Services

Welcome class of 2024. Chartwells food service is excited to welcome you to the Pike Freshman Center cafeteria this August. We are here to help you fuel your mind and body as you start your high school experience. Each day our cafeteria offers free breakfast for all students. Simply visit our cafeteria or mobile breakfast carts in the hallways to participate. During lunch you can visit the line of your choice including American Classics, Somato our pizza station, Grilled with things like chicken sandwiches and burgers, Sono our nacho line, or prepackaged salads or sandwiches at On the Go. If you need to add lunch money to your account, you can visit myschoolbus.com or the Pike Township school webpage and select lunch payment at the very bottom of the home page. Please note it takes up to 24 hours for this to reflect on your



account. We strongly encourage families to utilize these resources to avoid cash handling amid the COVID19 breakout. If you are in need of a free or reduced meal application, you can visit msdpike.schoolsunchapp.com. Online applications offer the quickest approval process. However, if you need a paper application, you can visit the Chartwells office located at the front of the Pike Freshman Center just across from the nurse's office. Please remember that if you were approved for free or reduced meal prices in the past, you must reapply each school year to qualify again. Free or reduced statuses from the previous school year will expire 30 days after the start of the current school year. If you participate in afterschool activities such as sports, study tables, and clubs, be sure to visit the high school cafeteria for a free after school meal. You can also find our mobile supper carts in the school hallways for a free meal after dismissal. If you would like to see a breakfast, lunch, or after school meal menu, you can visit [School Daily Menus](#) or download the free nutrislice app to your smartphone. You can view nutrition information such as calories, carbohydrates and food allergens from this site as well. Students with severe food allergies requiring food modifications should provide an updated doctor's statement to the school nurse each school year. If significant menu modifications are needed, you can reach out to the school dietician for assistance at [School Dietitian's Email Link](#) or visit the Chartwells main office. We look forward to a great year with you. Remember, if you have any food service questions or concerns, you can always approach one of our cafeteria staff members or visit the Chartwells office at the front of the building. Thank you and we will see you soon.

Mr. Tapplar

We hope the virtual orientation has been of value to you as you prepare for the start of school. Students and families will continue to receive updates as we learn new information to maintain the safety and education of our Pike High School students. Please take time to familiarize yourself with resources such as Canvas and Skyward. You are welcome to contact us anytime; and we will do our best to meet your child's needs. Once again, welcome to Pike High School!

Ms. Ilesha Sherrer

Wow, a lot of information. Class of '24 thank you for listening. I know you have a lot of questions and if you do reach out to and welcome to Pike High School!