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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you the Peshtigo School District is preparing for the 2018 Driver Education Program. Your son/daughter is eligible to take Driver Education dependent on their age. If they have already taken or are not interested in taking Driver Education please disregard this letter. Included in this letter is information pertaining to the requirements of the classroom and behind-the-wheel phase of the Peshtigo Driver Education program, classroom options and related fees.

CLASSROOM PHASE:

Peshtigo High School will be offering the classroom phase of Driver Education in two different formats; an "Online-Blended" and a "Traditional" classroom setting. Students must be at least 15 years of age before the first day of the class in which they register for. They must be able to complete a minimum of 30 hours of instruction and live within the Peshtigo School District and/or attend Peshtigo High School.

The online-blended format of Driver Education Classroom has the students meeting face-to-face for approximately 16 hours after school along with completing required materials online between classroom meetings. Attending the online-blended class does not affect the student's regular school day class schedule; Driver Education meets after school, not during the school day. In order for students in an online-blended format class to be successful, they must attend all classroom meetings, have reliable internet access and an ability to work independently on coursework outside of classroom time.

The traditional format of Driver Education Classroom has students meeting face-to-face for 30 hours during the summer. Students are required to attend all classes, prepare by reading and completing materials outside of the classroom as they would with any traditional classroom.

Your son/daughter has the opportunity to select the class that best suits their schedule and learning needs. The number of class offerings and student placement is dependent on the number of students registering for class sections and student birthdays. Planned classroom sections are as follows:

CLASS A "Online-Blended"

Open to students with birthdays on/before Jan. 10, 2003
January 10 thru May 2 Wednesdays After School

CLASS B "Traditional"

Open to students with birthdays on/before June 11, 2003
June 11 thru June 15 Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
June 18 thru June 22 Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
June 25 thru June 29 Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

CLASS C "Traditional"

Open to students with birthdays on/before June 11, 2003
June 11 thru June 15 Monday thru Friday 10:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.
June 18 thru June 22 Monday thru Friday 10:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.
June 25 thru June 29 Monday thru Friday 10:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

CLASS D "Online-Blended"

Open to students with birthdays on/before Sept. 15, 2003
Fall of 2018 Semester 1 Wednesdays After School

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CLASSROOM REGISTRATION:

Register for classroom using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/XpcAke8O33Dx2gFt2>

This link is also available on the Peshtigo School District Driver Education Website. If you are not able to access the registration link or have questions please contact Mr. Ahrens at the school via email or phone.

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL PHASE:

The behind-the-wheel phase of Driver Education will be conducted throughout the year as needed. Driving lessons will be scheduled online after the student receives their instruction permit. Students must be a **minimum** of 15 years 6 months old and completed the classroom phase in order to receive their instruction permit (temps) to begin driving. Instruction permits will be issued as close to your child's 15 year 6 month birthday as possible and practical. It will be the student's responsibility to have their application signed by Mr. Ahrens prior to going to the Department of Motor Vehicle office to get their permit. The student must attend a minimum of six hours driving and six hours observation in the Driver Education car to complete the behind-the-wheel phase. When scheduling driving lessons the student must be sure they can attend both the driving and observation time listed on the calendar appointment. Missed driving/observation lessons will not be tolerated and will result in a two month wait period before their next driving lesson.

INSTRUCTION PERMIT RESTRICTIONS:

When operating with an instruction permit the student must be accompanied by a driver with at least two years licensed driving experience who currently holds a valid regular (not probationary or occupational) license. The accompanying driver must occupy the passenger seat beside the applicant and be one of the following:

- A qualified instructor age 19 or older
- A parent, guardian or spouse, age 19 or older
 - Immediate family members of the permit holder may ride in the back seat
- A person 21 years of age or older. If the permit holder is under 18 years old, the accompanying licensed person is required to have written authorization from the minor's parent or guardian prior to the operation of the vehicle.

During hours of darkness, student must be accompanied by a qualified instructor or a licensed person 25 years of age with at least two years of licensed driving experience occupying the seat beside them.

PROBATIONARY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

When operating with a probationary license the student can drive alone, limited to only one passenger other than immediate family or a qualified adult. No cellular phone use when driving with a probationary license. No driving between midnight and 5am, unless traveling between home and school or work. Restrictions are for the first 9 months of holding the probationary license. Restrictions can be extended if student gets a traffic ticket, the probationary license is suspended or revoked or they are in violation of their restrictions.

FEES:

The fee for Peshtigo High School Driver Education will be \$150.00. This fee will be collected during the classroom phase and must be paid within the first week of class. Please pay this fee by check payable to the *Peshtigo School District*. The Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicle will also collect driving related fees for the instruction permit, road test and driver license.

Visit the Peshtigo Driver Education Web Page, email or phone Mr. Ahrens for additional information or clarification. Peshtigo School District Web Page (www.peshtigo.k12.wi.us), select MS/HS, then PARENT/STUDENT/STAFF, then Driver Education, then Peshtigo Driver Education. I will continue to update the Web Page with current information regarding the PHS Driver Education program.

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