

Greetings 9th and 10th Grade Families,

The morning of Thursday, November 7th, all 9th and 10th Grade students will attend PHS's annual Career Fair. This is an opportunity for students to engage with over 40 community professionals, representing careers across Missouri's 16 Career Clusters. Students will learn about 21st century employability skills, trends, and required education or training for employment. Included in our guest speakers will be representatives from career exploration programs to share with students opportunities to explore career training and certification programs while still in high school.

Missouri uses 16 Career Clusters as a way of organizing occupations and careers to assist educators in tailoring rigorous coursework and related activities for all students. The Career Clusters include all occupations, even those not usually found in career and technical education. To learn more about Missouri's Career Clusters visit <https://dese.mo.gov> and search for "Career Clusters."

Pattonville believes that these activities are very important for students to appropriately prepare for postsecondary success and achieve career fulfillment. PHS uses [Naviance](#) as our college and career preparation tool. Naviance is a great resource to assess interests and abilities, connect these to appropriate education or training, and to explore opportunities in the modern workforce.

Examples of other career and career readiness activities at PHS include:

- Naviance, college and career preparation tool
- Career Cluster inventory and interest inventory
- PLTW/STEM program showcase
- Lunch and Learn speakers
- Job Shadowing experiences and Extended Learning Opportunities
- Senior Career Internship
- Career related field trips and promotion of community career events
- Free ACT, WorkKeys, or ASVAB for each student

If you are interested in learning more about, or to volunteer to participate in the many career exploration activities here at PHS, please contact your student's counselor.

Please take time to discuss with your student the importance of career research and preparation, and to evaluate their learning after the Fair.

Regards,