



## Palmer Ridge High School

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Dear PRHS Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! As always, our primary goal is to enhance the educational *experience* for *all* of our students each and every day! This pursuit concerns not only the students' academic progress, but their social-emotional development.

As a result, we are excited to implement a new program called "Bear Time." Bear Time is an advisory/homeroom concept that will occur every day after the first block class, lasting 26 minutes. Students will stay with the same homeroom teacher and group of peers throughout their four-year high school experience. This is meant to provide a safe place for students where they can build reliable relationships and gain an increased sense of belonging. Furthermore, it will allow students to receive tutoring and intervention from their classroom teachers in addition to catching up on school work. Lastly, Bear Time will allow us to stream video announcements to all students, which will result in more regular, cohesive, and effective communication.

I'm proud and feel blessed to serve in leadership at Palmer Ridge High School. We have a tremendous staff who is committed to furthering a wonderful school culture. Also, we have involved parents who truly value the educational experience provided to their children. Most encouraging is our students who exhibit high levels of determination and continue to model polite and genuine behavior.

Sincerely,

Adam Frank, Ph.D.  
Principal

*"Ignite, engage, encourage, and expect excellence"*