



PVHS Link Crew 2018-2019

Link Leader Application

By becoming a Link Crew Leader, you are making a commitment to excellence, and we thank you for offering such a huge commitment. We want to let you know that we will be accepting about 80 juniors and seniors for Link Crew. You are expected to be at ALL meetings and Link Crew activities. We do not want to remove Link Leaders from the program, so we are asking you to take an extra minute to examine your schedule for the summer and next year to make sure you are able to meet the demands of a Link Crew Leader. You will be notified via email and posting outside 316 if you are accepted as a Link Crew Leader for the 2018-2019 school year.

Below are dates and events you are REQUIRED to attend as a Link Leader;

Please make sure you are available to attend these events before you apply. Training dates are MANDATORY regardless of whether you were previously a Link Leader! **Training times are tentative pending facility availability. If changed, you will be notified immediately.

- ****Link Leader Training:** Select one set of training dates
 - **Thursday, August 9th, 8:30am – 1:30pm AND Friday, August 10th, 8:30am – 1:30pm;** light snack provided
 - **Saturday, August 11th 8:30am – 1:30pm AND Sunday, August 12th, 8:30am – 1:30pm;** light snack provided
- **Freshman Orientation:** Tuesday, August 14th 7:00am – 1:00pm
- **First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 22nd: wear your LL shirt and help freshman with directions and questions
- **Second Day of School:** Thursday, August 23rd, possible back-to-school activity/day and lunch with your Crew...more details to come.
- **First Link Leader Meeting:** Thursday August 30th, at lunch
- **7th Period:** **New this year**, Link Leaders will be assigned a 7th period class and earn credit/grade for attending regular lunch and after school meetings. Leaders will meet with Miss Klabe at least twice a month and their Crew at least once a month; ongoing communication is required; Academic and Social Follow Up activities

Applications are due to Miss Klabe by 3:00pm, Friday, May 25th in Room 316

You may email your application or questions to seekinglinkcrew@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

****Keep this page for your records****

What is Link Crew?

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success. The Link Crew high school transition program provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

Link Crew begins with a powerful orientation day that makes freshmen excited and proud to be attending their new high school and allows them to begin developing relationships and strategies that will contribute to their high school success.

After orientation, Link Crew continues, providing a variety of both Academic and Social Follow Up Activities throughout the year. Academic Follow Ups are lessons presented by trained Link Leaders during visits to freshman classes; Social Follow Ups are events in which the freshmen and Leaders attend fun school sponsored social events together.

*More information can be found at <http://www.boomerangproject.com/link>

Leaders may be recommended by staff members, but it is not necessary.

Maintaining a 2.0 GPA is required.

****Previous participation DOES NOT guarantee continued role as Leader****

We will accept and consider all applications that meet the **deadline of Friday, May 25th by 3:00pm**. Late applications will not be accepted.

TO BE SUBMITTED BY ALL APPLICANTS

1. Information sheet
2. What is a Leader? (choose one: a or b)
 - a. One Pager—This can be a work of art, photograph, story, essay, poem, etc. Get creative. You have one page to “wow” me.
 - b. One Minute—You can submit a one minute creative video and/or song answering the same question. Submit videos to seekinglinkcrew@gmail.com or share link.
3. Recent photo of yourself—so I can *link* a name and a face. 😊
4. Application questions
 - a. Answer the appropriate page of questions depending on whether you are a new applicant or a current Link Leader.

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QUESTIONS FOR NEW LEADERS (A)

Please answer the following questions on this sheet of paper, or attach a separate sheet.

1. What activities are you involved in both inside and outside school?

2. What is a challenge that you have faced in high school and what did you learn from it?

3. What qualities do you have that you feel make you a unique Link Leader candidate?

4. How do you want to improve as a leader, and how can Link Crew help you?

5. How can you improve the Link Crew experience for incoming freshmen? What was your experience (if relevant), and how can you make it better?

Any other comments:

QUESTIONS FOR CURRENT LEADERS (B)

Please answer the following questions on this sheet of paper, or attach a separate sheet.

1. How much time did you spend with your group? What activities/communication tools did you use that you felt were successful?

2. How much time (spent on Link Crew) do you think is necessary to be an effective Link Leader?

3. What did you enjoy most about being a Leader for the 2017-2018 school year, and why do you want to continue?

4. How have you changed because of your Link experience?

5. What will you do differently this coming school year to continue to grow as a leader?

6. How would you like to help expand the Link Crew program for the future freshmen?

Any other comments: