

Falcon Updates Frequently Asked Questions

What is Falcon Updates?

Falcon Updates is a list serve launched August 2008 as a response to parent, community and staff requests to keep the whole school community updated on whole school information and events. PHS also has "list serves" for each of its four Houses. Parents, students, staff, and other interested persons in the PHS community may subscribe to this list serve to receive information about PHS through email or by visiting the list serve website. The service is provided free by Yahoo!, and is supported by Yahoo! advertising.

What information is provided in Falcon Updates?

- Daily PA announcements
- Information too lengthy for daily PA announcements
- Athletic schedule changes
- Emergency, safety and security announcements
- PHS club/committee announcements
- MCPS announcements
- Notice of new PHS website information
- Other school-wide news of interest to parents or students that is not included above

Why subscribe to Falcon Updates?

At PHS we have a unique opportunity as the only whole school magnet in Montgomery County, and Falcon Updates is another forum to further our mission of uniting this close-knit community by keeping it informed of all the exciting and unique cross-curricular programs, which are available to all students, and will challenge each of our students to become confident, versatile, problem solving citizens, who have a diverse global perspectives, and a strong sense of community, which is best achieved in environment like Poolesville High School.

Falcon Updates is a convenient way to stay informed about the activities and opportunities available at PHS. Falcon Updates supplements the PHS website by providing important date-sensitive information directly to you through a free list serve membership! Students like to subscribe because they can read the morning announcements if they miss them in class.

Is Falcon Updates a discussion group?

No. Falcon Updates provides one-way information and is not an open forum or interactive email discussion group. Information posted is monitored by PHS staff.

How do I subscribe to Falcon Updates?

Go to <http://www.yahogroups.com>

In the Find a Group Box enter PHS_Falcon_Updates, and select search. Once PHS_Falcon_Updates appears, select it, and follow the Yahoo! instructions for joining a group. If you do not have a Yahoo! id, you will need to create one to fully participate in this list serve.

What do I do if I'm not receiving messages from Falcon Updates?

First, make sure that when you subscribe, you reply to the confirmation message. Second, make sure you selected the "receive emails" option. Next, check that your email provider at home or at work is not blocking Yahoo! mail or sending it to a junk folder. Lastly, make sure your email inbox is not full, which may cause the messages to "bounce."

Still having problems or have other questions? Please contact our moderator Libby Lawbaugh,
Elizabeth_H_Lawbaugh@mcpsmd.org

Can I change my Falcon Update delivery options?

Yes, once you are a member you may select your Message Delivery Options by editing your membership. Delivery options are Individual Email, Daily Digest, Special Notices - Receive only important email notices from the group moderator, or Web Only - you will need to go to the website to read messages.

How can I access Falcon Updates with out waiting for email, or see past messages and other information?

You can access Falcon Updates at its homepage http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PHS_Falcon_Updates/ This is also the site to access links and archived messages.

How Can I subscribe or unsubscribe?

To unsubscribe send email to: PHS_Falcon_Updates-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

What are the other PHS list serves?

There are four House specific list serves at PHS. One for each of our houses. Each list serve may be joined the same way one joins Falcon Updates. Searching Yahoo! groups for the specific House list serve name. House list serves are: PHS_Global_Ecology, PHS_Humanities, PHS_Science_Math_Computer_Science, and PHS_Interdisciplinary_Studies_Program. Each of these list serves provide House specific information including information on curriculum, field trips, and other opportunities for house members. All PHS students are members of a House, if your child did not test for the Global, Humanities or SMCS house, he or she is a member of the Independent Studies Program. The ISP list serve provides information for this House.