2023 - 2024 **Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers** PFT Meeting and Events Calendar

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Pittsburgh Public Schools School Year/Work Year Calendar and Schedule of Pay Dates



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GPS—1 PM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Ist Workday for Family Services Specialists	16	17	18	19
20	21 #PittsburghForPPS Back to School Event — 11 AM	22 School Based PD 1st Workday Teachers/Other Professionals	23 Clerical Day PMOIU#2—1st Day for Teachers/Other Professionals	24 District-Wide PD 1st Workday for Paras, School- Based TC, Adjunct Teachers	25 Clerical Day	26 Back To School Bldg. Rep Kickoff 9 AM—12PM
27	Q1 Begins 28 1st Day for All Grades Except Kindergarten	29 Kindergarten Assessments	30 Kindergarten Assessments	31 1st Day for Kindergarten Students		
Il meetings held a	t the PFT Building un	less otherwise not	ed. All dates subje	ct to change. See	www.pft400.org fo	r most up-to-date info

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 VACATION DAY (Labor Day)	5 GPS—1 PM	6 PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	7	8	9
10	Early Childhood Grassroots—4:30 PM PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	12	13 New Teacher Kick-Off—4:00 PM	14 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM Subs Grassroots 4:30 — Zoom	PAYDAY 15 Rosh Hashanah Begins	16
17 Rosh Hashanah Ends	18 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM (virtual)	19 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM High School Grassroots 4:00 PM	20 Early Intervention Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	21 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW School Safety Gun Reform Committee 4:30-6:30 PM	AATMP Jazz on the Patio 4-7 PM	23
24 Yom Kippur Begins	25 SCHOOL ONLY VACATION DAY (Yom Kippur)	26 ER&D Class 1 4:30—7:00 PM	27	28 New PFT Building Rep Reception & Workshop 4:30 PM Q1 IPR Due	PAYDAY 29 Students Half Day & Teacher PD Final Friday (Back to School) 4 PM—Bigham Tavern	30 PFT Night at the Pirate Game vs. Marlins 6:35 PM Zambelli Fire- works Night
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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	GPS—1 PM School Safety Gun Reform Com4:30 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM ER&D Class 2 4:30—7:00 PM	4 PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	5 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	Q1 IPR Distribution	7
8	9 Parent/Teacher Conferences— PreK-5; PreK-8; 6-8 IU#2 Grassroots 4:30 PM	10 PEP — 4 PM AATMP Book Club — 5 PM ER&D Class 3 4:30—7:00 PM	11 School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	PAYDAY 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences— 6-12; HS; Special; EHS	PFT General Membership Meeting—9 AM
15	16 Wellness Fair 2:00 PM Community Schools Task Force4:30 PM FSS Grassroots 4:30 PM	17 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM ER&D Class 4 4:30—7:00 PM	18 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM	19 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	20	21 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM ER&D Saturday- Class 1 4:30—7:00 PM
22	23	24 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM ER&D Class 5 4:30—7:00 PM	25	26	27 Students Half Day & Teacher PD Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	28 ER&D Saturday- Class 2 4:30—7:00 PM
29	30	PAYDAY 31 ER&D Class 6 4:30—7:00 PM				

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Q1 Ends 1 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	Q2 Begins 2 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	3	4 ER&D Saturday- Class 3 4:30—7:00 PM
5	6 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM National School Psychology Week Nov. 6-10, 2023	Election Day Teacher PD GPS—1 PM ER&D Class 7 4:30—7:00 PM	8 PEP — 4 PM (at Greenway)	9 Subs Grassroots 4:30 — Zoom	10 VACATION DAY (Veterans Day Observed)	11 VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
12	Early Childhood Grassroots—4:30 PM	14 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM ER&D Class 8 4:30—7:00 PM	PAYDAY 15 Q1 Report Card Distribution Early Intervention Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	16 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	17 Students Half Day & Teacher PD Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	18 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM ER&D Saturday- Class 4 4:30—7:00 PM
19	20 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	21 High School Grassroots 4:00 PM ER&D Class 9 4:30—7:00 PM	22 PFT Office Closes at 3 PM	23	24	25
26	27 School Only Vaca- tion Day PMOIU#2 ONLY Vacation Day	28 ER&D Class 10 4:30—7:00 PM	29	PAYDAY 30		

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Special Education Day ER&D Saturday- Class 5 4:30—7:00 PM
3	4 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	GPS—1 PM ER&D (makeup if necessary) 4:30—7:00 PM	PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	7 Hanukkah Begins	Q2 IPR Due	9 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM ER&D Saturday- Class 6 4:30—7:00 PM
10	11 FSS Grassroots 4:30 PM IU#2 Grassroots 4:30 PM	12 PEP — 4 PM	13 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	PAYDAY 15 Students Half Day & Teacher PD Hanukkah Ends	16
17	22 IPR Distribution Community Schools Task Force—4:30 PM (virtual)	19	20	21 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	PAYDAY 22 PMOIU#2 ONLY Winter Break	23
24	25	26		28 nter Vacatior 5, 2023—Janua		30
31	PFT Office and will re	ce will be clo emain closed	sing at 3 PM December 2	on Decembe 5, 2023—Jar	er 22, 2023, nuary 2, 2024	4
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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Winter Va December 25 January 2,	, 2023—	3 PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	4	5	6
7	8 Early Childhood Grassroots—4:30 PM PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	9 PEP — 4 PM GPS—1 PM School Police/Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	10	11 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM Subs Grassroots 4:30 — Zoom	PAYDAY 12	13
14	15 MLK Day	16 School Safety Gun Reform Committee 4:30 PM High School Grassroots 4:00 PM	17 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM	18 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	19	20 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM
21	222 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	23 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	Q2 Ends 24 Early Intervention Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	25 Clerical Day No School (Students Only) Non-Workday for Paraprofessionals	26 District-Wide PD No School (Students Only) Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	27
28	Q3 Begins 29	30	PAYDAY 31			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Students Half Day & Teacher PD	3
4	5 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM National School Counseling Week Feb. 5-9, 2024	6 GPS—1 PM	7 Q2 Report Card Distribution PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom AATMP Book Club — 5 PM	8 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	9	10
11	12 FSS Grassroots 4:30 PM IU#2 Grassroots 4:30 PM	13 PEP — 4 PM	14 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM	PAYDAY 15 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	16 Students Half Day & Teacher PD	17
18	19 PMOIU#2 ONLY Vacation Day Community Schools Task Force—4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	20 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	21 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM	22 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM	23 Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	24 PFT General Membership Meeting—9 AM Teacher Leader Program—8 AM
25	26	27	28 AATMP Book Club — 5 PM Q3 IPR Due	payday 29		

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Students Half Day & Teacher PD	2
3	4 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM National School Social Worker Week March 4-8, 2024	5 GPS—1 PM	6 PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom Early Intervention Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	7 Q3 IPR Distribution	8	9 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM
10	Early Childhood Grassroots—4:30 PM	12 PEP — 4 PM	13 Subs Grassroots 4:30 — Zoom Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	14 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	PAYDAY 15 Students Half Day & Teacher PD	16
17	18 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	19 School Safety Gun Reform Committee 4:30 PM High School Grassroots—4:00 PM National School Social Worker Day	20 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM	21	22 Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	23
24	25 PM	26 Spring Break – OIU#2 Spring Br	27 – March 25—Ma reak — March 28-	rch 29, 2024	29 PFT Office Closed	30
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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	2 GPS—1 PM	B PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	4 National School Librarian Day	Q3 Ends 5	PFT General Membership Meeting—9 AM
7	Q4 Begins 8 FSS Grassroots 4:30 PM IU#2 Grassroots 4:30 PM	9 PEP — 4 PM	10 School only Vacation Day (Eid al-Fitr)	11 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	12	13 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM
14	PAYDAY 15 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	16	PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	18 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	19 Q3 Report Card Distribution	20
21	22	Election Day School Only Vacation Day	24	25 PFT Building Rep Workshop 4:30 PM	26 Final Friday (Happy Hour) 4 PM—TBD	27
28	29	PAYDAY 30				

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			PSE Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom PFT Ballot Mailing 4:30 PM	2	3	4
5	Teacher Appre (celebrated 1st full PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	7 GPS—1 PM ciation Week I week in May)	School Nurses Day Q4 IPR Due	9 Para Steering Committee 4:30 PM	10	11 Teacher Leader Program—8 AM
12		14 School Safety Gun Reform Committee 4:30 PM Subs Grassroots 4:30 — Zoom	PAYDAY 15 Early Intervention Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	17 Q4 IPR Distribution	18 National Speech Pathologist Day
19	20 Community Schools Task Force 4:30 PM School Safety Grassroots 4:30 PM—Zoom	21 High School Grassroots 4:00 PM	22	23	24 Final, Final Friday AATMP Line Dancing 4-7 PM	25
26	27	28	29 PFT Ballot Count 4:30 PM	30 PEP — 4 PM	payday 31	

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 PAC Mtg.—4:30 PM	4 GPS—1 PM	5 PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM	6	PAYDAY 7	8
9	10 FSS Grassroots 4:30 PM IU#2 Grassroots 4:30 PM	11	Q4 Ends 12 Last Day for Students PMOIU#2 Last Day for Teachers	Snow Make-Up Day	PAYDAY* Last Day for Teachers & Paraprofessionals Snow Make-Up Day	15
16	17	18	19 Vacation Day (Juneteenth)	20 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	21	22
23	24 Last Day for Family Services Specialists Q4 Report Card Distribution	25	26	27	28	29
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*Pay date is subject to change if school year is extended due to inclement weather.

July 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 GPS-1 PM	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	PFT Executive Board—4:30 PM (virtual)	12	13
15	16	17	18 Safety Comm. 3 PM—IBEW	19	20
			25	26	27
29	30	31			
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- Join your school's Building Committee The Building Committee is the PFT structure in every school or workplace. Led by the lead building representative or other PFT activist, the building committee helps to address issues in the school and serves as the connection to the PFT.
- Sign up for PFT email and text blasts The PFT emails to our members' personal email addresses. Please call the office at 412-431-5900 to make sure we have your up-to-date email addresses and home/cell phone numbers or email contact@pft400.org. You can also subscribe to PFT text messages by texting "pft400" to 69238.
- Share the PFT's social media updates The PFT has an active Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/pft400</u>), Instagram page (www.instagram.com/pft400), and a Twitter account (<u>www.twitter.com/pft400</u>). You can help us get the PFT's message out by sharing our PFT content on both your personal Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Attend PFT General Membership meetings and participate in union elections – Your opinion matters and you can make a difference by participating and voting.
- **Observe Executive Board meetings or Building Rep workshops** Both meetings are open for all members to attend.
- Join an active committee (or start one!) The PFT has several active and lively member committees. Political Action, Community Schools, School Safety Gun Reform, AATMP, and the Labor Day committee are open to all members. "Grassroots" Committees are organized by grade level, content area or job classification. They may also be organized by interest area.

The Grassroots Committees that have been chosen to be held this year are those that have continued to attract participation and activity.

Early Childhood Early Intervention FSS High School IU#2 Paraprofessional Steering Committee PSE School Security Substitutes

PFT President Nina Esposito-Visgitis wants to visit your school!

Call 412.431.5900 to schedule "Breakfast with Nina" and/or a visit from your staff representative.



PFT Executive Board

August 2023

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Professional-Supportive Group Representative	
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Paraprofessional Group Representative	
Paraprofessional Group Representative	
Technical-Clerical Group Representative	
IU#2 Group Representative	
Member-At-Large	
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