

Plainfield High School – Central Campus Newsletter

February 2012

From the Principal

Second Semester is off to a great start. Students have registered for their 2012-2013 classes with their school counselor. If you have any questions about your child's course selection for next school year, please contact the correct counselor.

Our next six week grading period ends Friday, February 17, 2012. Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21 are no student attendance days.

If you have a senior student that is credit deficient, contact your student's counselor for help with credit recovery or intervention options.

The next of the "Seven Keys of Success" for the month of February is "Find Your Voice." We encourage our students and classroom instructors to develop ideas to help with students and class success.



Game Design Class



Mr. Schoen's Game Design class took a field trip to Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy which is located in the Loop on December 13, 2011. The students were able to tour the

school's state of the art facilities in Film & Broadcast, Recording Arts, Animation & Visual Effects, Game & Interactive Media, and Design & Visual Communication.

February Events

2/16	Talent Show	6:00 pm
2/20	Presidents' Day – No School	
2/21	Teacher Institute Day – No School	
2/28	Jazz Concert	7:00 pm

2012-2013 Course Requests

During January, students met with their respective counselors to request their classes for the 2012-2013 school year and will have until February 6th to make any changes to these requests. Between February 6th and May 4th (tentatively), these requests will be used to build next year's master schedule. Once the 12-13 master schedule is made available to Counselors, students will be able to request a class change based on seat availability* during the last 3 weeks of the current school year. (*For example, if 23 students request Foods 3 and there is 1 section next year with 24 seats, there will be room for 1 *additional* student to request/move into this class in May.)

CHANGES TO 2012-2013 COURSE REQUESTS CANNOT BE MADE AFTER MAY 25, 2012.

If you have any questions about your child's courses, 4-year plan, or this process, please contact your child's respective counselor.

Health Office Alert

The State of Illinois Department of Public Health has revised their guidelines for the Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus vaccine. As some of you might know, the incidence of whooping cough (pertussis) has been on the increase. As of September 1, 2010 the state of Illinois had reported 445 cases of pertussis, with 45% of the cases occurring in school-age children. In an effort to protect the rest of the community, the IDPH has adopted this new policy for the Tdap vaccine.

Students entering grades 7 through 12 who have not already received Tdap are required to receive 1 Tdap dose regardless of the interval since last DTaP, DT or Td dose. The rules were adopted and became effective on Sept. 27, 2011.

How does this affect you?

Please check with your doctor to determine if your child's last vaccination was a **Tdap**. If it was a DTaP, DT or Td then your child would require another vaccination regardless of the interval. Once your child has received the vaccine, have them bring proof of the vaccine to the nurse's office. **This is to be completed before the end of this school year.**

All-State Music Festival



Plainfield Central is proud to announce that three musicians have been selected to attend the 2012 All-State Music Festival. The festival was held in Peoria on January 26-28. Congratulations to outstanding musicians Kelli Bergeson, Sr, (Chorus – Soprano), Skylar Lipman, Jr (Band – Bassoon), and Brandon Sheppard, Sr., (Orchestra – Clarinet).

Record Breaker



Senior Brigid Hanley broke the old school record for most points scored in a high school basketball career. The old record holder was Rachel Sillar with a total of 1194 points during the years 1997 to 2001. Since Brigid is still in season we do not have her final totals yet for the year. Congratulations Brigid!

Community Resource Fair

The Community Resource Fair will be held on February 21, 2012. Come out and see what the community has to offer. Services include connections with food banks, clothing, mental health, children's activities and more. The fair is located at the Romeoville Recreation Center, 900 W. Romeo Road, Romeoville, IL.

Sports Medicine Class



On January 20, 2012, Dr. Stephen Treacy came to PHS to speak with the Sports Medicine classes about what an orthopedic physician does, his role as the team physician, and how he interacts with the athletic trainers at PHS. Students were able to ask questions about the other professionals with whom he works, such as physician's assistants, nurses, physical therapists, and other physicians, such as podiatrists and orthopedic specialists. He also discussed schools and majors for those interested in medicine, stating that "you don't have to major in medicine to go on to med school. You also don't have to go to a Top Ten school either!" Dr. Treacy encouraged kids to take a class and see if they liked it. He bet they would all pass! He also discussed the current health care reform being considered by the government, including its benefits and drawbacks.

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Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 14th and March 15th. Conferences provide excellent opportunities for meeting individually with teachers to share valuable information about your student's progress. To schedule your own appointment after February 17th, go to the PTC Wizard site at <https://pchs202.ptcwizard.com> or log on to PTC Wizard from the Plainfield High School - Central Campus home page. (Under links)

This site will be available for scheduling appointments beginning at 7am Friday February 17, and will remain open until 7am March 13th. If you do not have access to the online scheduling program, contact Cretia Iwinski at ciwinski@psd202.org or call her at (815) 436-3200 ext. 815809.

Prom Tickets

Prom tickets will go on sale in the spring. **Student fees must be paid in full in order to attend prom.** Payment plans are available – contact the Bookkeeping office at 815/436-3200. Payments can also be made online.



Student of the Month



Plainfield High School Student of the Month for February 2012 is Nick Cichon. Parents are Enedelia Martinez and James Cichon. Nick plans to attend college and major in nursing. Nick is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club and Student Council. He participated in Snowball his sophomore year. Nick wrestled his freshman year and played tennis his sophomore year. He assisted the senior girls Powder Puff team, and attended The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in July 2010.

Spanish Club



In December, the Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society made piñatas and had a gift exchange. We did not make the traditional piñatas because that would have taken a few days to complete. Therefore, we made some modifications and still had fun.

Friends of Rachel

Friends of Rachel will hold its second pop-tab drive for Ronald McDonald House Charities April 16th-20th. The first period class, which collects the most pop-tabs by weight, will win a prize. Last year we collected a total of 238 pounds of pop-tabs. Please start saving pop-tabs.