

Plainfield High School – Central Campus Newsletter

January 2012

From the Principal

Welcome Back to the start of second semester. I hope you and your family had a wonderful and safe winter break. Your student's first semester grades will be mailed out on Thursday, January 19, 2012. You can view your student's grades on the Parent Web Module the evening of January 17, 2012.

All underclassmen will soon choose their classes for the next school year. Review your student's choices and make sure they are on target for graduation. There are a variety of AP and Honors courses available for your students to sign up for this year. If your student plans on continuing their education, make sure that you check for that university's incoming requirements. Colleges vary on what is required for admission.

Parents of seniors should be aware that the Student Services Office provides a weekly updated list of scholarships and their due dates. If you have any questions concerning your senior student, please contact the counselor.

Come out and show your Wildcat Spirit. We have a large number of sporting events at this time of year including basketball, wrestling, bowling and swimming.

Government Debates



On Monday, November 21, the Plainfield High School auditorium was turned into a forum for political debates.

Obviously these debates were not 'real' debates but they were recreations of this part of the election process for our Government and US History students. Following weeks of campaigning, speaking with Political Action Committees, creating political commercials, developing posters, and finding ways to get their candidate's name out to the student body, the candidates debated relevant topics in front of their peers. Each Government class had a candidate and campaign manager while the rest of the class worked in that 'camp' doing what is necessary to get their candidate elected. The debates are the culminating activity of this school-wide project. Voting by the social studies classes took place on November 22nd. The 2011-12 1st Semester President Elect was John Hurley from Mr. Smith's 3rd period class.

German Club



The German Club had their annual Oktoberfest dinner. Members enjoyed bratwurst, potato salad, spaetzle, and homemade apple strudel. On December 4th, twenty-five people went to the German Christmas Market in Chicago.

They enjoyed good German food, seeing the crafts of Germany, and shopping.

Girls Bowling

During the Wildcat Invite hosted by our Plainfield Central Girls Bowling Team over Thanksgiving break, girls decided to give back to the community. The bowling team was able to donate 160 cans of food items to the Plainfield food pantry and will be donating \$320 to Children's Memorial Hospital Neuro-Oncology Research Fund in the name of Alysse Nicholson who passed away in February. The girls were able to raise this money by running a 50/50 raffle during the tournament with the help from the supportive Central parents.

January Events



- 1/9 School Resumes
- 1/16 No School – Martin Luther King Day
- 1/17 No School – Teacher Institute
- 1/25 Explorations Night

Art Excellence



Please congratulate Monica Stamper, an AP Studio student who just received an "Award of Excellence" in the Joliet Junior Collage area high school art competition. Also, congratulate Mikayla Shaw, another AP Studio student who was selected as a participant in the exhibit.

Students Who Drive

A reminder to students who drive, car problems and snowy roads are not excused absences. Leave earlier to get to school or take the bus to avoid being unexcused.



Students are expected to be on time even if the roads coming to PHS are congested or under construction.

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.



WWII Re-enactor

The Social Studies Department welcomed Eric Percy (PHS-CC grad) for the 8th year in a row to present "Life as a WWII Soldier" to US History students on Monday, December 19, 2011. This year Eric detailed an extensive account of the Battle of the Bulge (which took place on December 18, 1944). He has also included German soldiers in the presentation for students to get a glimpse of both sides of the war. Students were able to view a hands-on presentation, ask questions pertinent to WWII, and observe "soldiers in action" in a unique educational setting.

Speech Team News



Speech Team had their first tournament of the 2011-2012 season at the Morris High School Redskin Invitational. The team earned 3rd place

overall, receiving their first placement and trophy in eight years. Individual awards went to Captain Keegan Bosch for placing first in Radio Speaking and fourth in Impromptu Speaking. Sam Weilgos also placed fourth in Radio Speaking. Captain Kate Cunningham placed fifth in Dramatic Interpretation and sixth in Dramatic Duet Acting with partner Sarah Wurster. Ruddy Rosenmayer placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking, and placed sixth in Humorous Duet Acting with partner Tyler Eickholtz. Tyler Eickholtz also placed sixth in Impromptu Speaking. Magen Hauser placed first and Chloe Berghuis placed third in Original Oratory. Finally, Betsy Lugo placed sixth in Humorous Interpretation.

Interact Club



Interact Club went to Lakewood Nursing Home on December 5th and decorated for the holidays. This is the second time this year they decorated for a holiday season. They also went there in October to decorate for Halloween.

Prom Dresses

The Plainfield Moose will be collecting gently used prom dresses and accessories for Plainfield District and Mooseheart students. Watch for more information to come or contact the Plainfield Moose for more details.

Students Rise to a Cause

Mr. Clark's math classes and Mr. Hanley's history and government classes combined their efforts to help raise over \$700 for a wonderful cause. The money raised by these classes will be given to the Needy Family Fund, which goes to help families who are less fortunate around the holidays. The classes also joined together to bring in over \$2,500 in clothes which will be donated as well. This is a great example of why PHS is so great. Thanks to all for your hard work.

AP Environmental Class



Will County Naturalist Kate Caldwell presented the unique history of Lake Renwick to Mrs. Pohlmann's AP Environmental class and to members of the BioExplorations club. She covered the history time line from glacial formation to quarry development to swimming hole and restaurant to bird sanctuary. Today the Will County Forest Preserve maintains the rookery for its special migratory residents - the great blue heron, great egret, cattle egret, double-crested cormorant, and the endangered black-crowned night herons. Both groups of students will continue work with Kate Caldwell and other Will County Naturalists in the spring when the students travel to the rookery to see the birds and to do some water sampling.

New Record

Brigid Hanley just broke Rachel Sillar's record for most points scored in basketball during their high school career. Rachel's old record was 1194 from 1997 to 2001. We will let you know what the new record is at the end of this year's girls basketball season.



Student of the Month

Morgan Dorsey is Plainfield High School Student of the Month for January 2012: Her parents are Rollie & Vicki Dorsey. Morgan plans to major in Biochemistry and will pursue a career in the Medical Field.



Morgan's Activities consist of Marching Band freshman year through senior year (Drum Line, Bass Section Leader, Percussion). She was in Winter Guard sophomore year, and Pit Orchestra junior and senior year. She has been a member of the Key Club junior and senior year. She is also a member of NHS. Morgan played Badminton 9 through 12 and Tennis sophomore and junior year.

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