

Plainfield High School – Central Campus Newsletter

November 2011

From the Principal

The end of the second six-week grading period is November 11, 2011. Grades will be posted to the Parent Web Module the following week. Since report cards only get mailed at semester's end we ask that parents check the Parent Web Module often for progress on your student.

Your student will meet with his/her counselor to develop their academic course schedule for the 2012-2013 school year in the near future. Begin discussing with your student what classes they are interested in. College bound junior students should verify with the college of their choice, that all courses required for admittance have been taken.

November is a busy month. Students have the day off on November 8, for Teacher Institute. The Fall Play Performances, Mr. Pomcat competition and winter sports are well worth attending, and students will get a long weekend for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Remember, you will often be seeing the Seven Keys to Success posted throughout the building. Your success is my target.

Be Here NoW
Find your VoIce
Make a PLan
BuilD Positive Relationships
Keys to SuCcess
StAnd Together
Own IT
Be Your BeSt

5K Race

The Central varsity volleyball team ran a 5k to benefit scholarships for women on Saturday, October 1 at Pilcher Park.



Essay Writing Group

The College Application Essay Writing Group ran on 9/22 and 9/23 during lunch periods. The 15 senior students that signed up for the workshop received help from Mrs. Elaina Kalantzis (counselor) on what colleges are looking for in application essays. Students got great tips on essay writing techniques, learned how to recognize and avoid common essay blunders, and critiqued sample essays. These students also have the opportunity for an individual conference with Mrs. Kalantzis to have their essays proofread in preparation for their final draft. The students were also entered in a raffle for a Class of 2012 shirt, which six of the fifteen students won!

Military



Plainfield High School is looking for information on former PHS students serving overseas in the military. We are planning to send out care packages to our former students who are serving our country far away from home. If you

know of a grad serving **overseas** call Chari Rahn at 815/436-3200 x 815806 or e-mail at crahn@psd202.org. We will need the graduate's military mailing address and the year the student graduated.

Key Club News

Key Club went to Feed My Starving Children on September 23, 2011. They packed 116 boxes with food or 25,056 meals. That is enough meals to feed 69 people for one year. The food boxes are going to Haiti.



November Events



11/8	Teacher Institute – No School	
11/9	Fall Sports Awards	6:00 pm
11/11	Fall Play – Alice in Wonderland	7:00 pm
11/12	Fall Play – Alice in Wonderland	7:00 pm
11/13	Fall Play – Alice in Wonderland	2:00 pm
11/15	Band Concert	7:00 pm
11/18	Mr. Pomcat	7:00 pm
11/23-11/25	– No School	

Boys Soccer Six-Times Champions



Congratulations to the Boys Soccer Team for the 2-1 overtime win over Plainfield North on October 11, 2011. This win gave the soccer program their 6th straight CONFERENCE TITLE, setting a new school record. Please congratulate Coach Fitzgerald, Coach Comer, Coach Schoen, Coach Smolarczyk and the whole team on this great accomplishment.

History Maker



Ali Foster won the Sectional Singles Champion for the third time (2008, 2010, 2011) and was a state qualifier for the fourth year in a row. Her season record this year is 34-1. Ali also won the 1st Singles conference championship this year (back-to-back championships). Her career record in conference play is 39-1 and in Sectionals is 15-1. Ali finished her high school career with a record of 132-12! Ali has posted the most wins ever by a varsity player and is arguably the best tennis player the district has seen.!

College & Military Visits

There are 6 colleges, the Marines, Army, Navy and National Guard scheduled to visit PHS in the month of November. Students must see Mrs. Vihnanek in Student Services to schedule an appointment to visit with a college representative. Colleges visiting in November:

Northwestern University
Loyola University
Joliet Junior College

University of Wisconsin
Olivet University
University of Illinois



Attendance Rate

Our goal is to keep students in school. Students who are in school do better than those with high absence rates. Our goal is to obtain a 95% attendance rate. We have had an overall average daily attendance rate of 94.67% over the past six weeks. Help us reach our goal. Be in school.

Fall Play

ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Friday, November 11, 2011
7:00 pm
Saturday, November 12, 2011
7:00 pm
Sunday, November 13, 2011
2:00 pm

Tickets \$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 Students/Seniors

Contact the bookkeeping office 815/436-3200 x 815945 to purchase tickets.

Student of the Month



Plainfield Central High School student for the month of October 2011 is Taryn Trubich. Activities and honors include: Varsity volleyball 9-12, captain 11, 12; Wildcat Athletic Leadership Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; Club volleyball 9 years. She is the daughter of Steve and Beth Trubich. Taryn plans on majoring in physical therapy.

Student Services News

Some students had the opportunity to attend the Joliet Junior College Fair, the National Hispanic College Fair and First Generation College Students Fair at Joliet Junior College. During October, counselors also presented a post-secondary planning and preparation program to our senior students.

Needy Family Christmas Drive



In the true spirit of the Season, the PHS PTSO is again sponsoring a Christmas Drive for the needy families in our community. This is our 18th year. The goal is to provide Christmas dinner and individual gifts for all of the families in need.

Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to PTSO Needy Family Drive and can be sent c/o Plainfield High School – Central Campus, 24120 W. Fort Beggs Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544. Questions may be directed to the bookkeeping office at 815/436-3200.

Band News

The following PHS musicians have been selected by competitive audition for the 2011 I.M.E.A. District 9 Music Festival:

Band

Skylar Lipman – bassoon

Orchestra

Keegan Bosch - string bass
Devan Szopinski - French horn
Brandon Sheppard –clarinet

Chorus

Kelli Bergeson - soprano
Kayleen Brady - soprano
Carlo Aquino - tenor
Joseph Fisher - bass

They will participate in the District 9 Festival on Saturday November 19 at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School.

The PHS Bands will present their 1st Annual Fall Band Concert on Tuesday November 15 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. The program will feature selections performed by the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band. Bands are under the direction of Dan Valkema and Pat Hoadley. There is no admission charge.

Building Temperature



Fall is upon us. The days are getting shorter and the temperature is getting cooler. Jackets, coats, hats and gloves must be removed and placed in lockers during the school day. Sweaters and sweatshirts are acceptable alternative that may be worn to help keep warm.

Madrigal Dinner

Come One – Come All. Join the King and his court for an evening of merriment and good cheer.

December 10 & 11 in the PHS Auditorium

Doors Open at 4:30 pm – Dinner and show begin promptly at 5:00 pm.



Cost \$18.00 per person

Tickets will go on sale mid-November. Contact the bookkeeping office at 815/436-3200 x 815946 to purchase tickets.

Yearbooks

The last day to order yearbooks is February 24, 2012. The cost now is \$60.00 but will increase to \$70.00 after Winter Break. You may pick up a yearbook order form and return it to the bookkeeping office.

Newsletter

If you would like to have this newsletter e-mailed to you monthly send your e-mail address to crahn@psd202.org

Golf Sectional Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following golfers for qualifying for sectionals; Mitch Young, John Michalik, and Cailey Baker.

Homecoming



The 60th Homecoming is now behind us. Thank you to all who helped, attended or otherwise enjoyed the events that made it such a memorable one.

WALC Wildcat Closet

WALC members held a garage sale of sorts during Parent/Teacher Conferences. WALC members sold donated gently used clothing for minimal donations. The turnout was good with approximately 30 to 40 parents visiting the closet over the two days of conferences. The \$67 raised will be donated to the Needy Family Fund.

Lost & Found

If your student has lost any items this school year have them check the lost and found. All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill before the holiday break.

Early Graduates

All early graduates must clean out their lockers before their last day of attendance. Any items left behind in the lockers will be donated to Goodwill. [Watch for senior year end information to come in the mail with the semester report cards.](#)

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.



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.



Wildcat Band Family Candlelight Bowl

Friday, January 13, 2011 – Check-In 8:30 pm

Town & Country Lanes

2231 West Jefferson Street, Joliet

Price \$20 per person

Includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and a soda

Please complete the form below & attach your check(s) payable to PCHS Band Booster

Mail to:

Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser

c/o Sue Hause

23917 Cahills Way, Plainfield IL 60586

Or drop envelope in Green Band Box – Mark envelope w/Student Name, Amount & Candlelight bowl

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 23, 2011 – Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information contact PCHSBandBowl2012@Yahoo.com

Team Name: _____ (Max 6 per Team)

Bowler 1 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

Bowler 2 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

Bowler 3 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

Bowler 4 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

Bowler 5 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

Bowler 6 Name: _____ Phone _____
e-mail: _____

CDC Says “Take 3” Actions To Fight The Flu

Flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death.

CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from influenza (the flu):

1

Take time to get a flu vaccine.

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
- The 2011-2012 vaccine will protect against an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the H1N1 virus that emerged in 2009 to cause a pandemic.

2

Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

3

Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

- If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can treat your illness.
- Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.
- Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu, and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

Visit CDC’s website to find out what to do if you get sick with the flu and how to care for someone at home who is sick with the flu.

Who needs a flu vaccine?

- a) You
- b) You
- c) You
- d) All of the above

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine.

This means you.

This season, protect yourself—and those around you—by getting a flu vaccine.

Even healthy people can get the flu, and it can be serious.

For more information, visit www.flu.gov