

# Student Services News

## IMPORTANT DATES!!

- ASVAB Test

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 - 12

- PSAT Test

October 14<sup>th</sup>  
2:45 - 4:30

- COLUMBUS DAY INSTITUTE DAY

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

No student attendance

- Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November 24<sup>th</sup>

### ACT Test Dates

December 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 6<sup>th</sup>

Check out  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
for more information.

## Plainfield High School-Central Campus

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## Staff Info

*The following is a list of student services staff with updated alphabet breakdown and phone extensions.*

Jennifer Giorgetti, Counselor, A-Ch, ext. 5885  
Julie Bortoli, Counselor, Ci-Ga, ext. 5886  
Luke Senffner, Counselor, Ge-J, ext. 5884  
Jamie Anderson, Counselor, Ki-Mil, ext. 5882  
Jessica Guzman, Counselor, Min-Pi (+ELL), ext. 5881  
Jean Slott, Counselor, Pl-So, ext. 5883  
Elaina Papageorge, Counselor, Sp-Z, ext. 5880  
Anne Comer, Social Worker, A-Gr, ext. 5891  
Alan Bank, Social Worker, Gu-O, ext. 5894  
Nita Lueking, Social Worker, P-Z, ext. 5896

**Lindy Darovic** – Mrs. Darovic is a counseling intern who has been assisting our department this year. She is working closely with Mrs. Giorgetti, but will be available to other counselors as needed. Mrs. Darovic is currently working in the building as a special education teaching assistant and is currently studying at Lewis University. Mrs. Darovic is looking forward to working with our PHS students in Student Services.

## Academics

- ❖ **Senior Interviews:** Counselors are in the process of completing Senior Interviews. In the senior interview, the counselor individually discusses the senior student's post-secondary goals. Counselors will discuss credits for graduation, options after high school, career choices, college application process, financial aid, and scholarship information.
- ❖ **Group Guidance:** Counselors will meet with all freshman, sophomore, and junior students individually to schedule their class for next year. Starting in November, we will provide the students with a presentation including graduation requirements and future classes. Please review the online curriculum guide with your child and discuss which elective classes they would like in their schedule.  
[http://www.psd202.org/PHS/Assets/LinkedPages/Curriculum%20Guide%2009\\_10.pdf](http://www.psd202.org/PHS/Assets/LinkedPages/Curriculum%20Guide%2009_10.pdf)
- ❖ **College/Career Center:** Please visit our College/Career Center in the Freshman Center attendance office, adjacent to the senior cafeteria. The CCC houses post-secondary info including scholarships, transcript request forms, testing sign-up, school catalogs and applications, and military information.

## **Post-Secondary**

- ❖ **College Essay Writing Group:** Senior students may sign up for the 2-day workshop on how to effectively write a college admissions essay. This may also benefit them for scholarship essay writing. Students will complete the workshop during their lunch period. Students can sign up by stopping down in student services and filling out an application form. See Ms. Papageorge for more information.
  - ❖ **College Application Help:** Counselors will be available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help students fill out college applications. Students can stop down in Student Services and meet with a counselor from 3-4 P.M.
  - ❖ **October/November College Visits:** There are over 30 various colleges/universities visiting PHS daily to speak with students. Students can take advantage of these opportunities by getting a pass from Mrs. Bain in 1101. Please check the PHS website for more info.
  - ❖ **National Hispanic College Fair:** Select juniors and seniors will be attending the National Hispanic College Fair on October 7<sup>th</sup> at East Aurora High School from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Many of the finest colleges, universities and trade schools will have representatives present to explain what programs and opportunities they have to offer. Students had the chance to sign up with their counselor if they wanted to attend the fair.
  - ❖ **JJC College Fair:** The Annual College Fair at Joliet Junior College is on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8 PM. There will over 100 colleges present, along with a financial aid presentation. This is a great event to attend to meet and ask questions from the College Representatives. More information is available in Student Services, or visit [www.jjc.edu](http://www.jjc.edu)
  - ❖ **COLLEGE DEADLINES:** Seniors should watch their deadlines for applying for colleges. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> are important early deadlines for most colleges and universities.
  - ❖ **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:** Most colleges require an Official Transcript be sent with your college application. Seniors need to do the following: Come into Student Services and pick up a Transcript Release form; Complete and return form with a stamped envelope addressed to the college. We will not mail out any transcripts without an addressed and stamped envelope.  
***PLEASE ALLOW TIME TO PROCESS TRANSCRIPTS AND APPLICATIONS BY REGISTRARS AND COUNSELORS.***
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## **From the Social Workers**

- ❖ **Anger Management Support Group:** School social workers Nita Lueking, Jeremy Bell, and Alan Bank are facilitating anger management groups this year at PHS-CC. The curriculum is based on Transforming Anger to Personal Power by Susan Gingras Fitzell. The groups are voluntary and meet on an alternating schedule so the same class period is not missed every week. For more information please speak to one of the social workers.
- ❖ **Red Ribbon Week:** October 22<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The concept of the RED RIBBON began in 1985 after the death of Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Cararena of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. While working undercover in Mexico, KiKi was caught, tortured and murdered by drug traffickers. IDEA, along with the Virginia Federation of Parents, organized the first national Red Ribbon Campaign to recognize KiKi's fight. The red ribbon became the symbol of zero tolerance of illegal drug use and a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week presents an opportunity for people and communities in Illinois to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Additional information is available at [www.bestofidea.com](http://www.bestofidea.com). NHS students will be on hand in the cafe during red ribbon lunch periods to take student pledges of being drug and alcohol free.
- ❖ **Yellow Ribbon Run:** Thanks to all who participated in the Yellow Ribbon Run (Suicide Prevention) last weekend. The Run raised over \$290 for PHS-CC prevention funds.
- ❖ **Classroom Presentation:** Catalyst Social Worker Josh Bloodgood will be hosting a presentation called, "7 Reasons to Leave the Party" on October 29<sup>th</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> hour. The presentation is sponsored by the Illinois Judges Association and focuses on making good choices in regards to drinking and driving and the law. Mr. Bloodgood has invited the PHS staff and any interested students to feel free and watch the presentation. Information on the presentation can be found at: <http://www.ija.org/7%20Reasons.htm>