

Plainfield High School – Central Campus Newsletter

October 2011

From the Principal

The Homecoming parade will be held on October 8, 2011. PHS-CC will celebrate with Homecoming activities the week prior to the parade. We hope you can join in some of the community events such as the Powder Puff game on 10/5, movie night on 10/6, football games JV on 10/7 and Varsity on 10/8 and the parade and alumni tea on 10/8.

Our school theme again this year is Be a Hero – Make a Difference. Each week we will select student and staff members as heroes and recognize their efforts promoting their school, fellow students and community.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October, 19 & 20. The instructions for scheduling your conferences online are contained within this newsletter. The site will remain open until October 19, 2011. If you have any questions or do not have internet access contact Cretia Iwinski at 815/436-3200 x 815809 for assistance. We look forward to seeing you there.

PHS staff developed the Seven Keys to Success for our students, staff and the building. These Seven Keys to Success will be posted throughout the building.

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



Please take the time to discuss the Seven Keys to Success and how we can apply those seven targets to our lives.

From the Deans

IDs must be carried by students at all times. Students must present their ID when they enter any office, the Media Center, CAT, or for lunch. Any student who needs an ID can purchase one for \$5.00 in the Student Services office.

Students are expected to get from one class to another in the allotted passing periods. Any student in the hall after the bell rings will be issued a consequence for being late to class. Students must scan their ID into the Plasco system and will receive their consequence immediately. Any student who does not have an ID will be sent to their dean and may receive an additional consequence for not carrying his/her ID.

All student detentions must be served in order to attend the homecoming dance. If your student has any questions he/she should contact their dean.

Physics Class



Mrs. Walker's physics classes have been studying linear graphs and the formula $d=vt$. Students used constant velocity cars and measured distance and time. The slope of their graphs represented the velocity of their cars. Red cars moved at 0.4 m/s, while blue cars moved at 0.2 m/s. On the 2nd day students used this data to calculate the time of a head-on crash. They also used their graphs to predict distances, if the time was known. Students could also calculate the time from the graphs, if distance was known. The cars were initially 7 meters apart. There is a correlation between the calculated time and the actual measured time of the crash. Physics is used by police officers and insurance companies in terms of accident investigations.

Picture Retakes

October 13, 2011



Students must see Mrs. Vihnanek in Room 1413 for an appointment before October 10, 2011. This is the only retake day this school year.

Late Start Schedule

District 202 has added a new “Late Start Schedule” to its options for inclement weather, so that schools may start two hours later than normal and still end on time, rather than closing altogether. District 202 will notify families of school closings, or delayed starts, through the Connect-ED telephone message system; local and regional print and broadcast media; the District 202 web site (www.psd202.org); and the "Emergency Closings" web site (www.emergencyclosings.com) More information is posted on the district web site under "Schools" and "General Information."

Guest Speaker

Author Paul Griffin stopped in to visit the students in Mr. Conklin's 4th hour class. Mr. Griffin's books feature troubled adolescents.



Kindness Initiative

One of our Special Education classes has started a kindness initiative in the classroom. Ann Dorrestein, teaching assistant, wanted to make sure 'kindness matters in our school community. She shared the idea of the kindness initiative with teacher Barb Courter. Together they make sure they discuss the meaning of the posted kindness quote of the day with their students. Generating kindness is always a win-win situation and a very necessary life skill.

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.

October Events



10/5	Powder Puff Game	6:00 pm
10/6	Movie Night "Despicable Me"	7:15 pm
10/8	Homecoming Parade	9:00 am
10/8	Homecoming Dance – Main Gym	7:00 pm
10/10	Columbus Day – No School	
10/18	Band Concert – Main Gym	7:00 pm
10/19	Full School Day – Conferences	2:30 to 6:00 pm
10/20	Parent/Teacher Conf –5 Hr Day	1:30 to 8:00 pm
10/21	5 Hour School Day	
10/27	Choir Concert – Auditorium	7:00 pm
10/29	Band Craft Show – Fieldhouse	
10/30	Band Craft Show – Fieldhouse	

Parent/Teacher Conference Days

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th and Thursday, October 20th. Conferences provide excellent opportunities for meeting individually with teachers to share valuable information about your student's progress. To schedule your own appointment, go to <https://pchs202.ptcwizard.com> or log on to the PTC Wizard site from the Plainfield High School - Central Campus home page. (under links) Parents will need to re-register each fall.

This site will be available for scheduling appointments beginning at 7am September 29th and will remain open until 7am October 19th. 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.

College Fair

Find your College! Joliet Junior College will host a College Fair on October 11, 2011. Representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities will be available along with financial aid seminars. The Fair will be hosted at JJC Main Campus, 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet IL 60431. For more information call 815/280-2493 or visit www.jjc.edu/info/colleg-fair.

College & Military Visits

There are 27 colleges, the Marines and the Army scheduled to visit PHS in the month of October. Students must see Mrs. Vihnanek in Student Services to schedule an appointment to visit with a college representative. Colleges visiting in October;

Carroll University	Bradley University
Manchester College	St. Ambrose College
Illinois College	Joliet Junior College
Augustana	Drake University
Knox College	St. Mary's
SIU Carbondale	High Point University
Quincy University	Western Michigan
Western Illinois University	DePauw University
Coe College	Monmouth College
Hope College	Elmhurst College
SIU Edwardsville	North Central College
St. Francis College	Dominica University
Quincy University	Concordia University
Ohio State	

Physics Classes



Mr. Nugent's physics students took advantage of the nice weather to determine whether or not they could use physics principles to find their velocity, which was checked by a radar gun.

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

Environmental Science Class



Mr. Paul Bollinger visited the Environmental Science Class in September to talk about Environmental Science Careers and to tell the class what he does as an Environmental Botanist.

Connect-Ed Information

District 202 uses the **Connect-ED** telephone messaging system to personally share important information with our community about issues ranging from local building-level matters to district-wide emergencies. It is very important that we have the correct contact information for the Connect-ED system to work properly. Please call the school immediately when changing your family contact information, or use the online Connect-ED self-correction at <http://www.psd202.org/connected.php>.

Senior Week



September 12-16 was Senior Week at PHS. Senior students attended the Group Guidance presentation "Planning Your Future" on Monday where they heard about the college application process and received resources to help them plan for life after high school. On Tuesday and Thursday counselors visited the senior cafeteria to invite students to Friday's open house in the College/Career Center. During Friday's open house students toured the College/Career Center and heard about all the resources available. A raffle was held and 90 lucky students won highly coveted t-shirts. We are hopeful that our seniors will make good use of the CCC this year now that they've become familiar with all it has to offer.

Girls Volleyball

The varsity girls' volleyball team has a few events coming up in during the month of October. September 29 was our Pack the Stands and Teacher Appreciate Night. The girls sent letters to their favorite teachers inviting them to come watch us play Plainfield North. Saturday (October 1) the varsity team is running a 5K race together.

Finally, our Volley for the Cure event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2011. We are selling t-shirts for \$10 during lunch hours to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer. There will be a raffle of many items the night of the game and all are welcome to participate.

NMSQT Commended Students



Congratulations to Amanda Arneson, Keegan Bosch and Shannon Sampson who are National Merit Commended Students for this year. We are very proud of these students.

Online Payment System

The District 202 Online Payment System lets families pay their school fees online and track their financial obligations throughout the year. The system also reduces manual data entry for bookkeepers and secretaries, improves accurate record keeping and allows student fee data to be updated within 72 hours. We hope you find this new tool helpful as District 202 continues to strive to use our community's resources effectively and efficiently. A link to the Online Payment System is posted on all school web sites and the District 202 web site (www.psd202.org)

BioExploration Club



On Saturday, September 17, students from both PHS and PSHS volunteered their time with the local organization Conservation Plainfield. More than 20 students participated in enhancement projects including planting and pulling out invasive species at Plainfield Park District's Eaton Preserve. Throughout the day they learned planting techniques and also experienced first-hand the effects that invasive species can have on ecosystems. Conservation Plainfield strives to increase the public's environmental awareness and offer educational opportunities such as the event last Saturday. Plainfield School district teachers Debra Pohlmann and Patrick and Samantha Scanlan also participated in the event and guided the students throughout the day.



**Plainfield North High School and the Will County State's
Attorney's Office present:**

“What Parents Need to Know About Drugs”

Drug Awareness, Prevention and Intervention Presentation

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:00pm

Plainfield North High School Auditorium

12005 S. 248th Ave.

Topics

Warning signs

How to talk about the topic

Intervention Strategies

Q & A

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