

Plainfield High School – Central Campus Newsletter

September 2011

From the Principal

Welcome Back! At registration you received a calendar listing band and choral concerts, play, musical, madrigal performances, Mr. Pomcat, talent show and honors programs. I hope you can attend one of these or any of the other activities we have scheduled throughout the school year. Come out to support our sports teams as they compete with Wildcat pride. Encourage your student to join one of the many clubs, organizations, or try out for one of our athletic teams. Your student will enjoy their high school experience more if they become involved.

Curriculum Night is scheduled for August 24, 2011. This is a great time to meet and greet your student's teachers. Open communication between teachers and parents is a great way to stay on top of your student's progress. Talk with your student about his/her school day and what is going on in their lives. Staying involved is a big key towards their success.

From the Deans

We will not allow deliveries of flowers or balloons to students during the school day. In addition, any student that brings balloons to school will have them taken away. They may be picked up from the main office when school is over.



No outside food may be brought in to students. The cafeteria is well stocked with a wide variety of food. As a result we will not allow parents to bring in outside food to their student. Students may still bring a sack lunch to school, however if they forget they must buy their lunch.

Busses – make sure your student remembers their route and bus numbers, or if they get picked up on the East or West side of the building.

Lockers – Students may not share lockers. Any student found sharing a locker will be referred to their dean.

Cell Phones - Cell phones must be turned off and placed in student's lockers upon arrival to school. Phone calls and text messages to and from parents during the school day are also prohibited. This cell phone rule applies to after school or Saturday activities where a grade will be achieved. **If your student is caught with a cell phone it may be confiscated.** First time offenders may pick up

their cell phone **after** school in Student Services before 2:45 pm. **They must have their current school ID to get their phone.** NO school ID - NO phone. If they need to buy a school ID they must have cash to purchase one for \$5. The Second time a parent must come in to pick up the phone with their ID.

No Loitering

After school activities, athletic practice, clubs or students staying after school with teachers are permitted. Students must remain with that teacher, coach or club advisor. Students will not be allowed to loiter in the school building after school hours for any reason, including waiting at school for sporting events to start. Students must be picked up within 30 minutes of their events ending.

Athletic News

The following student accomplishments from the end of last school year should be celebrated. Girls track went to state and 2011 senior, Jazymne Brown took 16th at State, in girls discus by throwing the discus 112 feet. Junior, Jenna Moody took 13th in State in the 400 M run, she set a school record of 58:73. Boys track went to state and sophomore Luke Winder pole vault qualifier equaled his bet time and barely missed 14 foot. He was the top two freshmen as a State Qualifier. Our 4x400 relay team ranked 38 after sectionals, improved to a ranking of 25 at the State meet. The team consisted of Wendell Daviston, Dayvy Rivas, Zane Kohon, and Peter Lengsfeld.

Advanced Placement Honors Information Night

Plainfield High School will hold an Advanced Placement/Honors Information Night on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM. We would like to invite parents and students who would like to know more about AP/Honors classes. This will help students make decisions about what classes they want to take, the best sequence of classes and how many AP classes they should take in one year. We would love to see you there.

Students Who Drive

Reminder to parents of students who drive, car problems and road construction are not excused absences. Leave a little earlier to get to school or take the bus. Students are expected to be on time even if the roads coming to PHS are congested or under construction.

Sophomore Chemistry Classes



The Sophomore chemistry classes tie dyed to study polymer molecules in cotton tee shirts, as part of our organic chemistry unit.

August/September Events

8/24	Curriculum Night	7:00 pm
9/1	AP/Honors Parent Night	7:00 pm
9/5	Labor Day – No School	
9/27	College Night	7:00 pm

Plainfield Helps Tornadoes Victims

Christy Ernst, former PHS Special Ed Administrator was talking to her daughter Hilary at the very moment a tornado was heading toward her at the University of Alabama last spring. Luckily Hilary came through unharmed but just two blocks away things were destroyed. Christy and Hilary set out to see what they could do to help and came up with the Bama Baby donation drive. They collected baby items from around



District 202. Over Memorial Day weekend Hilary drove a packed pickup truck back to college and dropped the items off at a Red Cross distribution center. Plainfield High School is very proud of Christy Ernst and her daughter for their big hearts and giving spirit.

Applying for College?



Most colleges require an Official Transcript be sent with your college application. Stop by the Registrars office (in 1101) and fill out a transcript release form. Transcripts cost \$1.00 and you must also provide an envelope addressed to the college and a stamp. **PLEASE ALLOW TIME TO PROCESS TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.** This is a very busy time for college applications and we want them to be accurately processed.

Newsletter

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

2011 Wildcat Marching Band



The Wildcat Marching Band grew to 160 members strong this year under the direction of Dan Valkema and Pat Hoadley. Drum Majors for 2011-12 are Veronica Bonderski, Devan Szopinski, Leif Sebby, and Olivia Skare. Marching Band Camp took place August 1-5 and 8-9. The band's 2011 field show is called "*Journey Into Darkness*". The show consists of three segments: Light, Transformation, and Darkness, and includes original music written by Craig Fitzpatrick. Look for an exciting musical and visual "journey" this Fall.

Friends of Rachel Pop Top Collection

Congratulations to Peggy Francik and her first period German 3 class for winning the Friends of Rachel's pop-tab drive in May. They collected 40.7 pounds of pop-tabs!

PHS-CC collected a total of 238.05 pounds of pop-tabs. The pop-tabs were donated to the Ronald McDonald House at Loyola University Medical Center. Thank you to all who participated in the pop-tab drive, especially to the following teachers, whose classes were top collectors:

- 2nd place- Ms. Phillips 26.0 pounds
- 3rd place- Ms. Kram 22.5 pounds
- 4th place- Mr. Johnson 15.85

Thank you again for your participation and support.

College Representatives

College Representatives are scheduled to meet with students in the College Career Center. To visit with a College Representative, students must sign up in room 1413.



Junior students should begin attending college Open Houses. Several colleges have scheduled Open House visits on October 10 and November 11. Check out the website of any college you are interested in attending to sign up. This is a great way to see and visit with actual students who attend these Universities.



Underclassmen Retake Photos

Students in grades 9-11 who did not take their yearbook photo at Registration have one more chance. Underclassmen photos will be taken **October 13, 2011** stop by Student Services to make an appointment.

Attendance Procedures

To report a student's absence, call (815) 439-3260. Calls must be received before 10:00 am. **DO NOT CALL THE MAIN NUMBER.** You will be asked to give the following information:

- 1) Student name
- 2) Student ID #
- 3) Date and reason for absence
- 4) Student birthday
- 5) Name of person calling
- 6) Phone number we can reach the person calling for verification

If a student needs to be signed out early for any reason call (815) 439-3260 x 5860 or x 5861. You will be asked the same information as above. **Please call at least an hour before your student needs to leave the building.** When the call is received for a student to leave the building, a pass will be issued to the student. **The student must sign out at the Raptor Desk in the main building.** The more time you allow the better. A parent will need to come into the high school and show an ID to personally sign the student out if the student does not drive. **Notes from parents will not be accepted.** The parent should make arrangements to meet his/her student in front of the main building on Fort Beggs.

Niehus Award Winner



Physical Education Department Chair Lisa Klaas was awarded the Niehus Award on June 27, 2011 at the District Office. The Niehus Award is presented annually to honor a staff member who shows extraordinary commitment to the students, parents and fellow staff members.

ID Cards Required



All students must have their current PHS ID card to enter the media center, buy lunch or attend any athletic event. If a student does not have their ID card they will not be allowed to enter. Middle school students wishing to enter a PHS athletic event must have an ID card and be accompanied by their parent.

Senior Yearbook Picture Reminder

All seniors must take their senior portraits for the Yearbook. For information call (800)797-7571 or visit their website www.prestigeportraits.com. *****This is the only way for seniors to be included with their class in the Yearbook***** Photo retakes are scheduled after school on September 6, 7, 8, 9.

Get Involved



Plainfield High School has a several clubs and activities available for students to join. Student Council is very busy right from the start planning Homecoming activities. We have three language clubs, Speech Club, Chess Club, Math Club, Interact and Key Clubs to name just a few. Stop by a meeting and check out the clubs that interest you.

Student Parking

Student parking permits are still available. A student illegally parked on high school property without a valid parking permit, is subject to towing at the expense of the owner. Permits cost \$90 and can be obtained before or after school from room 1413.



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 815814 or e-mail her at crahn@psd202.org, we will need the graduate's military mailing address and the year the student graduated.

PE Alert

From a study published in the Annals of Behavioral Medicine, we know that EXERCISE increases the growth of brain cells in the hippocampus (the part of the brain involving learning and memory). It also increases executive functioning, which means the planning, organization and ability to multi-task. This is why ALL of us need to sit less and move more! "A sound mind in a sound body." We also know that regular exercisers have stronger immune systems. A good reminder to get busy before cold and flu season!

