

Student Services Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES!!

- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
March 24th - 27th
- *Spring Break*
March 27th - April 4th
- *End of 12 weeks*
April 23rd
- *PSAE Testing*
April 28th - 29th

ACT Test Dates

April 10, 2010
June 12, 2010

Check out
www.actstudent.org
for more information.

Post-Secondary Information

❖ *NCAA Eligibility:* To be eligible to participate in athletics in college, certain academic requirements must be met. Students who are considering attending NCAA Division I and Division II colleges/universities need to be aware of the core course requirements for classes, minimum grade point average, and ACT/SAT scores. Students need to inform their counselors as soon as possible if they want to be considered eligible for the NCAA. For more information, please visit www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

❖ *JJC bound seniors:* Student who have applied to Joliet Junior College need to make sure they complete the Compass Test by April. In addition, there are a few more steps to make the application process complete. Students need to complete the online orientation and group advising session, starting the end of April. Information can be found on JJC's website, www.jjc.edu/admissions

❖ *Hispanic College Fair:* Many junior students will be attending the Hispanic College Fair at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills on March 18th from 10-12:30 PM. Many colleges, universities, and trade schools will have representatives present to explain programs.

❖ *Scholarships:* Scholarship information is currently available for all college-bound seniors. Seniors are encouraged to pick-up a Scholarship Newsletter in the College/Career Center, located in Student Services, to see all the scholarships available to them. The newsletter is updated every week with new scholarships!

Academic Information

➤ *Returning Face in Student Services:* Matt Schoon will be covering Jennifer Giorgetti's maternity leave starting March 22nd. Mr. Schoon is a familiar face in student services. He has completed several maternity leave positions in the past, and is ready to jump right in. He is recently doing a maternity leave position at Plainfield East, and therefore will transition to PHS smoothly.

➤ *2010-2011 Course Planning:* All students have met with their counselors individually to finalize classes for the 2010-2011 school year. Confirmation sheets were mailed out with semester grades in January and all final changes were to be completed by February 12th. At this point, no changes can be made, since schedules are final. Exceptions to this rule include summer school courses and level changes. Please contact your child's counselor for further questions.

- **Study Hall Test Prep:** "Emerging juniors" describes students who almost made the cutoff for meeting and/or exceeding on the Prairie State Achievement Exam. Counselors have met with these students and discussed the PSAE and strategies for motivation. In an effort to raise PSAE scores, PHS is providing test prep for these emerging juniors during their study hall. In lieu of their study hall, an emerging junior student will attend a test prep study hall for the 25 minutes to work with a teacher on practice ACT questions and Work-Keys practice tests. These practice test questions will help students identify specific weaknesses and allow him/her to practice test questions in a small group setting with teacher support. After completing this test prep study hall on April 27th, these students will have privileges awarded to them, and not need to attend a study hall. In addition, any student who meets or exceeds on the PSAE (Day 1 = 20 on the ACT and Day 2 = 5 on the Work Keys) will be able to enjoy the following privileges for senior year: free parking and open campus lunch one day a week. This is a great opportunity for our students to succeed!
- **Free lunch for Juniors:** To further connect with our students, PHS administration will be providing free lunch for all juniors taking the PSAE. During their 50-minute lunch/study hall time, one administrator will meet with a group of 10 students to explain the benefits of the TLC test prep, the importance of PSAE, and the application to their future plans. Last year, students have enjoyed Michael's pizza, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Subway!
- **2010 Career Day:** On April 28th, all sophomore students will participate in Career Day. They will visit with three career speakers, complete career research, and participate in Reality Store, which will give them a true account of the world of work. Students have chosen their top three careers from a list of over 50. Counselors are currently scheduling students for this day. We are still in need of certain careers to present to students. These include advertising/marketing, psychologist, small business owner, and construction. If you are interested in presenting any of these careers to our sophomore students, please contact Elaina Papageorge at extension 815880. It is imperative that sophomore students attend this day to learn more about future career options!
- **Summer School Information:** The proposed list of summer school classes can be found on our school's website and in the Student Services office. Summer school classes consist of English, Math, and Science makeup courses, along with Social studies courses and electives for advancement. There are two sessions of summer school: June 7th - June 29th and July 6th - 28th. Classes are now offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 AM - 1 PM. Each session costs \$180, and the deadline to sign up is May 1st, 2010. Unfortunately, transportation is still not available.

From the Social Workers

- ❖ *Celebrate School Social Worker Week, February 28th - March 6th.*
"School Social Workers Leave a Lasting Impression!"

School social workers play a unique role in the school system working with students, their families, school personnel, and communities. Effective school social work services contribute not only to a healthy school environment, but benefit society as a whole. They provide crisis intervention, counseling services and support; they link students and families with school and community resources; and they work with all school personnel to help students succeed.

PHS-CC has five social workers, Alan Bank, Jeremy Bell, Josh Bloodgood, Anne Comer, and Nita Lueking, who provide numerous services for both regular and special education students. School Social Work Week is sponsored by the School Social Work Association of America (SSWA). SSWAA is a national organization representing school social workers across the country.

Final Thought:

Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths,
but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands. -Anne Frank