



**PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2010**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, JAMES WORTH

Parent/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the home stretch with the third quarter grades closing April 9th and the fourth quarter beginning on Monday, April 12th! And as we all know, the days seem to gain speed after the April vacation. Report cards will be mailed out by Friday, April 16th. Students that need to stay after for extra help, to make up work or to complete any missing assignments should take advantage of after school time and the late busses Monday through Thursday each week.

On Wednesday, April 15, there will be an assembly for all 9th and 10th grade students regarding the topic of 'Cyber Bullying'. The program is presented through Eastconn and will address aspects of sending or receiving messages and students' responsibilities. Negative student interaction through electronics has become a growing concern among students at PHS and we are trying to be proactive in dealing with this situation. I will certainly address this topic at the Parent Advisory meeting on April 13. Our Parent Advisory meets at 7:00pm this month in the library after the Soup and Bread Supper. The supper runs from 3:00 to 9:00 and all of the proceeds go to support local soup kitchens. Please join us for a great meal and an opportunity to purchase soup bowls produced by our students in the Art Department.

Spring sports have started and we are looking forward to successful seasons for all of our athletes. The play rehearsals continue as opening night approaches May 13th. The Drama Department's production of 'Footloose' will run on May 13, 14, and 15. Tickets for the show are on sale in the office at \$5.00 for students, children and senior citizens, \$8.00 for adults and T-shirts for \$10.00.

Our Spring Vacation is scheduled for April 19th through the 23rd. During the break we have students and faculty traveling to Washington D.C. and France. I know that our students will gain much from these opportunities. Other activities after the vacation include the NHS Spaghetti Dinner, April 30th, the completion of student scheduling for next year and Advanced Placement Tests. I want to take this time to remind all parents and students that the end of the year will be here very quickly and as the weather gets warmer, our students must remember to focus on academics. Please encourage your children to keep up with their academics so the remaining weeks are productive and positive. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Spring Vacation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Worth

DATES TO REMEMBER

19-23 Spring Vacation

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

All college bound juniors should sign up for the SAT. The test will be administered on May 1st (deadline to register, 3/31) and June 5th (deadline to register, 5/5). Students can log onto collegeboard.com to register or see their school counselor for a paper copy. It is extremely important for all students going on to college to take the SAT at least once in their junior year and again early in their senior year.

Max and Company News

We at Max and Company are very busy.

We continue to meet with our friends with special needs each day. We exercise, play games, go outside for walks and assist with academics and Physical Education.

We are in the process of planning a field trip to see the Connecticut Sun in May and we are busy preparing for our

Our Breakfast Social which will be held on April 7th.

Some of us will be applying for jobs at local camps for the summer including Plainfield Summer Recreation Program, Camp Harkness and Camp Quinnebaug.

We are preparing for Autism Awareness Day which is April 2nd. Our Building Friendships Program is alive and well here at PHS!!!

Student Council and NHS

Last month, twelve of our students attended the Connecticut Association of Schools Leadership workshop in Middletown. This two-day event was held on the Wesleyan campus with about 250 teens from across the state participating. The workshops were student-led and all the students came away with many self discoveries and some new friends. The students had a lot of fun while learning some important lessons; including:

“Don’t judge a book (person) by it’s cover because you never know what they’ve been through” .

“The past does not determine your future”.

PHS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS



.Please attend one of our Monthly Meetings to learn how you can get involved. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the Cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Booster Club President, Tee Sabourin at 860-564-4302.

SCHOOL STORE

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- PHS snuggles, sandals, recycle cloth bags
- Flip flops, shorts & t-shirts
- Summer clothing items
- Many items on sale

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr.Hart's Social Studies classes are taking a field trip paid for by the Waves of History grant. On April 5 they will be going to the Old Willimantic Cemetery to participate in a series of immigration based activities.

ART DEPARTMENT

Kristen Musser, Ms. Dobrocki's AP Studio Art student, has been selected to attend the Connecticut Association of Schools Annual Arts Recognition Banquet in April. The banquet honors Connecticut's outstanding high school visual and performing arts students. Each high school may select two outstanding visual arts and/or performing arts seniors. She will attend with her family, Ms. Dobrocki and one administrator from PHS. Congratulations to Kristen.

Career Center

In coordination with the Career Center, Mrs. Kelleher's Business and Personal finance students participated in mock interviews with local professionals on March 23. Each student prepared a career portfolio which consisted of a cover letter, resume, application, and a list of references. Students were required to "Dress for Success"; wearing appropriate business attire. Each student received independent feedback and tips to prepare them for any future interview opportunities; it was an invaluable experience for all. Many positive comments were shared on the preparation of portfolios, interviewing skills, and the magnitude of experiences our students have participated in throughout their high school careers.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for participating:

Mr. Paul Sweet, Plainfield First Selectman

Ms. Jennifer Coughlin, Savings Institute Bank & Trust

Mrs. Judy Avery, Big Y World Class Markets

Mrs. Donna Baldwin, AMTEC Corporation

Other March Career Center activities:

3/10 QVCC Tech Expo

3/25 Campus Tour of Porter & Chester Institute

3/26 S.M.A.R.T. Career Advisor, Tim Murney, gave a presentation on the future of manufacturing in the USA to the students in Ms. Belous and Mrs. Galligan's classes.

3/30 UCONN Medical Center- The New England Musculoskeletal Institute tour

4/1 UCONN Medical Center Clinical Career Day

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LIBRARY

The library now has extended hours. For the month of April the library is open on every Tuesday from 2:00 until 3:15.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

Edward Everett