



PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 2010

From the Principal, JAMES WORTH

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The winter is certainly upon us here at PHS as the first semester is rapidly coming to a close. Final exams begin on Friday, January 22, with Block 1 and 2 exams and Monday, January 25, with Block 3 and 4 exams. Please insist upon your children taking their exams seriously, prepare well and get plenty of rest the night before their classes. Remember that on Tuesday, January 26, students at PHS do not have school. There will be a teacher work day without students on the 26th to prepare for their second semester classes beginning on Wednesday, January 27th.

The CAPT assessments are scheduled for March 1, 2010, through March 10, 2010. A modified school schedule will be provided to the students as the date approaches. All sophomore students are required to participate in CAPT assessments as well as juniors who did not score three or better on last years CAPT. All freshmen will take a Practice CAPT, developed by our teachers, which will help prepare them for the actual assessment the following year. More information will follow.

The credit recovery program is in full swing at the high school and students are taking advantage of this opportunity to regain credits. Students may sign up for the recovery program with their guidance counselor and participate during study hall time or after school. As well, extra help and tutoring are available after school Monday through Thursday in the library.

Winter sports and extracurricular programs are keeping students busy in positive and productive activities afterschool. The basketball and track teams would surely appreciate fan support at their games and events. Home basketball games are on Tuesday and Friday evenings, so come out and support the teams.

The Voice of Democracy Essay winner is senior Nicole Taranto. Nicole will be recognized for her achievement on January 21, 2010, where she will recite her winning essay. Also, Melissa Santiago and Lydia Mackela received 'Honorable Mention' in the January 2010 Connecticut Art Scholastics Awards. Congratulations to these three young ladies on their accomplishments.

Thank you,

James C. Worth

Principal

Dates to Remember

- 2/12 Prof. Dev
No School
- 2/15 President Day
No school
- 2/16 Vacation Day

LIBRARY

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

- Friday, 1/22/10, early dismissal day (exams blocks 1&2)
- Monday, 1/25/10, early dismissal day (exams blocks 3&4)
- Tuesday, 1/26/10, NO SCHOOL for PHS students ONLY (staff professional day)
- Wednesday, 1/27/10, early dismissal day (district professional day)

Notice to all PHS students/parents – The PHS students will make up their 1/26 day off on Thursday, April 1st. April 1st date was selected as a make up date so that it would not interfere with any of the February or April vacations. We notified staff, students and parents in December so that they would not make traveling plans for that date.

SCHOOL STORE

- PHS snuggies, sandals, recycle cloth bags
- Notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters
- Cups, mugs, key chains, PHS ornaments
- Jump Drives
- Panther decals, bumper stickers,

MS. BELOUS' CLASS

PHS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS



PHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

.We are looking for volunteers to help with Basketball Concessions. Please contact Athletic Booster Club President, Tee Sabourin at 860-564-4302 if you can help. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the Cafeteria.

The 31st Windham Invitational Swim Meet will be held on Saturday March 13, 2010 at Windham High School. Volunteers are needed in many areas. If you are interested in volunteering for this fantastic activity contact Mary DeMarco @ 860 456-2003 or Geri White @ 860-455-9196 or Adrienne Levine @ 860-933-6388. A number of Plainfield's special Olympians participate in this event, come out to support our athletes. Forms are also available in the media center.

Rotary Student of the Month January 2010

My name is Laura Gorman. I am the oldest daughter of Dean and Bethany Gorman of Plainfield, where I have lived my entire life.

During my years at Plainfield High School I have made many academic accomplishments. I have made the honor role every semester of each year, received an Excellence in Creative Writing Award, received an Excellence in Algebra II Award, achieved state goal in all four section of the CAPT, and received my Academic Letter, First Chevron, and Second Chevron. Aside from academics, I have also volunteered at the School Store since my sophomore year, volunteered as an usher at Plainfield High School sponsored military concert, and am a member of the National Honor Society. Through my involvement with this club I have been able to participate in Homeless Awareness Nights and tutor students in the subject of Science, as well as organize and plan a concert to benefit the Little Lambs Program.

Outside of Plainfield High School I attend Arts at the Capitol Theater, in Willimantic, part time. I have made the honor role each year, and will graduate from their program in early June. I have also performed leading roles in several of their productions such as *The Wiz*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Miss Witherspoon*, and *Guys and Dolls*,

I am also an active member of Christian Fellowship Church in Scotland, Connecticut. At church I am a member of the Youth Group, perform in Teen Services by acting and singing, teach and act at Vacation Bible School during the summer, help in the nursery, perform in the Easter and Christmas Cantatas, sing in the Adult and Teen Choirs, sing special music on Sunday morning services, and sing in a young adults band called All For Him.

During my free time I work part time at the Plainfield McDonald's on weekends. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading Jodi Picoult novels, and using my talents to help others. Next year I plan on attending Word of Life Bible Institute in upstate New York for a year, then hopefully transfer to UCONN or EASTERN to pursue career in education.

Career Center

January 8- Ralph Campagna of Amplisound Hearing Products and Services spoke to a group of students about his career as an audiologist and related health careers.

January 11- Tamara Shattuck, the SOAR Coordinator at Three Rivers Community College, gave presentations on environmental careers and technologies. She gave the students that attended information about the programs and degrees offered at Three Rivers.

January 12- Robert Wargo from Lincoln Technical Institute and Matt Harmon of Harmon Custom Paint, an airbrushing and custom paint shop in Windham, ME, were at PHS. Robert provided information about the programs and training available at Lincoln Tech in East Windsor. Matt demonstrated the art of airbrushing an automobile hood. Matt airbrushed the Plainfield High panther onto the hood. The hood will be hung up at PHS for all students and visitors to enjoy.

January 14- Students went to Sonalysts, Inc. in Waterford on a career based field trip.

January 27- PHS students will be helping out at the ECC Wellness & Fitness Fair for the kindergarten students.

Students have been going on Job Shadows. Any student interested in going on a shadow, see Mrs. Liebel in the Career Center.

ART DEPARTMENT

January 2010 Connecticut Art Scholastics Award

Winners are:

Melissa Santiago, Ms. Dobrocki's art student, for her painting called "Bridge in Moosup" Honorable Mention and

Lydia Mackela, Ms. Dobrocki's art student, for her mixed media piece, Honorable Mention



BROWN BAG IT!

A 17 year old senior from High School in Torrington, Ct needed our help. Nick was a starting linebacker on the football team. He was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery. It was after that surgery that in a game with High School Nick scored a touchdown and his story was covered on the evening news. Since that time, the cancer has been classified as stage 3 and has spread to his lungs and abdomen. His spirits remain high and he is putting up a good fight. He even attends practices for his team after he has his chemo treatments. This young man is a fighter and deserves all of our respect and support. We asked our students to take part in a fundraiser called 'Brown Bagging it for Nick'. We asked all of our students to please pack their lunch for that day and bring in the \$2 or \$3 that you would have spent on purchasing lunch to donate to the Nick Cancer Fund. We raised \$425 thanks to all. Thank you to Natural Helpers and National Honor Society for their help.

Thanks to all for their generosity!
Coach Smith

FROM THE NURSE

A REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF 10TH GRADE STUDENTS::

Your student must have a 10th grade physical on file in the PHS Health Office by the end of this school year. No 11th grader may begin school without a previous 10th grade physical according to state regulations. The physical must be on a state mandated blue form as a simple sport's physical is not acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.

Aristotle