



**PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2010**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, JAMES WORTH

Greetings from Plainfield High School!

The long cold winter is quickly drifting behind us as we trod through CAPT season and head toward longer warmer days. CAPT testing is in full swing during the mornings of March 1st through 10th. All freshmen and sophomores junior re-takes are required to attend the test days at the regular start time. Upper classmen not required to take the CAPT have later transportation scheduled. Sophomores have been reminded that scores of four or five on any of the sections of the test will enable their name to be entered in a drawing for a laptop computer and printer. The drawing will occur next fall when the results are sent out. Thanks to all of our students for following the format regarding the morning bus arrangements during this time and for their attention to arriving to school promptly.

The course selection process begins this month as guidance counselors will meet with each grade to pass out the Program of Studies and discuss the selection process. Please look for the Program of Studies, a course selection guide, read it and discuss your child's academic plans. This is a very important time of the year and any support you can provide to your child in making academic decisions is valuable and helpful.

Congratulations to Mr. Arremony and the Boy's Basketball Team on their victory February 22nd. It was another well played game and the 400th career win for Mr. Arremony; a milestone in his coaching career! We are all very proud of Mr. Arremony and the team. End of season tournament play is underway... good luck to both girl's and boy's teams.

The music department presented the PHS Select Concert on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm. It was another successful evening with our students demonstrating their musical skills and abilities under the direction of our talented band and chorus directors. Thank you Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Ortiz.

Progress reports will be out shortly as grades for the first segment of the third quarter close on Friday, March 5th. Parent conferences are scheduled for March 31st from 12:00 to 7:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend in order to meet their children's teachers and discuss student progress.

Please remember that PHS students have classes on April 1st. this is the make up day from January's day off between semesters.

Other upcoming events include: the American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 18th, the PPMO Lock-in on March 26th, the Empty Bowl Project on April 13th, and the school's theatrical production of 'Footloose', April 13, 14 and 15th.

Also, the Parent Advisory meets on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00 in the library; the PPMO meets the 9th at 6:00; and the Booster's Club meeting is on the 17th at 7:00.

That is all for now from the high school, please continue to provide your child the support and encouragement to put forth their best academic effort.

Sincerely,

James C. Worth, Principal

Dates to Remember
March 31 Parent Conferences

400 WINS !!

- Plainfield basketball coach Bob Arremony sealed his 400th career win against Putnam on Feb. 22. Panthers won 70-56. Congratulations Bob!

NHS TAG SALE MARCH 13TH

- NHS is having a tag sale on Saturday March 13th 8-12 in the Plainfield High School Cafeteria. Anyone interested in renting space can contact Lisa Bastien at 860-564-6422 x1110. The cost is \$10 a table. All proceeds will benefit scholarships for the class of 2010.

FRESHMAN ACADEMY

- Please check the Plainfield High School Homepage www.plainfieldschools.org/phs/html/freshman---academy.html. The **Freshman Academy** Homework site is up and running for parents' and student use. It can be viewed as a link from the Plainfield High School homepage, or go directly to the Freshman Academy Homework Page

MARDI GRAS

Students from Mrs. Brooks' French classes celebrated Mardi Gras on February 11th. The students researched Mardi Gras, its traditions, and recipes and decorated their masks earlier in the week. Then they brought in food to share with classmates, donned their masks and listened to Zydeco music. During Block 3, a jazz ensemble of music students, Patrick Slattery and Jessica Fontaine of French 3 were joined by Adam Downing and Britny Fowler, to play a couple of jazz tunes to set the mood of New Orleans. A great time was had by all.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

"On Monday, February 22, 2010, 26 students from Mr. Belcher's Forensic Science classes traveled to the UCONN Storrs campus to participate in an educational field experience with students from other regional high schools as part of an EASTCONN-sponsored "Forensics 101" inter-district grant program. A total of 52 students and 5 adults from the Norwich Free Academy and PHS took part in a multi-step deductive reasoning scenario where they attempted to solve a simulated crime. A pet rat was determined to be missing, and three possible suspects were identified. Students had to learn about, and then apply, forensic pathology and questioned document analysis skills to determine the perpetrator, which they did successfully and with great confidence. Four EASTCONN staff provided the necessary training and facilitated the day-long scenario, while also helping students from the involved schools to become better acquainted with each other, both within and across school and socioeconomic boundaries. All had fun, and look forward to a repeat next quarter. Unfortunately, PHS's Forensics course is only one quarter in length, so most of our next group of participants will be the Fourth Quarter class. However, there may be room for a few of this term's students to round out the busload in April."

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

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

High School Transition Planning & Services
Tuesday, March 16th
6 - 8 PM

QVCC - Community Room - W101 - West Wing

The goal of this presentation is to inform parents and students of the IEP laws and regulations specific to transition services at the high-school level.

How do you plan for post high school education, employment, and living?

MS. BELOUS' CLASS

- Freshman Elijah Pollard will be competing in the Winter Special Olympics at Simsbury, CT on Saturday February 27, 2010. He will be competing against athletes from all over Connecticut in snow-shoe races. Good Luck Elijah !
- The Plainfield Panthers Unified Basketball team will be competing again this year in the tournament at NFA on March 15, 2010. Four teams will be competing in 2 different levels against teams from NFA, Killingly, Woodstock, and other schools in the ECC. Come cheer on our teams as they defend their gold medals.

Career Center

The Career Center will be visiting Porter & Chester Institute in Rocky Hill on March 25. Students interested in automotive, computer aided drafting/design, computer technology, HVAC, medical & dental assisting, electronic technician, or practical nursing are welcome to attend.

On May 13 Juniors & Seniors interested in vehicle maintenance, civic engineering, medical-allied health and related careers are welcome to attend the CT Air National Guard Career Day. This trip is for career exploration purposes, students that are interested in the military as well as those that are not considering the military are welcome to attend.

See Mrs. Liebel for a permission slip, space is limited.

PHS students have been exploring careers by participating in the Job Shadow Program. Stop by the Career Center to learn more about this program and other opportunities offered through the Career Center.

Correction: Last month Ralph Campagna, Hearing Instrument Specialist, from Amplisound Hearing Products & Services spoke to our students about his company and related careers.

Student of the Month

Paras Pirzada is currently a senior at Plainfield High School. She is the daughter of Huma and Khalid Pirzada and has an older sister, Mahaik. She has taken honors classes through out the course of her high school career and is in an Advanced Placement class as well. Paras has been on the honor roll for all four years of high school and is very involved within the school. She is senior Class President and was also class president for her freshmen and sophomore year. As of now she is Editor of the yearbook, a member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Destructive Decisions. In addition to being involved in school, she is very active in the community. Paras participates in various service projects though NHS such as Homeless Awareness Night and Spaghetti Dinners. Over the summer, Paras volunteered her time as a library aid at the Griswold Public Library and every year she helps out at the Recreation Center's Dr. Seuss Reading Day. Moreover, she is a CAPT scholar, second place winner of this year's Voice of Democracy Essay Contest and will be a contestant in the upcoming PIMA Pageant. After graduation Paras plans on attending Rutgers University or another institution such as Eastern or Fordham University.

Max and Company

Max and Company has been busy with a few activities. We've offered a Friday Pizza Social twice this winter and will be offering another this Friday. This allows the students who participate in Max and Company to come and enjoy some social time during their lunches and offers social skills to our friends with special needs. We continue to hold meetings every other week to plan our upcoming events which include some possible field trips, after school social gatherings and possible summer employment for those interested in working with students with special needs.

If you're interested in joining us please see Mrs. Collins in room 1120.

LIBRARY

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

Education is a progressive discovery
of out own ignorance.

Will Durant