



PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2009

From the Principal, JAMES WORTH

Dear Parent/Guardians:

The first quarter has recently ended and report cards will be mailed home soon! As well, our teachers are looking forward to the Open House on Thursday, November 19th, as an opportunity to meet parents/guardians and make that personal connection that is so important to your child's education. When checking your child's report card, keep in mind that we now have late busses Monday - Thursday, for Plainfield and Sterling students. Should your child need to stay for extra help, make up work or additional library time, they will need to sign up in the main office for the late busses.

Parents of Juniors and Seniors, keep an eye open for the Guidance Departments' November 19th College Planning and the soon to be announce date for the Financial Aid evening events. Notice has been sent home for the College Planning assembly in the mail. These events are very beneficial for planning your child's educational future and determining how to cover the costs.

A letter, from me, is being sent home with report cards regarding a topic that has been dealt with at Plainfield High School in the past and again this year. Sexting, using the camera/video component of a cell phone to record and send sexually explicit pictures, is an issue that parents/guardians need to be aware of, as it pertains to the Plainfield High School community. The letter explains our concerns and steps we have taken to inform students and deal with situations as they arrive. Please make every effort to read this letter and call me with any questions or concerns.

The holiday season is right around the corner and some of our students groups have organized food drives for Project Pin and to support local food pantries. It is impressive to see our students work so hard for others in need. It is never too late to donate and any contribution is accepted. If you are able to help someone in need please send your donation to school with your child. The staff and faculty at Plainfield High School wish you of you a happy and safe holiday season.



Dates to Remember

- **CHRISTMAS BREAK**
DEC. 24 — 31
- **JAN. 1**
NEW YEAR'S DAY

PHS Library

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

SCHOOL STORE

- New style shirts, shorts, hats and more
- Notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters
- Cups, mugs, key chains
- Jump Drives
- Panther decals, bumper stickers,

ADVANCED FOODS

This year there were 11 entries in the cooking contest. The winners of the PHS 2009 Cooking Contest are as follows:

- 1st place Chelsea Lincoln Eclairs food processor
- 2nd place Yolanda Hoffman Dessert Pizza hand held mixer
- 3rd place Lulu Lamb Cinnamon Buns Award candy making supplies

PHS BOOSTER CLUB



PHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

We are a very small group of people and we are asking for you help. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the cafeteria at 7pm. We ask you to please consider in joining our efforts to enhance all of our PHS athletes. For additional information, please contact Athletic Booster Club President, Tee Sabourin at 564-4302.

Rotary Student of the Month: October

Hi! My name is Andrea Scovel. I am currently a seventeen year old Senior at Plainfield High School. In February of 2005, I moved to Connecticut from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and entered the Plainfield Central School as a seventh grader. With the school year more than halfway over, my main focus became family issues and my academics. By my sophomore year I had found a group of friends that would help me more ways than imaginable.

Graduating from the enrichment program in elementary school, I have taken Honors courses all throughout my high school years and maintained Honor Roll. I succeeded the ASVAB test in my freshman year, received fours and fives on three CAPT tests sophomore year, and took the PSATs and SATs my Junior and senior year.

After school hours, I stay busy by trying many new things. From participating in clubs such as SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Ping Pong club to volunteer work with St. Mary's church, the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, and inside the school. Here, I help at the school store, the guidance office, and mainly within the Channel 21 television studio. I have taken two independent studies to further my knowledge in visual communications. Everyday, I work with or lead a team in performing the daily Morning Announcements for our school. Every month, I also help to broadcast the Board of Education meetings. My ambitions in Visual communications have helped me to work outside of school in filming and photographing a wedding. My skills have helped me to acquire two part-time jobs; as a receptionist in a hair salon and an assistant DJ for J Productions.

I have participated in many career center activities and gone on several job shadows to help me make my chose on a career and college.

Next year I plan on attending college in Massachusetts for Communication Technologies and Psychology. As I plan this, I am planning a lineup of shows for my band this summer. In our band, Thrift Store Catastrophe, I play bass and ukulele. I was invited into the band in march of 2009, as the manager but I vigorously practiced to learn how to play bass. As I got better, I became a bassist. Not long ago, I bought a ukulele, and I am teaching myself how to play and incorporate it into our music. Now you know everything I'm doing. Thanks for listening!

Career Center

Students from the Career Center and PHS Business and Finance Department participated in the following workshops during the month of October:

October 16 — 32 students attended the QVCC Personal Financial Planning Symposium. At this workshop students learned about the importance of budgeting, establishing and maintaining credit, managing credit cards and debt, developing a savings plan, the importance of insurance, and employer sponsored benefit plans. Topics were presented by Archambault Insurance Associates, Putnam Bank, Citizens National Bank, Savings Institute Bank & Trust, and TTM Technologies- Human Resources Department.

October 23 — 12 students attended the CPA Careers Conference at UCONN. Students were provided with information about careers available in the accounting profession. Students learned that there is a great need for Certified Public Accountants and the educational requirements that are necessary to enter this field. Sessions were presented by a CPA and Special Agent from the New Haven FBI, a CPA from The Hartford, and a panel that included a CPA from Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC, a senior accounting major from UCONN, and a staff accountant from Blum Shapiro.

As a special treat, The Accounting Crows, a rock band whose members are CPAs, performed. A tour of the campus was included.

At both conferences an abundance of great information was given to our students; good luck to all that attended!

Upcoming Career Center Activities:

December 1- College and Career Fair – **for students only.**

December 11- ASVAB Career Exploration Program- for interested seniors & juniors

December 15- Baran Institute of Technology- campus tour

January 7- ASVAB Career Exploration Interpretation

Students interested in the Job Shadow Program should see Mrs. Liebel in the Career Center.

ART DEPARTMENT

ART INSTITUTE OF BOSTON presentation was on November 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

MONSERRAT ART COLLEGE presentation is on November 30 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium.

Professional artist, Christine Wendel Farrugia will do a charcoal demonstration for the Advanced Placement Studio Art Students December 9, 2009 at 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the 2D art room.

Painting II and AP Studio Art Students visited the Norwich Slater Museum with Ms. Dobrocki and Mr. Stevenson where they sketched the replicas of the ancient Greek and Roman sculptures. They also visited two churches to see the stained glass windows and compared and contrasted Byzantine Eastern Art Style with Western Art Style of the human figure.

Painting II students will create large stained glass windows for the set design for the musical Footloose scheduled for PHS performance in May.

HISTORY CLASS

Mr. Hart's Modern US History classes will be taking a Waves of History field trip to the Willimantic Textile Museum where they will be working with students from Windham High School studying diversity and immigration.

They have also recently had 2008 PHS grad PFC Jessica Soucy (an MP at Iraq's detention center Camp Cropper) visit and give a memorable discussion of her duties. She has since returned to active duty in Iraq. In December, Mr. Hart plans to invite guest speakers who were involved in WW II, as well as having his classes begin an ambitious Oral History project.

The Gift of Giving

This year, how about joining with the faculty and staff of PHS in sharing the Gift of Giving? During the month of December, instead of and in replacement of, exchanging gifts with one another, pay your good fortune forward.

We will be collecting much needed donations of various items for The Domestic Violence Shelter in Danielson. Look for more details to come.

Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats