



## Plainfield High School

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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you are enjoying the summer and getting some time to relax. The 2008-2009 school year will begin in just a few weeks. We had an outstanding year in 2007-2008, and I am looking forward to another year filled with student achievement and school spirit.

Our present 11<sup>th</sup> graders improved their scores in three out of four sections of the C.A.P.T. they dropped slightly in science but had a 15.5% increase in their writing scores placing Plainfield High School as one of the top 10 schools in the State in percentage gains in writing.

The following changes/updates are for your information:

- Discipline responsibilities of the assistant principals are:

Mr. James Worth	-	grades 9, 11
Mrs. Jean Riley	-	grades 10, 12
- We will continue issuing office detentions (1 and 3 hour) to students who are tardy to class.
- Three-hour detentions will continue. They will be held on Thursday's from 2:00-5:00 pm. Twenty-four hour notice will be given so students can make arrangements for transportation.
- Please take a moment to discuss the Plainfield High School dress code with your child. Please remember that we will call home asking you to bring a change of clothes for students who are inappropriately dressed.
- We all agree that instructional time at Plainfield High School is extremely precious. In order to maximize teaching and learning, there will be **NO** disruptions to the learning process. Any messages or items for students can be left at the attendance and main offices and we will see that they get them.
- We will charge \$5.00 annual fee for students who drive to school. Once school starts, we will contact students to begin the registration process.
- The Principal's Newsletter will continue on a monthly basis giving you updates on what is going on at Plainfield High School.

- As I mentioned to you in the Spring, the Food Service Department has increased the prices for lunch for the 08-09 school year.  
The increase is as follows:  
Breakfast - \$1.90  
Lunch - \$2.50, \$2.70 and \$3.20  
Milk will remain at \$.50 per carton.
- I want to remind you that students need to be with a teacher, coach, and/or advisor after school. Students not with a certified staff member will be asked to leave the building.
- Student Schedule/Locker Assignment: Enclosed is your schedule of classes. Please review it carefully. The year has been divided into 2 semesters. Each semester will be divided into two quarters, therefore, there may be quarter courses (1/2 credit) and semester courses (1 credit). Please note that each block is listed as two periods.
  - Block 1 is the same as pds 1-2.
  - Block 2 is the same as pds 3-4.
  - Block 3 is the same as pds 5-6. Lunch is offered during this block.
  - Block 4 is the same as pds 7-8.

In some classes, student requests have been greater than the number of seats available. Therefore, an alternative course has been assigned. Please bring your schedule with you the first day of school. In the upper right hand corner of your schedule, under Plainfield High School, you will find the following information: Guidance Counselor name, locker number and combination, and your computer user name. We strongly recommend that you keep the locker combination confidential. If you have any questions, you may contact the guidance department to make an appointment to meet with your counselor.

- First Day of School – New Freshmen Only: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 is the first day of school for first year freshmen and new students only. There will be a special orientation program for all new and grade 9 students beginning at 7:30 AM and ending with an early dismissal at 11:10 AM. Students will tour the building, participate in a mini-orientation program, then take a mini-run through their daily schedule. Breakfast snacks will also be available. Time will also be available for locker identification and practice.
- First Full Day for all Students: Thursday, August 28, 2008 is the first full day of school for all students. Assemblies will be scheduled during this day to distribute and review handbooks and informational packets.
- Lunch Schedule: Lunch will be assigned during your block 3 (pd 5-6) classes. All students will report to block 3 prior to going to lunch on the first day of school. After an explanation of the lunch waves students who have lunch A will be dismissed to the cafeteria.

- School Pictures – Student Package and School I.D.: Student portraits and I.D. photos will be taken on Thursday, September 11, 2008. Life Touch Photography will provide students with photo package information. All students are required to have a student I.D. card.
- Informational Packet: The students will return home on the first day with a packet of various important forms that must be completed and returned. Please take time to review the Student Registration/Information Form. If any of your child's information has changed, please complete the necessary sections that require updating. Otherwise, simply provide the student's full name, the parent/guardian's full name and complete the Student Release Authorization, Verification of Information and the Handbook review section at the bottom of the page. As indicated, the signature of a parent/guardian and the student is required. The Student Handbook will be provided to each student on the first day of school. **It is extremely important that these forms be returned to the block 2 teacher by Friday, September 5, 2008.** Many of these forms are in response to State of Connecticut mandates. Please look for them on the first day of school.

I look forward to a successful school year and I hope to see all of you during the course of the year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. Thank you for your continuing support of Plainfield High School.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Arcarese  
Principal

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