



# 211 NEWSLETTER

October 2019

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

### HELLO PIRATES!

We are now 6 weeks into the school year! Students and staff have settled into their daily routines and are hard at work in their classes. Our 6 week in progress grades are now posted, you should be able to access them through the parent portal. We hope that you have found the portal helpful in staying up to date with your students' grades and attendance. If there are any concerns, please feel free to contact your children's counselors, teachers, or administrator with any questions. One of the most important factors in determining student success is regular daily attendance. Completing homework and having a regular study routine are also important factors in determining academic success. If students need additional assistance, our teachers are always happy to help during office hours or before and after school. We also have tutoring centers available for students, as well as tutoring support in the Math, Science and English departments throughout the day. The media center is open before and after school for quiet study or to access the Student Success Center. We are confident that you and your student will find all the resources you need to help them reach their full potential.

During the month of August we focused our school homeroom theme on "Getting Involved" in school. We encouraged every single student to get connected with either a sport or activity. We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for students to be involved and connected with like-minded students and teachers. In doing so, the rate of academic and behavioral success increases dramatically. During the month of September, in homeroom, we are focusing on "100 Years of Loyalty", a theme that highlights the 100th anniversary of the Palatine High School yearbook. Throughout the month we will have activities that connect students with the history and traditions that make Palatine High School what it is today. We are currently in the midst of Homecoming week. This year's Homecoming theme is "Flashback Fever, Through the Decades." As always, encourage your child to show their school spirit, and to get involved in any of the amazing festivities planned for the week. We will be ending the week with the football game on September 27, and the Homecoming dance on September 28. Our school homeroom theme for the month of October will be focusing on "The Future." Student homeroom lessons will be focused on college and career resources, as well as important professional skills that will be helpful on their journey through high school, college and beyond. Also in October, Palatine will be hosting the District 211 College Night on Wednesday, October 23, from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please contact the main office for more details.

I hope you and your student have had a wonderful start to the year and continue to have success and stay connected throughout the first semester. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Tony Medina  
Principal



## dates to remember

- October 17-19 Fall Play, Altergott Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- October 19 Incoming Freshman Testing
- October 22 Fall Orchestra and Band Concert, Altergott Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- October 23 District 211 College Night, Palatine High School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- October 24 Trick-or-Treat Festival, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- November 1 Fall Improv Show, Altergott Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- November 2 Booster Fall Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## Teacher Institute Days for 2019-2020

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Monday, January 6, 2020

## Morning Work Sessions – Student Late Start Tuesdays

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| October 8, 2019  | February 18, 2020 |
| October 22, 2019 | March 3, 2020     |
| November 5, 2019 | March 17, 2020    |
| January 21, 2020 | April 21, 2020    |
| February 4, 2020 |                   |

## Test Prep Course for College Entrance

A preparation course for the P.S.A.T. test will be offered this fall at Palatine High School. It will consist of six sessions, covering test-taking strategies, reading comprehension, and mathematical applications. There is no fee for this valuable experience!

More information will be distributed through English and Math courses.

## SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY INFORMATION

Safety and security are of utmost importance at Palatine High School. Students or parents who hear or witness something which they think might jeopardize student or staff safety or security should share this information in a confidential way with an administrator, teacher, or counselor. This can be done in person or by contacting a staff member directly. Other alternatives include using the anonymous reporting system on the PHS website or contacting the Information Hotline at 847-755-1911.

## COMMIT TO THE PIRATE (CTTP)

Palatine High School implements and supports a behavioral system known as Commit to the PIRATE. This school-wide system teaches positive behaviors and reinforces and acknowledges students who demonstrate these behaviors. The behavior expectations of Integrity, Respect, and Achievement are taught to all students in the school through direct teaching from staff members. The beginning of the year consists of lessons that touch on new expectations and school wide acknowledgments. Students who display our expectations are acknowledged by staff members. In addition to staff verbally recognizing students, students can be entered into monthly raffles to win prizes such as Homecoming tickets and gift cards.

Since implementing the Commit to the PIRATE program ten years ago, PHS has seen a reduction in office discipline referrals and a decrease in truancies. Commit to the Pirate continues to evolve and adapt our practices to our student needs. Our monthly lessons will be focused around themes created through collaboration with the Homeroom Committee, PTV, the solutions committee, Promise, and our administration. Lessons will continue to be geared around CTTP's three main behavior expectations: Integrity, Respect, and Achievement. We will continue to push our students and staff to reach for their fullest potential and to develop a growth mindset.

CTTP's mission statement reads, PHS students and staff are committed to providing a safe, consistent, positive learning environment where everyone is valued and respected. PHS staff will teach and model the social, emotional, and academic expectations for all members of the PHS community. This continues to be our main purpose as a school-wide behavioral intervention system, and we look forward to seeing what new opportunities it will bring to our school and community.

## ACADEMIC CORNER ~ FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The Family and Consumer Sciences Department is excited to start a new school year! We were excited to see many of the new teachers at PHS this year are alumni of our Education Internship program. There are over 70 students currently enrolled in the Education Internship program, where they assist a teacher at a local elementary school or right here at PHS. Students in Family and Consumer Sciences also have several opportunities to earn dual credit or an industry recognized credential. Students in Early Childhood Studies can earn the Level 1 Early Childhood Credential (last year 86% of students enrolled earned the credential). Dual credit courses in the FCS department include Culinary Arts 2 (including the Food Handler Certificate), Chemistry of Foods (including the Food Safety and Sanitation Manager Certificate), Fashion Construction, Fashion Merchandising, and Advanced Early Childhood Education.

Pirate Pete Preschool starts on September 4th with both morning and afternoon sessions. Openings for the afternoon session (1:00-2:30 p.m.) still exist for any child age 3-5 (and potty trained). For more information, please call (847)755-1736.

Students can get involved outside of the classroom by joining the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club or Fashion Club. Members of FCCLA showcased skills in various FCS events at both the Sectional and State levels. The Fashion Club sponsored the Prom/Turnabout Fashion Show where students modeled garments from JCPenney, David's Bridal, Lord and Taylor, The B Store, and Men's Warehouse.

We are looking forward to a great year and are excited about everything happening in our department!

## PHS STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

**Before and after school tutoring is available** in the Student Success Center located in the Media Center.

### Your source for:

**-Tutoring in Math, English and Science:** teachers available all day to answer your questions and help you unravel the mysteries of their subjects

**- Computer access:** 9 computers and a printer for your school-related needs

**- Study space:** room for quiet work – whether you are struggling or just want to get ahead

### Hours:

#### Before school:

7:10 – 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

#### During school:

Periods 1-8 every school day

#### After school:

3:40 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



## PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL'S BOOSTERS: LOU MALNATI'S FROZEN PIZZA FUNDRAISER

**PHS Students and families.... Help support our school by buying Lou Malnati's pizzas!** Pizza coupons are being sold for \$13.00 each. The PHS Booster Club gets \$5.00 for every pizza sold! The Booster Club helps to fund a variety of things for PHS (clubs, sports, dances, classroom needs, etc.)...

- Coupons are good for one 9 inch frozen pizza at any Lou Malnati's location.
- Coupons are good for 6 months.
- Options: Cheese, Sausage, Pepperoni or Spinach.
- Coupons cannot be used for any other purchases or for shipping frozen pizzas.
- Makes a great gift for the holidays, coaches, teachers, etc., or a great dinner that you can throw in the oven when you're looking for something easy/ quick to make!

**Pizza Coupons will be available to purchase in the PHS Cashier's Office from September 1st through September 30th.** All money must be collected at time of purchase. Cash OR checks made out to Palatine High School Pirate Booster Club are acceptable.

Any questions, contact Colleen Hubbard at: [colleen.hubbard06@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.hubbard06@gmail.com). Thanks!

## ***HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL IS BACK FOR THE 24TH YEAR!***

PHS Booster Club is once again sponsoring **Halloween Festival**. On Thursday, **October 24th, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, Palatine High School will host its 24th annual Trick-or-Treat Festival. Children 10 years of age and younger along with a parent are welcome to attend. If you would like any further information regarding the Halloween Festival, please contact Tony Medina, principal at 847-755-1610.

### ***SWIM SUIT POLICY***

Students are responsible for supplying their own swim suits. All suits must meet the following criteria.

#### **Girls' Swimsuit Requirements**

One-piece suit that is supportive and fitted.  
No decorative holes or see through material (avoid light colors)

#### **Boys' Swimsuit Requirements**

Boxer style swimsuit with draw-string  
Mesh inner lining required

#### **Rental Suit Policy**

Any student that needs to use a school issued suit (only if students' size is available) will check one out with their instructor for \$5.00 by the end of the first week of the swimming unit. That student is responsible for the suit until the end of the unit. That student will turn in the suit at the end of the last day in the pool to their instructor. If the suit is lost, an additional fee of \$15.00 will be charged to the student to cover the cost of the suit.

#### **Towels**

A towel will be supplied to use during the class period, although we encourage you to bring your own.

Contact the Physical Education Department Chairman or Aquatic Director for further clarification.

**Mr. Paul Belo**  
**Physical Education Department Chair**  
**847-755-1779**

**Mrs. Amy Brault**  
**Aquatic Director**  
**847-755-1778**

## ***NEW HALL OF FAMERS FOR 2019***

PHS wishes to congratulate Mark Hibner, Jocelyn Kuksa-Sparks and Yaacov Yisrael for being named to Palatine High School's Hall of Fame for their athletic accomplishments. These inductees will join Chic Anderson, Stan Anderson, Chris Andriano, Anthony Attiah, Bill Bahnfleth, Al and Sally Berman, Elisa (Currins) Bragga, Pat Leaf-Burke, Bob Carroll, Dan Collins, Don Crandall, Kathy Crandall, Steve Currins, Lori (Erickson) Delgado, Alan Eck, John Ellis, Angela (Zemla) Ferrazza, Charley Feutz, Harvey Foster, Bob Frisk, David Hasbach, Josh Heffernan, Annie Hernandez, Raeleen Horn, Joe Johnson, Claudia (Becque) Johnston, Dr. Richard Kolze, Marianne (Nance) Kozak, Ron Kozlicki, Jenny Kraeger, Keri (Nelson) Krause, Bill Lange, Amy Laskowske, Sergio Lund, Gerald A. McElroy, Brian McKay, Kevin McKenna, Andy Merutka, Katlin Millen, Fred Miller, Ed Molitor, Vikki (Simonis) Moran, Bud Nangle, Seth Norton, Donna O'Brien, Gerry O'Brien, Sandy Oldham, Nicole Pauly, Joe Petricca, Rich Pietrini, Alison (Wimer) Pinchot, Greg Plank, Ed Richardson, Dr. Nancy Robb, Len Rohde, Louis Schager Jr., Carolyn (Currins) Scanlon, Jim Sobb, Kyle Sorensen, Karen Staab-Gates, Kim Staab, Jim Stauner, Erik (Dieckman) Taylor, Julie (Justmann) Trautt, Jennifer (Kleemann) Urick, Mark Visk, Jodi Waddington, Suzy Turner Wallace, Robert Watson, Daniel Wimer, the 1985 Girls Badminton State Championship Team, and the IHSA State Meet Competitors for Girls Cross Country 1989-1996.

Homecoming festivities will feature the induction of Hall of Fame members at the varsity football game on Friday, September 27, 2019. A reception for family and friends will be held prior to the game in the stadium. A commemorative plaque with their pictures will be on display in the Hall of Fame section of the main athletic hallway. Community members are welcome to view the Hall of Fame during athletic events and submit nominations for future members to the athletic office or online at [Hall of Fame](#).

## ***FROM THE PIRATE BOOSTER CLUB***

The **Palatine High School Pirate Booster Club** is thrilled to embark on another year of supporting our PHS students, faculty and administration. Last year, we were able to award grants totaling \$95,000 for classroom instructional materials, programs, services and initiatives that reach all PHS students. The Pirate Boosters also awarded thirteen \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound seniors who demonstrated strong involvement at the high school and in the Palatine community at-large. With the addition of donations toward Post Prom and other PHS events, in total, the PHS Pirate Boosters were able to donate almost \$115,000 back to Palatine High School.

Being a part of the Boosters club allows parents, PHS alumni, and community members' opportunities to be involved and help support the school in various activities throughout the year. The Pirate Boosters publish a bi-monthly newsletter to keep Booster members up-to-date on the many ways to get involved. Some of the Booster volunteer activities include: concessions for home football and basketball games, as well as other sporting events, Craft Fair, Dinner and Auction, and

Post Prom. Volunteers are what make these events happen.

We invite all parents to join us in our mission to support PHS students. Please check out our volunteer opportunities here: <http://phspirateboosters.com/volunteers/>.

Need some PHS spirit wear? Visit our school store, which is open throughout the school week and at home football games. Our online store is also available through our website ([http://www.waistup.com/PHS\\_Pirate\\_Boosters/shop/home](http://www.waistup.com/PHS_Pirate_Boosters/shop/home)), so you can catch PHS spirit by stocking up on items from the convenience of your own home!

Visit the Pirate Boosters online at [www.phspirateboosters.com](http://www.phspirateboosters.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/phsboosters](http://www.facebook.com/phsboosters). For more information, email us at [president@phspirateboosters.com](mailto:president@phspirateboosters.com).

Go Pirates.

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PHS Booster Co-Presidents