



# 211 NEWSLETTER

January 2020

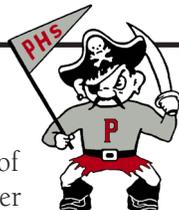
## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

### HAPPY NEW YEAR PIRATES!

First of all I'd like to welcome the parents and students of the PHS class of 2024, who are receiving their first newsletter from PHS. We are very excited for the families and students to join the Palatine High School community. Palatine is a community full of pirate pride and respect for all people. I am confident that you and your new student will be made to feel welcome by our students and staff.

Throughout the month of December our school focus was "True Pirates Show Grit", in preparation for the hectic month of December that is full of winter sports, concerts, and performances. In addition to this, the students and teachers worked very hard in preparation for the first semester finals. We are hopeful that students and staff were able to re-energize over the holiday break. Our homeroom theme for the month of January is "2020, Perfect Vision." We want every student to have a focus on success and setting goals to make 2020 a great year. Please encourage your child to set rigorous but clear goals that they can achieve, be it in academics, activities, or athletics.

Even though we are only halfway through the year, we have already begun preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. Our guidance counselors are meeting with students to select next year's courses. Be sure to talk with your student about future educational plans and possible career goals and make sure they match the courses they have selected. Keep these plans and goals in mind as you review the course selection confirmation sheets that will be mailed home soon. Students have until the end of January to see their counselors to make adjustments to their course selections. Palatine has over 200 courses in its curriculum, I encourage students to take advantage of the many elective classes PHS offers in addition to the required courses -- they are a great way to enrich the educational experience. Students have access to a wide range of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses where they have the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. The goal of District 211 is to have all students graduate with 15 college credits before they leave us. Information on the Power of 15 is available here. Students who earn college credits in high school are much more likely to not only graduate from college, but also to graduate on time, so please encourage your son/daughter to challenge themselves by enrolling in either a Dual Credit or Advanced Placement course during the course of their



high school career. Our Curriculum Guide is available on-line or by clicking this link, as well as a link to our career clusters site.

Thank you very much for reading and we look forward to making 2020 a great year. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Tony Medina  
Principal

## dates to remember

January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. (No School)
January 21	Student Late Start
January 22-25	Musical, 7:00 p.m.
February 4	Student Late Start
February 13-14	Dance Show
February 17	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 18	Student Late Start
February 21	Early Dismissal – Girls' State Gymnastics Meet (dismissal 12:35 p.m.)
February 22	Girls' State Gymnastics Meet

## Guidelines for Senior Final Examinations

Students who meet the following criteria may choose to exempt from their second semester final examinations. To be qualified for exemption, a student must:

- 1) be a senior
- 2) have at least a "C" average in the course
- 3) have five or fewer absences from the class
- 4) have never been truant from the class
- 5) have never been suspended from the class
- 6) not be incomplete on assignments required

Exempted seniors may choose to take the final examination by notifying their teacher at any time prior to the end of the semester. All final examinations will be given May 20, 21 and 22, 2020.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are many scholarships available specifically for seniors graduating from PHS in May 2020. There will be D211 Foundation scholarship applications available early second semester. Other scholarship applications, such as the PHS VIP scholarships, the D211 Teacher's Union Scholarships, Rotary, and other local scholarship opportunities are available on the PHS Student Services Website. A quick link for available scholarships can be accessed by clicking on the "Academics" tab on the homepage, and then click on "Student Services", then click on the "Scholarship" link located on the left hand side, or by using the following link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S\\_ptB0t\\_slUFiGf5Owny1sU-vwxEnmZcfURYUeukITQ/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_ptB0t_slUFiGf5Owny1sU-vwxEnmZcfURYUeukITQ/edit#gid=0). All scholarships on this link are posted in order of deadline date. Most scholarship applications are to be submitted on-line, however, if a paper application is required, these will be available to print from the scholarship link. In some cases, students will need to see Mrs. Castro on the White Team. Please check the "Scholarship" link often throughout the school year as postings are updated/added as they're made available. It is essential that students meet all scholarship application requirements, deadlines and follow all directions carefully. Keep in mind that scholarship applications may require recommendation letters and/or a transcript. Official transcript requests for scholarship applications are processed through the Registrar's Office. \*\*\*The majority of scholarships pertain to senior students only, but there are a few scholarships that underclassmen can apply for and it will be indicated when appropriate.

As a reminder, all seniors planning to attend a college/university are encouraged to complete the online FAFSA form which became available on October 1, 2019. Please note that some trade/technical/cosmetology schools and programs encourage the completion of the FAFSA application as well. Financial Aid is a three-tiered system, and colleges/universities use the information from a family's FAFSA application to award campus-based aid as well as other forms of financial aid to students. The link to file your family's FAFSA report is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Comprehensive information pertaining to financial aid, ACT/SAT testing, scholarships, and such is also found within the Student Services website.

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### PIRATE PETE TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK!

Pirate Pete Trivia Night to support the Ray Mills fund will be held on **Friday, April 3rd** in the cafeteria. Start time is 7:00 p.m. so be early! Tables are \$50 apiece and teams can have a maximum of eight players. Anyone is welcome: teachers, students, spouses, parents, relatives, or community members.

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### 2020 CENSUS-BE COUNTED!

Beginning in March, the United States Census Bureau will invite households across the country to participate in the 2020 Census in order to count every person living in the U.S. 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Learn more about the 2020 Census and why it's important to participate at <https://2020census.gov>. **Be counted!**

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### PATH AND PFA DONATE TO STUDENTS IN NEED

This holiday season, PATH (Palatine Assisting Through Hope) and PFA (Palatine Faith in Action) generously donated gift bags for approximately 120 very deserving students at Palatine High School. These organizations made the holiday season much more joyous for many of our families. At Palatine, we have over 50% of our students on free and reduced lunch, which means many times families aren't able to contribute their own funds to purchasing gifts. This can be extremely difficult for our families, but with the help of PATH and PFA many children experienced the magic of the season. The support that PATH and PFA provide doesn't stop there, they continue to support our school and community in various ways throughout the year. We are forever grateful for all they've done to meet the needs of our community. We truly appreciate their unwavering and continued support. Our community continues to stay strong because of all they do.

## GUIDED STUDY HALL AND THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

At Palatine High School, we have high expectations for all our students to succeed in reaching their academic potential. For those who are struggling, we offer a variety of programs to help them succeed. In the **Student Success Center**, math, English, and science teachers provide academic support to students every period of the day, as well as before and after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Additionally, Social Studies provides support before and after school Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as well as Friday mornings. Students are encouraged to drop in for help with homework, test preparation, or for a little extra help with something they didn't completely "get" in class. The Student Success Center is located in the Media Center.

At PHS, students who failed an academic course in the previous quarter may be assigned to the Guided Study Hall program. Students have a Guided Study Hall during an open period in their schedule or the first half of their lunch hour. During the assigned **Guided Study Hall**, students have time to work on homework and study in an academically supportive environment. The Guided Study Hall teacher monitors the students' academic progress and has regular grade check-ins. Students in Guided Study Hall may also visit the math, English, and science tutors in the Student Success Center during their study hall time. To receive more information on how to get your student into a Guided Study Hall please contact your child's counselor.

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### SEAL OF BILITERACY

Township High School District 211 students earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and an additional language. Students can demonstrate proficiency in a target language by earning a 4 or 5 on an AP exam, 1-5 on the AAPPL or Intermediate High on the STAMP exam. Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Current languages available are Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai. Students interested in taking the AAPPL or STAMP exam may pick up a registration form in the student services office. The exam will be administered between February 17 – 28, 2020, during the first half of the day. The exam consists of four modules and lasts approximately 2 to 4 hours. The assessment is not a timed test. There is a \$20 fee associated with the administration of this exam. Payment and registration will need to be submitted by the end of the school day January 31, 2020. Students who earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy will be notified in May or July depending on availability of exam results. For more information on how to earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy please go to <https://adc.d211.org/academic/home/illinois-seal-of-biliteracy/>. Please contact the Student Services Department at 847-755-1630 with questions.

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### D211 CAREER EXPO CALL FOR BUSINESSES

High School District 211 is hosting its 3rd Annual Career Expo on February 27, 2020 at Fremd High School in Palatine from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Career options will be showcased for students (freshmen-seniors) from Palatine, Fremd, Conant, Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates High Schools. We are looking for professionals from a variety of fields to share industry knowledge and experience and talk with students and parents about their career paths. College major and career choices are important decisions for young people, and we want to provide them with valuable information to help them make informed decisions about their futures. Your participation would be greatly appreciated! No formal presentation is required, just a willingness to tell your story and share your career knowledge, as well as give advice and answer students' general career questions. Most professionals will be providing general career information, but there is an opportunity for your organization to offer summer internships, apprenticeships or full-time jobs to high school graduates.

Our future workforce needs your guidance. We hope you will consider giving two hours of your time to inspire young people and help them learn about careers at this free event.

Visit <http://adc.d211.org/domain/4783> to learn more or businesses can register at <https://tinyurl.com/2020careerexpo> registration. Questions should be directed to District 211 Career Advisor Jan Brottman, [jbrottman@d211.org](mailto:jbrottman@d211.org)

## ACADEMIC CORNER – PHS ART DEPARTMENT

Art teachers worked over the summer to develop student writing rubrics to encourage authentic student assessment. This is part of a school wide initiative of writing as assessment to support student writing and comprehension in all curricular areas. We have been sharing and adapting these ideas across the department during our morning Professional Learning Team meetings.

Two of our art teachers are currently on the school Equity committee and have been instrumental in

helping to begin to address achievement gaps that may be a result of socioeconomic conditions.

Our Art Portfolio Advanced Placement program is stronger than ever. We have three separate sections of A.P. studio running this year. We currently have one dual credit course with Harper College titled A256 Art in Contemporary Society and are working on increasing our dual credit offerings for the Fall of 2020.

The Palatine High School Art department continues

to provide its students with many opportunities for exhibition, scholarship and college and career readiness. This Spring, Palatine Art Students earned over 2.7 million dollars in combined scholarship offerings.

Be sure to check out the new and improved Art department website <http://phsartdepartment.wixsite.com/home> for the latest happenings. Also follow us on instagram @palatinehsart.

### ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS -PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL-2020-2021

Adaya, Sheyla	Desai, Somil	Green, Michael	Kics, Ava	Murphy, Olivia	Sinha, Shivansh
Aikman, Sydney	Desai, Viraj	Gregor, Kate	Kim, Nathan	Naylor, Ann	Sloan, Timothy
Anderson, Caraline	Devaguptapu, Nikhil	Grossman, Benjamin	Koruna, Benjamin	Novosad, Brooke	Sloan, William
Angelaccio, Patrick	Domanus, Amber	Guss, Robert	Kust, Savannah	Panczyk, Nataly	Smith, Leeanne
Annerino, Christina	Duphare, Neena	Hagenbuch, Isabelle	Lambke, Eric	Peryniak, Victoria	Szafraniec, Karina
Bennett, Caleb	Duran, Andrew	Hernandez, Brandon	Lasalle, Connor	Reaney, Grace	Teehan, Sarah
Boghossian, Tess	Dutzi, Ava	Hernandez, Leticia	Lopez, Valery	Ripka, Jillian	Tewari, Krishna
Brewer, Elena	Dziadzka, Jonathan	Hickey, Danielle	Malagon, Ashley	Ritterbusch, Matthew	Theis, Jonathan
Brock, Riley	Ehrenstrom, Kevin	Honermeier, Erik	Mandarino, Julianna	Roehrborn, Holly	Tierrablanca, Hugo
Busch, Abigail	Elmer, Greta	Hopper, Charles	Maude, McKenzie	Ropelewski, Anna	Tsau, Ryan
Camarillo, Sandy	Escudero, William	Jayanth, Anshita	McDermott, Heather	Schiller, Nicole	Wagner, Jacob
Cherian, Gabriella	Fischer, Madison	Juskiewicz, Sarah	Metzo, Fiona	Schmidt, Abbie	Williams, John
Daly, Leah	Friel, Chase	Kaegi, Isabel	Moorkoth, Priya	Service, Josalyn	
Davit, Isha	Garcia, Andre Miguel	Kalle, Rahul	Murali, Divya	Shin, Yunah	

### PIRATE PRIDE SHOUT OUT -PIRATE PRIDE WINNERS 1ST SEMESTER 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Sanarya Al Minshidwi	Aniya Cook	Benjamin Gomez	Katherine Mathias	Ria Pinkston	Aralette Suarez
William Alcantar	Austin Cortez	Jose Gomez	Charles Mayschak	Daniel Pozos	Eileen Suarez
Sama Allam	Carol De Miranda	Giovanni Gonzalez	Makiy McGee-Miles	Axel Prado	Richard Suarez
Nathan Allen	Steven Deombeleg,	Litzy Gorostieta Valez	Elisabet Mena	April Sky Ramirez	Armas, Arleth Suastegui
Kevin Alzate	Jolie DeValk, Andres	James Hawran	Angelicca Mendoza	Mia Ramirez	Shariffer Swain
Juliana Arebalo	Diaz	Kayla Haynes	Michael Merlino	Aahib Rao	Ricardo Tapia Torres
Axel Arredondo	Rhiann Dick	Kristian Hernandez	Ben Minasola	Diego Rivera	Betzaida Texta
Priyanshu Bahadur	Patrick Dix	Christian Hernandez-	Ishika Mishra	Edwin Rodriguez	Ryan Tokar
Mirza Baig	Reegan Dockery	Estrada	Aidan Mix	Yessenia Rodriguez	Mohammed Zeeshan
Edgar Balbuena	Alejandro Ducatenzeiler	Simon Holland	Keylan Mix	Andrade	Uddin
Marleny Barrera	Tetiana Dudnikova	William Hopp	Miguel Moctezuma III	Nicole Roman	William Valez-
Yoilin Barrientos	Sontee Duncan	Aelia Hyden	Ashley Molina	Andrea Sanchez	Salamanca
Alvarado	Edwin Duran	Luis Iturbide	Juan Montoya	Antonio Sanchez	Fernando Valero
Brianna Becker	Ruth Duran	Sophie Kaegi	Joane Murillo	David Sanchez	Campos
Guillermo Bermudez	Jason Esquivel	Ariana Kerr-Cecil	Garrett Nelson	Selena Sanchez	Kayla Varela
Katerina Bozhkova	Dariela Estrada Moreno	Mohammad Khan	Gabriel Nevarez	Jorge Sanchez Ocampo	Boris Varfolomeyev
K'amari Brewer	Caden Fan, Haley	Jackson Kist	Julian Nevarez	Omar Sanchez Ocampo	Magdalena Venegas
Aaminah Brown	Filipponio	Jillian Kolany	Gregory Nickles	Sabrina Sarov	Jeffrey Wardle
Christina Buckstaff	Hannah Fong	Jasmin Llerena	Jack Nix	Jennifer Serrano	Klaidas Wikar
Ashley Bustos, David	Parker Forseth	Nora Loftus	Zahir Nunez	Katie Shapiro	Pavlo Yusypiuk
Cabrera	Ana Maria Galvan	Jennifer Lopez	Saray Pacheco	William Shoults	Grace Ziomek
Johnathan Caldera	Denisse Garcia	Valery Lopez	Austin Pal	Melanie Simon	Lindsey Zoyohua
Alaina Caleja	Giselle Garcia	Julissa Malagon	Dhruv Parekh	Natalia Smielinski	
Jacqueline Carmona	Andrea Gardner	Itzel Maldonado	Juan Patino	Cinthya Solis	
Brian Cazares	Alli Gerdes	Diego Maradiaga	Daniel Perdomo	Isabel Solorio	
Joseline Concepcion	Meghan Gillies	David Marquez	Lara, Ruby Perez	Eduardo Sotero	
Garcia	Ashley Giron	Mariana Martinez	Brandon Perez-Enriquez	Tyler Strahl	

### FROM THE PIRATE BOOSTER CLUB

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were filled with time spent with family and friends. The beginning of a new year is traditionally the time for resolutions. Please consider getting connected with the PHS Pirate Booster Club. We support over 60 activities and groups and 30 athletic teams. It's never too late to get involved. The new year brings exciting opportunities for the Pirate Boosters and the students of PHS. With your help we can further our mission of improving the high school experience for all PHS students. To learn more about the PHS Pirate Boosters and volunteer opportunities available please visit us at [www.phspirateboosters.com](http://www.phspirateboosters.com).

Please mark your calendars for the PHS Pirate Booster Dinner Auction to be held on Friday, March 6, 2020, at Cotillion Banquets in Palatine. Those who attended last year were treated to some great entertainment. This year's event promises to provide an evening of fun that

you can share with friends. As always, everyone attending the dinner is encouraged to wear PHS gear. This year we added a special PHS tshirt for purchase, only available to auction attendees! Register here to attend this fantastic event: <http://phs.schoolauction.net/phs2020/>

As we begin the second half of the school year, we anticipate great things to be happening in and around our school. Thank you to all PHS Pirate Booster members, faculty, administration, and mostly the students of PHS for a fantastic first semester. We look forward to the second semester and making this a school year that creates great memories and opportunities for our students.

Jean Choi and TerrieAnn Jones - PHS Booster Co-Presidents

# *FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS TEST IN APRIL*

## *Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors Test in April*

### *SAT*

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), will be administered throughout Illinois on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This state-funded SAT fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state's required assessment to be eligible to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing. The assessment measures student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. This state-funded SAT can be used as a college or university entrance exam score.

Students can choose to take an additional SAT on a national test date to improve test scores. This option may be discussed with your child's school counselor to determine the benefits of additional testing and to receive information about national SAT tests the dates and costs. You can find detailed information about the SAT online at <http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>. Fees charged by College Board for testing on national test dates are the responsibility of the individual students and/or parents. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students through the student services department.

<i>SAT Test Dates</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>Late Registration</i>
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 14, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 19, 2020

### *PSAT 10*

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

### *PSAT 9*

Freshmen will be administered the PSAT 8/9 on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. You can find additional information about the PSAT 8/9 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Performance on these assessments helps District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 identify areas to strengthen prior to the State-required junior year assessment. Students dismissed following exam. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

	<i>Freshmen</i>	<i>Sophomores</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 14, 2020</b>	Do not report to school	Do not report to school.	SAT administration, junior students report to school. Students will be dismissed approximately at 12:30pm/1:15 pm	Do not report to school
<b>Wednesday, April 15, 2020</b>	PSAT 9 administration, freshmen students report to school. Students will be dismissed approximately at 11:15am/12:00pm	PSAT 10 administration, sophomore students report to school. Students will be dismissed approximately at 11:15am/12:00pm	Do not report to school	Do not report to school

## *March 12, 2020 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)*

Change in school day schedule. The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA), a state required science assessment, will be administered to all juniors on March 12, 2020. In order to accommodate the facility and staff requirements for these tests, freshman, sophomore and senior students will attend a late start schedule on March 12, 2020 (10:00 a.m. – 2:45 pm/10:40 – 3:30pm). Freshman, sophomore and senior students should report to their bus stop at 9:10am/9:55am on March 12. The ISA is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for more information.

	<i>Freshmen</i>	<i>Sophomores</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
<b>March 12 Modified Schedule</b>	Late start (10:00am-2:45pm/10:40-3:30pm) Report to bus stop 9:10am/9:55am.	Late start (10:00 a.m. – 2:45 pm/10:40 – 3:30pm) Report to bus stop 9:10am/9:55am.	Students report to school at normal start times.	Late start (10:00 a.m. – 2:45 pm/10:40 – 3:30pm) Report to bus stop 9:10am/9:55am.