



211 NEWSLETTER

March 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

HELLO PIRATES!

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful start to the year! Throughout January and February our school and homeroom theme has had an emphasis on personal growth. We began the year with the theme of "Perfect Vision 2020" and have transitioned into the theme for February, which we have titled "Leaps and Bounds" in honor of our commitment to personal and academic growth in the 2020 leap year! Our homerooms have been abuzz with activities and discussions on the aforementioned topics. You can supplement these discussions with your students at home by talking to them about personal growth that they want to focus on.

Winter Sports and Activities are coming to a close here. Our students have worked very hard, and in turn have had some very successful seasons! Some of the other highlights included our Musical, Shrek, which hosted sellout crowds all three nights! We also hosted our PHS Dance Show in February, which highlights the musical and artistic talents of so many of our students.

Upcoming events in the next few weeks are the IHSA Girls Gymnastics meet which is always hosted at Palatine High School. Another great opportunity to focus on personal growth is the District 211 Career Expo, which is hosted at Fremd High School. This is an amazing event that allows students to connect with professionals and hiring managers in the 16 Career Clusters that District 211 offers to students.

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at the Palatine High School Booster Dinner and Auction on Friday March 6th! There is more information regarding this event at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you, and as always Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Tony Medina
Principal



dates to remember

- February 25 College Planning Night for Juniors, 7:00 p.m.
- March 3 Student Late Start
- March 5 Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- March 6 Pirate Booster Club Dinner and Auction
- March 12 Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- March 17 Student Late Start
- March 17 Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- March 19 Mr. Pirate Contest, 7:00 p.m.
- March 20 Spring Vacation begins at close of school
- March 30 Opening day of school after spring vacation
- April 4 Spring Improv Show, 7:00 p.m.
- April 9 Student Council Blood Drive

SAT Prep Class Schedule 2020

*All classes will meet in room 373 and are FREE!!!

*Morning and afternoon sessions are the same.

Thursday, February 20: Writing (Humanities and Careers)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 27: Reading (Science and Social Studies)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 5: Math (calculator)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 12: Writing (History, S.S. and Science)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 19: Math (no calculator)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2: Reading (Literature and History)	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 9: Essay	7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 .m.

TEST DAY: Tuesday, April 14th

No need to sign up – just show up! It's okay if you can't attend all sessions –come to as many as you can.
See Mrs. Hanson (Math), Mrs. O'Keefe (Science), or Mrs. Sheehan (English) with questions.

PHS BOOSTER CLUB 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

The PHS Pirate Booster Club is accepting applications for its 46th annual Scholarship Program starting January 13, 2020. These scholarships will be awarded to deserving members of the Palatine High School graduating class of 2020 wishing to further their education. Up to 14 graduating seniors may receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Twelve of these scholarships are named in honor of Fred Zajonc. Mr. Zajonc was a community leader, a village trustee, and long-time member and past president of the Booster Club who worked tirelessly to generate parent and community support of Palatine High School.

The thirteenth scholarship, the "Charlotte M. and Robert C. Donahue Millennium Scholarship" was donated by PHS alumni, Andy and Patrick Donahue, in honor of their parents, the late Charlotte and Robert Donahue. This year an additional scholarship will be offered by the PHS Graduating Class of 1979. The "Legacy Scholarship" will follow the same selection criteria as the Booster and Millennium scholarships.

****Please submit completed applications by 3:45pm on Monday, March 16, 2020 to Marla Morrissey in the main office at PHS.****

Applicant Requirements

Must be attending a 4 year college/university, 2 year community college or a certified trade/vocational school

Minimum 2.0 GPA. If an applicant has less than a 2.0 average, but has extenuating circumstances, please submit the completed application along with a separate typed statement of explanation.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship committee is looking for students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic excellence, service, and volunteerism at Palatine High School and in the community.

More information and the application can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/PHSBoosterScholarship2020>

2020 CENSUS-BE COUNTED!

Census Day is April 1, 2020. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, respond for your home in one of three ways: online (portal opens on March 27), by phone, or by mail. When responding to the Census, tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020. Learn more about the 2020 Census and why it's important to participate at: <https://2020census.gov>. **Everyone Counts!**

DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Marie Kondo got you spring cleaning your closets or you don't know what to do with your daughter's formal dress? Please consider donating formal dresses to Palatine High School's Say "Yes" to the Dress at PHS. We are looking for gently used, cleaned dresses for Prom. Donations will be taken the month of March. Please bring dresses to the main office Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM. If you have any questions, please email Joyce Richardson at jrichardson@d211.org.

CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE

The Palatine High School Special Education Department is hosting the 5th Biennial Cupcakes for a Cause event on Saturday, March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria to raise money for our special education clubs and activities. Additional information at www.palatinecupcakes2020.com.

BOOKING WITH THE PIRATES PROGRAM

This unique program is a cooperative effort between Palatine High School and District 15 that promotes the development of good reading habits in future Pirates. Third and fourth grade students from Jane Addams, Lake Louise, Lincoln, Sanborn, Virginia Lake and Winston Campus, packed the Palatine gymnasium on Friday, February 7, 2020, to celebrate their achievement while cheering on the Pirates. In between the Sophomore and Varsity basketball games, our special guests, along with school administrators and teachers, were recognized for their efforts. The Booking with the Pirates reading program extended their invitation to the game with an exciting assembly at each participating school which recognized 523 students for meeting their reading goals. Those students meeting their individual reading goal also received a Pirate Pete backpack, pencil and certificate of program completion. In addition, one classroom from each grade per school was awarded a t-shirt as an added incentive for having the most minutes read.

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE PLANNED

Palatine High School Student Council will host the annual spring semester Blood Drive on Thursday, April 9, 2020, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The drive is being organized by Student Council students under the direction of their sponsor, Ms. Stefanie Pierropoulos, and a student chair. Students 16 years of age may participate with a signed parent permission form. Parent permission forms are not required by the school or Heartland for students 17 and older for this activity. Each participating student's age will be verified by a Heartland staff member. If you do not wish your son or daughter to donate blood, please discuss this with him or her. Blood supplies at this time are dangerously low. This is an opportunity for students and community members to donate blood. If you are interested in donating blood, come to the East Gym on the day and time listed above.

VARSITY CLUB: SERVICE AND SPIRIT

Members of the Varsity Club are committed to improve the school spirit and culture of sportsmanship at Palatine High School. Varsity club students actively participate in the organization and planning of multiple sporting events as well as school sponsored functions throughout the year. Members of the club create themes that promote spirit and sportsmanship. Students that join Varsity Club make a positive difference to those on and off the field. Varsity Club is an active organization committed to make a difference at P.H.S. and in the community at large. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Meetings are announced via the club twitter handle @PHSVCLUB. New members are always welcome. Contact Mr. Belo (pbelo@d211.org) or Mr. Leathem (jleathem@d211.org) if your student would be interested in learning more about what being a Varsity Club member has to offer.

OFF CAMPUS, PARKING, AND STUDY HALL

Students have the opportunity to earn many privileges at Palatine High School; some of these include the ability to park on campus, have an option study hall period and/or off campus permission. All of these privileges are earned through academic performance and behavior. Upperclassmen (junior and senior students) who have passed all of their classes, demonstrate good attendance and overall good school citizenship will be allowed to apply for these privileges. Students not meeting expectations may be assigned to a study hall where they can receive assistance and instruction to help them meet expectations.

ACADEMIC CORNER – APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

The Applied Technology Department has evolved significantly. We have established partnerships with several professional organizations, local industry, and colleges to ensure that our curriculum is meeting the needs of our community.

The Applied Technology Department offers exploratory opportunities in the following career pathways: Architecture and Construction, Interactive and Information Technology, Manufacturing, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math), and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. We offer over 30 courses in these pathways and 14 of these courses are tied to college credit.

The partnerships that we have built with local industry have allowed us the opportunity to offer students real world project-based learning. We have had over 50 students receive internship opportunities and 10 students have

been awarded apprenticeship scholarships where the company has paid for the student's education while providing them a salary with full health and investment benefits.

This will be the sixth year that engineering students at Palatine High School have participated in the Illinois STEM Research and Development initiative. In this project the students will be working directly with a team of 8 engineers from Northrop Grumman to solve real world complex problems.

Students in our Project Lead the Way Computer Integrated Manufacturing class have been working in teams to build Combat Robots. Students are designing, building, and testing an 85 pound robot. They will be competing against local area high school teams.

Our co-taught Geometry in Construction (GIC) course is in its third year of implementation. The curriculum is taught by a Math and

Applied Technology teacher that covers content found in a traditional geometry course while highlighting applications of geometry in the field of construction. Students in this course develop skills in teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking, and hands-on skills related to carpentry and other areas of construction.

We are in the third year of implementing T373 Networking, Administration and Security computer course. Students configure Cisco switches, manage Windows Server 2016, and configure security systems. Curriculum and classroom projects prepare students for the Network+ certification exam through CompTIA.

To learn more please visit the PHS Applied Technology Department website at <http://phsappliedtech.wixsite.com/home>.

Show Your Pirate Pride

Join us to celebrate and raise funds
for the students and staff at Palatine High School

Attire for the evening is casual.
Wear PHS spirit wear to show your Pirate Pride!



Friday, March 6, 2020
The Cotillion Banquets
360 S. Creekside Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

5:30 p.m. – Doors open and Event begins
Special Guest Appearance
(watch for more details)

6:00 p.m. – Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres
Silent Auction
Raffle Ticket Sales
Grub Grab
Wine Pull
Chuck-A-Duck

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Dinner and Live Auction
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Silent Auction & Raffles Close
10:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Dancing, Cocktails, and Check-Out



Register to attend at:

<http://phs.schoolauction.net/phs2020/>

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>
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	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
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	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>
March 12 Modified Schedule	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.