

2021/22 back to school



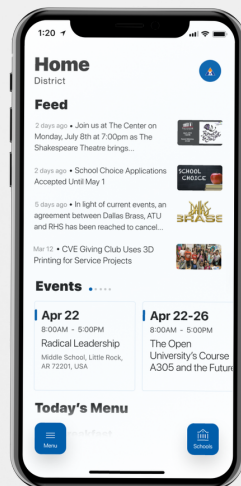
school matters

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

great students + great educators + great school = the perfect combination

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from the
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MONTANGE'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school! We hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer and that you were able to spend some quality time with friends and family doing all the great things that our wonderful State and town have to offer. This summer felt a lot more “normal” than what we experienced over the prior summer! Our district is very excited about this upcoming school year for our students and families set to begin on August 30th. High School sports and marching band are already in full swing and I am happy to report that we had over 500 students participate in our SAIL summer school learning sessions.

You have likely noticed the new wing of the Middle School is nearing completion and our construction teams are working hard to have the entire building ready to go for staff and students. Many upgrades have already been completed and more are scheduled for the upcoming year. These upgrades will have a significant impact for the learning environment provided for our MS students and staff, THANK YOU to our community for your support. Please note that additional information on the bond and our various projects can be found later in this publication.

You may also have noticed that we have a new website and I hope you are taking advantage of the new Plainwell Schools App that can provide you with instant access and information about the district and your student(s). I am also happy to announce that we have several new staff members joining our team that bring a wealth of experience and talent to our district that will allow us to continue to provide an excellent education for your student(s).

As always, we appreciate your partnership in the process of educating our kids, and can't thank you enough for the privilege and opportunity to do so. There is no doubt that we will face additional challenges this year but we are prepared to be flexible and do what is needed to focus on the education of our children. We wish all of you a great “more normal” school year and look forward to seeing you soon. GO TROJANS!!

MATTHEW MONTANGE
PCS SUPERINTENDENT

congratulations & best wishes

CONGRATULATIONS! Prior to kicking off the new school year, we would like to extend our congratulations to the Plainwell High School Class of 2021! They celebrated their graduation on May 27 at an outdoor ceremony at Streidl Field. The Class of 2021 took on many obstacles, especially over the last few years, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work throughout their education at Plainwell Community Schools! From all of us at PCS - we wish the Class of 2021 all the best in their next chapter! Trojan pride!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!



welcome high schoolers

We are looking forward to the 2021/22 school year at Plainwell High School. We are excited to welcome back the classes of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the building on Monday, August 30, as we kick-off this year with the Trojans.

As we embark on this new school year, we will be celebrating 150 years of encouraging innovation & promoting excellence at PHS! Throughout the year, the High School will be honoring and celebrating the amazing accomplishments of PHS over the last 150 years. Trojan pride!

high school important dates

ATHLETIC KICK-OFF MEETING (AT THE PAC)

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 18
- **Time:** 6:30 pm

FRESHMAN BOOT CAMP (AT THE PAC)

- **Date:** Thursday, August 19
- **Time:** 9-11:30 am

SOPHOMORE MATERIAL PICK-UP & PICTURES

- **Date:** Thursday, August 19
- **Time:** 1-3 pm

JUNIOR & SENIOR MATERIAL PICK-UP & PICTURES

- **Date:** Friday, August 20
- **Time:** 9-11 am for Juniors and 1-3 pm for Seniors

PHS OPEN HOUSE

- **Date:** Thursday, August 26
- **Time:** 5:30-7 pm
- **Details:** Tour the High School, meet your teachers and join us for our 1st home football game vs. Otsego where we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Plainwell/Otsego rivalry! Go Trojans!

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- **Date:** Thursday, October 7
- **Time:** 4-8 pm (held via Zoom)

back to school reminders

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- The first day of school is Monday, August 30 (half day)

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:40 am-2:26 pm | 1/2 Day: 11:04 am

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

- Students that receive a Chromebook through the district must purchase insurance (\$18) prior to the start of the school year on Revtrak at plainwell.revtrak.net.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- For the latest news from Trojan Athletics, please visit phstrojans.com.

PLAINWELL
HIGH SCHOOL



welcome koalas, geckos, rock starrs & pcs virtual

We are ready to begin another great year at Cooper, Gilkey, Starr and PCS Virtual & Hybrid Elementary schools. We greatly look forward to seeing our students back in the buildings and welcoming our kindergarten students - the class of 2035 - to school! If your student is attending PCS as a virtual or hybrid student, we are looking forward to another successful year of learning through one of these exciting learning opportunities. Whatever educational route suits your family, we will strive to create an educational plan that helps your student succeed in and out of the classroom!

community recreation

Plainwell's Community Recreation is excited to offer a number of great youth programs this fall & winter. From volleyball, to indoor soccer, to basketball programs, the PCS Community Rec team has some great opportunities for the elementary students to stay active and be involved. For more information on these upcoming programs, please see page #9 of this publication or visit plainwellschools.org/page/youth-programs.

elementary important dates

OPEN HOUSES

- **Cooper Elementary:** Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30-7 pm
- **Gilkey Elementary:** Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30-7 pm
- **Starr Elementary:** Wednesday, August 25 from 5:30-7 pm

PICTURE DAYS

- **Cooper Elementary:** Wednesday, September 22 (retakes 10/28)
- **Gilkey Elementary:** Tuesday, September 21 (retakes 10/26)
- **Starr Elementary:** Thursday, September 23 (retakes 11/2)

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR)

- **New this year!** Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled by the teacher between October 14-29, 2021. More information and scheduling details will be shared this fall.

back to school reminders

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- The first day of school is Monday, August 30 (half day)

DAILY SCHEDULES

- **Cooper Elementary:** 8:20 am-3:26 pm | 1/2 Day: 11:49 am
- **Gilkey Elementary:** 8:18 AM-3:25 pm | 1/2 Day: 11:49 am
- **Starr Elementary:** 8:30 AM-3:36 pm | 1/2 Day: 11:59 am

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

- Virtual/Hybrid students that receive a Chromebook through the district must purchase insurance (\$18) prior to the start of the school year on Revtrak at plainwell.revtrak.net.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

welcome middle schoolers

NEWS

We are excited to begin another great year of learning at Plainwell Middle School. It's been an exciting spring and summer at PMS, as the Bond construction addition and renovations have come together. We are so thrilled to have these updated spaces available for our students, staff and community. This project will allow our students to have additional space and updated areas to learn and grow while at Plainwell Middle School. We are incredibly grateful for the amazing Plainwell Community for voting "YES" on the 2019 Bond Proposal. You have given our district the opportunity to enhance our facilities and to offer the best to Today's Learners and Tomorrow's Leaders and we are so thankful! In the past, we have been able to give tours to families and students prior to the start of school. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide tours this year, but look forward to sharing the progress and updates at PMS with our community soon!

middle school important dates

MEET IN THE MIDDLE (6TH GRADE ORIENTATION)

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 18
- **Time:** 4 to 7 pm
- **Location:** Starr Elementary
- **Event Information:** Students will be able to get their school pictures taken (packets will be mailed out), schedules will be passed out, etc.

OPEN HOUSE

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 14
- **Time:** 5:30 to 7 pm

PICTURE DAY (7TH & 8TH GRADERS)

- **Date:** Friday, September 17th

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 27
- **Time:** 12-3 pm and 4-8 pm (held via Zoom)

back to school reminders

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- The first day of school is Monday, August 30 (half day)

DAILY SCHEDULE

- PMS 7:40 AM-2:25 PM | 1/2 Day: 11:03 AM

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

- Students that receive a Chromebook through the district must purchase insurance (\$18) prior to the start of the school year on Revtrak at plainwell.revtrak.net.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- For the latest news from Middle School Athletics, please visit plainwellschools.org/page/middle-school-athletics.

rhs receives special honor

At the June meeting of the Plainwell Board of Education, Renaissance High School received the honor of becoming the Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO) School of the Year. To be nominated for this honor schools must demonstrate specific indicators of quality programming that signify meeting each of the identified Exemplary Practices in Alternative Education which include vision and mission, leadership, climate and culture, staffing and PD, and curriculum and instruction. The staff accepted their award from the president of the MAEO organization, Rhonda Marcum and Superintendent Matt Montange.



campus beautification

More than six year ago, Plainwell Community Schools purchased the old community center building from the city of Plainwell with the intention of moving the alternative and adult learners from the overcrowded location on Acorn Street. Unfortunately, they later found that students K-12 couldn't inhabit the building without changes to bring the building to school code. For a few years, the adult learners and the alternative education programs were separated by a block. Due to the passing of the 2019 bond, all of the students and programs under Plainwell Community Education are under one roof and thriving. Along with classrooms, they now have an onsite fitness center, therapists office, care closets for food and hygiene needs and a laundry room.



Earlier this spring, the RHS students and staff worked together on a campus beautification project at the Community Center. Together, they worked on cleaning-up and landscaping the grounds, painting the interior and exterior of the building and worked on the overall beautification of the newly renovated Community Center. They did an amazing job, way to go RHS!



SAILing through summer

The RHS students were able to SAIL through summer with learning and fun! Mr. MacQueen garnered a great partnership with Gull Lake Yacht Club to offer the RHS students the opportunity to take sailing lessons. The students were able to learn about the different techniques that help successfully set sail. It was an amazing and FUN opportunity for the RHS students.



class of '21

Congratulations to the Renaissance High School and Adult Education Classes of 2021! The RHS class of 2021 had 22 graduates and the Adult Education class had 32 graduates this year, we are incredibly proud of your dedication to your education and wish you all the best! Plainwell Pride!



COMMUNITY RECREATION

bringing youth programs & opportunities to our students that enrich the plainwell community

Register at plainwellschools.org/page/youth-programs

fall junior spikers

Volleyball Program for 3rd-6th Grade Girls

Junior Spikers is a volleyball program for girls in 3rd-6th grade. The goal of the Spikers is to experience the sport, understand the rules and have fun! We end the season with a Saturday tournament with Otsego (5th and 6th grade only). Program takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 19-December 2. Students in 3rd and 4th grade practice from 7-8 pm and students in 5th and 6th grade practice from 8-9 pm. Registration will be open from August 30-September 24.

fall/winter sharp shooters

Basketball Program for 5th-8th Grade Girls

A competitive league for those with basketball experience and advanced skills. The league follows MHSAA rules and allows teams to run more advanced defense and offense. Program will not interfere with MS Volleyball and ends prior to the start of MS basketball and hoopsters. Program takes place from October-December (*Tentative start date. Specific dates and times will be determined by your child's coach.) Practices start the week of September 13, 2021 with games on Saturdays and some travel. Cost is \$100 (Covers gym rental, game certified MHSAA officials, jerseys, league insurance). Registration open through September 17.

fall/winter kickers

Indoor Soccer Program for K-5th Grade Girls & Boys

The Kickers recreational indoor soccer program is open to K-5th Grade students. Players will be placed in a group based on grade level and/or ability. Each Saturday, the same pool of players will be divided into different teams. Please attend practice on October 30 at the assigned time for your grade level. Phone call reminders will not be made. Program takes place on Saturdays from October 30th - December 18th (excluding Thanksgiving weekend). Times are as follows:

9 am - Kindergarten Boys, 10 am - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Girls, 11 am - 1st Grade Boys, 12 pm - 2nd Grade Boys/Girls and 1 pm- 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Boys/Girls. Registration will be open from September 17- October 21.

winter 3v3 hoopsters

Basketball Program for 3rd-6th Grade Girls and Boys

The Junior Hoopsters Basketball program introduces kids to the basic fundamentals of basketball and the rules of the game. Teams will practice 1-2 times per week and play games on Saturdays. Games will be played in Plainwell, Otsego and Martin. Program takes place from *December 6, 2021 - March 5, 2022 (*Tentative start date. You will be contacted by your child's coach with specific dates/times). Practices take place during the week with games on Saturdays. Cost is \$57. Registration will be open from October 1-November 8.

BACK TO SCHOOL

calendar, daily schedule & school year at a glance

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PLAYINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2021-22 calendar

2021/22 School Days

Half School Days

No School Days

Holiday/Extended Breaks

school year at a glance

- first day of school (half day) -
Monday, August 30

- breaks & holidays -

LABOR DAY: September 3-6
THANKSGIVING BREAK: November 24-26
WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK: December 20-31
MID-WINTER BREAK: February 18-21
SPRING BREAK: April 1-8
MEMORIAL DAY: May 30

- no school -

Wednesday, September 29
Wednesday, January 26

- half days -

Monday, August 30 (first day of school)
Wednesday, October 27
Thursday, November 18
Friday, November 19 (end of 1st trimester)
Wednesday, January 12
Wednesday, February 16
Thursday, March 3
Friday, March 4 (end of 2nd trimester)
Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, April 27
Wednesday, May 11
Tuesday, June 7
Wednesday, June 8 (last day of school)

- count days -

Wednesday, October 6 - Count Day
Wednesday, February 9 - Count Day

- end of the trimester -

Friday, November 19 - End of the 1st Trimester
Friday, March 4 - End of the 2nd Trimester

- last day of school (half day) -
Wednesday, June 8

daily schedules

high school

7:40 AM-2:26 PM
1/2 Day: 11:04 AM

cooper elementary

8:20 AM-3:26 PM
1/2 Day: 11:49 AM

starr elementary

8:30 AM-3:36 PM
1/2 Day: 11:59 AM

middle school

7:40 AM-2:25 PM
1/2 Day: 11:03 AM

gilkey elementary

8:18 AM-3:25 PM
1/2 Day: 11:49 AM



"CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE FIELD"

- TROJAN PRIDE -



welcome pcs new athletic director

Plainwell Community Schools is pleased to announce that Melissa Preston has been named as the new Athletic Director at Plainwell High School. With her Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University, Melissa brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new position. During her 24 years at PCS, she has served as the Principal at Gilkey Elementary since 2014, as well as an Elementary PE Teacher (Gilkey) and Event Manager (PHS). Throughout her career, she has coached Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.

Melissa's passion for athletics will aid her in building onto an already strong athletic program and will help her in bringing it to the next level. According to Mr. Matthew Montange, Superintendent "Our interview committee unanimously selected Melissa due to her strong vision for K-12 athletics, emphasis on youth feeder programs, continuous improvement of coaches and athletes, and her community pride."

For those interested in meeting Ms. Preston and learning about her vision for Plainwell Community Schools' athletic programs, you are invited to the annual fall athletic kick-off meeting on August 18 at 6:30 PM in the PAC. She will also be announced on August 26 during the Open House and first football game vs. Otsego High School.

big teams

NEW THIS YEAR! Athletes/Families can now complete their pre-participation/athletic forms online! Please visit the athletic page at plainwellschools.org or phstrojans.com to complete your registration. There is a helpful video guide and step-by-step instructions to complete your registration.

As we announced last spring, Trojan athletics has a new website - phstrojans.com! One of the great features on the new site, is that families can utilize the portal for athlete registration. Please take a moment to register your athlete, upload athletic forms and check-out PHS/PMS rosters and athletic schedules for the 2021/22 season. We encourage families to submit your registration/athletic forms online this year, but please note that beginning next year (2022/23) we will require that all registrations/athletic forms are submitted online. Thank you for your support us as we improve our processes in the PHS Athletic Department.

phs athletics - phstrojans.com

For information from PHS athletics, please visit plainwellschools.org/page/high-school-athletics. For High School & Middle School schedules & rosters, please visit phstrojans.com.

athletic intent

PCS is proud to offer congratulations to the following Trojans on signing their letters of intent to continue athletics after High School:



Alexander Blanton (2021 graduate)
Cross Country at Southwestern Michigan College



Drake Johnson (2021 graduate)
Golf at Aquinas College



We are proud of these student-athletes for their dedication and hard work while at PHS. From all of us at PCS, we wish Alexander and Drake all the best as they pursue their academic and athletic goals at the collegiate level - TROJAN PRIDE!

new online ticketing

NEW THIS YEAR! All athletic event tickets and passes will be purchased online at phstrojans.com. We are currently working on the details and more information will be shared once the site is updated and tickets/passes are available to purchase.

mark your calendar

Mark your calendar to join us for the annual fall athletic kick-off meeting on August 18 at 6:30 pm in the PAC to learn about the 2021/22 athletic program!

Also, please join us to cheer on the Trojans at their opening football game on Thursday, August 26 at 7 pm vs. Otsego for the 125th anniversary of the Plainwell/Otsego rivalry! Go Trojans!

welcome new pcs teachers



MATT MUSIALCZYK
Middle School ELA Teacher



ALLISON DOTTERER
Middle School Social Studies



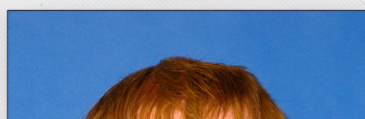
DAWN LAVOY
Starr 3rd Grade Teacher



KATHI STOLL
Starr 4th Grade Teacher



KELSEY MEINTS
Speech Pathologist



EMILY WITTEVEEN
Cooper Art Teacher



KATIE BENDER
Gilkey 2nd Grade Teacher



DENISE COLE
Starr 4th Grade Teacher



BECCA SPARKS
Cooper 2nd Grade Teacher



LINDSEY DEMOORE
Gilkey Kindergarten Teacher



FRED BEACHLER
PHS Industrial Arts



TED BASING
PHS Special Education



KELLY DELORGE
Cooper Literacy Coach



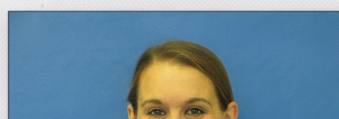
REBECCA BILODEAU
Gilkey Principal



TRACI HALL
Cooper 1st Grade Teacher



BRYNN EGGE
Gilkey 2nd Grade Teacher



MANDA TRUITT
Starr Art Teacher



SAMANTHA POSTMA
PHS ELA Teacher



EMILY MACARTHUR
PHS ELA Teacher

LEGAL NOTICES from PCS



BRITTANY KAVANAUGH
PHS Social Studies Teacher



LAURYN HUGHES
Gilkey 1st Grade Teacher



MICHELLE MCDOWELL
Gilkey 4th Grade Teacher



HANNAH SKIERSKI
PHS Social Studies Teacher



JACOB WISNASKI
Middle School Social Studies Teacher



ALEXIS TYRNA
PHS Special Education

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

This notice is to inform the public about Plainwell Community Schools' Asbestos Management Plan.

1. The Asbestos Management Plan contains information regarding the locations of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in all school buildings, the condition of the ACM and a plan for dealing with the ACM. This plan is on file at the Administration Office and in all the school buildings.
2. Reinspection: A reinspection of all district buildings is required by law every three years after implementation of the Management Plan.
3. Periodic Surveillance: Once every six months, ACM must be visually inspected for changes in condition. This inspection is performed by trained and certified school personnel. ACM will be repaired if damaged and maintained by the District's Operation and Maintenance Program (OEM). Those with further questions of concerns may contact the District's designated AHERA person, Greg Smith, Director of Operations at 269-685-6338.

WEAPONS EXPULSION POLICY

The Board of Education will not tolerate the possession of weapons by anyone while on school property or at a District-related event. In implementing this policy, Plainwell Community Schools will comply with Public Act 211 which prohibits students from possessing a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife, mechanical device, iron bar, brass knuckles or other devices designed to inflict bodily harm while in attendance at school or a school activity or en route to or from school on a school bus. This policy shall also encompass look-alike items, false fire alarms, bomb threats, and intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition. The Superintendent shall prepare procedures to ensure immediate reporting to the parent and the local law enforcement agency after discovery of the weapon or the false report; and take proper disciplinary action with the student as provided in the Code of Conduct and AG5610. The Gun Expulsion Law, Senate Bill number 966, calls for permanent expulsion of students who are caught with a weapon of any type on school property. Expelled students are able to petition to return to school. Fifth graders and younger may be reinstated in 90 days, students in sixth grade and above have to wait 180 days before being reinstated. Local procedures shall also include immediate reporting to the appropriate law enforcement agency if a dangerous weapon is found or is suspected to be in the possession of a District employee or visitor.

STUDENT MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION POLICY

Plainwell Community Schools shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medication would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours. Medication should be administered in the home, if at all possible. For the purpose of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicine prescribed by a physician and/or any patented drug. The total responsibility of dispensing or administering any non-prescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations and/or remedies shall rest solely with the parent or legal guardian and that student. Before any medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written request of the parent/guardian or the completion of a medical release for high school. This documentation shall include: written orders from a physician detailing the name of the drug, dosage, and time interval the medication is to be taken along with written permission from the parent/guardian of the pupil requesting that the school district comply with the physician's order. Only medication in its original prescription bottle, labeled with the date of the prescription, student's name and exact dosage will be administered. Asthmatic students may possess and use a metered-dose inhaler or other inhaler provided the student has written approval from the parent or legal guardian and health care provider and that written approval is provided to the principal or superintendent. If you have further questions, please contact your school's main office (or the high school athletic office).

TITLE 1 PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

In accordance with the requirements of the federal Title 1 law, parents of students in any school receiving Title 1 funds may request, and the District will provide, the following information regarding their child's teacher: A) state qualifications, certification, and licensing criteria; B) whether the teacher is teaching under any emergency or provisional status; C) the undergraduate major of the teacher and the area of study and any certificates for any graduate degrees earned. In addition, parents may request the qualifications of any paraprofessional providing services to their child. Starr Elementary is the only district school receiving Title 1 funds. Request for teacher or paraprofessional qualifications should be made in writing to the Starr Elementary principal. In addition, parents shall be notified of the level of achievement of their child on required state academic assessments and be given timely notice if their child is assigned to a teacher who has not achieved NCLB highly qualified status or if the child is taught for more than four weeks by a teacher who has not achieved highly qualified status.

2021/2022 ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Plainwell Community Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Greg Smith at (269)685-6338, greg.smith@plainwellschools.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by US mail, please contact Greg Smith at the following number (269)685-6338. Please provide your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and they will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Sincerely,

Greg Smith
Director of Operations & Transportation

SAFE & DRUG FREE SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

Plainwell Community Schools recognizes and abides by the standards of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act. These standards prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution, or concealment of illegal drugs and alcohol in school programs, school vehicles, school premises, and at school sponsored activities on and off school property. Drugs include all controlled substances as defined by law, as well as

"look-alike" drugs, steroids, and alcohol. These standards apply to all Plainwell Community Schools' students and staff. The use/abuse of drugs and alcohol poses serious health and safety risks to Plainwell Community Schools' students. We urge students, parents, guardians, and care providers to work hand-in-hand with our district to ensure that these important standards are upheld.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

The Plainwell Community School district complies with applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is the policy of the school district that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability status, genetic information & testing, Family & Medical Leave, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, or veteran status shall be discriminated against in employment or educational programs and activities. In order to coordinate compliance activities and investigate complaints charging discrimination, the school district has appointed Superintendent Matt Montange as Civil Rights Coordinator. Inquiries, complaints, or grievances should be addressed to the Civil Rights Coordinator, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan, 49080-1595, phone (269) 685-5823.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Each year the Plainwell Community Schools is required to notify parents or students of rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education record as "directory information;" student's name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; awards received; honor rolls and scholarships. The district will make such "directory" type information available upon a legitimate request, unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the district in writing within 10 days of receipt of this notice. The written objection should list all types of information about the student to be excluded from directory information. The same notification requirement applies to high school students who do not want directory information released to military recruiters. Upon such written objection, this information will not be released without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. If no objection to disclosure is made, student names, photographs and directory information may also be posted on the school district's website. Your objections should be addressed to: Matt Montange, Superintendent of Schools, Plainwell Community Schools, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan 49080.

Annual Notice of the Right to Request

NOW HIRING BUS DRIVERS

Plainwell Community Schools is now hiring bus drivers! Open routes available, with competitive wages and opportunity for extra trips and double bus runs. Several opportunities available with:

- Air Brake Buses
- Hydraulic Brake Buses
- Newer 71/77 Passenger Buses
- Conventional Buses
- Diesel and Propane Buses with Onsite Propane Fueling
- Paid CDL Renewal, Driver Physical Renewal, Pre-Employment Physical/Fingerprinting and Paid Training

Join our team today for employment in a positive workplace environment, with health/dental/vision insurance (single subscriber). For more information or questions, contact Greg Smith at (269)685-6338. EOE

SCHOOL BUS

apply today plainwellschools.org





BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

a special thank you to the amazing plainwell community for "YES" on the 2019 bond proposal

pms construction continues

We are excited to share an update on the bond construction. The academic wing and renovations at Plainwell Middle School are well underway with completion expected prior to the beginning of the 2021/22 school year. If you have driven down Starr Road over the last year, you have been able to witness the construction of the new academic wing as it unfolds. From breaking ground, to the building structure going up, to the final touches being added, it's been exciting to watch as the new addition makes progress towards completion.

As we progressed through summer, renovations continued inside the building as classrooms and other work spaces have taken shape. At the front entrance of the Middle School, hundreds of bricks were removed brick by brick to reuse once the front entrance renovations are complete to help maintain the existing exterior color palette.

We are excited to share the amazing progress at Plainwell Middle School that will provide a great place to learn for Today's Learners and Tomorrow's Leaders!

community center enhancements

The Community center bond project was completed last year, but the enhancements at the building have continued. Thanks to the students and staff at RHS, exterior painting and beautification projects have been completed, interior artwork/painting is well underway and work has been completed to add a fitness center, therapists office, care closets for food and hygiene needs and a laundry room. These enhancements have been a great benefit for the RHS and adult education students and we are proud of their efforts to make the community center such a great place for our students and community!

bond timeline

Community Center Remodel
Completed October 2020

MS Addition
Completed August 2021

MS Remodel
In Progress
Completion Spring 2022

Pool/Gym
Design in Progress
Construction Fall of 2022

Elementary Playgrounds
Completion Summer of 2023

Elementary A/C
Completion Summer of 2024

notes from the pcs trojans

Aqua Barre
classes are open.
Monday nights
6-7 pm and
Saturday
mornings from
9-10 am. First
class is free.

PLAINWELL CORNERS
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST
23RD & 24TH FOR
FAMILIES ENROLLED FOR
THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR.

food service
(breakfast &
lunch) is free
for all students
through
june 30, 2022!

Thank you
to our
families &
community
for your
ongoing
support of
PCS!

SAFE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR IS
OPEN! COST IS: \$25 REGISTRATION FEE & \$4/HOUR (BILLED
ONLY FOR HOURS USED). OPEN FROM 6:30 AM UNTIL SCHOOL
STARTS AND AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 6PM. AVAILABLE FOR
HALF DAYS, SNOW DAYS & 2-HOUR DELAYS, CLOSED DURING
SCHOOL BREAKS. FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE
VISIT THE SAFE PAGE AT PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG.

did you know that pcs has
an app available?
download it today for
everything plainwell...
in your pocket!



Back to School
Monday,
August 30

INDOOR WALKING
ADULTS: M, W, F
&
FAMILIES: T & TH
10-10:45AM,
STARTING SEPT. 7TH.
AT HICK'S GYM -FREE!

Fit over 50 Class
Instructor: Ms. Sharrin;
\$4 drop-in, first class free!
M, W, F, 9-10am,
starting Sept. 8th (Hick's Gym)

Strengthen bones & muscles,
improve cardio health & balance,
increase flexibility & coordination.

First PHS football
game is scheduled
for August 26 at
7 PM vs. Otsego!
Go Trojans!



Plainwell Corners
is full for the
fall, but families
are welcome to
reach out to be
added to the
waiting list at
(269) 685-3103.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: WE HAVE
A NUMBER OF UPCOMING
COMMUNITY RECREATION
YOUTH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
THIS FALL/WINTER,
PLEASE VISIT
[PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/
YOUTH-PROGRAMS](http://PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/YOUTH-PROGRAMS)
FOR INFORMATION.

Want to stay
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news & updates!



TROJAN ATHLETES! NEW THIS
YEAR - PHS/PMS ATHLETES CAN
COMPLETE THEIR REGISTRATION
& SUBMIT THEIR ATHLETIC
FORMS ONLINE. PLEASE VISIT
PHSTROJANS.COM TO COMPLETE
YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!

FALL LAP SWIM
FALL EVENING LAP SWIM
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY FROM 6-7 PM

FALL NOON LAP HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 12-1 PM

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALL OF OUR LAP
SWIM TIMES ONLINE AT
PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG UNDER
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - COMMUNITY
POOL - POOL PROGRAMS.

Did you know that PCS
has three learning
options available?
Families can choose
100% virtual, hybrid &
in-person learning for
the 2021-22 school year!

STUDENTS THAT RECEIVE A
CHROMEBOOK THROUGH THE
DISTRICT MUST PURCHASE
INSURANCE (\$18) PRIOR TO THE
START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ON
REVTRAK AT PLAINWELL.REVTRAK.NET.

want the latest
news from
high school &
middle school
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Plainwell Community Schools
has a new website! For
information from the district
& the latest trojan news,
please visit
plainwellschools.org.



PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
TODAY'S LEARNERS | TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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SAIL

SUMMER ADVENTURE IN LEARNING

summer adventure in learning

This summer, PCS set SAIL in our Summer Adventure In Learning program. Students K-12 were selected to join us for every twist and turn during a summer of adventure and educational fun! We had 519 students jump aboard to attend our two sessions of the SAIL program, which ran from June 14-August 13. The program offered many outstanding educational opportunities, including: intensive reading instruction, in-person credit recovery, driver's education courses (PHS), sailing classes (RHS), social & emotional learning lessons (K-12) and project-based STEAM curriculum (Middle School). Along with the in-class lessons, the program also offered fun educational adventures each Friday where students had the opportunity to go to the Air Zoo, Boulder Ridge, Outdoor Discovery Center, Grand Rapids Public Museum, Michigan's Adventure or the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. It was an awesome summer of learning, being creative and taking adventures in the PCS SAIL program - until next year SAILors - ahoy matey!

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