# LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR AT PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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# MONTANGE'S MESSAGE & BOND UPDATE

Welcome back to school! I 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. It was great to have an actual normal summer for a change, especially compared to the last couple of years! Our district is very excited about this upcoming school year for our students and families set to begin on August 29. High School sports and marching band are already in full swing and I am happy to report that we had over 400 students participate in our SAIL summer school learning sessions.

The final updates for our Middle School are nearing completion and our construction teams are working hard to have the entire building ready to go for staff and students. These upgrades will have a significant impact for the learning environment provided for our MS students and staff. We will begin construction of our new pool and gym facility this September, this exciting project is scheduled to be completed for the 2024 Fall sports season. THANK YOU to our community for your support. Please note that additional information on the bond and our various projects can be found throughout this publication.

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!!



# WELCOME NEW RHS DIRECTOR

Plainwell Community Schools is pleased to announce that Heidi Huizenga has been named as the Director of Renaissance Learning at Renaissance High School and Adult Education. With her Bachelors in Secondary Education from Western Michigan University, Heidi brings a wealth of knowledge to her new position. Heidi began her education career by teaching English at Climax-Scotts Alternative, where she taught for eight years prior to joining the Plainwell Renaissance Adult Education team. Most recently, Heidi spent the last year working as the program manager for Renaissance Adult Education. Throughout her career, she has been passionate about working with at-risk students and finding ways to reach each student by creating learning opportunities that foster their interests and connect them to contextualized learning. She believes that every student can learn and deserves a learning environment where they feel respected, empowered and supported.

When Heidi is not at school, she enjoys being at home with her husband and three children.

Heidi's passion for education and dedication to working with students will make her a strong leader. Her knowledge and experience will help build on the strong foundation at Renaissance High School and Adult Education.

Heidi is excited to begin her new role and continue to work with students at RHS/Adult Education. For those interested in welcoming Mrs. Huizenga to her new role or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to heidi.huizenga@plainwellschools.org.

# middle school

home of the trojans

# welcome 6th, 7th & 8th graders

We are looking forward to beginning another great year of learning at Plainwell Middle School. It's been an exciting year at PMS, as the Bond construction renovations continued. In addition to our updated spaces that were completed last spring and summer, we have also completed several additional projects during summer 2022; including, a new office entrance, an ice melt system, new front doors as well as new flooring in the lobby. These updates have provided additional space and updated areas for our students to learn and grow 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 our students. We are grateful for your ongoing support of PCS!

# middle school important dates

#### MEET IN THE MIDDLE (6TH GRADE ORIENTATION)

• Date: Wednesday, August 17

• Time: 4 to 7 pm

• Location: Plainwell Middle School

 Event Information: Students can pick-up schedules, receive locker assignments & Chromebooks, tour the Middle School and take school pictures.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

• Date: Tuesday, August 23

• **Time:** 5:30 to 7 pm

Event Information: 6th graders can meet their teachers and take a tour
of the school. 7th and 8th graders can meet their teachers, tour the
school, pick-up schedules, receive locker assignments and pick-up
Chromebooks.

#### 7TH & 8TH GRADE PICTURE DAY

• Date: Friday, September 16

#### FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

• Date: Thursday, October 6

• Time: 3:30-7:30 pm (held via Zoom)

#### back to school reminders

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

• The first day of school is Monday, August 29 (half day)

#### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

• First Bell (full & half day): 7:34 am

• Full Day: Classes are held from 7:40 am to 2:25 pm

• Half Day: Classes are held from 7:40 am to 10:45 am

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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





# high school home of the trojans

# welcome high schoolers

We are looking forward to the 2022/23 school year at Plainwell High School. We are excited to welcome the classes of 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 in the building on Monday, August 29, as we kick-off this year with the Trojans. To our freshman class - welcome to PHS and to our class of 2023 - we wish you a wonderful senior year at Plainwell High School!

We look forward to another great year of learning with our Trojans!

# high school back to school important dates

#### ATHLETIC KICK-OFF MEETING (AT THE PAC)

Date: Tuesday, August 30 Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Kick-off meeting for fall athletes and their parents/guardians

#### FRESHMAN BOOT CAMP (AT THE PAC)

Date: Thursday, August 18
Time: 9-11:30 am (lunch provided)

#### SOPHOMORE MATERIAL PICK-UP & PICTURES

Date: Thursday, August 18

**Time:** 1-3 pm

#### JUNIOR & SENIOR MATERIAL PICK-UP & PICTURES

Date: Friday, August 19 Time: 9-11 am for Juniors and 1-3 pm for Seniors

#### PHS OPEN HOUSE

Date: Wednesday, August 24

**Time:** 5:30-7 pm

#### FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Date: Thursday, October 6

Time: 4-8 pm (held via Zoom)

Sign-up for Zoom or In-Person available one week before conferences

#### back to school reminders

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

• The first day of school is Monday, August 29 (half day)

**DAILY SCHEDULE**• 7:40 am-2:26 pm | 1/2 Day: 11:04 am

#### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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



Want to stay connected and receive the latest news from Plainwell High School? Follow the Plainwell High School Facebook page. Families can also join their student's class Facebook group where PHS will be sharing the latest news for each grade level:

- Plainwell High School Class of 2023 Group
- Plainwell High School Class of 2024 Parents
  Plainwell High School Class of 2025 Parent Group Plainwell High School Class of 2026 Parent Group







# renaissance high school

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Monday, August 29 (half day)

#### CONTACT RHS AND ADULT **EDUCATION**

· Address: 798 E. Bridge Street, Plainwell, MI 49080

· phone: 269-685-8911

#### DAILY RHS SCHEDULE

· 8:15 am-2:30 pm

#### HALF DAY RHS SCHEDULE

· 8:15-11:30am











COOPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# elementary news cooper, gilkey & starr

WE ARE READY TO BEGIN ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT COOPER, GILKEY AND STARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR STUDENTS BACK IN THE BUILDINGS FOR THE 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29 (HALF DAY).

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TROJANS, OUR CLASS OF 2036 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS - WE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO PCS!

LOOKING WE ARE FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF LEARNING AT PCS. AS ALWAYS, WE CREATE STRIVE TO AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN THAT HELPS YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING PCS FOR ELEMENTARY YOUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION. WE WISH EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES GREAT 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR - GO KOALAS, GECKOS AND ROCK STARRS!



at Cooper, Gilkey & Starr Elementary

Thursday, August 25 from 5-6:30 pm

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS -

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 #10 OF
THIS PUBLICATION OR VISIT
PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/
YOUTH-PROGRAMS.







SCHEDUL

COOPER ELEMENTARY

Doors open at 8:10 am Full Day Dismissal:3:20 pm 1/2 Day Dismissal: 11:40 am

GILKEY ELEMENTARY

Doors open at 8.10 am
Full Day Dismissal 3.20 pm
1/2 Day Dismissal: 11.40 am

STARR ELEMENTARY

Doors open at 8.25 am Full Day Dismissal: 3:35 pm 1/2 Day Dismissal: 11:55 am



PICTURE DAYS

COOPER ELEMENTARY:

September 21

GILKEY ELEMENTARY:

September 20

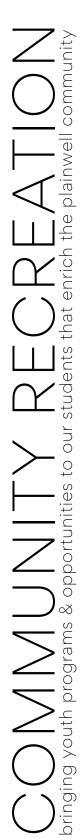
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2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR

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#### fall junior spikers

Volleyball Program for 3rd-6th Grade Girls

Junior Spikers is a volleyball program for girls 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.

- Dates: October 20-December 3
- Times
  - o 3rd & 4th Grade Practice from 6-7 PM
  - o 5th & 6th Grade Practice from 6:30-7:30 PM
- Cost: \$57
- Registration: Registration deadline is September 30
  - PLEASE NOTE: Registration for program will be posted on RevTrak approximately one month prior to the registration deadline.

#### fall/winter kickers

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

Recreational program open to K-5th Grade students. Players will be placed in a group based on grade level and/or ability. Each Saturday (weeks 2-7), the same group will meet and be divided into two teams. Players should attend practice on October 29 at the assigned time for your grade level. Phone call reminders will not be made. On October 29 (week 1), players should meet at the assigned times.

- Dates: Saturdays from October 29 December 17 (excluding Thanksgiving weekend)
- Times:
  - o 9 AM Kindergarten Boys
  - 10 AM Kindergarten & 1st Grade Girls
  - o 11 AM 1st Grade Boys
  - 12 PM 2nd Grade Boys/Girls
  - o 1 PM 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Boys/Girls
- Cost: \$57
- Registration: Registration deadline is October 22
  - PLEASE NOTE: Registration for program will be posted on RevTrak approximately one month prior to the registration deadline.

#### 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. Sharp Shooters will not interfere with MS Volleyball and ends prior to the start of MS basketball and hoopsters.

- Dates: Practices start the week of September 12. Games on Saturdays from October\*-December with some travel required.
- Cost: \$125 (Covers gym rental, game certified MHSAA officials, jerseys, league insurance)
- Registration: Registration deadline is September 16
  - PLEASE NOTE: Registration for program will be posted on RevTrak approximately one month prior to the registration deadline.
- Note: \*\*Team organization and practices (days of the week, location and times) will be announced in September.

#### junior hoopsters

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

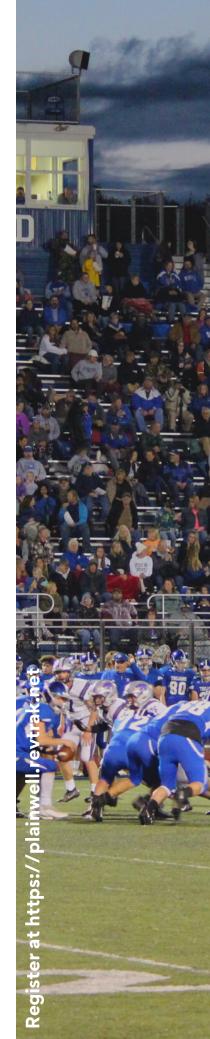
This program introduces kids to the basic fundamentals of basketball and the rules of the game. Teams will practice 1-2 times per week and play games on Saturdays. Games will be played in Plainwell, Otsego and Martin.

- Dates: \*December 5-March 4 with practices during the week and games on Saturdays
- Cost: \$57
- Registration: Registration deadline is November 7
  - PLEASE NOTE: Registration for program will be posted on RevTrak one month prior to the registration deadline.
  - We will not accept any late registrations, so please register early.
- Note: \*Tentative start date. You will be contacted by your child's coach with specific dates/times.

#### taekwondo

Join us for the upcoming TaeKwonDo program to improve coordination, gain strength and increase your flexibility while learning self-defense techniques. taught by Master Huong Tran. This program is an excellent means of fitness for anyone, age 7 and up, and is appropriate for kids and adults of all shapes, sizes and fitness levels.

- Dates: September 12-November 14
- Times: Monday nights from 5:30-7 pm (when school is in session)
- Location: PMS cafeteria
- Cost: \$60/person or \$85/family
- Registration: Registration deadline is September 12 on RevTrak





## 2022/23 trojan athletics

Fall sports are in full swing! The first day of tryouts was on August 8 for all our fall sports. It's great to see the kids and coaches back in action!

Our Fall Kick-off is on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm at the PAC. Come to the kick-off and learn more about our athletic programs. Teams will be meeting with parents afterwards (if they haven't done so already!).

This is our second year of using Planet HS (aka Big Teams) to gather all our athletic forms for MHSAA and Plainwell Community Schools. It's the information management system for athletics, similar to Infinite Campus. Thank you for embracing the change and getting your athlete signed up on Big Teams.

There are a lot of tools with Big Teams, one of them is communication. We'll be able to email all our athletic families or just the families of a particular team. We'll utilize this feature often. Be ready to check and read communication from Big Teams for announcements and information.

If you're searching for an athletic team's schedule, go to phstrojans.com. Click the season you're interested in, scroll down and click the sport listed and the schedule will pop up. If you subscribe to a team, you can get a link to help download the schedule to your preferred calendar. By subscribing, you'll get updates and schedule changes right away!

Ticket information will be coming soon - here are the highlights! We'll continue online ticketing with HomeTown. There are several ticket options for you to choose from this year. The newest addition are season passes for our Plainwell Trojan fans, not just students! Also new this year, is a Point of Sale system at the gate. This allows Trojan fans to use a debit or credit card at the gate. Cash will not be accepted at the gate.

We would love to have our parents and community involved in athletics! You can join our Booster Club, help out at events or even become an official. If you have more questions, please reach out to our athletic department.

Our Athletic Department Office Hours are 7:30 am- 4:00 pm. Feel free to call 269-685-2096 if we can be of assistance. You may also email your Athletic Director at melissa.preston@plainwellschools.org.

Plainwell Community Schools strives to provide the best athletic experience for all our student athletes. High school athletics is an education based activity where our students learn the value of hard work, dedication, teamwork and handling adversity. There is so much more that we hope to share with you as our year moves forward.

Thank you Plainwell for your continued support for Plainwell athletics. Go Trojans!

# online ticketing

For all 2022/23 athletic events, tickets and passes can be purchased online at phstrojans.com under "Buy Tickets" or scan the QR code to be directed to the PHS Trojans Box Office.

#### big teams

As we announced last year, Trojan athletics has their own website - phstrojans.com! One of the many great features on the site, is that families can utilize the Big Teams portal for athlete registration. Please take a moment to register your athlete, upload athletic forms and check-out High School/Middle School rosters and athletic schedules for the 2022/23 season.

In 2022/23 all athletes/families must complete their pre-participation/athletic forms online through Big Teams! Please visit the athletic page at phstrojans.com and click "Online Registration" to complete the registration process.

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 <u>all</u> registrations/athletic forms are submitted online. Thank you for your support us as we improve our processes in the PHS Athletic Department.

#### mark your calendar

Mark your calendar to join us for the annual fall athletic kick-off meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm in the PAC to learn about the 2022/23 athletic program!h

Also, please join us to cheer on the Trojans at their first **home** football game of the season on Friday, September 16 at 7 pm vs. Gull Lake! Go Trojans!

#### stay connected to phs athletics

For information from PHS athletics, including rosters, schedules and updates, please visit phstrojans.com.



#### 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 such a such a mental intermediate at serious and intermediate at serious designed to immediate 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 AGS610. 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 a 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 of 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 betaken 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.

#### 2022/2023 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 origination and gender identity of expression, or veteran status shall be discriminated against in employment or educational programs and activities. In order to gender Identity of expression, or verteal status shall be discriminated against in amply mark to 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

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
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 Diviey. Plainwell. Michigan 49080. to: Matt Montange, Superintendent of Schools, Plainwell Community Schools, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan 49080.

#### ANNUAL NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST

# \*\*FIT OVER 50\*\*

M,W,F, FROM 9-10AM (STARTING 8/29/22) AT HICKS GYM

STRENGTHEN BONES & MUSCLES, IMPROVE CARDIO HEALTH & BALANCE, INCREASE FLEXIBILITY & COORDINATION COST IS \$4/DROP-IN (FIRST CLASS FREE)
TAUGHT BY ACE-CERTIFIED GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR SHARRIN SCHULTZ

# BOOKS, BALLS & BLOCKS

JOIN THE HELP ME GROW FREE "BOOKS, BALLS, BLOCKS & BOUNCE" EVENT (FOR AGES 0-5)!

- LOCATION -RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY (180 S SHERWOOD AVE, PLAINWELL)

- DATE -THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - TIME -10:30AM-12:00PM

YOUTH PROGRAMS: WE HAVE A NUMBER OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THIS FALL/WINTER, PLEASE VISIT FOR INFORMATION.

# PLAINWELL CORNERS PRESCHOOL

STARTS AUGUST 29TH -WELCOME LETTERS & OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION WERE EMAILED & MAILED TO FAMILIES

PROGRAM IS FULL BUT REACH OUT TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITING LIST.

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#### 1011/13 SAFE PROGRAM

- ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR THE 2012-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

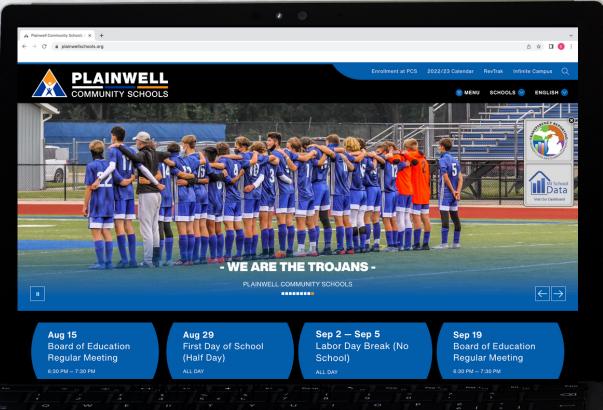
   AVAILABLE AT ALL 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

   OPENS @ 6:30 AM / CLOSES @ 6:00 PM

   FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG UNDER MENU-CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS-SAFE
- \$25 REGISTRATION FEE & \$4/HOUR, ONLY CHARGED FOR TIME USED

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# pcs notes

Back to School Monday, August 29 \*\*FREE INDOOR WALKING @ HICKS GYM

> ADULTS: M,W,F FAMILIES: T & TH

10-10:45AM (STARTING 8/29/22)



# OPEN SVVIM

OPEN SVVIM ON FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM 7-8 PM \$10/FAMILY OR \$3/PERSON

POOL CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 2-5
(LABOR DAY VVEEKEND)



want the latest news from high school & middle school athletics?

- visit - phstrojans.com

- TAEKWONDO -Fall Session Will Run 9/12-11/14

MONDAY NIGHTS, FROM 5:30-7PM, (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) IN THE PMS CAFETERIA

COST IS \$60/PERSON OR \$85/FAMILY

# LAP SWIM

PCS POOL

POOL CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2-5 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

NOON LAP SWIM ON MONDAY-FRIDAY: 12-1 PM EVENING LAP SWIM ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6-7 PM

- DETAILS LAP SWIM PASSES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE POOL.
GOLD PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE POOL.
ALL PCS EMPLOYEES SWIM FOR FREE FOR ANY LAP SWIMS. PLEASE BRING YOUR SCHOOL I.D.
ALL INFO CAN BE FOUND ON PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG UNDER MENU-COMMUNITY POOL





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## trojans helping trojans

Happy Kidneyversary to Julie Jackson and Sandy Blake! Not all heroes wear capes, and this statement couldn't be any truer for two of our very own Trojans, as on August 19, 2021, one heroically helped another by donating her kidney. When Mrs. Julie Jackson, an aide at Starr Elementary, heard that her former neighbor and retired PCS teacher was in search of a kidney donation, she instantly knew she needed to help! Although Mrs. Jackson wasn't a suitable pair through the National Kidney Registry, she continued the pursuit to offer her kidney to Sandy Blake, a former Science teacher at Plainwell Middle School, through a Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) - "In KPD, a donor will donate their kidney to another recipient in exchange for a compatible kidney for their friend or family member".

The journey started when they agreed to the KPD process and testing began...but for Julie, the kidney donation process began decades ago, when her father received a kidney transplant when she was in high school. This transplant was a gift to her father and their family, which extended his life over 31 years and put a stamp on Julie's heart to give back. With her family's transplant history and her good health, Julie knew she had to take the opportunity to help a fellow Trojan!

After agreeing to the process, the Kidney Paired Donation journey took over two years and included testing and other preparations for the KPD. Upon receiving the call, on August 19, 2021, the paired donation process was underway, which required donations from Grand Rapids (Julie), to New Jersey, to Washington DC and back to Grand Rapids where Sandy received her donated kidney. The process all took place in one day and within those 24 hours, the process was complete, two lives were changed and healing began.

As if the Trojan spirit didn't shine enough, the story continues as Julie is now helping other approved donation candidates and through this mentorship she was randomly paired with Jennifer (Stoepker) Jura. Jennifer is a Plainwell Community Schools graduate who was fortunate to have Sandy Blake as a teacher and has now become a science teacher - just like Mrs. Blake!

If ever there is a doubt of how strong the PCS community is, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Jura are proof that once you have the strength of a Trojan, you will always carry it with you! Trojan Pride!

If you would like more information on Kidney Paired Donation, please visit kidneyregistry.org.



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES 269-685-5823

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