

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Monday, October 10th, 2022

GENERAL:

Good morning students and staff and happy Mental Health Awareness day!

Here at Plainwell we all try to create a safe and fun learning environment for students, but each day doesn't come without other emotions. Always remember that your emotions are real and are important. You are loved and cared for no matter how you feel and never forget that you can reach out to others to lean on for support, there is always someone who has your back. Be the person who helps break the stigma around mental health, be the example for others.

It starts with each of us, so encourage others to be part of the change; help make PHS a better place by keeping a positive attitude and as always, treat everyone with kindness. Lastly, here are some words of encouragement for today:

Alice Morse Earl once said that, "Everyday may not be good, but there is good in every day." Go into today looking for everything positive you can find and be a bright light in the lives of others. Have a great day PHS!

Congratulations to the Trojan Marching Band for their 2nd place finish at the Belding Invitational on Saturday. The TMB earned the caption for Best Visual Performance and was only .55 points away from first place! They will compete next in Jenison on October 22! Way to go Trojan Band!

REMINDER: as bow hunting season approaches, please check all vehicles and personal belongings to ensure you have no weapons of any kind on school property. This includes guns, knives, ammo, and any hunting equipment that could be considered a weapon. Plainwell Community Schools is a "weapon free school zone," as defined by Michigan State Law.

PHS is a closed campus and, therefore, students may not leave the school building at any time during the school day, including the lunch hour. **Students may not leave class to come pick up deliveries;** this includes students that call for food/flower deliveries and/or call home to have parents bring something that they may have forgotten. The front office staff will help in a reasonable manner during lunch time only.

Attention Juniors that are scheduled for the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 12th. Check your email for information about test day sent from Mrs. Johnson. Also, Student Guides are available in Student Services.

Are you interested in learning about people and cultures from around the world? Then, join the PHS Multicultural Club. This club welcomes ALL students. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

Young Life will once again be meeting every Thursday at 7:00am in Mr. Badamente's room #414. Young Life is open to all students and a place to gather with friends, find community and be supported. Questions contact Ryan Nienhuis 269-998-4960 or Kathy Way 269-370-0232.

Two ways to report concerning behavior (harassment, bullying, school safety or threats, harm to self or others). If you see something, say something.

1) Use [OK2SAY](#) or

2) PHS reporting link (see below) for reporting threats or concerning behavior about students, family members or any one in the community.

[PHS Incident Report Form](#)

Students, staff, parents, and community members must feel responsibility for saying something if they know something.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: Please check out this information from the MI Student Aid Team regarding their upcoming Financial Aid Nights! This is a great opportunity for students and families who are looking for help paying for college to learn about available resources and options. For more information or to register, please visit [HERE](#). Participants will be able to gather information on the following financial aid topics:

- FAFSA application information
- Federal financial aid programs
- State financial aid programs
- Scholarship searching resources

Oakland University is visiting Plainwell during the lunch hours today, October 10th. If you are interested, please sign-up in Student Services.

Lake Michigan College is coming for a visit during Plus time on October 19th. Please sign-up in Student Services ahead of time.

Driver Education Segment I has another class that will start Monday, October 17th.

Sign up online only at [Plainwell Driver's Education](#) Webpage.

You MUST pay for your class on RevTrak to hold your spot!

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Community service times are available working the concession stand at fall events; please stop in the athletic office or see Ms. Preston if you are interested.

Pumpkins In The Park

Saturday, October 15

10:00 - 3:00

Hicks Park- downtown Plainwell

rain or shine

This fun, fast paced children's halloween carnival is a great way to get your hours.

Grab a friend and text Denise @ 269-355-8467

Rain or Shine

St. Margaret's 31st Annual HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL on Saturday, October 29th; noon to 4:00 PM. Shifts begin at 10:00 AM. Please see Mrs. Gower in Student Services to fill out the form.

ATHLETICS:

The MHSAA Scholarship is now open. Seniors with an unrounded 3.50 or better GPA who have earned a varsity letter in an MHSAA-sponsored sport are eligible to apply. Go to

mhsaa.com/scholarship for more information. Stop in the athletic office and request the Access Code if you are interested.

Attention everyone planning on participating in a winter sport: you will need to have a current physical on file. If you did not play a fall sport, please log in to your Big Teams account and update it. You will also need to pass 5 out of 6 of your classes and have at least a 1.67 GPA in order to be eligible.

On Saturday morning, the JV girls cross country team competed at the Allegan Invitational against varsity competition from 9 other schools. Congratulations to Gwen Todd, Futaba Inoue, Natalie Somers, and Anna Hall who all won medals while running season best times, as well as Maddie Rose, Kaylee Robson, and Ea Raux for their season best times!

Saturday afternoon, the varsity girls cross country team competed against 41 other teams in the Portage Invitational, where they finished in the top half of the Division 2 teams. Congratulations to Hannah Erlandson, Emma Taggett, and Laura Groner for running their season/personal best times under tough conditions.

Congratulations to the JV volleyball team for winning the Ottawa Hills invitational on Saturday.

The Varsity team placed third in the Wildcat Invitational in Wayland.

Good luck tonight to the freshman volleyball team as they host Portage Central, Schoolcraft, and Niles Brandywine in a quad. Go Trojans!

Attention all girls interested in softball: please sign up in the athletic office. There will be fall workouts as well as the annual home run derby. Winter workouts will begin in January.

Attention: Anyone who is interested in joining the boys swim and dive team for the upcoming winter season, please stop by the student services office and add your name to the list so we can contact you with important information. Practice will begin on November 21st!

Do you have a winter sport? What about Bowling! Signups are now open for MHSAA Varsity and JV, boys and girls bowling; stop in the Student Services office or see Coach Skierski in room #620. All levels are welcome, no cuts, lots of fun!

Student passes for athletics are on sale. Go to phstrojans.com to purchase tickets and passes. You can use the QR code that is posted in Student Services or the Cafeteria.

PARENT CONNECTION:

PHS is a closed campus and, therefore, students may not leave the school building at any time during the school day, including the lunch hour. Students that call for food/flower deliveries and/or call home to have parents bring something that they may have forgotten. Students may not leave class to come pick up deliveries. The front office staff will help in a reasonable manner during lunch time only.

Please keep your student(s) home if they are sick in any way. Let's "work hard" at having a normal school year, and let's "be nice" by considering others' health as well as your own.

Attention all students: As a reminder, food deliveries can be picked up during your lunch period only. All deliveries that arrive outside of the lunch period will remain in the office, this includes breakfast and coffee.

The Umatter Committee is currently accepting donations for a school therapy dog! The therapy dog would be available for students throughout the day to help with emotional support, to reduce anxiety, and provide a helping hand in the journey to a successful school year at PHS. Donations are available through Rev Track or in the Front Office of the High School. The goal is to reach \$2500, so anything helps! Our mission is to help provide a positive and healthy student body and we are determined to do this by creating positive school interactions and events, and a facility dog helps us accomplish this!
Link to RevTrak [HERE](#)

Please use the link below to update any demographics (phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts) for our Student Information System. It is important our district has current and accurate demographics for each of our students and families. Thank you. Go Trojans!
<https://5il.co/z35k>

If your student(s) need to leave during the school day for any reason (appointments, sick, etc.) please call the high school office at 269-685-9554, to give permission to allow your student(s) to leave school property.

If your student takes medication ([prescription](#) and [non-prescription](#)) please complete new medication forms, they are needed annually and linked above.

Digital ticketing is a learning curve for everyone! Thank you for taking this journey with us. We STRONGLY encourage our parents to download the Hometown Ticketing app on your phone from your app store. It is the easiest way to get your Plainwell Trojan Tickets! You can also purchase tickets by going to the PHS Athletics page or www.bit.ly/plainwell-tickets.