

**Plainwell High School Daily Announcements**  
**Thursday, October 13th, 2022**

**GENERAL:**

PHS Multicultural Club presents Hispanic/Latin Heritage Month:

September 17, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Proclamation 3869, officially creating Hispanic Heritage Week. The goal was to honor the positive and widespread impact that people of Hispanic descent have on the United States. Two decades later, lawmakers expanded it to a month-long celebration...stretching from September 15 to October 15.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2021, makes people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest racial or ethnic minority.
- Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States.
- If you're a coffee drinker then there's a pretty good chance that your coffee came from Brazil. Brazil is one of the world's top exporters of coffee, sugar, and orange juice.
- Colombia mines and produces almost 90% of emeralds in the global market.
- South America has pink dolphins! The Amazon River is home to pink dolphins. They are also called "Pink River Dolphins or Boto" and they live in freshwater as opposed to saltwater.
- A Mexican inventor created the first birth control.
- Color TV was invented in Mexico.
- Mexico City is the second city in the world with the largest number of museums.
- The first printing press was established and used in Mexico City.

**7 INFLUENTIAL HISPANIC AMERICANS:**

1. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: The youngest woman ever elected to Congress, at the age of 29.
2. Lin-Manuel Miranda: A composer, actor, writer, and activist. His most famous accomplishment is writing the hit, Broadway Musical Hamilton.
3. Ellen Ochoa: First Hispanic American woman to go to space when she joined the 9-day mission aboard the Discovery shuttle in 1993.
4. Cesar Chavez: A labor leader and civil rights activist. He co-founded the National Farm Workers Association and led peaceful protests and marches to advocate for Latin civil rights.
5. Dolores Huerta: A civil rights activist. She also co-founded the National Farm Workers Association and led successful workers' strikes and later with her work with women's rights.
6. Sylvia Rivera: An icon for the gay and transgender rights movements. She formed Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries which supported LGBTQIA+youth in Manhattan. After her death in 2002, The Sylvia Rivera Law Project was established to provide legal representation to those in the trans, non-binary, and non-gender conforming communities.
7. Roberto Clemente: Became the first Latin American and Caribbean to win the World Series as a starting baseball player. Despite this success, he faced racial discrimination in the US and this led him to advocate for Latin and Black players' rights in sports.

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Grad Bash Dine to Donate at Four Roses on November 9th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come out and support the Class of 2023!

The next meeting for the Class of 2024 is on Wednesday, 10/19 at 2:30PM after school. We need volunteers to work the concession stands at both PCS events and WMU Football/Hockey games as we continue raising money for Prom '23! See Mr. Beauregard for dates and times.

Math league is back! Do you enjoy the challenge of a good math problem? Join Math League! The first contest will be held on Tuesday, October 25, in Mrs. Ullrey's room. See Mrs. Ullrey for more details.

The GSA will be holding their first meeting after school today, October 13th in Room 611, Kavanaugh's room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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!

**EUROPE 2024 :** Interested in eating fondue in the Swiss Alps? Seeing a picturesque fishing town or two in northern Italy? Visiting the gorgeous French Riviera and Provence? Flamenco dancing in Barcelona? Come hear all the details, including the itinerary, activities, and academic opportunities at our informational meeting October 18th at 6:30pm in the High School Library. All students are welcome! Scan the QR Code to RSVP for the meeting or request information or go to: <https://bit.ly/3q3ly13> Questions? Contact [julie.trahan@plainwellschools.org](mailto:julie.trahan@plainwellschools.org)



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.

If you are planning on attending college next year and do not intend to pay CASH, you must fill out the FAFSA. You need to do it even if you think you will not qualify financially or the college will not offer you any scholarships.

<https://studentaid.gov/>

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

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

On October 25th, Saginaw State University will be visiting during the lunch hours. Please sign-up in advance to see them.

Michigan State University will be visiting during Plus time on October 26th. If you would like the change to see what they offer, please sign-up in Student Services.

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 winter 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.

Today the volleyball teams will travel to Three Rivers, the girls swim and dive team will host St. Joseph, the JV football team is home against Three Rivers, and the varsity boys soccer team will travel to Holland High School in the first round of MHSAA Districts. Go Trojans!

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.

Attention anyone interested in trying out for competitive cheer - please use the link below to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelpqWBFX3dbTdiAhz-PvPIMZm3HBaugeTzVWkjfDRISzvy6Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

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](http://phstrojans.com) to purchase tickets and passes. You can use the QR code that is posted in Student Services or the Cafeteria.

### **PARENT CONNECTION:**

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**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](http://www.bit.ly/plainwell-tickets).