

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Monday, October 31st, 2022

GENERAL:

Congratulations on another great competition for the Trojan Marching Band at the West Shore Invitational in Grandville on Saturday! The TMB saw their score go up again from previous competitions! They earned 4th place and the Best Percussion caption award for the 2nd time this season! Well done Trojan Band and well done percussionists!

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Attention anyone interested in auditioning for this year's spring musical *Mamma Mia!*: Please plan to attend one of the informational meetings held right after school on Monday, November 7 or Tuesday, November 8 in the choir room. The meetings will last approximately 20 minutes and you only need to attend one. You do not have to be enrolled in choir, band, or have any prior experience in order to audition. See Ms. Beauchamp with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Student Services upcoming deadlines:

* All dual enrollment paperwork for the second semester is due on 11/2. *Please check your email, Mrs. Johnson sent important updated paperwork for KVCC to you.*

* All schedule change requests for the 2nd trimester are due to the Google Form found in Buzz Student Services classroom by 11/9 at 2:30 pm. The form will be closed at that point. *Please know not all changes are possible, please monitor your school email if the change cannot be made or if there are questions.*

Attention 10th grade students: Are you interested in earning a 2-year associate degree for free? Check out your email for more information about the ECAC program. Mrs. Johnson sent information on 10/31/22 to all 10th grade students.

Do you want to save lives? Do you like free donuts and pizza? Are you at least 16 years old? If so, you should sign up for the Red Cross Club blood drive. The blood drive will be Thursday, November 3rd from 11:00 AM until 4:45 PM in the high school AP room / wrestling room. To get signed up check your email from Mr. Hansen, or stop in and see Señor in room 702 with any questions.

Attention current National Honor Society members: our regular monthly meeting will be this Thursday, November 3rd at 2:30 in the old auditorium. This is for current members only, not for students applying to NHS this year.

Attention Red Cross Club members: our regular monthly meeting is this Wednesday, November 2nd at 2:30 in Mr. Hansen's room. Interested in joining the Red Cross Club? It's not too late! Pick up an application from outside Mr. Hansen's room #702.

The Class of '24 is finalizing the number of volunteers for the concession stand at this Saturday's WMU Hockey game. The game begins at 6PM so volunteers need to arrive at Lawson Arena by 4:30PM. [Interested in Volunteering? Please Sign Up!](#)

Yearbook: If you have any pictures of your fun and sunny summer adventures with your friends and family, please email them to Mrs. Kostanko or Lexi Pressey.

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!

Do the adults in your house get annoyed that you're always beating them at living room Jeopardy? Do you find yourself drifting off in conversation, thinking about the next time you'll be able to beat someone at trivia? If you answered yes to either of these questions, I've got great news! Quizbowl is starting back up for the season! See or email Mrs. Kavanaugh for more details and to sign up.

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!

Interested in traveling to Europe mid-June 2024? EF Tours has extended the deadline for the \$200 discount to 10/31!

See details & sign up here: www.eftours.com/2570749er

Contact Julie Trahan with any questions : julie.trahan@plainwellschools.org

Pick up student and adult forms for Bittersweet Discount Cards from Mrs. Gower in Student Services. Return forms with a check payable to Bittersweet for \$29 per card or cash to Mrs. Gower. I will stop by weekly to pick up your forms and payments, and to drop off your cards. The cost will reduce lift tickets by about 50% once Bittersweet is fully open. Bittersweet has installed a second fast lift this year. The student cost for lift tickets with the discount card will be \$29 each and the adult cost will be \$33 each.

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.

Attention students, do you want to win \$30,000? The local VFW is offering a local and national essay contest. For more information, check your email or see Mr. Huberty or Mr. Clark. The deadline is today, October 31st.

If you are interested in taking the ASFAB test, which is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, please see Mrs. Gower in Student Services by Wednesday, November 30th. It is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at the Tech Center.

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

Please sign up in advance in the Student Services Office if you are interested in any of the below listed Colleges:

On November 1st, **Northern Michigan University** will be coming for a visit during lunch hours.

Central Michigan University will be visiting on November 2nd during Plus Time.

KVCC has scheduled a visit to come see us on November 8th during your respective lunch period. Please sign-out in the green binder on Mrs. Gower's desk if you'd like the opportunity to learn more about attending.

On November 9th during Plus time, students from **Olivet College's** Insurance and Risk Management program will be visiting to talk about their program. If you are interested in learning more, please sign-up in Student Services. **Western Michigan University** is also visiting that day and would love to discuss their opportunities with you.

Eastern Michigan University is scheduled to visit us on November 10th during your respective lunch hours. Please sign-out in Student Services if you'd like to attend their visit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Need Community Service hours: Stuff The Bus event on Saturday, November 12th from 12:00-4:00pm at Walmart in Plainwell. Please contact Irene Vos by calling or texting (269)744-2053 if you are interested.

ATHLETICS:

Attention all girls golf team members: your pictures are in the athletic office, please stop and pick them up!

Attention All Fall Athletes: please check your big teams account for your fall survey!

Congratulations to the boys cross country team as they took 3rd place on Saturday at Regionals and qualified for the Cross Country State Finals on Saturday, November 5th! The last time the men's team qualified was 1991, so tell them congrats in the hallway when you see them!

On Saturday, the girls cross country team finished fourth at the Regional meet at Bangor. Congratulations go out to Josie Longcore who ran a personal best time of 19:56 and finished 10th, earning All-Regional honors and qualifying for this Saturday's State Meet at MIS! Congrats also go out to Emma Taggett and Claire Vos for running their best times of the season, as well as all the girls on the team for their successful season!

The MHSAA Scholarship is now open, the deadline is 12/2/2022. 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.

Interested in playing Hockey this winter? Plainwell is part of the Kalamazoo Eagles HS Varsity Hockey team! Information forms are available for pick up in the athletic office. Tryout dates are Tuesday, 11/1, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM; Wednesday, 11/2 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM; and Friday, 11/4, from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. All tryout dates are at the Wings Event Center. You must bring a completed tryout registration form and a copy of your MHSAA physical along with a check for \$50 payable to the Kalamazoo Eagles in order to try out. Questions please contact kalamazooeagles@yahoo.com. Forms and additional information may be obtained on the Kalamazoo Eagles Facebook page.

All girls interested in trying out for basketball: Tryouts will be held November 14th-16th from 5-8pm. There will be voluntary conditioning starting on November 1st from 7-8pm, the 2nd and 3rd 3:30- 4:15pm. Additional conditioning dates will be available November 7-10th 7-8pm. If you have any questions please email Coach Mark Stephenson at mark.stephenson@plainwellschools.org

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-PvPIMZm3HBauqeTzVWkifDRISzvy6Q/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!

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:

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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.