

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

GENERAL:

February 1st marked the beginning of Black History Month. The month of February was chosen in honor of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both born in this month - both men were symbols of freedom. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing slaves -- leading to the creation of the 13th Amendment. Frederick Douglass -- An abolitionist who was born into slavery but became one of the most famous intellectuals of his time, advising presidents and lecturing to thousands on a range of causes, including women's rights.

Black History Month started as a single week by the visionary Carter Woodson. He launched Black History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. It became a month-long celebration in 1976 by President Gerald Ford.

Congratulations to the Varsity Quizbowl team who went undefeated Monday night at home and the Junior Varsity Quizbowl team who went 4 to 1. Outstanding job!

Looking for something for that special someone in your life? Buy a Crush for your crush! Or maybe just for a good friend! The National Honor Society will be selling Crush pops during both lunches for \$1 until Thursday, February 9th, just in time for a Valentine's Day gift for your significant other or friends. It's also available to purchase on [RevTrak](#). The Crush pops will be delivered on Valentine's Day, the 14th.

Attention students interested in applying to Student Senate for next year: Just a reminder that the deadline to turn in your applications to Mr. Hansen is this Thursday, February 2nd. Please see Mr. Hansen if you have any questions.

Attention Students: Snowcoming tickets are now available for purchase on [RevTrak](#) under PHS Dues and Fees. Tickets will also be available to purchase for \$7 cash or check during lunches on Feb. 9th and 10th. Tickets are \$7 ahead of time and \$10 at the door. Happy Snoco!

<https://plainwell.revtrak.net/high-school/dues-and-fees/Dues-Fees/#/v/Snowcoming-Dance-Tickets-2022>

Are you in need of attire for snowcoming? If so, we have formal gowns for the girls and dress pants, shirts, and ties for the guys. There are also a couple of pairs of dress shoes for both guys and girls sitting on top of the carousel. The carousel can be found outside the hangar by the T.

Snowcoming is fast approaching, Saturday, February 11th. If you are bringing a guest, please stop in Student Services and pick up a dance guest pass. Forms are due back to Mrs. Gower no later than Monday, February 6th. Snowcoming tickets are available on [RevTrak](#) until February 6th.

Next week is snowcoming and here are the spirit days!

Monday- Mathletes vs Athletes

Tuesday- Dynamic Duo

Wednesday- Valentine's

Thursday- Testosterone Support, wear white for juniors, black for seniors
Friday- Blue and White Day!

Attention Red Cross Club members: our regular monthly meeting is today in Mr. Hansen's room. Don't forget shirt order forms are available outside of Mr. Hansen's room.

Attention National Honor Society members: our regular monthly meeting is tomorrow, February 2nd at 2:30 in the old auditorium.

The Event Planning class will be back next year. Pick up an application form in Student Services from Mrs. Gower. This class is open to all grades levels, you just need to fill out the application form or have a teacher referral!

All Juniors have a chance for community service to help with WMU concessions; please fill out the survey in your email, or email Ashley Fisher or Mr. Beauregard with questions.

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.

Please see the Student Employment Board in Student Services as there are several job opportunities posted.

SENIORS:

If you have not verified the correct spelling of your name with Ms. Johnson in the front office, please do so as soon as you can. This is a verification of the correct spelling of your name for your diploma.

A reminder to pay your Senior fee in the amount of \$25.00 on [RevTrak](#) before graduation. The fee does not pay for the paper diploma itself, but it does pay for the cover, the graduation ceremony expenses, and extra decorations. It also serves as a commitment that you will attend the ceremony. See Ms. Johnson in the front office if you need to pay cash.

Seniors! It is time to turn your senior pictures into Mrs. Kostanko for the 2023 yearbook. You just need to email a jpeg or pdf of your portrait. If you need help getting senior pictures taken, please see Mrs Kostanko! jane.kostanko@plainwellschools.org.

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/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Help the boosters with the concession stand this winter! Earn community service hours or club/team donations from PHS Boosters (this is a very easy club or sport fundraiser). Please stop in the athletic office if you are interested and sign up!

ATHLETICS:

On Tuesday night the Freshman Boys Basketball team defeated class A Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills with a come from behind victory to win 56-50. They were led by Reece Trahan with 18 points, Gibson Youngs with 14 and Drew Rayman with 12. It was a total team effort on defense that saw them come back from 18 points down to get the win. Way to go Trojans!

Last night the boys swim team defeated Marshall 94-76. Great swims by Ben Sparks, Alex Steele, Nolan Lindsey, Henry Cox, Andrew Miller, Joseph Hoffman, Lorenzo Oriente and the rest of the team.

The ski racing team had their first competition of the season last night and for our first race of the season, our team did AWESOME! Girls Varsity was 2nd Overall, Boys Varsity was 4th overall, Girls JV placed 1st overall, Boys JV finished 4th Overall. Great job!

Today the ski team is at Bittersweet, the varsity wrestling team will host a make-up conference tri. in the Middle School Gym, the JV and varsity girls basketball teams will host Kalamazoo Central, and the competitive cheer teams will travel to Vicksburg for the Wolverine Conference Finals. Good luck and go Trojans!

Bowling is canceled for tonight, Wednesday, February 1st.

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:

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.

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.