

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements Thursday, March 9th, 2023

GENERAL:

- Just a reminder, high school students are not allowed to walk through Starr Elementary playgrounds before or after school for any reason. This is considered a safety hazard for elementary students.
- Our goal at PHS is to protect our students' academic time. Please plan for your student to attend each exam day in full; this is to limit distractions for those students who may not complete their exams early.
- Attention all art students and enthusiasts, it's time for Plainwell's annual Art Hop. Selected high school artwork will be on display for the event. Come join us at the opening reception Friday, March 10th from 5 - 8pm at Design Street in downtown Plainwell.
- Credit restoration paperwork is due. If you received a letter in the mail stating that you have reached 10 or more absences in a period, you need to complete the form that was provided and turn it into Mrs. Gower in Student Services. The forms can also be found in Student Services or the main office.
- Students - Do you need Segment II Driver Education?
Segment II will be offered in Mr. Badalamente's Room 414 starting Tuesday March 14th. Sign up on RevTrak now. Forms are available on the PCS Driver Education Website.
<https://www.plainwellschools.org/o/phs/page/drivers-education>
- Segment I driver education will be available Monday May 1st.
Sign up for this class will open on RevTrak Saturday 3/25 at Noon.
- The class of 2024 has WMU hockey concessions on March 10th and 11th at 4pm. Please contact Mr. Beauregard or Ashley Fisher for more information; or sign up using the google form in your email.
- 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 responsible for saying something if they know something.
- Please see the Student Employment Board in Student Services as there are several job opportunities posted.
- It's time for our annual fun powerlifting meet at [Repz Gym of Plainwell](#) on March 25th. Anyone is welcome to participate. You do not need to be a member at Repz Gym. We will have both a monolift and a squat rack available for the meet. Hosted by Team RepZ Powerlifting. You can compete in full power (squat, bench and deadlift) or Bench Only or

Deadlift Only. Proceeds go to DC Strong! [#DCStrong](#) [#RepzGym](#) [#RepzGymOfPlainwell](#) [#TeamRepz](#)

- If you are interested in joining the armed forces or college after high school, you have the opportunity to take a student ASVAB at the Allegan County Tech Center on Tuesday, March 28th. See Mrs. Gower in Student Services to sign up.
- Are you interested in working as a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician after high school? Walgreens will be here during Plus time on Wednesday March 15 to talk about opportunities available for students that are interested in working in the pharmacy field. Stop by student services and sign up with Mrs. Gower if you are interested.

SENIORS:

- **Please check the correct spelling of your name with Ms. Johnson in the front office TODAY! This is required so that your name on your diploma is accurate.**
- There is a \$5.00 fee to attend the Senior Day Trip at Airway Fun Center on May 18th. Payment can be made on [RevTrak](#) and is due on March 29th.
- Senior Yards signs are available for purchase for \$20.00 and can be paid through [RevTrak](#) by April 21st. Upload one photo to your Buzz account (course name: Senior Slide Show/Yard Sign). The size is 18" x 24", full-color and double-sided. Please submit a high-resolution photo of at least 300 dpi in a vertical format. A jpeg format with a file size of 2MB or more.
- A reminder to please upload four (4) photos of your choosing (i.e., baby through high school) to your Buzz account (course name: Senior Slideshow/Yard Sign) for the Senior Slideshow by April 21st.
- Attention Seniors: What are your plans for after graduation? No, right after graduation...immediately following the graduation ceremony? How about an all night party with endless activities, food, music, swimming, photo booth, games and door prizes? If that sounds like fun, Grad Bash is the event for you! This year's Grad Bash will be held at a new fun location with bus transportation to/from provided. Secure your spot by [registering](#) before April 14th. Cost is \$50.00 - payable with Venmo (@Plainwell-GradBash) or drop off a check to the main office, payable to Plainwell Grad Bash. Venmo may ask for the last four digits to process payment, the number is #1722.
- A reminder to pay your Senior fee in the amount of \$25.00 on [RevTrak](#) before April 28th. 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, Mrs. Wheeler sent an email to all of you offering help with scholarships during plus time. Please check your email for the dates and sign-up in Student Services if you are interested.

- 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.
- Seniors who are interested in signing up for a career fair visit to the Wayland Carpenter and Millwright Center, please get with Mrs. Wheeler or sign-up in Student Services. This is an opportunity to learn more about a four-year, tuition-free, PAID apprenticeship program.
- 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:

- The Plainwell Boosters could still use your help with the concession stand on Friday night as Plainwell hosts MHSAA District Boys Basketball! Either check out the signs in the hallways or stop in the athletic office if you are interested and sign up!
- Girls who need HS credit: Join Girls on the Run as a practice volunteer! [Info and application](#)
- On Saturday, March 18th from 12:00-2:00 there is a Women's Retreat at North Point Church in Plainwell. The caterer is requesting 2-3 volunteers to help with table service. Please see Mrs. Gower in Student Services if you are available.

ATHLETICS:

- Congratulations to the varsity girls basketball team on their victory over Olivet on Tuesday night 46-42 in overtime! They move on to MHSAA Regional Finals, taking on Holland Christian tonight at Three Rivers, game time 7:00 PM. Great job!
[Girls Basketball Regional Final Tickets](#)
- Good luck to the boys swim and dive state team of Lucas Boven, Tyler Keator, Brent Hart, Andrew Miller, Jacob Westdorp, Brandon Courtney and Sam Harper as they head to Oakland University to compete in the D3 State Championship Meet tomorrow and Saturday! Go Trojans!!

Please find the ticket link below, be sure to pick the D3 Oakland University tickets!

[MHSAA State Swimming Finals Division 3 at Oakland University](#)

- Attention everyone planning on participating in a spring sport: you will need to have a current physical on file. If you did not play a fall or winter 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.
- Girls tennis starts on Monday, March 13 at 3:00. Practice will begin in Coach Grubaugh's room focused on doing introductions, going over expectations for the season, and then doing some conditioning in the hallways. The weather will likely keep us indoors for several days if not longer.

- Attention all girls interested in playing softball this Spring: practice begins on Monday at 3:00 in the Middle School Gym!
- If you plan on running track this spring please make sure to update Big Teams including clicking track and have a current physical on file. Practice starts Monday 3/13 @ 3:00PM in the AP Room.
- Attention Girls Soccer Players: Our season begins on Monday, March 13th. The JV Girls Soccer team is looking for a few more players. If you are interested in playing but NOT yet in the TeamSnap, then please contact Coach Snyder or see Coach Beauregard (Room 807) to be added.
- Anyone who is interested in playing football this fall but wasn't able to come to the meeting please stop by Coach Huberty's room and pick up some information.
- 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.**
- **Our goal at PHS is to protect our students' academic time. Please plan for your student to attend each exam day in full; this is to limit distractions for those students who may not complete their exams early.**
- **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.**
- **Attention senior parents: Please make sure that you have completed the FAFSA if your child is considering attending college. This will give them any need based financial aid and scholarships including the Michigan Achievement Scholarship in which the State of Michigan estimates 80% of graduating seniors will receive.**
- In partnership with Educatius, will welcome two new students for the 2023 – 2024 school year: Alessio from Italy and Nhat from Vietnam. **We are currently looking for paid host families.** Host Families come in all sorts: young couples with small children, single persons, one parent families, or empty nesters. The characteristic all host families share is a big heart for a new family member and an interest in other cultures. Would you be interested in hosting or know someone what would?

Please consider helping these international students wishing to live and study in Plainwell. Feel free to email Erin Freshour at erin.freshour@educatius.or or call/text at (616) 301-4241.

- Student Management Group, in partnership with Plainwell Schools, is looking for host families for two Japanese students coming to Plainwell High School through the Tokyo Bureau of Education Scholarship Program. The students speak English, have their own health insurance and spending money. A host family provides a room and meals, passes a background check, and receives a monthly stipend to offset the expense of hosting. Meet some of our students:

Go (15 year old boy): I am in the basketball club at school now. I play with high school students almost every day. In the US I hope I get to try basketball, snow skiing, bowling and soccer. My favorite subjects are foreign languages and physical education. I live in Tokyo now, but I was born in Osaka. Also, I had been in America for about three years starting when I was in first grade. I have a younger brother and we get along well. The reason that I joined this program is that I am starting to forget about English. So, I want to study it again. Also, I want to learn the U.S. culture and the life. When I had been there, I stayed with my parents and brother. So, I only know the Japanese culture. I want to learn them by spending fun time with the host family.

Konatsu (16 year old girl): My name is Konatsu. I have a mother, a father, and an older brother. I like speaking English very much. I am in the library staff at my school. I like volunteering. I like reading books, listening to music, and traveling to foreign countries. I also like tennis, dance and skiing. I joined this program because I want to be a member of the Doctors Without Borders organization. So I want to be good enough to work in English. I also want to learn foreign culture and point of view. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

For more information about hosting one of these great students, please contact Heather Roberts at 269-674-8379 or hroberts@student-management.com

- 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.