

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements

Monday, March 13th, 2023

GENERAL:

- Students please check the lost and found table for any of your missing items. Any items left on Friday afternoon will be donated.
- 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.
- Students - Do you need Segment II Driver Education?
Segment II will be offered in Mr. Badalamente's Room 414 starting tomorrow, 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.
- 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 use your help this spring with concession stands for track and soccer games! 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](#)

ATHLETICS:

- The boys swim & dive team had the best ending to their season over the weekend at the D3 state meet. Sam Harper finished 3rd in the 200 free and finished 2nd in the 500 free earning him ALL STATE honors in both individual events. Jacob Westdorp finished 9th in diving. Andrew Miller came back on the second day in the 100 free placing 15th. The relay team of Lucas Boven, Tyler Keator, Andrew Miller and Sam Harper finished 12th in the 400 free relay. The boys finished 18th in state overall out of 33 teams. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!
- Attention Boys swim & dive team members. Your awards banquet will be Monday March 27th @ 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Info has been emailed to your parents. IF you have not done so already, please turn in your bag and parka to Coach Murphy or Mrs Harper at the pool before or after school. If it is not turned in BEFORE your banquet, you will not receive your end of the season awards.
- 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.
- Attention anyone that is running track this season. With today's half day we are pushing the start of the season until Tuesday. We will start @ 3:00 PM in the AP room.
- Tennis practice starts on Tuesday, 3/14, in Coach Grubaugh's room. Mainly, we will be going over details for the season.
- Attention boys golfers: no meeting today. We will meet Wednesday after school in coach Cool's room.
- Attention all girls interested in playing softball this Spring: practice begins on Monday at 3:00 in the Middle School Gym!
- Varsity Girls Soccer Tryouts are the Week of March 13th!
6AM -7:20 AM at the Middle School Gym.
5:30 PM Striedl Field or Middle School Gym depending on weather.
Training 5:30PM @ Striedl on most non-game dates for the season.
- 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, we 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 who could?

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.