

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements Monday, March 20th, 2023

GENERAL:

- Congratulations to the winners of the Cafeteria Gas Card raffle!
3rd place winner with \$10.00 is - Brandon Courtney
2nd place winner of \$15.00 is - Alexis Pressey
1st place winner of \$20.00 is - William Bartels
Your gift card will be in the main office for pickup!
- Attention all art students from 2nd trimester. Please stop by the art room and pick up your portfolios and projects.
- Chem club is this Thursday after school in Mrs. Schwartz's room. We will be making elephant toothpaste. All are welcome.
- **9th and 10th grade students- Are you interested in developing your leadership skills at an all-expenses-paid summer camp?**
The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program sponsored by Rotary District 6360, a community service organization, is looking for students to apply for its program. Awardees are chosen for their leadership potential to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum. Students should have a good academic record and be involved in school activities such as athletics, student council and community service. More information can be found here: <https://www.district6360.com/ryla.php> . Please sign up with Mrs. Gower in Student Services.
Deadline is: Thursday, March 30th
- **Current 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students-** Are you interested in advancing your curriculum by taking a summer school course in July? Available this summer at a cost will be the three Earth Science courses (Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy), Health, and Economics A. Questions? Contact is Mr. Jason Herbert. Link is here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRmq_lba1zFDuvPu1JyC0KFJZ90nAYxGs0BBsbL2SY088yw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Congratulations to the PHS Science Olympiad team! They competed last weekend against 11 other teams from the region, placing in the top six in just about every event that they participated in. Plainwell students were resilient, willing to take on challenges, and rolled through the day with poise and class. Pass on your congratulations if you get a chance!
Cell Biology - 6th place - Abram Longcore, Justin Carpenter
Experimental Design - 5th - Isaac Veen, Hiro Nguyen
Write it, Do it - 6th - Thai Nguyen, Henry Cox
Anatomy/Physiology - 5th - Jacob Erdody, Abram Longcore
Fermi Questions - 3rd - Thai Nguyen, Henry Cox
Forensics - 3rd - Hiro Nguyen, Isabelle DeLaet
Rocks and Minerals - 3rd - Isaac Veen, Jonathan Elliott
Disease Detective - 5th - Audrey Todd, Hiro Nguyen
Chemistry Lab - 5th - Isabelle DeLaet, Sophie Cox
Astronomy - 3rd - Jonathan Elliott, Isaac Veen

Forestry - 5th - Jacob Erdody, Abram Longcore
Green Generation - 4th - Sophie Cox, Audrey Todd
Dynamic Planet - 8th - Isabelle DeLaet, Isaac Veen

- Attention new drivers: You must have a parking sticker for your vehicle. You can pick up the form in the Main Office or Student Services. Turn in the form for your parking sticker to Mrs. Bryant in the front office.
- Congratulations to band students, Jacob Skibbe, Jenna Perez, Dyllan Crapo, Danielle Klein, Samantha Colvin, Alaina Ryan, Isabelle DeLaet, Donovan Ryan, Tyson Schoen, and Caiden Schoen for their outstanding performances at MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble on Saturday. Between each of their events, they earned 1 second division rating and 5 first division ratings! A special shout out goes to Jenna Perez for participating in 3 of those events (a solo, a duet with Samantha, and a trio with Alaina and Isabelle) and earning first division ratings with all of them! The solo performance is especially impressive when you consider that Jenna had to sight read, perform a prepared solo, and have several prepared scales memorized!
- Plainwell Fishing Club! The first meeting and signups will be held at Gun Plain Township Hall 381 8th Street, Plainwell, on April 12th 6:00-7:30. Spirit wear will be available. We will be going over our FIRST annual fishing tournament fundraiser. All are welcome and encouraged to fish! Tournament boat restrictions will apply to some of the tournaments. We will be fishing with surrounding Schools -Not all have boat restrictions. Along with a State tournament and Nationals. (As well as our once a week -If it floats you can fish out of it.) For more information, please email Jamie Lynch at 82blessedmommyof2@gmail.com
- Segment I driver education will be available Monday May 1st. Sign up for this class will open on RevTrak next week 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.

- DHE Plumbing and Mechanical will be coming to visit during plus time on April 26th to tell you about possible jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. If you come to that visit, you will be invited back for a more in depth discussion and a tour of the pool job since they are working on that. If you would like to sign-up, please let Mrs. Wheeler know by emailing her or signing up by Mrs. Gower.

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.**
- Visit the Jostens' table during both lunches today, March 20th to pick up your graduation announcements and to check on your cap and gown order.
- 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.
- Seniors, the deadline for senior pictures is coming up fast. If you would like to schedule a mini session, Hardstylin' Photography will be here Tuesday the 21st and the 28th after school to do senior pictures for \$25.00. Please email Mrs Kostanko or stop in if you are interested. In addition, if you would like senior pictures, but can't afford them, let Mrs Kostanko know so she can help.
- 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 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:

- 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.
- Good luck tonight to the JV and varsity girls soccer team as they take on Loy Norrix at home in a pre-season scrimmage. Go Trojans!
- 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.**
- **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.