



SUMMER
2022

A BANNER YEAR

Every school year can present challenges and hurdles, but we overcame these in order to experience a year filled with joy, learning, and exciting adventures.

This year saw the return of the 5th Grade track meet, an event that packed the PHS track stands and featured teams from each elementary school. Each elementary also participated in their annual Walkathon fundraiser, along with the Battle of the Books competition.

At PCMS and PHS, our Academic Super Bowl teams had multiple teams with Top 10 showings in Indiana, and PCMS' Science Team was State Champion! Our HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and DECA (for student business leaders) teams qualified for International Competition, plus we saw a return of field trips, field days, and more!

Our mission is **Bringing Joy to Learning**, and we strive to showcase this daily. Our staff and students worked hard to make this year one of the best ones yet, and we are proud of every accomplishment--big and small. We are grateful to our community for such an outstanding year!

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HONORING THE PHS CLASS OF '22

We recently celebrated the graduation of the Plainfield High School Class of 2022, and while we look forward to their next chapters, we think their accomplishments should be commended one more time. These are only a few of the incredible achievements of this graduating class, but they are still worth sharing.

These students worked tirelessly for the last four years, all while enduring a global pandemic that shifted, affected, and changed their high school experience. They maintained their dedication and focus, which is a



Class of 2022 graduates react during their student leaders' remarks at commencement.

433 GRADUATES	15 MILITARY ENLISTEES	167 SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS
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PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

48 ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL HONORS	183 ACADEMIC HONORS	11 TECHNICAL HONORS
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43 SUMMA CUM LAUDE <small>4.5+ GPA WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA</small>	46 MAGNA CUM LAUDE <small>4.2 - 4.499 GPA WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA</small>	50 CUM LAUDE <small>4.0 - 4.199 GPA</small>
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	\$6.1M SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
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significant deed. Their ability to be flexible and adjust course when needed will surely benefit them in the future.

To the Class of 2022: whether the next adventure is college, boot camp, trade school, entering the workforce, or something else, we couldn't be prouder of you. Your resilience and determination has shone through these last few years, and we wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors. We hope that your time at PHS is something you look back on fondly.



Valedictorian Karlee Waugh

Commencement is but a moment in your life, but it signifies a significant accomplishment. Please know that your teachers and supporters have been cheering you all the way to this momentous achievement. You're going to do great things!

From the Superintendent



Scott Olinger
Superintendent

STEM Certifications

- This year, Brentwood, Guilford, and Van Buren elementary schools worked diligently to finalize their portfolios to receive STEM certification from the Indiana Department of Education. All of them were successful.
- Central Elementary, Clarks Creek Elementary and PCMS have previously been certified. These certifications are good for 5 years, but require re-certification at the end of that time frame.

Another incredible year down at Plainfield Schools! We are constantly in awe of our wonderful staff and students. Their drive and dedication is nothing short of impressive, and we thank them for making this a fantastic year.

Our students have had an exceptional school year, with new and innovative learning happening across all grade levels. Our teachers and staff consistently showcase our mission of **Bringing Joy to Learning** by engaging students in memorable lessons.

This year brought some new additions to our district, with the construction completion and inaugural school year at Guilford Elementary, and the renovation of Plainfield Community Middle School. Additionally, in the last five years, we have completed renovations on Brentwood, Central, Clarks Creek, and Van Buren. With the town of Plainfield continuing to grow, PCSC will continue to adjust our plans to accommodate. We continue to monitor predicted growth trends to ensure that our buildings reflect the student populations.

We are constantly emphasizing giving back to the community within our schools. While we raise funds on a large scale for organizations like Riley Children's

Hospital, Special Olympics and others, we also work to give back to local organizations within our community. Recently, we were honored to have our efforts recognized by receiving the Spirit United Award from United Way. While our philanthropy is not contingent on winning awards, it is a wonderful representation of the community-minded students and staff.

COVID continues to present us with new challenges that we face. Namely, the labor shortage has made it difficult to hire staff, including food service workers, substitute teachers, and bus drivers. These positions are integral to PCSC, and the other districts in the county join us in working to hire quality individuals for these professions. We will continue to work to fill these positions to minimize the impact on staff, students, and parents. We appreciate the flexibility that our families have shown in light of these changes.

Last year, we thought we were at the end of it. However, this year had other plans. With all of the curveballs that were thrown our way this year, I am proud of our staff, students and parents for all of their resilience. We are grateful to our families and community for their unwavering support.



Jessica Elston

School Board
President

“Budgets” isn’t a word that makes people giddy. It usually has the opposite effect. Nonetheless, the importance of budgeting and financial planning are key to the success of any organization or business. This applies to

for-profits, not-for-profits, small startups or large established businesses, and of course, schools.

The School Board is responsible for adopting the school corporation’s budget each year. The board also serves as the overseer of the budget, but the real work that goes into preparing, planning and maintaining the budget happens in the school business office. At Plainfield Schools, that’s the role of Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Jud Wolfe and his department.

This year, Plainfield Schools has a total budget of \$72 million. We’re also one of Plainfield’s largest employers, with nearly 700 employees. We have the lowest property tax rate among Hendricks County’s six public school districts, thanks to a strong tax base, careful planning, and fiscally conservative management on the part of Jud and his team.

Our low tax rate hasn’t prevented Plainfield Schools from racking up a long list of impressive accomplishments, among them:

- consistently ranking in the Top 5 for highest average teacher pay among Indiana school districts
- continually updating and maintaining our schools to meet the changing needs of our students (you’d never guess parts of Central Elementary date back to the 1800s!)
- building Plainfield High School in 2008 and Guilford Elementary in 2022 without significant tax increases
- operating and maintaining our own transportation department, which has consistently earned the highest safety ratings possible from the Indiana State Police
- staying ahead of the community’s population growth
- implementing innovative ideas to prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s opportunities, including The Imagination Lab, the Middle School’s Idea Lab, and expanding Project Lead the Way programs at PHS, PCMS, and into our elementary schools.

How have we created such a culture of success and lived up to our mission of **Bringing Joy to Learning**? Much of the credit goes to an extraordinary team of educators and others who support our students. But you and your neighbors are also responsible. You’ve consistently set high expectations for us and supported us every step of the way. With your continued encouragement, we’ll be able to provide the highest quality education possible for our community’s young men and women while serving as conscientious stewards of your tax dollars.

STATE-RANKED ACHIEVEMENTS

PCMS Academic Super Bowl Science Team **STATE CHAMPION**

1 Indiana Distinguished Young Woman, Elizabeth Taylor, the first one in Plainfield in over 50 years

We The People State Competition Placement **3RD**

2ND Yearbook placement for the Indiana Hoosier Star Award

PHS Academic Super Bowl placement among 253 schools **2ND**

4 Brentwood Elementary Robotics Teams qualified for World Championships

PHS Winter Percussion **STATE & WORLD FINALIST**

SEMI STATE FINALISTS PHS Marching Band
PHS Winter Guard

Belles et Beaux placement at ISSMA Mixed Show Choir State Finals **3RD**

7TH Femme Fatales placement at ISSMA Unisex Show Choir State Finals

PHS students selected for All-State Honor Choir **15**

23 PHS Orchestra Gold Rating Solos & Ensembles

Boys Cross Country **COUNTY CHAMPIONS**
Girls Cross Country

Girls Swimming & Diving
Boys Swimming & Diving
Girls Track & Field
Boys Track & Field

MID-STATE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS Girls Soccer
4th in a row

Girls Swimming & Diving

Boys Swimming & Diving

Luke LeClerc Wrestling

Girls Golf **SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS**
1st in school history

Girls Swimming & Diving
4th in a row

Boys Swimming & Diving
4th in a row

STATE FINALISTS

2nd - Hrbek, Dukett, Larrison, Newash-Campbell, Track 4 x 400m

2nd - Ohaya, Maple, Larrison, Hrbek, Track 4 x 100m

2nd - Brian Beasley, 100m breaststroke

3rd - Nayyir Newash-Campbell, 200m dash

3rd - Hunter Hrbek, 110m hurdles

4th - Connor Maple, 100m dash

7th - Hunter Hrbek, 300m hurdles

7th - Veronica Hargrave, 1600m run

8th - Connor Maple, 200m dash

17th - Veronica Hargrave, Cross Country

Boys Track & Field **STATE CHAMPIONS**
1st in school history

Nayyir Newash-Campbell
400m dash

Mackenzie VanBibber
pole vault

Bode Gilkerson
high jump

And many more!



NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Congratulations to the four PHS National Merit Scholar Finalists. From left: Madeline Beebe (Univ. of Alabama; studying Chemistry), Harrison Woodruff (Purdue University; studying Finance), Cooper Springs (Purdue University; studying Statistics), and William Rulon (Univ. of Alabama; studying Aerospace Engineering).

CELEBRATING RETIREES

Help us thank these pictured retiring teachers and countless other school employees for their years of service as they move into their retirements.

We wish them the best in this new chapter!



Jennifer Carmichael
Guilford Elementary



Stacy Davis
Brentwood Elementary



Bradley DeHoff
PCMS



Denise Kennedy
Brentwood Elementary



Allison Morken
PCMS



Kay Nicodemus
PCMS

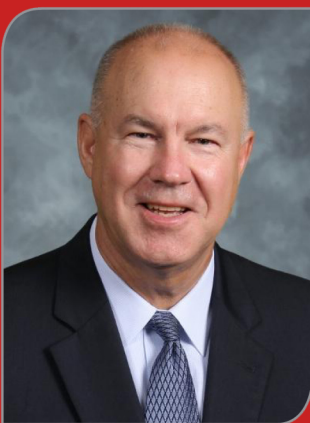


Kimberly Stephens
Van Buren Elementary



Beth Underwood
Van Buren Elementary

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT RETIREMENT



Jud Wolfe, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, retires this summer. Jud began his career with Plainfield Schools in 1981.

In 1989, he left Plainfield to serve the next fifteen years as assistant principal, associate superintendent

and assistant superintendent for various schools, returning to PCSC in 2004.

The list of Jud's accomplishments at Plainfield is lengthy, and condensing all of his experience into anything short of an anthology would be difficult. Highlights would include the supervision and building of Plainfield High School and Guilford Elementary, along with renovations of all other school buildings in the district. Additionally, he has managed to keep Plainfield's teachers as some of the highest paid in the state by being fiscally responsible.

We thank him for all he has done for Plainfield schools and wish him the best on his retirement!

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Karisa Schwanekamp

is is Plainfield's 2023 Teacher of the Year (Elementary). She is a 4th grade teacher at Guilford Elementary, having previously taught special education and 4th grade at Clarks Creek Elementary.



Karisa Schwanekamp
Guilford Elementary

A teacher in Plainfield for 18 years, she continues to engage her students every year with innovative and collaborative learning. She has served on the STEM certification committees at both Clarks Creek and Guilford. Her class partnerships provide additional learning experiences for students, along with innumerable other enriching activities throughout the year.

She instills a love of learning in each of her students and we are so proud to have her move on to represent Plainfield at the state level this summer!

Nathan Ellis is Plainfield's 2023 Teacher of the Year (Secondary). He is a 7th grade Social Studies teacher and Asst. Athletic Director at Plainfield Community Middle School. He came to Plainfield in 2013 and has been an integral member of the staff at PCMS. He finds new and exciting learning opportunities to inspire energetic and evolving 7th grade students. He created "Flavor of Friday," where students are given opportunities to try food and drink from all around the world. His classes take part in mock job interviews, which prepare students with employability skills

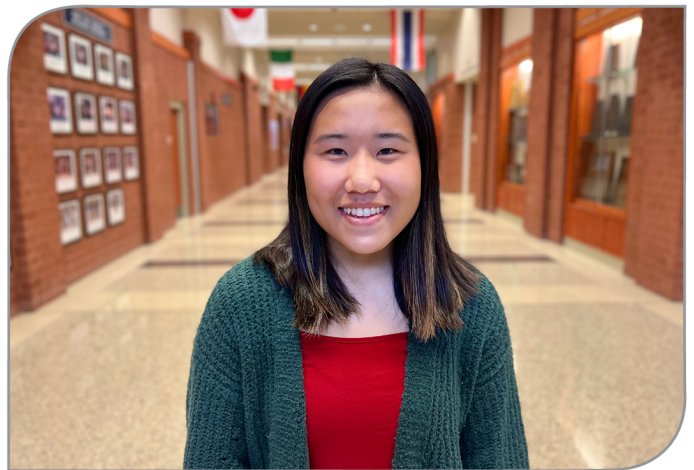
when they graduate. Additionally, he is a constant uplifting presence for student-athletes, making sure that athletic events and teams are running smoothly, making a point to attend at least one event from each team. He is active on his classroom Instagram account, which is an innovative way for students and



Nathan Ellis
PCMS

parents to see what goes on in the classroom. He is a fantastic asset to Plainfield's schools and we are excited to see him move on to represent Plainfield at the state level this summer.

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR



Karlee Waugh, pictured above, was recently honored as one of Indiana's Academic All-Stars. She is the seventh honoree from Plainfield in the last 36 years. She will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study Biochemistry.



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If you're amazing and are serious about doing work that matters, we probably have a job you'd love!

From full-time and part-time, year-round positions to jobs that follow the school schedule, we have options! And many positions offer benefits and paid training.

Scan the QR code to link directly to the Plainfield Schools employment website, where you can discover which positions are available. We'd love to meet you!



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