



May 2009

From the principal:



By the time this newsletter reaches your home, we will be in the middle of AP testing and prom is probably tonight, finals, and graduation will be just around the corner. Graduation for the Class of 2009 will be held on May 31st at 2:00 p.m. These year-end events celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of the past four years. There will certainly be many enjoyable moments. We want the last month of school to be fun for our students, especially for seniors who are building final school memories for the years to come. However, along with the fun must come constant attention to hard work and extra effort at school. I would also like to offer a few simple reminders to ensure that we can look back on all of these events with fond memories.

Remember, it's all about decisions and the choices we make. Now that year-end activities like prom and graduation are upon us, let's take a minute to talk to our sons or daughters about making good decisions. Remind them that they can and do make good choices 99% of the time; but that a single bad decision could haunt them the rest of their lives. With your help, we can encourage our children to make positive choices that will help us to ensure that we all have fond memories of this upcoming spring.

I wish all of our students the best of luck as finals approach. To our seniors, I know your senior activities and graduation will be as memorable for you as they always are for me. I hope you take the time to enjoy your last few weeks here at Palatine, and remember you'll always be a Pirate. I wish all of our students and their families a happy and successful end to the school year.

Gary Steiger
Principal

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL
ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS
2009

Farah Ali, Britta Anderson, Eduardo Aquije, Matthew Baran, Matthew Bartolameolli, Courtney Bartz, Nicholas Bessinas, Adam Bethke, Joseph Bickner, Clarke Blackham, Eric Blyth, Samuel Carlson, Kathryn Charlier, Michelle Ching, Eric Colish, Nicholas Coteus, Erin Cox, Sebastian Dabrowski, Anna Demma, Connor Dillon, Elizabeth Duvall, Katherine Feekin, Eric Floberg, Alexander Foley, Alexis Foster, Grace Franz, Nicholas Froggatt, Stephanie Frost, Gregory Gabbard, Brendan Gerdes, Rebecca Goesling, Olivia Gregorio, Kevin Grewe, Jennifer Haare, Samantha Hall, Megan Hanson, Megan Harahan, Jessica Hauert, Tyler Hein, Daniel Huenecke, Kaitlin Johnson, Nathaniel Jones, Eric Joyner, Elizabeth Jump, Megan Kane, Katherine Kelly, Kylie Kosulic, Sarah Krantz, Daniel Krippinger, Daniel LaRocca, Todd Leitgeb, Daniel Levitus, Christopher Liquin, Matthew Majcan, Erin Mancini, Soon Mansur, Colleen Maund, Sean McCarthy, Sara-Clare McGeever, Gloria McIntosh, Meghan McNulty, Brienna Moertl, Allison Mohr, Colin Morlock, Michael Murphy, Haider Nasir, Annie Nordin, Vladislav Novikov, Anna Novikova, Courtney Nowlan, Justin Olson, Brian O'Shea, Neel Patel, Erik Peterson, Emilie Piasecki, Andrew Prombo, Alexis Rachwalski, Lauren Reynolds, Eric Rodriguez, Kathryn Ryba, Samantha Saltess, Dayna Schwartz, Kevin Setze, Krista Shutvet, James Silveira, Adam Smith, Lewis Smith, Alyssa Sohn, Emanouil Spassov, Jacob Starcevich, Rachel Stuck, Yousuf Syed, Steven Temple, Derek Thielsen, John Tomassone, Jenny Ugalde, Alejandra Urbina, Shruthi Venkatesh, Adam Wisbrock, Kathryn Wischhusen, Feiyu Xue, Anqi Yang, Robert Zagoudis, Erik Ziehm, Marcin Zuberek, Rachel Zwirkoski.

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS • CLASS OF 2009
WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED STUDENTS
AS OF 7th SEMESTER

Matthew J. Bartolameolli, Adam B. Bethke, Clarke S. Blackham, Katherine E. Feekin, Alexander J. Foley, Grace D. Franz, Nicholas J. Froggatt, Tyler C. Hein, Kaitlin M. Johnson, Elizabeth A. Jump, Kylie V. Kosulic, Sarah E. Krantz, Christopher R. Liquin, Soon A. Mansur, Sean M. Mccarthy, Meghan L. McNulty, Allison R. Mohr, Colin M. Morlock, Courtney M. Nowlan, Anna Novikova, Andrew A. Prombo, Lauren E. Reynolds, Kathryn F. Ryba, James H. Silveira, Jacob T. Starcevich, Yousuf M. Syed, John D. Tomassone, Jenny I. Ugalde, Shruthi Venkatesh, Adam B. Wisbrock, Feiyu Xue, Anqi Yang, Rachel M. Zwirkoski.

Fashion Show

Hollywood Glamour is the theme of the PHS annual Fashion Show sponsored by the Fashion Club. It will feature apparel collections created and modeled by PHS students. Our theme this year will feature a stage set inspired by the Red Carpet of Hollywood as the backdrop for our student collections. There will be nineteen high school designers taking their walks on the runway with their fashion collections.

In addition to creating their own collections, PHS students produce and organize the Fashion Show including set design, advertising, and securing models for the show. *Hollywood Glamour* is coming to Palatine High School on Thursday, May 7, 2009, starting at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in the school cafeteria from a Fashion Club member or at the door for \$4.00. Come see the latest fashions viewed through the eyes of our PHS students.

dates to remember

- May 1 Cinco de Mayo - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 5 Band Concert – Senior Recognition
7:30 p.m. Auditorium - with Abraham
Lincoln impersonator - Max Daniels
May 7 Fashion Show - 7:30 p.m., Auditorium
May 8 Forte/Jazz Band - 7:30 p.m., Auditorium
May 9 Prom
May 12 Choral Concert - Senior Recognition
7:30 p.m. Auditorium
May 15 Yearbook Distribution Party
Cafeteria 2:45 – 5:30 p.m.
May 16 District 211 Honor Band Concert
Conant High School - 2:00 pm
May 19 Orchestra Concert - 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
May 20 Awards Night - 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
May 22 Shortened Day - 8:15 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
May 25 Memorial Day - No School
May 26 Gifted Expo - 7:00 p.m.
Conant High School
May 27 Spring Sports Awards
7:00 p.m., Gymnasium
May 28 Drums n' Jazz Concert
7:30 p.m. Auditorium
May 31 Graduation - 2:00 p.m., Gymnasium
June 3-5 Finals
June 5 Last day of school

Family and Consumer Sciences Would Like to Brag!

Twenty students are enrolled in our *Elementary Education Internship Program* at Jane Addams, Virginia Lake, and Lincoln Elementary Schools. There are over one hundred students enrolled in the *Secondary Education Internship Program*. These students stay here on campus and work closely with a supervising teacher. Students involved in this program can explore careers in Education as well as Counseling, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, or sharpen their skills by interning in Science classes in preparation for a career in medicine or pharmacy.

Pirate Pete Preschool will celebrate its 34th anniversary at PHS this year! The preschool runs both a fall and spring session and has an enrollment of forty-eight little "Pirates." Students that have successfully completed Child Development class work in the preschool under the supervision of a FACS teacher. The Preschool is open to staff members as well as members of the community.

The *Family & Consumer Sciences Department* prepares students to succeed in both college and in the workforce. College credit is available through Harper College in the areas of fashion and child development for students taking those classes at PHS. Those students who are ready and are academically talented in these areas can get a head start on their college careers.

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Academic Corner

Health Department Update

The Health Department was very excited to have Amy Brault become a new member of their department. Amy teaches Physical Education as well, is a full-time trainer, and is also the Aquatics Director. Renee Drury will be completing her ESL bilingual certification this summer.

The Health Department recently certified 94 students in CPR. We are hoping they never have to use their new skills, but are excited that they will be ready and willing if duty calls. 200 students just went through a sexual assault workshop, with instructor Rachel Roznek from Northwest CASA. The workshop included a powerful clothesline presentation, where students are able to tell their story anonymously on T-shirts. The workshops focus is to bring awareness about sexual assault.

The next unit we covered was alcohol and tobacco. There are several powerful activities to make students think about the possible consequences if they choose to drink or use tobacco products.

These same students just completed the drug unit, where they completed Natural High Projects. A natural high is something that makes you feel good about yourself without the use of drugs and alcohol. In this unit students focus on the ills of drugs, but the Natural High Project gives them a positive focus for the unit.

Health classes have now moved into the nutrition unit and will be focusing on proper diet, portion control, exercise, eating disorders, and fad diets. Each student will do a daily log of their caloric intake in hopes to improve their overall diet.

In May CARIS prevention group, will be presenting on abstinence, positive relationships, and the journey to marriage. This unit will end with an overview of all communicable diseases, with a focus on HIV and AIDS.

The theme to all units in the Health curriculum is improving Health IQ. We hope each of our students becomes a better overall person after this 18 week course.

Do The Right Thing!

For over 17 years, character education programs have been an integral part of Palatine High School. The basis for the success of the programs has been; promoting positive behavior, committing random acts of kindness, raising money for various causes, and rewarding positive behavior. Throughout the year, the committee focuses on six pillars of excellence: Citizenship, Cooperation, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, and Responsibility. This year, we have had wonderful participation by both students and staff with our various activities. Our Leadership for Life classes will sell postcards to students and staff members giving them the opportunity to send positive comments to their friends. The proceeds go to organizations chosen by the Leadership classes.

Additional aspects of honor, include the Do The Right Thing program and the "A-Team" award given to students who have excelled in one or more of the following five areas: academics, athletics, arts, activities, and attitude. These nominations are submitted by teachers and coaches, students are recognized for their accomplishments at the Palatine Relay Assembly at the end of April. To date, we have received over 200 nominations.

Throughout the year, our faculty has opportunities to recognize students for a Do The Right Thing award based on impromptu displays of the six pillars of excellence as noted above. Teachers fill out postcards which are sent home to parents explaining why the student was nominated. They also receive a certificate and a Pirate Partner discount card. This offers encouragement for the students to continue to Do The Right Thing not only during the school year, but at home, and in the community.

Helpful End-of-the-Year Information from the Media Department

End-of-year due dates:

Seniors: Wednesday, May 20 • All other students: Friday, May 22 • All staff: Friday, May 29

End-of-the-year services:

Last night for extended evening hours: Tuesday, June 2

The Media Center is open to students for INDIVIDUAL Quiet study ONLY in the facility during inventory: Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, June 5

Summer reading:

Students with cleared library records may check out a summer reading book beginning Friday, May 29. These books will be due when school starts in August.

All returning staff are welcome and encouraged to check out books over the summer. These items will be due when school starts in August.

Included with this Newsletter is the Hazing brochure.
Please take some time to review it with your child(ren).