



Report Card Pick-up Information



The month of November brings about the end of the first quarter of the school year. Teachers will calculate grades and report cards will be generated. The report cards will then be made available to parents. There will be two opportunities to pick up your child's report card and to speak with his or her teachers.

I encourage all parents to attend either the report card pick up night, which is Wednesday, Nov.18 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, or pick up day which is Friday, Nov. 20, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. After picking up your child's report card, please take the opportunity to meet with some or all of your child's teachers.

Teacher conferences allow the teachers to share with you what they see in the classroom from day to day regarding your child. The teachers will also be able to provide input on homework, tests, quizzes and class participation. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to also share what you see at home with the teachers.

When a child is struggling, it is often because the school and the family are not working together towards a common goal of providing the best education possible for a student. With open dialogue we can usually find a solution that benefits the child. Without this dialogue, students may fall through the cracks, which is a situation that we all want to avoid.

For the students who are doing well, this conversation provides you with feedback that can be shared with your child in the form of a pat on the back. Many of our students can be motivated to work even harder with a simple acknowledgement of their success. The feedback that you can provide after talking with the teachers will also provide an opportunity to have further dialogue with your child about goals for the future.

The Plattsburgh Teachers Association will be providing refreshment to parents at PHS and SMS Report Card Pick up

Please don't miss the opportunity to pick up your child's report card and to speak with his or her teachers. Whether he or she is doing well or struggling, this is an opportunity to learn more about what happens during the almost seven hours a day that he or she is at PHS.

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November Dates to Remember:

- 10th - CSO @ 7:00 pm
- 11th - School Closed, Veteran's Day
- 18th - Report Card Pickup 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 20th - Report Card Pickup 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 23rd - Emergency Dismissal Drill 2:00 pm
- 25th ~ 27th - Thanksgiving Break

YEARBOOK SALES DRIVE!

The 2010 **FULL COLOR** Barker Yearbook will only be available to you if you **PREORDER** between **November 2** and **December 2, 2009**.

There are **2** ways to preorder the yearbook:

Go to **www.myear.com** and use your credit card.

OR

Fill in the coupon below and mail it or bring it in with your payment.

(Mail to PHS Yearbook, 1 Clifford Dr., Plattsburgh, NY 12901)



Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Phone # _____

Qty _____ Yearbook @ \$60 ea. Qty _____ Engraved Nameplate @ \$5 ea.

Name to appear on nameplate _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

•• Cash or •• Check # _____ (Make check payable to "PHS Yearbook")



District No Smoking Policy

A reminder to all of our district families and friends: smoking is prohibited on school grounds. Please refrain from using all tobacco products while waiting in parking lots, attending school events and chaperoning school-sponsored events. Also, there are so many benefits to maintaining a smoke-free home and vehicle; the greatest benefit is that you have the power to remove the health risks associated with second-hand smoke to your family. Plus your home will smell better, your food will taste better, you'll spend less time, energy and money cleaning your curtains, rugs, windows and walls. Your health insurance rates may even go down and your kids and pets will be healthier. Two resources that may assist families are New York State -Smoker's Quit Line (1.866.697.8487) and Freedom From Smoking On-line (FFSONLINE.ORG).

Candidates for PHS Principal

PHS Principal Candidates' Tours and Forums

November 3 and 4 Tours:

The two finalists, Mr. Glenn Hurlock (on Nov. 3) and Ms. Catherine Oldenburg (on Nov. 4) will tour the building accompanied by members of the student association and meet with available staff members. These sessions are intended to be informal times for staff, faculty and students to interact with the candidates.

A public forum is scheduled for each candidate on November 4 at the Duken Building. Each candidate will have a formal presentation and a time for an exchange of questions from the audience. Following this, everyone will be given the opportunity to write an anonymous observation of each candidate. All observations will be collected and considered by the BOE.

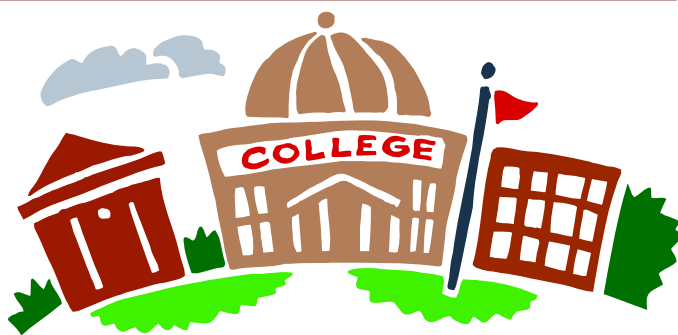


In order for this activity to be fair to the candidates and to keep the process as free of bias as possible, please note the following:

- 1. The format will be exactly the same for each candidate.*
- 2. On-the spot questions for the candidates will be submitted to and read by Mr. Short or Mrs. Carrino.*
- 3. Those wishing their written observations to be considered **must be present for both candidate forums.***

College For Every Student

CFES is a national organization whose goal is to help students from 12 public schools nationwide take steps toward college. Through its mentoring, school-college partnerships, and student leadership programs, CFES goals also include raising academic performance and educational aspirations and ultimately to ensure that these students graduate from high school and succeed in college. (www.collegefes.org)



Our CFES group has several events scheduled already this year. Some of the activities will include campus visits to:

November 4th - Middlebury College

November 10th - Clinton Community College

November 14th-15th- St. Michael's College

December 4th - SUNY Plattsburgh

CFES club meeting will be held on Thursdays after school in room 253

Please visit the calendar section of Sue LaPierre's eboard site for additional information about upcoming meetings and visits.



TOOLS for SCHOOLS

Our school is eligible to receive free materials of instruction by participating in Price Chopper's Tools for Schools. If you haven't already registered your Price Chopper card, please go to www.pricechopper.com to register. Our school code is 16386.

Guidance Corner



Dear Parents and Students,

We have met with the senior class to discuss visiting with college representatives that come to the high school through out the year. Seniors need to fill out their activity sheets so that the back of their transcripts reflect the various activities they have participated in these past four years or do a resume format that can be sent to colleges of their activities. We also have begun the college application process and encourage all seniors to begin turning in completed college applications. Students and parents need to keep college application deadline dates in mind. Applications need to be in the guidance office a week before their deadline date. If students choose to send applications in electronically please inform our office so we can complete the application with transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

Seniors and their parents should be checking college websites for scholarship and grant possibilities. Parent's employers also sometimes have scholarships available. Our school website does have a listing of scholarships www.plattscsd.org but obviously this is just a partial listing of all scholarships.

Juniors should be planning to take the SAT or ACT in the spring. Please see your individual counselor about which test is best suited for your needs. **Juniors and parents are invited to attend a meeting to explain PSAT scoring, college planning and the application process on January 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 in the room 226.**

Ninth grade is a transition year and students sometimes have problems adjusting please feel free to contact your son's or daughter's counselor for assistance. If you have questions regarding particular classes please contact the individual teachers.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Feazelle Students G-MN

June Pernice Students A-F

Amy Tisdale Students Mo-Z

Welcome to PHS,

Denise Morrison!!!!

I would like to introduce myself. I live in Plattsburgh with my husband, son and daughter. I'm a Teaching Assistant, currently assisting students from 9th through 11th grades. Each day is interesting and I'm continually learning, which I'm enjoying. It's great to be part of the terrific staff at Plattsburgh High School.

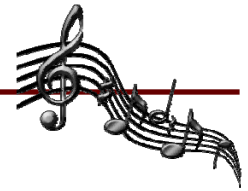


Top 10 Reasons for Students to Intern

1. Unique School Curriculum w/3 Units of Credit Towards Graduation
2. Productive Academics Related to a Career of Interest
3. Gain Contact References for Future Employment
4. Create an Awesome Resume
5. Higher Quality Training/Education in Career Goals
6. Build Confidence
7. Practice Responsibility and Cooperating with Others
8. Fosters Good Work Ethics with Future Financial Rewards- Investment in Your Future
9. Gain Experience and On-The-Job Skills
10. Your Hired-Many of our Students are Hired at their Intern Site

Please See Mrs. Rock in Room 106 for More Details.

NYSSMA Area All-State Festivals



On November 20 and 21 thirty eight students will be participating in either the Zone 5 or Zone 6 New York State School Music Association Area All-State Music Festivals. Students were accepted on the basis of their solo festival score from last spring or by audition.

The Zone 5 Festival will feature students from the string orchestra program performing with the Symphonic Orchestra. The students participating are: Eunice Choe, Cayley Boire, Amy DeMane, Laura Merrill, Jonas Miller, Keenan Hunt-Stone, and Emily Schultz.

The Zone 6 Festival will feature students from the band and choral program participating in a concert band, jazz ensemble, mixed chorus and women's chorus.

Students participating in the Concert Band are: Una Creedon-Carey, Etienne Beguin, Carissa Boire, Ashley Menard, Natalie Casey-Sanger, Kate Davison, Kendrick Buchala, Eric Phillips, Josh West, Zane Fleming, Jeff Donlan, Nathan Noelting, Dan Bennett, Spencer Hall, Francesca D'Alessandro and Andrew Harris.

Students participating in the Jazz Ensemble are: Harrison Honor and Noah Wolkowicz.

Students participating in the Mixed Chorus are: Corinne Mather, Renee Tetreault, Aislinn McKinstry, Allison Beebie, Nancy Kwan, Ruby Roach, Ryan Parrotte, Adam Emery and Tanner Stanley.

Students participating in the Women's Chorus are: Emma Schneider-Ferrari, BrieAnna Fleury and Brady Reynolds.

Also...In December, three students will be participating in the 2009 New York State School Music Association Winter Conference in Rochester, NY. Students were accepted on the basis of their solo festival score from last spring. Students from all around New York State competed for entry into the prestigious groups rehearsing and performing at the Eastman Theater. All three of these PCSD students earned a perfect score of 100 on the most difficult level of 6 All-State. Ruby Roach will be performing in the Women's Chorus and Renee Tetreault and Adam Emery will be performing in the Mixed Chorus. We wish them well and congratulate them on their achievement.



Accessing Student Assignments via Internet

The school district subscribes to a service known as eBoard. This technology makes it quite simple for a teacher to post his/her assignments for students to access through the Internet. To access these links go to the school district website www.plattscsd.org. On the lower left side of the homepage you will see a link to 'Staff Web Sites'. That link will take you to a listing of all of the teachers in the district that use EBoard. Once on this page navigation should be quite easy. Some teachers are also attaching worksheets usually in .pdf format.

In addition to eBoard some teachers have personally subscribed to other sites to post homework and other information for students and parents. This information is usually provided in September by the teacher. If you have any questions, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

As the flu season progresses we are very much aware of the difficulties and need for students to remain connected to school and be able to keep up with their studies. There will be additional training and opportunities for more teachers to get access to eBoard.



PLEASE CALL to report your child absent from or tardy to school @ 561-7500 ext. 5002

Attendance is an extremely important part of your child's educational development. The policy at the Plattsburgh High School is quite simple and can be located in the front of your child's student handbook. As always, sick students should not attend school and should be kept home in the hopes of recovering more quickly. Medical appointments, unplanned tardiness, etc. are a fact of life. A courtesy call from the parent/guardian explaining their child's absence or tardiness is requested. When a parent takes the time to make a connection with the school, his/her child's attendance will improve, and we will know that you are aware of your child's absence. We would request that all calls be placed by 9 a.m. the day of the absence. Advance notice of any absences/appointments is always acceptable. **Please note:** Parents/guardians wishing to leave a message early, i.e. before going to work, or the night before, can do so via voicemail. In doing so, your child's absence/tardiness will be recorded accurately. Please take the time to review the Attendance Policy for complete details.



GAPP



The German-American Partnership Program club at PHS would like to thank the PCSD administration, the Plattsburgh community, the PHS faculty, staff, and student body, and especially the host families for the warm welcome extended to 19 German students and 2 German teachers during their 3 week exchange experience at PHS and in the North Country. There were many tears and promises to come back when our guests returned to Germany! PHS-GAPP will complete the exchange in April, 2010, when a group of PHS students and 2 teachers will stay with families in Germany and attend KGS Rastede (high school). We thank everyone who has supported this program through assistance with activities or monetary donations, and we thank all who may contribute in the future to our fundraising efforts.

Mrs. Stark's Government Classes



Are you looking for a place to spend a nice, quiet relaxing weekend? Check out the great travel brochures for possibilities in the Adirondack Park! Brochures are posted on the bulletin board near Mrs. Stark's room. Great job Participation in Government classes!

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CSO News

Thank you to all students, school staff, and parents who helped to make the PHS homecoming weekend a success!

Lottery tickets will continue to be sold through the month of November. The cost is \$5 a ticket and the number is good for everyday in the month of December 2009 based on the New York State Lottery. The proceeds from the sales will benefit the CSO scholarship fund which awards scholarships to a number of seniors each year.

Please purchase your lottery ticket during the report card pick-up evening (11/18) and day (11/20). Groups of 10 tickets are also available for pick-up to sell and return money and ticket stub to the CSO.

*If you are available to help with the sale of the lottery tickets on these dates,
please contact Marla Wolkowicz at 569-8638 or 561-8456 or zipporah6@msn.com or
Karen Merrill at 563-3285 or bkrlmerrill@verizon.net.*

Next CSO meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at 7 pm.

Please attend and help support the many CSO activities!