

# Take a Look at Palatine High School

*Palatine High School has a tradition of excellence, pride and school spirit. The facts below are some of the many reasons for "Pirate Pride!"*



- Palatine High School (PHS) opened as the first high school in the Palatine-Schaumburg Township area in 1875. PHS is part of Township High School District 211, one of the largest high school districts in the state. The current enrollment is 2,666 students.
- Located on 60 acres, PHS has 4.36 acres of roof, 11.5 acres of parking lot, 442,000 square feet of building space, all classrooms have been equipped with newer technology and designated as "media rich", and all students receive an iPad as a learning tool. The current building was completed in 1977. An addition of the east gymnasium was completed in 1997, an addition containing 26 classrooms was completed in 2002, media center and pool remodel in 2017.
- PHS has twice been recognized by the U. S. Department of Education with the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award. This award is presented to exemplary high schools that demonstrate excellence in community support, curriculum, leadership, parent involvement, student achievement, and teaching
- PHS athletic teams have won 19 **IHSA state championships** and over 60 state trophies.
- PHS Offered 26 Advanced Placement Courses in the 2018-2019 school year. In May, 2019 1397 Advanced Placement exams were taken by Palatine High School Students. 999 exams earned scores of "3" or higher.
- All PHS teachers are certified in their subject area and over 70% have master's degrees. PHS's 200 teachers have over 2500 years of experience working with students! PHS also has over thirty National Board Certified Teachers.
- PHS had 84 **Illinois State Scholars** in 2019 and 183 members of the Class of 2019 earned over 2.8 million dollars in scholarships. The total amount of scholarship money includes 1 year academic awards, full tuition awards, private scholarship awards as well as athletic scholarships.
- 88 percent of the class of 2019 reported that they plan to attend either a two- or four-year college.
- The 2019 **National Merit** Winner was **Aaron Kleinschmidt**.
- **Homeroom:** The mission of homeroom is to improve communication with students, boost school spirit and create a more consistent weekly schedule. Homeroom uses a student run TV station to produce announcements and highlight student and school achievements through our FRIDAY SHOUT OUT edition.
- Harper Writing Contest Winners: Drama - **Maggie Walsh**, 1st Place; **Katie Barclay**, 2nd place; **Allison DeRamos**, 3rd place. Essay – **Emma Raby**, Honorable mention. Fiction – **Amelia Kolany**, 1st place; **Hannah Newton**, 2nd place; **Megan Obernesser**, 3rd place; **Scott Berg** and **Erin Oleksak**, Honorable mention.
- **IHSA Journalism:** In 2018-2019, Cutlass news staff earned 28 awards including: first place in Best Digital Publication from IJE and Golden Eagle for Overall Excellence from NISPA. **Caitlin Preuss** ('19), **Evan Waller** ('19), and **Kat Champion** ('19) qualified for state and then placed third in the Video News category; **Joann Diep** ('19) qualified for state in the Editorial Writing category; **David Godsey** ('19) qualified for state in the Infographics category.
- Math, English, and Science **tutors** are available every period of the day in the **Student Success Center (SSC)**. Additionally, the SSC is open before and after school to provide extra academic assistance. PHS also offers free **PSAT and SAT preparation classes**.
- The **PHS Media Center** is open for students before school each day school at 7:15 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The facility closes at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The recently remodeled facility offers student a variety of options for individual study and group work. Please visit the Media Center's website, for more information about the facility along with a wide variety of online resources and reading recommendations
- PHS has pioneered programs for students with both intellectual disabilities and orthopedic impairments including the first adaptive physical education program in Illinois. PHS currently serves students with special needs from across District 211.
- The **PHS English as a Second Language Department** serves students from a variety of linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. The ESL Department offers five levels of ESL classes, which are offered in a small setting to provide the maximum level of support. This year, a new program for newcomers to the country has been created to allow for a smoother transition to American schools. This program is called Beginning English Literacy. Each year students take the ACCESS test to monitor their language development. In addition, the department raised over \$1000 for the Alejandro Diaz Memorial Scholarship which is given to two deserving seniors who received services from ESL.
- The PHS **Auto Technology** Program was the first high school program

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in Illinois to be granted national recognition and program certification by the National Automotive Technician’s Education Foundation. Automotive Technology students have the opportunity to prepare for ASE certification exams. Every year, several students take (and pass) these exams which give them credentials they can use to get a job and can count for college credit as well.

- Students that enroll in Advanced Manufacturing Technology program offered in the **Applied Technology Department** will have the opportunity to pursue certifications from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council. Students that successfully complete three years of the D211 Advanced Manufacturing Technology may obtain 22 hours of dual credit with Harper College. Several students in the program have obtained an internship or apprenticeship with manufacturing companies this past summer.
- Engineering students in the **Applied Tech Department** and Winston Junior High students will be working together in our STEM initiative by collaborating in a semi-annual Vex Robotics competition. Approximately, 150 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering students will be competing in this year’s competition. This program will help prepare students for future success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields.
- In the **Applied Technology Department**, the *T273: Computer Repair* course curriculum includes standards of the internationally recognized A+ Computer Repair Certification test. The CompTIA A+ Certification is a certification that allows students to become experts in maintenance of PC’s, mobile devices, laptops, operating systems and printers. Several PHS

students have become A+ Computer Repair technicians by successfully passing the test. Students have access to TestOut online curriculum which helps prepare them for the A+ Certification Exam. TestOut is the leader in online labs for students and with the LabSim software, students experience a broad range of content in the simulated environment. In addition, classroom labs are dedicated to assuring students get the appropriate hands-on experience.

- This school year, Junior and Senior students taking the **T346/T446 Building Construction class will be starting construction on a two story house located in Palatine.** Upon successful completion of the course students will earn Harper College credit.
- This year will be the third year of running the **M296/T296 Geometry in Construction** course. It is a co-taught class between a Math and Applied Technology teacher where students learn to apply Geometry and Construction topics through the building of a significant construction project. The Geometry content matches that of the other Geometry courses taught in the Math Department, and prepares students for the subsequent Algebra 2 courses. Students will be exposed to and gain hands-on experience in the following areas of Construction: safety, framing, HVAC, plumbing, roofing, windows, exterior doors, and siding.
- This spring the **Project Lead the Way Engineering Students** will be heading down to Illinois State University for the State Technology Day to compete in several engineering competition.
- **Pirate Pete Preschool** will celebrate its 42nd anniversary at PHS this year. The preschool runs both a fall and spring session and has an enrollment of 30 little “Pirates”. The preschool serves both the staff as well as the

community and is staffed by PHS students who have completed a course in early childhood studies and education.

- PHS had over 65 students enrolled in the **Education Internship** program for the 2018-2019 school year. Students intern at PHS, Jane Addams, Lincoln and Lake Louise Elementary schools where they work hands on with a teacher to learn about the world of education.
- Students enrolled in **Early Childhood Studies** have the opportunity to earn the Level 1 Credential in Early Childhood Education. This past year several students earned this credential through Gateways to Opportunity where they learned about the daily practices of high-quality child care practitioners. This credential is for students interested in entering the field of early-childhood and school-age care.
- All Palatine High School seniors are required to complete a project that teaches them about community service and volunteerism as a part of the curriculum of their senior year social studies class. They can choose to do 20 hours of volunteering at a service agency or interview service agencies and write a paper about the topic. Many Palatine seniors have gone above and beyond this requirement volunteering at local senior citizen facilities, serving as mentors for children in an I-Compete program, volunteering with local forest preserves, park districts, or the Palatine Opportunity Center and many more! This year’s graduating class volunteered over 10,000 hours to serve their community.
- Palatine High School students can get involved in a mentoring program called **I-Compete**. With this program, elementary and middle school students visit Palatine to attend sporting events, activities

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and productions while being paired up with a high school mentor. Over 50 students volunteered with the program in different capacities throughout the year working with over 60 children from the Palatine community. This school year, we will add a new part of the program just for middle school students called “Future Pirate School” this activity will bring 50 future Pirates to PHS every other Wednesday where they will visit teams, clubs and activities to see what being a Pirate in competitive activities and sports is really like! Coaches, sponsors, and high school students will volunteer to work with these kids at each event!

- PHS honors accomplished alumni with *Distinguished Graduate Awards*. Among the recipients are former PHS students TV broadcaster **Carol Marin**; FBI agent **Terrance Heke**; publisher **Robert Paddock**; U.S. Attorney **Anton Valukas**; former professional football star **Leonard Rhode**; automotive engineer **Robert McKee**; former historian **Florence Parkhurst**; physician **James Ekeberg**; businessman **Paul Schrage**; former District 211 Superintendent **Dr. Richard Kolze**; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine **Mary Claire Scollary**; Village of Palatine President **Rita Mullins**; Director of Bio-Technology Research/Johnson Space Center **Dr. Glenn Spaulding**; actor/playwright **Benjamin Siegler**; President/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois **Ray McCaskey**; former Palatine fire chief **Orville Helms**; quadriplegic youth basketball coach/businessman **Steve Herbst**; NASA engineer **Jane Daugherty Runkle**; civil volunteer/historian **Ralph Schroeder**; U.S. Attorney **Ricardo Meza**; owner of Plote Construction **Raymond Plote**; Deputy Governor of Illinois **Sheila Nix**; **Master Sergeant James R. Woods**, USMC and **Rear Admiral James P. McManamon**, USN;

**Kimberly Palmiter Littlefield, Ph.D.**; adventurist **Suzanne Nance**; NHL Official, **Andrew McElman**; Assistant Clinical Professor **Dr. Julia Bonner**; firefighter/paramedic **Robert Falardeau**; American fashion designer, **Maria Pinto**, Retired District 211 Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, **Don Skinner**, Radio Talk Show host and political commentator, **Keith Larson**, Business executive and entrepreneur, **Chad Zamarin**; Retired United States Naval officer **Captain Louis J. Schager**; *The 2019 distinguished graduate recipient is fallen Marine Corporal Christopher J. Boyd.*

- **American Sign Language Club** is an opportunity for students to learn and practice American Sign Language (ASL) in a low stakes environment. Alyssa Moreno (English) along with an array of students from PHS decorated a room for the PHS community Trick-or-Treating event to help teach ASL to the attendees. The club also ran concessions at football and basketball games to practice using the signs they learned throughout the year. This year, ASL club hopes to participate in Deaf Community events in the area and continue to put their knowledge to use. They also hope to be able to perform the National Anthem or other songs for the school and work to bring awareness about the Deaf Community. In September, we will have a guest speaker from Deafinitely Dope performing interpreted songs during lunch periods and helping to teach sign language through music. No experience necessary in order to be a part of the club. Come start to have the conversation.
- Over 1,000 elementary students attend PHS’s **Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night** each year. School clubs and sports teams decorate classrooms and hand out candy donated by local stores, businesses,

community agencies, and the PHS Pirate Boosters.

- PHS’s annual **Fiesta Del Sol Dance** is a cultural extravaganza featuring ethnic food from community vendors, music, children’s crafts, and dance. School dance groups and area dance troops perform traditional Latino dances to start off the night, and we end with an open dance floor and DJ. Open to community members and their families.
- PHS students and staff participate in many **charitable events** each year. Last year PHS donated 196 units of blood through our blood drives. **Student Council** adopted 100 angels through the Adopt an Angel program.
- PHS features a state-of-the-art suite which houses a modified restroom, adapted classroom equipment and various assistive technology to help support the educational needs of students with disabilities.
- The **Educational Life Skills Program** includes functional academic and independence skills for students with Intellectual Disabilities. This program has been previously awarded the prestigious, “Those Who Excel” Award from the Illinois State Board of Education in recognition of implementing the best programs for students with disabilities.
- The **Adult Transition Program**, an extension of programming for students served in the Educational Life Skills Program is in its eleventh year of programming at PHS. ATP content focuses on providing students who have previously met graduation requirements with functional community-based, transition-based and vocational experiences leading to greater independence and engagement in the community and in society.

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- PHS offers many activities that provide avenues for school participation for students with special needs. These activities include the **Best Buddies Club, Special Olympics, Pep Squad, PAC Club, On Our Own Club, Special Art Club and Alpha Tau Pi Club.**
- Our Project Excel Leadership and Efficacy class provides students with several service learning opportunities designed to make a difference in the community and beyond. Infused in the curriculum are study skills, communication techniques self-management tips, and group dynamics principles. Throughout the course, students engage in meaningful classroom lessons that extend beyond the walls of academia. In recent years, this class has taken on a leadership role in organizing, hosting, and running Special Education Field Day where well over 100 special education students descend upon Palatine High School from Hoffman Estates, Hersey, Schaumburg, and Kirk schools for an afternoon of outdoor games, dancing and crafts. Giving back to the community and school is one of the foremost purposes of this course.
- The **Business Incubator** class provides students who have an entrepreneurial vision with the unique opportunity to learn necessary components to take a business idea and follow it through to fruition. The Incubator program will bring creativity, innovation, and expert entrepreneurial guidance together in one course that allows students to jump-start their business ideas before they graduate high school. The class culminates in a district-wide competition for real start-up money. For the past three years, students from Palatine High School won over \$55,000 to help start the business they created in class.
- **Business Education students**, in conjunction with Northern Illinois University’s College of Business, have won three first place awards and \$7,500 in cash prizes competing in finance valuations and entrepreneurship events. Taking a variety of business classes offered at Palatine High School prepared students well to compete against many other schools in the state not only at NIU, but also at the University of Chicago’s Financial Education Initiative hosted at Navy Pier, and Econ Illinois’s Personal Finance Challenge hosted at Chicago’s Federal Reserve Bank.
- The PHS **Pirate Booster Club’s** mission is to support the students, faculty and administration at Palatine High School in an effort to enrich every student’s high school experience. Last year the PHS Pirate Boosters were able to donate almost \$95,000 towards scholarships and grants. Grants were given for classroom instructional material, services and initiatives based on the input of faculty and administration.
- Your Boosters are off to a great start; however, our success is only possible when parents become involved. Please consider joining and becoming part of a great organization dedicated to our students by contacting our membership team at [membership@phspirateboosters.com](mailto:membership@phspirateboosters.com). Volunteer opportunities are always available and range from helping at one event to becoming a Committee Chair. If you’re interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Laura Lazicki, at [volunteer@phspirateboosters.com](mailto:volunteer@phspirateboosters.com). To learn more about the Boosters please visit us at [www.phspirateboosters.com](http://www.phspirateboosters.com) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/phsboosters](http://www.facebook.com/phsboosters).

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*“Some succeed because they were destined to, but most succeed because they were determined to.”*

- **Girls’ Softball:** Our 2019 Palatine Softball was the first Palatine softball team in history to win the MSL conference. Our team finished with a season record of 29-3 and a conference record of 16-0. We also earned our 8th Regional Championship in the program’s history. In all the team had five all-

conference players including MSL West Player of the Year, Grace Huff. The team’s accomplishments also include five all-area players and four all-state players. The all-state players include: Grace Huff, First Team, Rhiann Dick and Amanda Stanczuk, Second Team and Kaitlyn Reed, Third Team.

Team Roster: Chase Friel, Mandy Logan, Emily Brinckerhoff, Grace Huff, Rhiann Dick, Anna Selleck, Kaitlyn Reed, Amanda Stanczuk, Emily Parrott, Kelly Beach, Kayla Courtney, and Caitlin Williams. Head Coach: Nicole Pauly Capalbo Assistant Coaches: Kristen

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- Proffitt, Nick Pauly, Kelli Burke and Debbie Madaj.
- **Boys Lacrosse:** Boys Lacrosse has its best season in years and has over 60 players in the program, many who are trying the sport for the first time. Seniors **Sam Russchenberg** heads to play at North Central College and **Cormac McGrath** heads to Calvin College
  - **Boys' Gymnastics:** The Gymnastics team finished 4th in conference. Freshmen Trey Wilcox and Dominica Filichia both placed in the top 10 in the all-around competition. Seniors Christian Waller and Jon Tellez were named to the senior all-star team.
  - **Boys' Track:** The team finished Runner Up out of 6 teams at the weather shortened Palatine Relays just 5 points out of first (114 to 109). The Frosh Soph team had a Championship at the 8 team Libertyville Relays and a Runner Up finish at the 10-team Lake Forest Invitational.
  - **Boys' Volleyball:** Finished 1st at the HEHS tournament, 1st at our own tournament, and 2nd in the Libertyville tournament. Senior, **Curtis McLennan**, was named male athlete of the year. **Ben Rinella** was named the USA Midwest Player of the Week of April 21st. **Ben Rinella** will play volleyball next year at St. Norbert.
  - **Badminton:** Girls took 4th place at Palatine and Hinsdale South Invitationals. The sectional team consisting of doubles teams Megan Obernesser, Noemi Trejo and Rhea Akhaury, Leah Bradley, and singles players Litzy Gorostieta and Priya Moorkoth participated in tournament to earn spots at the State Badminton Tournament at EIU.
  - **Girls' Water Polo: Maggie O'Brien** was All-Conference. She had over 121 goals, becoming only the 4th PHS girl in history to eclipse 100 goals in a season.
  - **Principal's Scholar Athletes of the Year were Leah Bradley, Dominique de Fiesta, Jessica Streepy, Grace Huff, Molly Kleinfeldt, Amelia Kolany, Curtis Mc Lennan and John Wang.**
  - **Athletes of the Year were Grace Huff and Curtis Mc Lennan.**
  - The **PHS Band Program** continues to strive for excellence through performance opportunities throughout the school year. This year's halftime show is "West Side Story", which features music from the 1957 musical such as "Tonight", "America", "Maria", "Cool", "One Hand, One Heart" & "Somewhere". This spring break the band and choir programs will be heading down south to New Orleans, Louisiana to perform in Jackson Square and at Tulane University. PHS Band students continued to receive recognition for exceptional musicianship, including ILMEA District 7 participants senior Phoebe Domanus (French horn, orchestra). The Wind Symphony had a superb performance at the Eastern Illinois University Concert Band Festival in February. The Jazz Bands performed very well at the North Shore Jazz Festival and The Mundelein Jazz Invitational this year, where each group received a superior rating at each of their performances, earning a total of five superior ratings. Throughout the year, several professional musicians and conductors worked with the bands, including Dr. Bob Lark (DePaul University) and Kevin Miller (Retired D211).
  - The **PHS Orchestras** took their first European Tour to Germany and Austria during spring break of 2019. Student enjoyed exploring the countries and performing in historic venues such as the Capuchin Church in Vienna. Several students were recognized for their musical achievement: Tess Boghossian (viola) and Hayden Williams (cello) were selected for the ILMEA District 7 Orchestra and the following students successfully auditioned for the 2019 D211 Honors Orchestra: Tess Boghossian (viola), Leah Bradley (cello, Class of 2018), Ashley Hallier (violin), Connor LaSalle (violin), and Hayden Williams (cello).
  - **PHS Modern Music Masters** or Tri-M chapter donated \$750 last year to the Swansboro Middle School Tri-M chapter for hurricane relief. Save the date on November 15th for their sing-a-long movie night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to a local charity. Students from the class of 2018 who represented Tri-M at the state music educators conference were: Zoe Vukelich (president), Leah Bradley (historian), and Rachel Heikkinen (board member).
  - The **PHS Choir Program** will be very active in the 2019-2020 school year. In addition to our regularly scheduled concerts December 6, March 12, and May 8, the choirs will be performing outside of Palatine High School. Midnight Blues will be participating in a special performance of *Considering Matthew Shepard* at the Ravinia Music Festival with director Craig Hella Johnson and choir, *Conspirare*. All of the extra-curricular groups will be providing entertainment at the Palatine

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Oktoberfest Family Day, hosted by the Palatine Rotary Club, on September 21st at noon. Members of Concert Choir and Women's Chorale will be traveling to New Orleans over Spring Break with PHS bands. We are very proud of Divya Murali and Ann Marie Naylor for their acceptance into the ILMEA District 7 Senior Chorus and Vocal Jazz ensemble, respectively. Treble In Paradise competed in the ICHSA acapella tournament last year for the first time and is looking forward to returning to competition in February. This year is sure to be a great year of music-making with the students of Palatine High School choirs. Please come out and support our students at any choir event throughout the school year.

- This school year the **World Language Department** will continue to offer AP Spanish Literature and Culture. PHS is one of two schools in the district to offer this course and the first a few years ago to take the challenge of adding this new course to our curriculum. AP Spanish Literature and Culture is a course where students are immersed in enriched Spanish Literature and exposed to cultural topics at the collegiate level. World Language Day was a huge success with both students and adult speakers sharing their experiences about their travels around the world. We also celebrated many inductees to our World Language Honors Program given to students who have maintained a B+ average in all of their language classes and have shown commitment by enrolling in a 4th year. Our department continues to see success in students because we are able to enrich them with engagement to the program to help them come out ahead and college and career ready. In

addition, we still offer French and German as our other two languages with three exchanges taking place to Germany, Canada or France and to a Spanish speaking country (i.e. Spain, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama and we will be working on a service exchange project to Puerto Rico for 2021). We are excited to continue to offer Spanish as a dual credit and provide our students with an enriched opportunity to learn languages.

- At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the **Science Department** received the Alpha Anatomage Table that is bringing Anatomy instruction to life for CNA and Med Terms classes. The Anatomage Table is the only fully segmented real human 3D anatomy system. Students can visualize anatomy exactly as they would on a fresh cadaver. Individual structures are reconstructed in accurate 3D, resulting in an unprecedented level of real accurate anatomy, dissectible in 3D. Anatomy is presented as a fully interactive, life-sized touch screen experience. The Table allows for exploration and learning of human anatomy beyond what any cadaver could offer. This table, along with the convertible Anatomage table that was received the year prior, will provide students with the same anatomy learning opportunities found in colleges and medical schools.
- The Palatine High School **Art department** continues to provide its students with many opportunities for exhibition, scholarship and college and career readiness. This Spring, Palatine Art Students earned over 2.5 million dollars in combined scholarship offerings.
- The **Art department** participated in multiple area Art shows including the Harper Area Art

Show, the Illinois High School Art Exhibition, The Palatine Library Show, Arts-a-palooza and Moonwaltz Student Film Festival to name a few.

- Over 50 AP students from A389, A499 and A599 took the Art Portfolio Advanced Placement exam this May. Last year, over 85% of our AP Studio Art students earned college credit (scored a 3 or better) for their portfolio exams.
- This year our **ELS special needs A100 Art Program** celebrated their 14th show! This year's theme was Where the Wild Things Are. The students made amazing costumes and props.
- A super special thank you to the **Palatine High School Booster** organization for their continued generosity and support. Once again, they sponsored awards for our second annual PHS Senior/Junior Art Invite as well as the purchase of new equipment for the students.
- Our **PTV Broadcasting program** now has an official course number A342. PTV had a great year including a trip down state where Kathryn Campion, Caitlin Preuss and Evan Waller won second in state at NHS for news broadcasting.
- Be sure to check out the new and improved **Art department** website <http://phsartdepartment.wixsite.com/> home for the latest happenings. And follow us on instagram [@palatinehsart](https://www.instagram.com/palatinehsart) or twitter [@PHSartdept](https://twitter.com/PHSartdept)
- **PHS PEP Squad** is a performance group integrating special needs students with our Varsity Poms and Orchesis/Dance Company teams. They have performed at several functions including Homecoming,

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Royal Rally, the Amy Rudolph Tournament, and PH floor hockey tournament.

- **Special Olympians** at PHS compete in a yearlong sports program. Sports include: Volleyball, Basketball, Power Lifting and Track and Field events. Athletes competed at the State level for Power Lifting and Track and Field and brought home many gold, silver and bronze medals. The athletes are coached by **students in Special Olympics Partners Club**. All PHS students can apply as a partner.
- **Palatine Activity Club (PAC)**. Is open to all students in the ELS and LLS programs. PAC participates in a variety of social and athletic activities including the PHS Homecoming, Halloween event, PAC Prom, and Spring Basketball Tournament. The PAC team was the 1st place champions in the Amy Rudolph Basketball Tournament held against Hoffman Estates High School, Hersey High School, and Kirk High School.
- PHS hosted the **36th annual Doug Verdonck PH Hockey Tournament** for hockey athletes in schools across the state with disabilities. PHS team hosted seven other high school teams for the 2018-2019 tournament.
- $\pi$  – **RATES (PHS Math Team)** The team placed 10th overall at the State Math Competition this year, bringing home its first state team trophy. The Junior Senior 2 person team placed 4th in state, the calculator and Oral team placed 6th and the Freshman/Sophomore 8 person team placed 8th.
- The **Palatine High School Service Club** served the community in a variety of ways this year including organizing bus driver and maintenance appreciation

days, coordinating a fundraiser and football game for Breast Cancer Awareness, organizing a drive to help 32 veterans who are homeless establish their homes, sponsoring 3 children for the Angel Tree, baking cookies and making cards for a police officer appreciation day, having a bake sale fundraiser for a cancer treatment center, making fleece blankets for women and children who take refuge at the WINGS shelters, and volunteering at over 20 different elementary school, middle school and community events. Other favorite events included creating a “Halloween Room” at Palatine’s Halloween Festival and hosting a fall party for senior residents at Greencastle of Palatine. Service Club members also helped organize Palatine’s first Day of Service- at which over 90 freshman and seniors volunteered at local elementary schools on their day off of school. The Service Club raised over \$6,000 for Cancer Awareness research last year and logged over 1100 hours of service to the school and the community!

- **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** had 10 students compete at the state competition in Springfield on April 15th. Students competed in various Family and Consumer Science related events. We came home with four gold medals and six silver medals.
- **Fashion Club** meets weekly after school on Wednesdays in Room 158 for students with an interest in fashion, DIY crafts, and creative activities and fun. **Fashion Club** plans and produces a fashion show each year with the partnership of local business. The Prom Fashion show in February featured dresses and tuxedos selected and modeled by PHS students.

- **Senior fashion construction** students **Maria Leon** and **Ruby Sotelo** presented their original designed Little Black Dresses during a Jury Show Breakfast at Harper College.
- **Ecology Club** promotes Earth awareness by offering environmental learning opportunities throughout the year. In September, students completed conservation work by removing invasive species for the Palatine Park District in conjunction with the National Public Lands Clean-up. In October, our students assisted with cleaning our local area through highway clean-up on Sterling and Northwest Highway. Throughout the spring, members designed a display and created awareness activities to celebrate Earth Week at PHS. In April, five club representatives participated in the annual North Eastern Illinois Envirothon where they competed on environmental topics. The club educates students and staff about the importance of recycling through our comingled recycling program in the café and paper recycling in the classrooms.
- **Speech Team Award Winner: Aaron Kleinschmidt:** IHSA Sectional Finalist in Impromptu Speaking and Dramatic Interpretation
- **Debate Team State Award Winners:** Lincoln-Douglas Third Place Winner: **Leeanne Smith;** Lincoln-Douglas Quarter-finalist: **Krishna Tewari;** Public Forum Octo-Finalist: **Valery Lopez** and **Rahul Kalle;** Public Forum Octo-Finalist: **Aleena Qazi** and **Shamoun Daudi;** Public Forum Octo-Finalist: **Max Herod** and **Pranav Pillai.**

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- **Orchesis** is Palatine High School's oldest dance club, and its members are involved in many activities throughout the year. The 2019-2020 dance club is involved in the following events and opportunities: will perform in and present Dance Show 2020, which is themed "I Am", dates of performances are February 13th & 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Altergott Auditorium; will perform with Pep Squad at performances such as the Amy Rudolph Tournament and the PH Hockey Tournament. The team will also participate and perform in many other opportunities including Homecoming, Variety show, spring pep assembly, and the D211 Orchesis Winter Invite. Orchesis is a dance club that invites students who like to perform in any dance style to participate in many performances throughout the community and at the high school. Orchesis is sponsored by Krystal Coleman (Physical Education Dept.) and Sarina Flores (Media Center). If you have any questions, please email [kcoleman@d211.org](mailto:kcoleman@d211.org) for more information.
- **Latin Dance Crew**, coached by Liza Sullivan (Social Studies) and Karina Vargas (Math), performed in a variety of school and community events this school year. Their performances include: Dance Show, Variety Show, Danceapalooza, PHS Pep assemblies, and Royal Rally. Latin Dance Crew were also invited to perform at Cary Grove HS, Harper College's Sabor Latino Scholarship event, and Palatine Opportunity Center's Cinco de Mayo event and participated in the Trick or Treat PHS Community event. Latin Dance Crew allow students to showcase their talent and passion through cultural dance and truly represent the spirit of PHS. Open auditions for are held in August, if you have any questions, please email [lsullivan@d211.org](mailto:lsullivan@d211.org) or [kvargas@d211.org](mailto:kvargas@d211.org).
- **Cultural Awareness** is a club which educates and celebrates cultural diversity at PHS. Alyssa Moreno (English), along with the students from PHS celebrated Chinese New Year by decorating the hall way to spread awareness of the holiday and have gone on field trips to be surrounded by the culture. The club also decorated a room for the PHS community Trick-or-Treating event, adopted a family for the holiday gift giving program, organized cultural displays, and hosts the annual Fiesta del Sol dance. Each year we hosting World Fest, a celebration of cultures, during the school day as well as a community Zumba event to raise money for Blessings in a Backpack. All are welcome to join our club and help spread awareness of different cultures.
- The **PHS Scholastic Bowl** team had another successful season with a 65-21 record. They earned the right to host an IHSA regional tournament for the second straight year, made it to the state level Masonic Bowl tournament, and had two students, senior John Wang and junior Ryan Tsau, voted to the IHSSBCA All-State Team.
- The **Palatine Science Olympiad Team**, sponsored by Carl Garrison, Robert Heitz, Patrick Rauen, and Alex Larson has been busy organizing and recruiting team members. During the 2018-2019 year, the team hosted its sixth annual invitational tournament with close to 1000 students participating from 56 different teams. The Science Olympiad team participated in four invitational tournaments, a regional tournament, and qualified for the state tournaments for their eighth straight time. This past year, students earned medals 52 times throughout the school year, including the five medals won in the State Tournament. During the regional tournament, the team finished in 5th place. Our dedicated team members competed hard and enjoyed every moment of the tournaments. They made friends from other schools and had a great time "doing" science and winning medals. Science Olympiad is always looking for dedicated, science-minded students to join the team.
- **The Certified Nursing Assistant Program** is one of the many dual credit courses offered at PHS. CNA dual credit is a high school course aligned to Harper College's CNA course taught at PHS. The students earn high school and community college credit simultaneously. The students who have successfully completed the program are eligible to take the state certification test. With certification, the students are able to work as certified nursing assistants in long term care facilities, hospitals, clinics or even private homes. Many institutions also require the CNA certification as a prerequisite to Nursing Programs. The class provides a real life glimpse of health care jobs. The students practice clinical skills at a long term care setting earning them 40 clinical hours. When students work as CNA's during the summer or while attending college, the hours clocked as a CNA count towards patient contact requirements towards future healthcare degrees such as Physician Assistant Programs. The CNA students also learn life-long skills such as measuring pulse, respiration and blood pressure. All CNA students are CPR certified.

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- The **Chemistry of Foods** program provides students the opportunity to participate in food preparation while learning the scientific basis of the chemical and biological processes involved in the culinary arts. The class meets two consecutive periods and is team taught by teachers from the Family & Consumer Sciences and Science departments. Students completing this course will attain Harper College dual credit as they pursue their Illinois Department of Public Health food safety and sanitation certificates. The course provides guided practice for students who are considering a career in the culinary arts while providing an overview of the restaurant industry. Students will apply what they learn through participation in Pete's Café, an in-house restaurant, and other catered events.
- **Palatine's PROMISE:** What began as a reaction to a bullying survey that was administered to our students and staff has become a school-wide tier 1 social/emotional

intervention that has the simple goal of improving the climate of our school. **Palatine's PROMISE** is a multi-faceted program that includes over 200 students, two or more selected from every homeroom in our school. That diverse group, the Student Summit, works with the staff members, who are members of the **Palatine's PROMISE** committee, to develop and coordinate the initiatives of the program. The initiatives include semester homeroom lessons, forums and all-school assemblies . . . all designed to help students learn and live the seven promises . . . **Pride** in myself, my school and my community, **Respect** for myself and other, **Ownership** of my actions, **Motivation** to Do The Right Thing, **Integrity** in my life, **Success** . . . my goal, and **Excellence** . . . my aspirations. Each semester, a homeroom lesson is developed to promote a healthy school climate. Last year, the topics included the following: Random Acts of Kindness and You

Can't Judge a Book By Its Cover, which was also the topic of our all-school assembly with guest speaker, John "Ray" Donahue-Grossman. In addition to the homeroom lessons, PROMISE is known for its "paloozas." They sponsored Lunchapalooza, a two-day cafeteria event designed to improve the climate in the cafeteria, a Health and Safety Fair, Artsapalooza, Danceapalooza and Bandapalooza. They also sponsored a fundraising drive for Blessings in a Backpack. Today's teenagers are bombarded with negative messages that come from the media, their peers and the streets. By taking a few minutes each semester to address issues that directly impact our school's climate, we can make a difference on how our students think and act with the positive messages of the **Palatine's PROMISE** program.



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## Take a Look at the Palatine High School Staff

*They are committed to motivating their students and colleagues  
"To Achieve – What Others Dare Not Dream."*

- **Palatine High School** currently has twenty-five National Board Certified teachers: **Craig Barnes**-Mathematics Dept. Chair, **Dana Batterton**-English, **Samantha Dolen**-Science; **Sarah Dyson**-English, **Pamela Fullerton**-English, **Douglas Gross**-English, **Joseph Grzybek**-Math; **Scott Hagel**-Physical Education, **Nick Hostert**-Art, **Seju Jain**-ESL, **Jennifer Krause**-English Dept. Chair, **Katie Kupka**-English, **Vinh**

**Le-Mathematics**, **Erin Lindstrom**-English, **Erin Luzadder**-Mathematics, **Eric Millstone**-English, **Megan Panico**-English; **Kathy Petko**-Mathematics, **Michael Ruta**-Applied Tech, **Robert Schuetz**-Technology Coordinator, **Christopher Smith**-Science; **Erika Varela**-Family and Consumer Science and **Kristine Zaremba**-World Language. The NBPTS is a way for teachers to have their practice measured

against the highest standards for accomplished teaching. Many other PHS teachers are in the certification process.

- The following departments have teachers with reading specialist endorsements: **English** has eleven, **Special Ed** has four, **ESL** has two, **Science**, **Social Studies**, **Applied Tech**, **Business Ed** each have one.