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 2601 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 2017-2018 school year. In May, 2018 648 students took 1,343 AP exams.

- 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 85 Illinois State Scholars in 2018 and 193 members of the Class of 2018 earned over 4.3 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.

- 94 percent of the class of 2018 reported that they plan to attend either a two- or four-year college.

- The 2018 National Merit Winner was Bhargav Yadavalli.

- **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.


- IHSA Journalism: Monica Juras (’18) qualified for state in the Caption Writing category; Carolyn Philbin (’19) qualified for state in the Sports Writing category. Shout out to Cutlass advisors Sean Berleman and Jeff Leathem for hosting the IHSA state meet here at PHS this past April.

- 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 physical and intellectual challenges, 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
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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. 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 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 competitions. 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 year will be the second 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.

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• 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 competitions.

• Pirate Pete Preschool will celebrate its 41st anniversary at PHS this year. The preschool runs both a fall and spring session and has an enrollment of 20 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 2017-2018 school year. Students intern at PHS, Jane Addams, and Sanborn Elementary schools where they work hands on with a teacher to learn about the
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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 90 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.

- The Family and Consumer Science and Business Departments will be offering Practices in Entrepreneurships (PIE) again this year. In this course, students acquire skills necessary to become successful managers and entrepreneurs and explore more advanced culinary techniques. A Latte Sweets will be open for business every Friday morning before school starting in February. They will operate out of the newly renovated Media center café space.

- 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 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.

- 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 Palminter 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. The 2018 distinguished graduate recipient is Retired United States Naval officer Captain Louis J. Schager.

- 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 201 units of blood through our blood drives. Student Council adopted 100 angels through the Adopt an Angel program.
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• The **Physically Handicaps Program** at PHS features state-of-the-art adaptive computer technology for students with special needs and houses an OT/PT suite, modified restrooms, and classroom equipment adapted for students with physical handicaps.

• The “**Educational Life Skills Program**” includes functional academic and elective curricula for students with cognitive 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 special needs.

• 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.

• 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.

• The **Business Freshman Leadership for Life** class provides students with several unique learning opportunities designed to make a difference in the community and beyond. Students have engaged in meaningful classroom lessons that have extended beyond the walls of academia. In recent years, the Leadership for Life class has taken on a leadership role in organizing, hosting, and running Palatine’s Special Education Field Day where well over 100 special education students attended from Hoffman Estates, Hersey, Schaumburg, and Kirk schools. Palatine Leadership for Life students ran various sporting events, prepared food, organized board games and crafts, and provided musical entertainment throughout the event. 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 $7500 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 $114,000 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. 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, Margery Katalinich, at volunteer@phspirateboosters.com. To learn more about the Boosters please visit us at www.phspirateboosters.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/phsboosters.
Girls' Softball: Our 2018 Palatine Softball team is the most successful to wear the Pirate softball jersey. Our team finished earning their 7th Regional Championship, 1st Sectional Championship, 1st Super Sectional Championship and first state trophy in the programs history. Palatine Softball finished the year with a 30-6 record and took home a 3rd Place State Trophy. In all the team had six all-conference players including MSL West Player of the Year, Maddie Craver. The team’s accomplishments also include six all-area players and four all-state players. The all-state players include: Maddie Craver, First Team, Sarah Grossman and Grace Huff, Second Team and Emily Parrott, Third Team. Team Roster: Chase Friel, Mandy Logan, Emily Brinckerhoff, Brittany Padden, Grace Huff, rhiann Dick, Anna Selleck, Maddie Craver, Kaitlyn Reed, Grace Seiffert, Amanda Stanczuk, Amily Parrott & Sara Grossman. Head Coach: Nicole Pauly Capalbo Assistant Coaches: Kristen Proffitt, Nick Pauly, Anne Gavin, Kelli Burke & Debbie Madaj

Girls’ Lacrosse: 2018 Graduate Kendra Lindell will play at Findlay University and Kara O’Connell will play at Aurora University. The girls finished 2nd in the MSL Conference.

Boys’ Lacrosse: All Conference: Brian Cygnar & Cormac McGrath.

Baseball: 21-15 Regular Season. 2nd place finish in MSL West. Seniors Evan Daly and Jack Hopper; Juniors Josh Stitt and Jake Andersen named all-conference. Seniors Evan Daly, Jack Hopper, J.T. Skelnik & Junior Jake Andersen named all area.

Boys’ Gymnastics: Strong finish to the season as the Pirate Gymnastics team finished 3rd in conference. Nick Vilha was the conference still rings champion and Chris Lunsford was the conference vault champion. Brian Gaytan qualified to state on four events and Chris Lunsford qualified to state on every event and the all-around. Head coach Scott Hagel was inducted into the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Chris Lunsford was named Senior Gymnast of the Year by the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association.

Boys’ Track: Sophomore Richie Jacobo qualified for state in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 9:27. The Frosh/Soph team won the 10 Team Lake Forest Invitational. Varsity placed 2nd at the 11 Team Palatine Relays.

Boys’ Volleyball: All conference athletes were Connor Nix, Curtis McLennan, and Johnny O’Shea. All-Area athletes were Curtis McLennan, Johnny O’Shea, Camden Hill & Connor Nix & honorable mention was Bryant Smith. Johnny O’Shea was also named to the second team All-State.


Badminton: Varsity earned 2nd Place in MSL West Division, 3rd Place in MSL Conference, 1st Place Palatine Sectional and sent the entire sectional team to State at EIU. State Qualifiers were Rose Clement (‘18), Kamila Czyszczon (‘18), Ariana Daniels (‘18), Sophia Kics (‘18), Lily Morris (‘19), and Megan Obernesser (‘19).

Girls’ Water Polo: All-Conference: Maggie O’Brien.

Principal’s Scholar Athletes of the Year were Robert McCracken and Sarah Jasonowicz, Divya Maheshwari & Sydney Rzepka.

Athletes of the Year were Kacie Filian & Johnny O’Shea.

The PHS Band Program continues to strive for excellence through performance opportunities throughout the school year. This year’s halftime show is “Shades of Latin”, a collection of colorful.
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rhythms and fun Latin melodies. The Marching Band, including the Varsity Poms & Varsity Color Guard, traveled to Disney World this past spring break, marching for one of the largest audiences that the band has performed for. PHS Band students continued to receive recognition for exceptional musicianship, including ILMEA District 7 participants junior John Azpuru (concert), and senior Brian Sonderegger (concert). Later at the All-State Festival, Brian Sonderegger qualified and performed in the ILMEA All-State Honor Band, the highest band ensemble at the festival as one of the top clarinetists in the state. The Wind Symphony had a superb performance at the State of Illinois Concert Band Festival in April at Illinois State University. The Jazz Bands performed very well at jazz festivals this year, where each group received a superior rating at each of their festival performances, earning a total of five superior ratings. Throughout the year, several professional musicians and conductors worked with the bands, including Steven Bryant (composer), Mark Colby (Elmhurst College) and Tim Janiszewski (composer).

• The PHS Orchestras most recently teamed up with Fremd HS Orchestras to travel to Los Angeles, CA during spring break March of 2017. This year, they are looking forward to their first European Tour to Germany and Austria during spring break of 2019. 2018 graduate Abigail Zuercher (cello) was again selected for the ILMEA District 7 Orchestra and she was joined by senior Sophia Kics (cello) as PHS representatives in the D211 Honors Orchestra. You can catch the performance of the PHS Orchestras at 12:00 PM on Sept. 15, 2018 at the Palatine Oktoberfest Festival. The extra-curricular Chamber Strings has performed at St. Joseph’s Home, Palatine Senior Center, and Friendship Village for various community events and Concert Orchestra performed for the PHS preschool graduation. We look forward to more collaborative events and are excited to roll out the after school Mariachi Club in fall of 2018.

• PHS continues to expand the Modern Music Masters or Tri-M chapter. This music national music honor society places an emphasis on service and scholarship using the special musical talents of the membership. Community works include helping at the junior high concerts, leading tours for new students, and running clinics to help young music students. This summer, Tri-M members helped with repainting and redecorating the music department hallway at PHS.

• The PHS Concert Choir has received high honor recognition in the past five years winning awards in the Chicagoland Showcase competition held yearly in Arlington Heights. They have been featured on the WGN News, FOX News, WFMT radio, and have recently performed concert tours at the Ryman Center and the Grand Ol’ Opry (Nashville); a 2015 school concert tour in London; New York City in 2016 with the band and orchestra; Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame (Cleveland); and the Elgin & Winter Garden Theaters (Toronto). Students in the choirs heavily make up the casts for the Musical and Variety Shows, where Secret Garden, The Addams Family, and Footloose received rave audience reviews. Concert Choir, Women’s Chorale and Mixed Chorus perform in three yearly concerts, where the entire public is cordially invited to attend. Vocal ensembles Midnight Blues, Treble in Paradise, and The Guys! Perform in concerts and for various events, public and private throughout Chicagoland.

• 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.

• At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the Science Department received the Alpha Anatome Table that will help bring Anatomy instruction to life for CNA and Med Terms classes. The Anatome
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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 we received last year, 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.

• Students in the A152 Painting, Drawing and Printmaking courses took a tour of the Pilsen neighborhood in downtown Chicago exploring its rich muralist heritage.

• Advanced Art students were treated with a trip to the Chicago Art Institute. They did research to inform their personal portfolio work. 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 our 13th show! Students continue to create their own costumes, props and perform their play!!!!

• The Palatine High School Booster organization generously sponsored awards for our second annual PHS Senior/Junior Art Invite as well as new equipment for the students. It was a great night with a lot of Art, celebration and camaraderie.

• Our Broadcasting team of A200 PTV had a great year! We will be live streaming more events from Palatine and taking more trips out in the field to learn about careers in broadcasting.

• Be sure to check out the new and improved Art department website http://phsartdepartment.wixsite.com/ for the latest happenings. And follow us on Instagram @palatinehsart or twitter @PHSartdept

• PHS PEPSquad 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, 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 35th 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 2017-2018 tournament.

• π-Rates (PHS Math Team) The team placed 3rd at the Regional Championship and placed 14th overall at the State Math Competition this year. The Junior Senior Relay team placed 3rd in state, the Junior Senior 2 person team placed 5th.

• 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, packing baskets for Thanksgiving food for two Palatine families, sponsoring 6 children for the Angel Tree, baking cookies and making cards for a police
officer appreciation day, writing hundreds of letters to military veterans who participated in Honor Flight, 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 football and luau parties for senior residents at Greencastle of Palatine. Service Club members also helped organize Palatine’s first Day of Service- at which over 80 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 1200 hours of service to the school and the community!

- **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** had 13 students compete at the state competition in Springfield on April 13th. Students competed in various Family and Consumer Science related events. We came home with six 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 Lizbeth Carbajal, A’sha McDonald, Janet Sanchez & Jackie Valero presented their original designed Little Black Dresses during a Jury Show Breakfast at Harper College on May 9th. Fashion construction students Maria Leon, Janet Sanchez & Ruby Sotelo competed in the Harper Challenge Dress Design Fashion Show on May 18th. Congratulations to all students who competed in both of these college level events!

- **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 implemented a comingled recycling program at the school this year and will be continuing to educate students and staff about the importance of recycling.

- **Speech Team Award Winners:** Molly Mensch – IHSA Sectional Finalist in Prose Reading; Justin Davis – IHSA State Qualifier in Dramatic Interpretation; Ravan Ali – IHSA State Qualifier in Special Occasion Speaking.

- **Debate Team State Award Winner:** Lincoln-Douglas All-State Team Captain: Gabrielle Cervantes; Lincoln-Douglas All-State (10th place speaker): Leeanne Smith; Lincoln-Douglas Octo-Finalist: Gabrielle Cervantes; Lincoln-Douglas Quarter-Finalist: Leeanne Smith; Lincoln-Douglas Semi-Finalist: Janvi Shah.

- **Orchesis** is Palatine High School’s oldest dance club, and its members are involved in many activities throughout the year. The 2018-2019 dance club is involved in the following events and opportunities: will perform in and present Dance Show 2019, which is themed “Dance Your Heart Out”, dates of performances are February 14th, 15th & 16th at 7:00 pm 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 Ramirez (Media Center). If you have any questions, please email kcoleman@d211.org or go to phsorchesis.com for more information.

- **DNA Hip Hop Dance Crew and Latin Dance Crew**, coached by Liza Sullivan (Social Studies), 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. DNA and Latin Dance Crews were also invited to perform at Cary Grove HS. DNA Hip Hop Dance Crew and Latin Dance Crew allow students to showcase their talent and passion through dancing and both teams truly represent the spirit of PHS. Open auditions for both groups are held in August, if you have any questions, please email lsullivan@d211.org.

- **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. No experience necessary in order to be a part of the club.

- **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 this year with a field trip to the Chinese New Year Gala at DePaul University to experience cultural dance, music, and enjoy traditional cuisine. 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. This year we will be 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 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 2017-2018 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 seventh straight time. This past year, students earned medals 57 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.

- **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 enrolled in the course will have a common lunch period to allow for flexibility on production days. 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, Jennifer Lindstrom-English, Eric 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.