



2ii NEWSLETTER

January 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2023

First semester has been great, and I look forward to an even better second semester. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents and students of the class of 2023, who are receiving their first PHS newsletter with this mailing. With the New Year it is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. We are excited to have some of those fresh starts and new beginnings here at Palatine as well. As some of you know, I will be retiring at the end of this year and we will have a new principal at Palatine next year. I have been part of the Palatine family for 22 years so it is important to me that our Pirates have the right person leading them as Principal in the future and I am confident that Tony Medina is that person. I welcome and congratulate Mr. Medina as he transitions forward to take over the best job on the planet. I am confident he will continue with all the great things Palatine is and add many more of his own marks on our Pirate community. Please join me in wishing him well and supporting his mission to make Palatine the best school it can be for our community.

As we have come to realize over the past few years, ending the semester before the holidays gives our teachers and students a chance to wind down and take a short break from the hard work of teaching and learning. Hopefully you have already had a chance to talk to your son or daughter about their first semester grades. If your child did well, take a moment to offer congratulations, not just for doing well, but for the hard work, effort and determination that was required to perform well. It's not just about the destination, the path taken to reach that destination is equally or in some cases more important. If the grades were not quite what you both had hoped, offer encouragement and a reminder that second semester can be a time to make a fresh start. Work together to set short- and long-term goals that are clear, reasonable, and achievable. Determine what went right about first semester and what could have gone better. Set goals for success. Foster a growth mindset that accepts the challenge to continue to grow and continue to learn and knowing that success comes from trying.

Even though we are only halfway through the year, we have already begun preparing for the 2019-2020 school year. Our guidance counselors have already met with students to select next year's courses. Be sure to talk with your student about future educational plans and possible career goals and make sure they match the courses they have selected. Keep these plans and goals in mind as you review the course selection confirmation sheets that will be mailed home soon. Students have until the end of January to see their counselors to make adjustments to their course selections. Palatine has over 200 courses in its curriculum, I encourage students to take advantage of the many elective classes PHS offers in addition to the required courses -- they are a great way to round out and enrich the educational experience. The elective classes are a great way for students to take a class that might help them pick out that possible future career or just learn more about something that interests them. In addition, students have access to a wide range of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses where they have the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. Our goal is to have all students graduate with 15 college credits before they leave us. Information on the Power of 15 is available [here](#). Students who earn college



credits in high school are much more likely to not only graduate from college, but also to graduate on time, so please encourage your son/daughter to challenge themselves by enrolling in either a Dual Credit or Advanced Placement course during the course of their high school career. Our Curriculum Guide is available on-line or by clicking this [link](#), as well as a link to our [career clusters site](#). Students have until the end of January to make changes to their course selections if they choose to accept the challenge of taking an AP or Dual Credit course.

I look forward to our last semester together and am excited to see where Mr. Medina takes us in the future. Palatine is a great school and a fantastic community and I am honored to have been able to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Gary Steiger
Principal

dates to remember

January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. (No School)
January 22	Student Late Start
January 23-26	Musical, 7:00 p.m.
February 5	Student Late Start
February 14-16	Dance Show
February 15	Early Dismissal – Girls' State Gymnastics Meet (dismissal 12:35 p.m.)
February 16	Girls' State Gymnastics Meet
February 18	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 19	Student Late Start

GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Students who meet the following criteria may choose to exempt from their second semester final examinations. To be qualified for exemption, a student must:

- 1) be a senior
- 2) have at least a "C" average in the course
- 3) have five or fewer absences from the class
- 4) have never been truant from the class
- 5) have never been suspended from the class
- 6) not be incomplete on assignments required

Exempted seniors may choose to take the final examination by notifying their teacher at any time prior to the end of the semester. All final examinations will be given May 22, 23 and 24, 2019.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Pirate Pete Trivia Night to support the Ray Mills fund will be held on Friday, April 5th in the cafeteria. Start time is 7:00 p.m. so be early! Tables are \$50 apiece and teams can have a maximum of eight players. Anyone is welcome: teachers, students, spouses, parents, relatives, or community members.

GUIDED STUDY HALL AND THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

At Palatine High School, we have high expectations for all our students to succeed in reaching their academic potential. For those who are struggling, we offer a variety of programs to help them succeed. In the Student Success Center, math, English, and science teachers provide academic support to students every period of the day, as well as before and after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Additionally, Social Studies provides support before and after school Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as well as Friday mornings. Students are encouraged to drop in for help with homework, test preparation, or for a little extra help with something they didn't completely "get" in class. The Student Success Center is located in the Media Center.

At PHS, students who failed an academic course in the previous quarter may be assigned to the Guided Study Hall program. Students have a Guided Study Hall during an open period in their schedule or the first half of their lunch hour. During the assigned Guided Study Hall, students have time to work on homework and study in an academically supportive environment. The Guided Study Hall teacher monitors the students' academic progress and has regular grade check-ins. Students in Guided Study Hall may also visit the math, English, and science tutors in the Student Success Center during their study hall time. To receive more information on how to get your student into a Guided Study Hall please contact your child's counselor.

GREETINGS FROM THE BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In the past 4 years, the Business Education students at Palatine High School have been awarded over \$60,000 in competitive events. For the past three years, students from our Business Incubator class have won privately raised seed money to start their own businesses. For the past two years, we have had Business Education students compete at Northern Illinois University to win over \$6000 cash in a finance and a separate entrepreneurship competition. Our investing club has won \$1500 in a financial literacy challenge and one of our very own students won a \$1000 scholarship to the college of his choice by assembling the highest earning stock portfolio over a school year. The cash awarded directly to our students is a tangible result of the comprehensive business program offered here at Palatine High School.

Our courses begin with our Business Explorations class which not only offers Consumer Education graduation credit, but also covers a wide variety of business topics which include entrepreneurship, business management, accounting, financial planning, investing, risk management, business ethics, and marketing. We offer a dual credit course, Technology Applications, which gives students valid computer skills that are necessary in today's business field such as Microsoft Excel, database management, web page design, and Microsoft Word production and design tools. Our more specialized areas of the curriculum would be our full courses in Practices in Entrepreneurship (run with the Family and Consumer Science department to create A Latte Sweets, our student bakery), Business Management, Finance and Investing, Business Law, Sports Marketing or Music and Entertainment Marketing, Financial Accounting and our weighted grade class, Advanced Managerial Accounting.

We recognize our committed business students by initiating them into the National Business Honor Society. Students of junior and senior status, who have taken three semesters of business courses with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and a business grade point average of 3.5 and above qualify for this honor. We also offer all students to join our business club, which competes at the local, state, and national level. Students who have an interest in Web Page Design can join our Web Page Design Club and help faculty and staff design and maintain their web page for their class, department, club, or sport. Finally, we also offer an Investing Club, where students can compete through the Magnetar Academy which hosts a competition in the spring at Navy Pier. Through a wide variety of course and club offerings, we prepare students to compete in today's global economy and competitive college atmosphere.

Follow us @PHSBusinessED and @PirateIncubator for pictures and up-to-date announcements.

PATH AND PFA

This holiday season, PATH (Palatine Assisting Through Hope) and PFA (Palatine Faith in Action) generously donated gift bags for approximately 110 very deserving students at Palatine High School. These organizations made the holiday season much more joyous for many of our families. At Palatine, we have over 50% of our students on free and reduced lunch,



which means many times families aren't able to contribute their own funds to purchasing gifts. This can be extremely difficult for our families, but with the help of PATH and PFA many children experienced the magic of the season. The support that PATH and PFA provide doesn't stop there, they continue to support our school and community in various ways throughout the year.

We are forever grateful for all they've done to meet the needs of our community. We truly appreciate their unwavering and continued support. Our community continues to stay strong because of all they do.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are many scholarships available specifically for seniors graduating from PHS in May 2019. There will be D211 Foundation scholarship applications available early second semester. Other scholarship applications, such as the PHS VIP scholarships, the D211 Teacher's Union Scholarships, Rotary, and other local scholarship opportunities are available on the PHS Student Services Website <http://sobrien77.wixsite.com/phsstudentservices>. A quick link for available scholarships can be accessed by clicking on the "Students" tab on the homepage, and then click on "College and Career." All scholarships on this link are posted in order of deadline date. Most scholarship applications are to be submitted online, however, if a paper application is required, these will be available to print from the scholarship link. In some cases students will need to see Mrs. O'Brien on the White Team. Please check the "Scholarship" link often throughout the school year as postings are updated/added as they're made available. It is essential that students meet all scholarship application requirements, deadlines and follow all directions carefully. Keep in mind that scholarship applications may require recommendation letters and/or a transcript. Official transcript requests for scholarship applications are processed through the Registrar's Office. ***The majority of scholarships pertain to senior students only, but there are a few scholarships that underclassmen can apply for and it will be indicated when appropriate.

As a reminder, all seniors planning to attend a college/university are encouraged to complete the online FAFSA form which became available on October 1, 2018. Please note that some trade/technical/cosmetology schools and programs encourage the completion of the FAFSA application as well. Financial Aid is a three-tiered system, and colleges/universities use the information from a family's FAFSA application to award campus-based aid as well as other forms of financial aid to students. The link to file your family's FAFSA report is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Comprehensive information pertaining to financial aid, ACT/SAT testing, scholarships, and such is also found within the Student Services website.

PIRATE PRIDE SHOUT OUT
1ST SEMESTER WINNERS
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Juliette Abarca, Paul Afnrinwo, Rosa Aguado Parra, Johana Alfaro, Emilia Antonik, Ana Aragon, Julianna Arebalo, Crystal Arreguin, Karen Arreola Martinez, Noe Arreola Sanchez, Armaan Athwal, Yousra Badou, Aylin Basurto, Danael Becerra, Morgan Beening, Samantha Bello, Guillermo Bermudez, Jacob Bey, Allan Blanco, Elena Brewer, Melissa Buckley, Amairani Bueno, Eros Calzonzin, Alejandro Camacho, Sandy Camarillo, Kathryn Campion, Joshua Carson, Alonzo Castanon, Raquel Conforti, Vivienne Couris, Elizabeth Cranston-Rasche, William Cruz, Yanitza Cruz-Luna, Anatheia Cyr-Flessner, Konnor Del Mar, Nakul Desai, Jasnit Dhaliwal, Yovanni Dolores-Guzman, David Dominguez, Shelby Donofrio, Santiago Eugenio, Caden Fan, Stiven Felipe, Katherine Fosses, Jose Galvez Barrera, Brayan Garcia, Saydees Garcia, Michelle Garcia Rico, Andrea Gardner, Nicholas Giazzon, Erick Gonzalez, Dorothy Kymberlee Goodman, Aubrey Grana, Kianna Graves, Ava Greiwe, Valerie Guerrero, Jennifer Guerrero-Villegas, Jack Gunderson, Christina Guzman Alvarado, Brennan Harkin, Adam Hartley, Jamie Henning, Joseph Henrikson, Bulmaro Hernandez, Kathy Hernandez Rocha, Eduardo Hernandez Sanchez, Geoffrey Hockenberry, Sonia Hollis, Calvin Holmes, Jacob Holmstrom, Allison Hubbard, Isabella Ibarra, Julia Jakimiuk, Natalie Jakimiuk, Samuel John, Kacper Jurczak, Alexander Kania, Dmytro Khomyak, Jillian Kolany, Giovanna La Porta, Joseph La Spisa, Jordyn Lagunes, Emma Langer, Kaylen Lewis, Ronnie Lewis, Kimberly Lopez, Julissa Malagon, George Marijan, Abel Martinez, Eduardo Martinez, Pamela Martinez-Rodriguez, Charles Mayschak, Heather McDermott, Maura McGarvey, Jovanni Median Rebollo, Hailey Meehan, Yesenia Miranda, Jay More, Guilana Murillo, Yeni Murillo, Gabriela Najera, Andreas Napoli, Damian Nestor, Caitlyn Newton, Henry Nham, Sophia Nix, Vanessa Novella, Nubia Olvera, Sarah Pacheco, Ava Paseka, Amelia Perez, Cristopher Perez, Nguyen Anh Pham, Brayan Pleitez Zelaya, Caitlin Preuss, Kishori Ramanan, Jose Ramirez, Gwendolyn Reed, Noelia Rodriguez, Samuel Russchenberg, Norma Saavedra-Solis, Tabarak Salman, Adonai Sanchez, Selena Sanchez, Alexxa Sanchez Nunez, Robert Sauve, David Silva, Melanie Simon, Timothy Sloan, Julia Smielinski, Destiny Smith, Hetarth Sojitra, Ernesto Solano, Jennifer Solis Soto, Josue Sosa Garcia, Francisco Soto, Jelyxa Soto, Joseph Steffens, Eileen Suarez Garcia, Sarah Teehan, Eugenio Tello, Maeve Tracy, Veronica Trujillo, Jacqueline Vargas, Ashanti Vazquez, Victor Vega, Beata Velednitsky, Leonardo Villanueva, Jocelyn Villegas, Caitlin Wilson

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS
PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL 2019

Akhaury, Rhea	Heikkinen, Rachel	Malik, Konrad	Phipps, Bronte
Barclay, Kathleen	Henning, Jamie	Mc Lennan, Curtis	Pinargote, Samuel
Bradley, Leah	Henning, Lauren	McGrath, Cormac	Preuss, Caitlin
Bratt, Carlyn	Heuertz, Benjamin	McLaughlin, Nathan	Raby, Caitlin
Burney, Mohammed	Hinojosa Valdivieso, Sofia	Medina, Natalia	Rinella, Benjamin
Cherian, Zachary	Holz, Haley	Mehta, Nihar	Satish, Shruti
Chon, Noah	Huff, Grace	Michelsen, Anna	Schneberger, Dale
Christensen, Josh	Jabri, Beshar	Minchev, Gabriel	Schneider, William
Clement, Anne	Jankovec, Ethan	Mirczuk, Amanda	Shah, Janvi
Cyr-Flessner, Kyle	Johnson, Tyler	Morris, Lily	Spaletto, Aaron
Daudi, Shamoun	Joyce, Emily	Newton, Hannah	Spurck, Katelynn
De Fiesta, Dominique	Kics, Andrew	Nichols, Benjamin	Stanczuk, Amanda
Del Re, James	Kim, James	Obernesser, Megan	Stitt, Joshua
Diep, Joann	Kleinfeldt, Molly	Oleksak, Erin	Streepy, Jessica
Elter, Matthew	Kleinschmidt, Aaron	Oreshkin, Katherine	Trendafilova, Yoana
Escalona, Serena	Kolany, Amelia	Oswald, Nicholas	Vukelich, Zoe
Filichia, Malcolm	Krause, Emily	Paneral, Gabrielle	Wagner, Russel
Frank, Andrew	Kyriazakos, Samantha	Pappas, Mackayla	Walker, Chloe
Funez, Bruno	Lacson, Michelle	Parikh, Shrey	Waller, Evan
Gabriel, Jovany	Lambke, Thomas	Patel, Neil	Wang, John
Gomez, Jacqueline	Luo, Yao	Perryman, Tyler	Witwicki, Claudia

WHAT'S UP WITH THE BOOSTERS?

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were filled with time spent with family and friends. The beginning of a new year is traditionally the time for resolutions. Please consider getting connected with the PHS Pirate Booster Club. We support over 60 activities & groups and 30 athletic teams. It's never too late to get involved. The new year brings exciting opportunities for the Pirate Boosters and the students of PHS. With your help we can further our mission of improving the high school experience for all PHS students. To learn more about the PHS Pirate Boosters and volunteer opportunities available please visit us at www.phspiriteboosters.com.

Please mark your calendars for the PHS Pirate Booster Dinner Auction to be held on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Cotillion Banquets in Palatine. Those who attended last year were treated to some great entertainment. This year's event promises to provide an evening of fun that you can share with friends. As always, everyone attending the dinner is encouraged to wear PHS gear. This year we added a special PHS tshirt for purchase, only available to auction attendees! We will also be using a new system to help make check-out faster at the end of the evening. To learn more and register please visit <http://phspiriteboosters.com/dinner-auction/>

As we begin the second half of the school year, we anticipate great things to be happening in and around our school. Thank you to all PHS Pirate Booster members, faculty, administration, and mostly the students of PHS for a fantastic first semester. We look forward to the second semester and making this a school year that creates great memories and opportunities for our students.

TerrieAnn Jones and Jean Choi

Booster Club Co-Presidents

BILITERACY

Township High School District 211 students have the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and an additional language. Interested students should pick up an application in the Student Services Department to find out school-specific testing details. Applications are due Friday, February 22, 2019 to the Student Services Department.

Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Current languages available are Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hebrew, Hindi,

Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai.

Students interested in taking the APPL or STAMP exam will take it the week of March 11 - 22, 2019 during the first half of the school day. There is a \$20 fee associated with the administration of this exam. Payment and registration will need to be submitted by the end of the school day on Friday, February 22, 2019. For more information on how to earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy please go to <https://adc.d211.org/Page/6681>.

Please contact Fred Rasmussen, Director of Student Services at 847-755-1626 with questions.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS TEST IN APRIL

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors Test in April

SAT

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), will be administered throughout Illinois on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. High School juniors must take the SAT on this date to be eligible to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment which would exempt them from testing. The assessment measures student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. This state-funded SAT can be used as a college or university entrance exam score.

Students can choose to take an additional SAT on a national test date to improve test scores. This option may be discussed with your child's school counselor to determine the benefits of additional testing and to receive information about national SAT tests and the dates and costs. You can find detailed information about the SAT online at <http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>. Fees charged by College Board for testing on national test dates are the responsibility of the individual students and/or parents. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students through the student services department.

<i>SAT National Test Dates</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>Late Registration</i>
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 16, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 3, 2019

PSAT 10

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

PSAT 9

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, all freshmen will be administered the PSAT 8/9 to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. For more information online about the PSAT 8/9 go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Performance on these assessments helps District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 identify areas to strengthen prior to the State-required junior year assessment. Students are dismissed following exam. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

	<i>Freshmen</i>	<i>Sophomores</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	Do not report to school	PSAT 10 administration, sophomore students report to school	SAT administration, junior students report to school	Do not report to school
		Students will be dismissed approximately at 12:30 p.m./1:15 p.m		
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	PSAT 9 administration, freshmen students report to school. Students will be dismissed approximately at 11:00 a.m./11:55 a.m.	Do not report to school	Do not report to school	Do not report to school

April 15-26, 2019 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is a state required science assessment administered to students enrolled in Biology I (S131, S137, and S138). The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for more information. The Illinois Science Assessment will be administered within a single period during a student's regularly scheduled Biology class between the dates of April 15 – 26, 2019.