



# 211 NEWSLETTER

May/June 2017

## From the principal:

### **Special words for our special Class of 2017**



As we come to the end of an outstanding school year, I want to extend my heartfelt best wishes and gratitude to the class of 2017 and their parents -- you have been a very special class. I hope you will also look back at your time here at Palatine and think of those who helped you along the way and made a difference in your life, be it a teacher, coach, friend, cafeteria worker, bus driver, or parent. Reflecting back on the year, I know we all have a variety of memories -- some good, some bad, some happy, some sad -- but no matter what, when I look back, I will remember the impact you all have had on my life.

To all of our students, I extend my thanks for the joys you have brought me -- the exciting times, the trophy lifts, and the spirit and pride we all felt. Together we have learned much about each other, our school, and ourselves.

To the Pirate Booster Club leadership and all Palatine parents, I am grateful for your continuous support, enthusiasm, and cooperation. On behalf of the entire Palatine Staff, I want to say thanks for sending us such fantastic students to teach, coach, and mentor -- they are the best we could hope for! I also cannot express my amazement and gratitude for your efforts in donating over \$103,000 to our school and students in the form of mini-grants, post prom and scholarships. This is truly remarkable.

To the staff at Palatine, I appreciate your commitment, hard work, and support. Your dedication to students' academic success, personal growth, and character is always evident. Thank you for all you do for our community.

I hope the summer will provide all of us with time to enjoy ourselves and spend time with family and friends -- a time to recharge the batteries and renew ourselves and our ties to each other. I look forward to seeing you again next fall. Have a safe and happy summer!

Gary Steiger  
Principal

## *dates to remember*

- August 7 Football Begins
- August 9 Fall Sports Begin
- August 14 Opening Day of School
- August 16 Red/White Soccer
- August 18 Red/White Football

## **Walk-In Registration**

Will take place at the Palatine High School Auditorium beginning on Monday, July 24 through Friday, August 11, 2017, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Except for Friday July 28, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will have extended hours at the Palatine Opportunity Center 1585 N. Rand Road, Palatine, IL 60074

On Thursday, August 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We will also have extended hours until 6:30 p.m. at the Palatine High School auditorium on Tuesday, August 8.

## **Driver Education Information**

First semester driver education students will be able to pick up their permit packets in the registrar's office beginning July 17, 2017.

You need to have your permit on the first day of class, August 14, 2017.

## **Freshmen Take Note**

The following information will be helpful in the transition to Palatine High School:

- High School District 211 has a first-day exclusion policy. All students must be in compliance with all required physical examinations and immunizations prior to the first day of school attendance.
- Verification of physical examination must be completed on the approved form from the Illinois Department of Public Health. An Illinois High School Association (IHSA) sports physical form may not be submitted for 9th grade enrollment purposes as it lacks much of the required information regarding a student's health history and status.
- A birth certificate and proof of residency must be submitted to the Registrar's Office before a student can complete the registration process and begin school.
- The Freshman Orientation Program will run from June 6 until July 13. Call (847) 755-1633 to schedule an appointment.

**The back-to-school event for freshmen will be "Freshman Welcome Day" on August 8.**



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-1600.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TDD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-1654.

# Pirate Pride Winners

2nd Semester

2016-2017 School Year



Brian Abad, Alondra Acosta, Rosa Aguada Parra, Jonatan Alanis, Victor Albino, Juan Alvarado, Brandon Antonio, Elvis Armas Sanchez, Lilibeth Arreola, Haley Azpuru, Carlin Bany-Winters, Marleny Barrera, Nelson Bartolo, Corey Batz, MacKenzie Beasley, Carlos Benitez, Ariel Blanchard, Cristina Bravo, Riley Brock, Anna Buckstaff, Alexis Bueno, Stephanie Burciago, Sandy Camarillo, Nadia Cardenas, Xiomara Carmona, Jesse Carson, Cedric Cashaw II, Alejandro Chino-Contreras, Joshua Chisanga, Tyler Cielenski, Elena Cisneros, Makayla Cooper, Tamesha Conrad, Brandon Cseko, Joseph Cuprak, Patrycja Dabrowska, Isha Davit, Amanda Diana, Tyler DiFatta, Grant Donahue, Jon-Ele Duncan, Victoria Drabik, John Dulay, Ava Dutzi, Adan Eduardo, Arlen Enriquez, Emily Escogido, Fabiola Estrada, Leslie Esquivel, Jesus Eugenio, Bogart Flores, Ivan Galindo, Johana Garcia, Hector Garcia, Estefana Garza, Sabrina Gill, Natalia Golash, Abraham Gonzalez, Alma Gonzalez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Samuel Gordon, Michael Grajdura, Franklin Guzman, Timothy Heiser, Joseph Henrikson, Katherine Herrera, Cortez Hogans, Grace Huff, Mohammad Imran Burney, Ashley Jackson, Sarah Jasonowicz, Gabriel Juraic, Monika Juras, Kacper Jurczak, Kamalvir Kang, Kevin Kelmonas, Sophia Kochelyk, Valery Kravtchouck, Kate Kuylen, Savannah Kust, Eric Lambke, Katherine Lechowicz, Valery Lopez, Jackson Lush, Rares Maior, Ayan Malik, Lionel Martinez, Micaela Martinez, Shalyn McLean, Michael Merlino, Amanda Mirczuk, Ricardo Mora, Abdallah Musleh, Amelia Nickel, David Nielsen, Cassidy Norris, Steven Ostrowski, Edward Padden, Jasmine Padilla, Juan Jerman Pasillas, Krupa Patel, Vrush Patel, Chris Patton, Emily Paul, Edwin Perez-Hernandez, Nicolas Perkins, Joseph Pineda, Julia Plesniak, Spencer Poklop, Emma Raby, Joanna Rataj, Grace Reaney, Silvia Recillas, Braylan Renteria, Dia Rihani, Elias Rojas, Morayma Rosas, Giovanni Salgado Brito, David Sanchez, Parker Sanchez, Citally Sanchez Rodriguez, Jerome Santoro, Danielle Sauerland, Hayden Schaedig, Kelly Semelsberger, Hector Silva, Ruth Silva, Nicole Sobkowiak, Kenneth Sobotka, Emily Steinebrey, Luke Stoffel, John Streepy, Austin Taylor, Richard Tyack, Hugo Tierrablanca, Adela Trojanowska, Eduardo Trujillo Cuevas, William Valdez- Salamanca, Maximiliano Valentin, Andres Vasquez, Jessica Vasquez, Jose Vital, Raquel Vital, Nicholas Vlha, Kierney Weber, Kimbrea Williams, Jacob Wnuk, Mackenzie York, Konrad Zygiel.

## A Great Spring Season for PHS Sports

**IHSA Spring Scholastic achievement award winners:** Congratulations to the 90 Junior and Senior athletes who received the I.H.S.A. Achievement Award at the Spring Sports Awards, May 15, 2017. These athletes maintained a minimum 3.5 G.P.A. for the past 5 and 7 semesters. In addition, congratulations to the 91 Senior athletes with a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. after 7 semesters who received the MSL All-Academic Senior Award.

### Athlete of the Year-

Male: Zachary Oles  
Female: Asuka Kawai

### Principal's Scholar Athletes-

Male: John Streepy & Trevor Hallier  
Female: Emily Steinebrey

**Girls Softball** – Senior Brooke Bauer will play softball for Ripon College next year.

**Girls Water Polo** – Meghan Woell was our All-Conference selection this year.

**Girls Lacrosse** – All Conference players Janine Paquette (3rd year) and Kendra Lindell (2nd year).

**Boys Track and Field** – Palatine Relays – Team Champions.

**Girls Badminton** – Varsity earned 2nd Place in MSL West Division, 5th Place in MSL Conference, 1st Place Palatine Sectional and sent entire sectional team to State at EIU. State Qualifiers are Samantha Ortiz (SR), Jodie McLennan (SR), Rose Clement (JR), Kamila Czyszczon (JR), Sophia Kics (JR), Lily Morris (SO). Samantha Ortiz and Kamila Czyszczon finished top 12 Doubles Team in the State!

**Girls Track and Field** – IHSA Sectional team runner-up. The following qualified to state - Anna Buckstaff, Izzeh Stankiewicz, Liz Lechowicz, and Kate Lechowicz in the 3200m relay; Erin Oleksak in the 100m High Hurdles and 800m Relay; Tiana Henderson, Ada Sieminski, and Chloe Stewart in the 800m Relays; and Jess Streepy in PV.

**Boys Gymnastics** – Strong finish to the season as the Pirate Gymnastics team finished 4th in the state with senior Prakash Nigam taking 2nd in the all-around and also medaled on floor, pommels, rings, vault, and parallel bars. Prakash won the state championship on floor, rings, vault, and parallel bars. Junior Chris Lunsford took home the 4th place state medal on rings. Head coach Scott Hagel was named the Illinois High School **Gymnastics Coaches Association Head Coach of the Year**.

**Boys Water Polo** - All-Conference: TJ May, All-Sectional: TJ May, Dylan White, Sean O'Brien

## More reasons for Pirate Pride...

**National Merit Finalist, 2017:** Brandon R. Canfield, Emily C. Steinebrey

**Perfect ACT Scores:** Sarah Gonwa

**Trust Leaders for 2017-2018:** Shamoun Daudi, Brennan Harkin, Mary Claire Hake, Michael Hernandez, Grace Huff, Giovanna La Porta, Thomas Lambke, Paige Loessy, Konrad Malik, Hannah Newton, Shruti Satish, John Wang

*The following students are the Class Board Members for the 2017 - 2018 school year:*

### Sophomore Board:

Ricky Orozco  
Patrick Angelaccio  
Sam Adame  
Connor Aikman  
Matthew Haddad  
Daniel Walsh  
Jake Wagner  
Emily Gerdes

### Junior Board:

Zachary Cherian  
Chloe Walker  
Shamoun Daudi  
Imran Burney  
Shruti Satish  
Lily Morris  
Mary Clare Hake  
Jamie Henning

### Senior Board:

Eduardo Orozco  
Anne Marie Nalley  
Campbell Boston  
Gabrielle Cervantes  
Tamara Houghton  
Valeria Garcia  
Stephanie Bender  
Ivan Aniceto  
Aubrey Benito

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## 2017 STAFF GRADUATES!

Ellen Kroepel • Carol Patrizi • Diane Pfister  
Kay Pittelko • Nancy Rokosz

## Academic Corner - Art

The Art Department had an outstanding year. Art students earned a combined total of over \$600,000 in college scholarships based on their artist merit. Students participated in over a dozen local area art events including the Illinois High School Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Show, Palatine Public Library Art Show, a new display located at the Palatine Village Hall and a STEM to STEAM sculpture event sponsored by the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts. Art teachers Nick Hostert and Jessica Aulisio continue to be an integral part of the Illinois and National Art Education Associations. Our

PTV news team continues to develop new ways of celebrating what is happening at PHS. This year student reporter Riley Ganka won the "Infinite 2017 Outstanding Student Technology Award," for his work producing video clips using his touch chat. We also look forward to the results of our 38 students who submitted AP studio art portfolios. 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 or twitter @PHSartdept

## Go Seniors!

**On May 17, 2017, we had our Academic Awards Ceremony. The following students received a scholarship; a number of them received more than one.**

Jonatan Alanis, Majetete Balanganayi, Megan Breytenbach, Aidan Busch, Brandon Canfield, Karen Contreras, Estefana Carolina Garza, Kathryn Jefferson, Kendall Kane, Alina Khalid, Katelyn Kurrie, Kelly Lopez, David Lopez, Carlos Maldonado, Michele Marvin, Prakash Nigam, Daniel Pacheco, Janine Paquette, Carrie Raymond, Christian Salinas, Amanda Schallmoser, Anand Shah, Swaira Shahid, Jennifer Sobkowiak, Samuel Spaletto, Saara Spitzer, Izabela Stankiewicz, Emily Steinebrey, John Streepy, Megan Woell.

*The following students received the Department Senior of the Year Award:*

Applied Technology Department	Stephanie Burciaga
Art Department- 2D	Kiersten Wohlgemuth
Art Department- 3D	Catlyn Ruddle
Business Education Department	Ryan Dowd
English Department	Anand Shah
ESL Department	Jessa Bucsit
Family & Consumer Sciences Department	Madeline Plesnicar
Mathematics Department	Brandon Canfield
Music Department - Band	Jack Buchanan
Music Department - Choral	Lilly Streich
Music Department - Orchestra	Amanda Diana
Physical Education Department	Grant Donahue
Science Department	Emilio Balderas
Social Studies Department	Teresa O'Brien
Special Services Department	Hannah Kaczor
World Language Department -French	Erick Hernandez
World Language Department-Spanish	Estefana Garza

**2017 Prom Court:**

Princess:  
Grace Goodwin  
Prince:  
Angel Serna  
Queen:  
Yajaira Sanchez  
King:  
Carlos Chihuahua



**National Honor Society 2016 – 2017 Senior of the Year is Dan Rosenberg**

*NHS Seniors of the Month were:*

Dan Rosenberg (August)  
Nate Bosco (September)  
Zach Oles (October)  
Brandon Cardenas (November)  
Ronak Patel (December)  
Julianna Hake and Mona Lisker (January)  
Ben Bradley (February)  
Imani Ncube (March)  
Brandon Canfield (April)

*Congratulations  
Graduates!*



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## Immunization Requirement for Seniors

All incoming 12th graders will be required to show proof of receiving two meningococcal vaccines. The first vaccine needs to be given on or after your child's 10th birthday. The second vaccine shall be received at least 8 weeks after the first dose. If your child has not received the meningococcal vaccine, then one dose on or after their 16th birthday will be required before they enter school. Immunizations given before your child's 10th birthday will not be compliant with the law. District 211 has a first day exclusion policy. In

order for you to complete the registration and for your child to begin school on the first day, proof of your child receiving the meningococcal vaccine needs to be on file in the nurse's office prior to completing the registration process. If you have questions regarding when or if your child has received the meningococcal vaccine, please contact your physician or refer to your child's immunization record in Infinite Campus on the parent portal. If you have any further questions, please contact your school's health office.

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## How the PHS Pirate Booster Club Supports our School

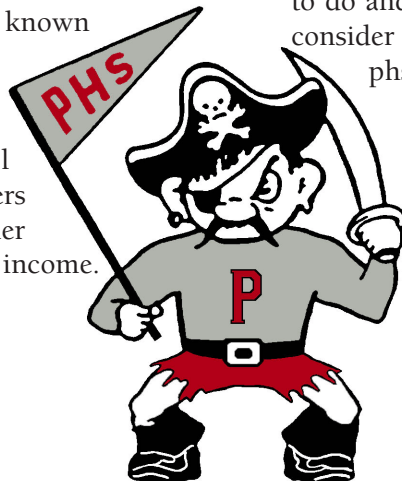
This school year the Booster Club donated over **\$103,000** to various PHS organizations, activities, events, scholarships as well as charitable donations. We funded school-wide programs including Palatine Promise, Commit to the Pirate, Post Prom, and thirteen \$1,000 scholarships to seniors. Grants in the amount of \$80,000 were awarded to various school departments to enhance our students learning experience.

Congratulations to the following PHS Pirate Booster Scholarship Award Winners who were recognized for their Leadership and Service to the School and Community: **Jennifer Sobkowiak, John Streepy, Meghan Woell, Kathryn Jefferson, Michele Marvin, Katelyn Kerrie, Amanda Schallmoser, Janine Paquette, Megan Breytenbach, Aiden Busch, Anand Shah, Samuel Spaletto** and to the Donahue Millennium Scholarship winner: **Karen Contreras**.

All of this is not possible without the support of our PHS Families and Community. A big **"Thank You"** to all of you for your support in making a positive difference at our school.

Here is a wrap up of our 2016-2017 school year:

- On-Line **Membership** registration was available via D211 school registration and our website.
- **PHS School Store** offered a great selection of spirit wear and extended hours.
- **Craft Fair** had great success and is known as the best Craft Fair in town by vendors and patrons alike!
- **Concessions** were open during sporting events and marquee school events with the support of volunteers and school clubs. They had a banner year well exceeding their budgeted income.



- **Sports** organized team and individual player pictures used in our memorabilia Sports Program and the Year Book.
- **Dinner & Auction Event:** Hosted at the Cotillion. Silent and live auction items raffled off all to benefit our organization. Corporate Contributions collected Product, Services and Sponsorship for the Auction.
- Our **Facebook, Website, Newsletter and Publicity Committees** kept you informed about Boosters and Student Events.
- **Ways and Means** organized Dine and Share with Wendy's and Pizza Bella, Lawn Signs for 2017 Graduates.
- Hosted a **Post Prom** Event on the Odyssey in Chicago (The Boosters offsets the cost by more than half!).
- Awarded thirteen Seniors Academic **Scholarships**, and **School Grants** as listed above.

How about joining in on the fun by volunteering some of your time and ideas? It's a great opportunity to meet parents, PHS staff and stay in touch with the kids. You get to see perspectives many school parents never see and have a true appreciation of what our school provides to our students and community. We are all working for the same cause, to support our kids and school. Tell us what you like to do and we will find the right spot for you! I hope you consider contacting boosters by emailing volunteer@phspirateboosters.com for more information.

*Wishing you all the very best, and GO PIRATES!*

John Helminski

President

Palatine High School Booster Club