



211 NEWSLETTER

March/April 2017



From the principal:

Show a favorite staff member that they have **“made a difference”** – mail the attached staff appreciation form! We each have received support, guidance, and encouragement from loyal friends, loving parents, and conscientious teachers. I am sure that each one of us can think of a special teacher or staff member that has made a positive impact on our lives. Many of us may never have expressed our appreciation to those individuals; others may have waited years after graduation to do so.

Students, parents, and graduates now have an opportunity to say “thank you” to faculty and staff in a formal, meaningful way. It’s time to distribute our annual *Staff Member Commendation* forms which I will present to teachers and other staff members during National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1 – 7. A copy of the form is included in this mailing.

Here’s how you can help recognize that special individual who has “made a difference” to you.

1. Take five minutes to complete the attached *Staff Member Commendation* form.
2. By April 28, deliver your form to the school’s main office or mail it to me.

Just as the extra effort or encouragement from a teacher, coach, secretary, administrator, sponsor, or counselor has made a positive impact on your life, I am confident your thoughts will be appreciated by our staff for years to come.

Gary Steiger
Principal

Warm Weather Dress Codes

With the warm weather upon us, please be mindful to consistently enforce our dress policy so that students are appropriately dressed for school. Student dress must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching and learning climate or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety and decency.

For your information, all students should be covered from shoulder to mid-thigh and all outerwear removed and placed in the locker.

The following items are a violation of the dress policy:

- midriff blouses
- blouses that expose cleavage
- sagging pants that expose undergarments
- short shorts & mini skirts
- clothing with wording or graphics which depict violence in any form
- clothing that may damage school property, cause injury or readily be used as a weapon
- clothing with depictions of alcohol, weapons, drugs or inappropriate wordings

Students in violation are to be encouraged to change their attire or may be sent to the discipline office.

Designer Fashion Show May 2, 2017

PHS Fashion students are excited to announce their student produced fashion show “*Goodnight Sweetheart*” featuring original garments made and modeled by PHS students on Tuesday, May 2nd. Fashion students will organize everything for the show from fundraising, set design, advertising, mood music, model selection, ticket sales, and most importantly – designing and constructing their original garments for the Altergott Auditorium stage.

Students participating in the show are from Life Studies, Fashion 1, Fashion 2, Fashion Independent Study and Harper Dual Credit Fashion students. You will see dresses, skirts, tops, PJ pants, bags and stuffed animals made by PHS students. In addition, Harper Challenge Designers will present their competition garments.

Goodnight Sweetheart will be coming to Palatine High School on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Altergott Auditorium. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door or can be purchased at the PHS main office during school hours before May 2nd. Come and support our PHS students as they walk the runway!



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

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dates to remember

- March 21 Student Late Start
March 23 Mr. Pirate Contest – 7:00 p.m.
March 24 Spring vacation begins at close of school
April 3 Back to school
April 5 SAT Testing (Seniors and Freshmen)
April 10 NHS Induction – 7:30 p.m.
April 13 Fiesta Del Sol – 6:30 p.m.
April 14 Non-Attendance Day (No School)
April 20, 21, 22 Variety Show – 7:00 p.m.
April 29 85th Palatine Relays

2017 Academic Scholars

Ma Patricia E. Arcangel
Naomi L. Beckley
Kenneth M. Buffo
Brandon R. Canfield
Clarissa D. Domanus
Abril Dominguez
Ryan P. Garner
Claire B. Gates
Sarah M. Gonwa
Trevor D. Hallier
Adam C. Huston
Kathryn B. Jefferson
Laura C. Jeske
Susan G. Leveck
Radin P. Marinov
Michele J. Marvin
Jodie J. Mc Lennan
Imani N. Ncube
Advait T. Patel
Meera S. Patel
Ronak D. Patel
Spencer D. Poklop
Michelle M. Prochownik
Daniel J. Rosenburg
Anand V. Shah
Jennifer L. Sobkowiak
Saara J. Spitzer
Izabela Stankiewicz
Emily C. Steinebrey
Brandon S. Steinman
John T. Streepy
Aishwarya A. Tallikar
Martika L. Theis
Matthew J. Weltzien
Michaela A. Williams

ACADEMIC CORNER – Family and Consumer Sciences

Students in Family and Consumer Sciences have several opportunities to earn a credential or dual credit and explore various careers. Students in Preschool Independent Study, Fashion Construction Independent Study, Fashion Merchandising, Culinary Arts, and Chemistry of Foods can earn **dual credit** upon successful completion of the course. In addition, many students earned a **credential** or **certificate** in their area of study including: the Food Safety and Sanitation Manager Certificate (Chemistry of Foods), Illinois Food Handler License (Culinary Arts), and the Level 1 Early Childhood Credential through Gateways to Opportunity (Advanced Early Childhood Education).

Sixty students participated in the **Prom Fashion Show** sponsored by the Fashion Club. They modeled garments from Akira, David's Bridal, JCPenney, Men's Wearhouse, and Rue 21 to showcase current trends and colors. The Chemistry of Foods class, along with the Art Department, held their annual **Empty Bowls** event February 15th. They served soup to over 100 faculty members and raised money for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. **A Latte Sweets**, the bakery run by students in the Practices in Entrepreneurship course, re-opened for the semester on February 24th in the new student snack shop in the Media Center. The course, run in conjunction with the Business department, will be open Friday mornings before school for the remainder of the school year.

We are having another great year and are excited about everything happening in our department!

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors Test in April

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 Testing SAT and PSAT10

Junior Testing

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 Wednesday, April 5, 2017. This state-funded SAT fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state's required assessment to be eligible to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing. The assessment measures student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. The results of this SAT administration will be on students' official high school transcripts. The SAT is also used by many colleges and universities as an entrance assessment and this state-funded test will provide a qualified score for this purpose.

Students can choose 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 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.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Online Score Release
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017	June 8, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017	July 12, 2017

Sophomore Testing

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, to measure their progress in reading, writing, language and math. Performance on this assessment will also help District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 10 is used as an indicator for areas that need to be strengthened prior to the State-required junior year assessment. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

On April 5, freshmen and senior students will not report to school. It is recommended these students pursue educational opportunities independently on April 5. Sophomore and junior students will report to school to complete the SAT or PSAT10, and will be dismissed at approximately 1:05 pm. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 PSAT 8/9

Freshmen Testing

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, all freshmen will complete the PSAT 8/9 on a regular attendance day. Students will be excused from class to complete the assessment. Performance on this assessment will also help the school district improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. For more information online about the PSAT 8/9 go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

April 12-26, 2017 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

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 <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm> for more information. Students enrolled in Biology I will complete the Illinois Science Assessment within a single period during their regularly scheduled Biology class between the dates of April 12 – 26, 2017.

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER COMMENDATION

Dear Mr. Steiger:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am with a member of your staff.

Palatine Staff Member

I feel this staff member deserves a special commendation for the following reasons:

- Providing a stimulating and challenging educational environment that encourages quality work.
- Demonstrating a personal interest in student progress and overall well-being.
- Being friendly, patient, and understanding.
- Showing professionalism and representing Palatine High School in a positive manner.

Remarks: _____

Date

Signature

Return to:
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Attention: Gary Steiger

OR

Have your student drop it off
in the Main Office at school.