



# 211 NEWSLETTER

September/October 2016

## From the principal:

Our Pirates started the year with a tremendous amount of energy, enthusiasm, and pride. We're already halfway through the first quarter and you may have found a mid-term report enclosed with this newsletter. These reports serve as the first major checkpoint of the year; take some time to go over them with your children. Take a moment to follow up any concerns raised by a teacher or counselor. Equally important is to praise a student's work and effort. If your child's teacher has complimented academic effort, please recognize this accomplishment with an appropriate "pat on the back." Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in her book *Mindset* suggests that recognizing effort may be more important than recognizing results. She suggests that one's mindset is the key to success and believing that through hard work and effort you can get better at virtually anything. She describes a "Fixed" and a "Growth" mindset. Students who believe and recognize that if they work hard their grades will follow. A student who recognizes that a poor grade doesn't reflect an inability to master the content but simply stands as an opportunity to work harder to improve their level of mastery has a growth mindset and accepts the challenge of getting better through hard work and practice. Versus those that believe they are as good as they are going to get at something, that talent or intelligence is an innate ability that you are born with, have what she calls a fixed mindset. We hope to challenge all of our students this year to develop a growth mindset and to challenge themselves to be the best that they can.

One of the other most important factors in determining student success is regular daily attendance. Completing homework and having a regular study routine are important factors in establishing that growth mindset, however sometimes that just isn't enough and students need additional assistance. Our teachers are always happy to find times to help their students before or after class. We also have tutoring centers available before school and after school as well as resource centers in the math, science and English departments throughout the day. The media center is open before and after school. It is our desire to work together with you and your student to find all the resources they need to help them reach their full potential.

The high school years are extremely important times in your child's life. You can make these years even more enjoyable and memorable by taking an active part in his or her experience. Encourage involvement in a sport or activity and support that involvement. Attend a game or performance or ask about what happened at the latest meeting or club they joined. Students who are involved in an extra-curricular activity have historically performed better than those who do not. Your child will long remember and appreciate the moments when you found time in your busy schedules to be there for them.

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our open house on September 1st. We had another big crowd -- indicative of the tremendous community support we have here at Palatine High School. Working together, we can and will make a difference. Let's continue to celebrate all the reasons for "Pirate Pride" as we continue the year.

Go Pirates!

Gary Steiger  
Principal



## dates to remember

- Sept. 30 Royal Rally  
Homecoming Football Game
- Oct. 1 Incoming Freshman Testing  
Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 6 - 8 Fall Play, Altergott Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19 District 211 College Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Palatine High School
- Oct. 27 Trick-or-Treat Festival, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

### MORNING WORK SESSIONS • Tuesdays 2016

September 6	October 18	January 24
September 20	November 1	February 7
October 4	November 15	February 21
		March 7
		March 21

### TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS FOR 2016-2017

- October 10, 2016
- January 9, 2017

## SWIM SUIT POLICY

Students are responsible for supplying their own swim suits. All suits must meet the following criteria:

### Girls' Swimsuit Requirements

- One-piece suit that is supportive and fitted
- No decorative holes or see through material (avoid light colors)

### Boys' Swimsuit Requirements

- Boxer style swimsuit with draw-string • Mesh inner lining required

### Rental Suit Policy

Any student that needs to use a school issued suit (only if students' size is available) will check one out with their instructor for \$5.00 by the end of the first week of the swimming unit. That student is responsible for the suit until the end of the unit. That student will turn in the suit at the end of the last day in the pool to their instructor. If the suit is lost, an additional fee of \$15.00 will be charged to the student to cover the cost of the suit.

### Towels

A towel will be supplied to use during the class period, although we encourage you to bring your own.

Contact the Physical Education Department Chairman or Aquatic Director for further clarification.

Mr. Paul Belo 847-755-1775

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Physical Education Department Chair

Aquatic Director

## Halloween Festival is Back for the 21st Year!

PHS Booster Club is once again sponsoring the Halloween Festival.

On **Thursday, October 27th, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, Palatine High School will host its 21st annual Trick-or-Treat Festival. Children 10 years of age and younger along with a parent are welcome to attend. If you would like any further information regarding the Halloween Festival, please contact Gary Steiger, principal at 847/755-1610.



## PHS Student Success Center

Due to construction, the Student Success Center (SSC) is currently closed during the day.

Tutoring is available in the English, Science and Math offices every period of the day.

Before and after school tutoring is still available in Room 191 (temporary Media Center) until the completion of the new Media Center.

## School Safety and Security Information

Safety and security are of utmost importance at Palatine High School. Students or parents who hear or witness something which they think might jeopardize student or staff safety or security should share this information in a confidential way with an administrator, teacher, or counselor. This can be done in person or by contacting a staff member directly. Other alternatives include using the anonymous reporting system on the PHS website or contacting the Information Hotline at 847-755-1911.

## New Hall of Famers for 2016

PHS wishes to congratulate Jim Stauner and Jodi Waddington for being named to Palatine High School's Hall of Fame for their athletic accomplishments. These inductees will join Chic Anderson, Stan Anderson, Chris Andriano, Anthony Attiah, Bill Bahnfleth, Al & Sally Berman, Elisa (Currins) Bragga, Pat Leaf-Burke, Bob Carroll, Dan Collins, Don Crandall, Kathy Crandall, Steve Currins, Lori (Erickson) Delgado, Alan Eck, John Ellis, Angela (Zemla) Ferrazza, Charley Feutz, Harvey Foster, Bob Frisk, David Hasbach, Josh Heffernan, Annie Hernandez, Joe Johnson, Claudia (Becque) Johnston, Dr. Richard Kolze, Marianne (Nance) Kozak, Ron Kozlicki, Jenny Kraeger, Keri (Nelson) Krause, Bill Lange, Brian McKay, Kevin McKenna, Andy Merutka, Katlin Millen, Fred Miller, Ed Molitor, Vikki (Simonis) Moran, Bud Nangle, Seth Norton, Donna O'Brien, Sandy Oldham, Nicole Pauly, Joe Petricca, Rich Pietrini, Alison (Wimer) Pinchot, Greg Plank, Ed Richardson, Dr. Nancy Robb, Len Rohde, Louis Schager Jr., Carolyn (Currins) Scanlon, Jim Sobb, Kyle Sorensen, Karen Staab-Gates, Kim Staab, Erik (Dieckman) Taylor, Julie (Justmann) Trautt, Jennifer (Kleemann) Urick, Mark Visk, Daniel Wimer, the 1985 Girls Badminton State Championship Team, and the IHSA State Meet Competitors for Girls Cross Country 1989-1996.

Homecoming festivities will feature the induction of Hall of Fame members at the varsity football game on Friday, September 30, 2016. A reception for family and friends will be held prior to the game in the stadium. A commemorative plaque with their pictures will be on display in the Hall of Fame section of the main athletic hallway. Community members are welcome to view the Hall of Fame during athletic events and submit nominations for future members to the athletic office or online at <http://phs.d211.org/athletics/athletics-home/>

## Test Prep Course for College Entrance

A preparation course for the P.S.A.T. test will be offered this fall at Palatine High School. It will consist of five sessions, covering test-taking strategies, reading comprehension, and mathematical applications. There is no fee for this valuable experience!

Interested students may request information from Sue Duma, the scarlet team clerk, at the start of the 2016 – 2017 school year at 847/755-1670.



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

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## Academic Corner ... Science

It is going to be an exciting year for the Palatine High School Science Department. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) adopted the *Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)* as the Science Standards for all of Illinois. The following is an excerpt from the *Next Generation Science Standards: Volume 1, The Standards*:

*There is no doubt that science – and therefore science education – is central to the lives of all Americans. Never before has our world been so complex and science knowledge so critical to making sense of it all... Science is also at the heart of this country's ability to continue to innovate, lead, and create the jobs of the future. All students – whether they become technicians in a hospital, workers in a high-tech manufacturing facility, or Ph.D. researchers – must have a solid K-12 science education.*

To this end, the ISBE mandated that the NGSS be the State standards beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. In preparation for implementation, the PHS Science Department has been working with these new standards for the past two years in order to have curriculum and activities developed and in place to meet the ISBE implementation mandate. Teachers of Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, and Physics are implementing the new curriculum and are working with students to help them master the NGSS. Each of these new standards has three components: Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts. Integrating the content with application will go a long way to show students how science and engineering is practiced in the real world. The NGSS start in kindergarten and progress all the way through high school. While the NGSS focus on fewer Disciplinary Core Ideas than previous State Science Standards, the new standards focus on developing a deeper understanding and application of the material. This will be an exciting year for Science education at PHS and we look forward to experiencing it with your children.

## Commit to the PIRATE (CTTP)

Palatine High School implements and supports a behavioral system known as Commit to the PIRATE. This school-wide system teaches positive behaviors and reinforces and acknowledges students who demonstrate these behaviors. The behavior expectations of Integrity, Respect, and Achievement are taught to all students in the school through direct teaching from staff members. This teaching of expectations begins with fun lessons during our first day assembly and is continued in monthly homeroom activities. Students who display our expectations are acknowledged by staff members. In addition to staff verbally recognizing students, students can receive a red ticket. "Red Tickets" can be used towards a purchase in the school cafeteria or A Latte Sweets for the monetary value of 25 cents each. Though the "Red Tickets" have a monetary value no change is given. Students can also use their ticket to participate in our monthly drawings to win prizes such as Six Flags season passes, homecoming tickets, Visa gift cards, and etc.

Since implementing the Commit to the PIRATE program seven years ago, PHS has seen a reduction

in office discipline referrals and a decrease in truancies. Commit To

The Pirate continues to evolve and adapt our practices to our student needs. Our monthly lessons will be focused around themes that have been collaborated with between our Homeroom committee, CTTP, PTV, and Administration. Our overall theme for the 2016-17 school year is creating success. Lessons will continue to be geared around our three main focuses through CTTP which are Integrity, Respect, and Achievement. We will continue to push our students and staff to reach for their fullest potential and to develop the growth mindset.

CTTP mission statement reads as follows; **PHS students and staff are committed to providing a safe, consistent, positive learning environment where everyone is valued and respected. PHS staff will teach and model the social, emotional, and academic expectations for all members of the PHS community.** This continues to be our main purpose as a school wide behavioral intervention system and we look forward to seeing what new opportunities it will bring to our school community.



## The Palatine High School Pirate Booster Club

is thrilled to embark on another year of supporting our PHS students, faculty and administration. Last year, we were able to award grants totaling over \$80,000 for classroom instructional materials, programs, services and initiatives that reach all PHS students.

The Pirate Boosters also awarded thirteen \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound seniors who demonstrated strong involvement at the high school and in the Palatine community at-large.

The Pirate Boosters publish a bi-monthly newsletter to keep parents up-to-date on the many opportunities to get involved. We support the Homecoming and Turnabout dances and all Sports Award nights.

Concessions for home football, basketball and othersporting events are provided by our volunteers, along with fundraising activities such as the Craft

Fair, Dinner and Auction and various other events we will be announcing via our newsletter.

We invite all parents to join us in our mission to support our children. We are always looking for fresh new faces to volunteer, and are currently looking for a chairperson for the Dinner and Auction.

We are pleased to announce that the Pirate Treasures School Store is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.

Our online store is available through our website, so you can catch PHS spirit by stocking up on spirit wear from the convenience of your own home!

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