

**Plainwell High School Daily Announcements**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

- 1845 - Sarah Roberts was barred from a white school in Boston. Her father, Benjamin Roberts, filed the first school integration lawsuit on her behalf.
- 1851 - Robert Morris, Sr. became one of the first African American lawyers in the United States after being admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1947. Morris also became the first African American lawyer to file a lawsuit on behalf of a client in the history of the nation.
- 1965 - On this day, singer and pianist Nat King Cole died in Santa Monica, California. Cole was an American singer who first came to prominence as a leading jazz pianist. Cole was one of the first African American to host a national television variety show, The Nat King Cole Show.
- 1968 - Henry Lewis becomes the first African American to lead a symphony orchestra in the United States.
- 1996 - Kweisi Mfume left the House of Representatives to accept the presidency of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), stating that he could do more to improve American civil rights there than in Congress. He reformed the association's finances to pay off its considerable debt while pursuing the cause of civil rights advancement for African Americans. Though many in Baltimore wanted Mfume to run for mayor in the 1999 election, he stayed with the NAACP.

**GENERAL:**

Attention All Students: If you had **school pictures** taken at the beginning of the year or just recently did picture retakes, please come to the Main Office to pick up your picture and school ID badge. Everyone should carry their school ID when on campus. If you still do not have a school ID, please stop in the Main Office to have your photo taken. (Even you, Seniors!)

We have some **newly donated Winter Coats!** If you or a family member needs one, please help yourself. They are on a rack near the "T".

**The Snowman / Snow Sculpture Competition ends TODAY, February 15th!** Just a reminder: There are two competitions: Snowman for individuals and Snow Sculpture for groups! To submit your entry, you must send a picture that clearly shows you and your creation, along with a brief description of what you built. If you enter the Snow Sculpture group competition, please also include the names of all the group members. Submit your work anytime before the deadline via email to [andrew.hansen@plainwellschools.org](mailto:andrew.hansen@plainwellschools.org).

- Prizes for Snowman Competition (individuals)
  - 1st place = \$30 gift card
  - 2nd place = \$20 gift card
  - 3rd place = \$10 gift card
- Prizes for Snow Sculpture Competition (groups)
  - 1st place = \$50 gift card
  - 2nd place = \$30 gift card
  - 3rd place = \$20 gift card

Voting will take place during the week of Snowcoming (Feb. 15th - Feb 19th). Please email Mr. Hansen with any questions.

This week's **Spirit Days** are:

Tuesday: Blue and White day - Since we don't have school on Friday, Tuesday we will wear blue and white

Wednesday: On Wednesday we wear pink (No school, but don't be a 'mean girl')

Thursday: Pajama day - Stay nice and cozy as we slide into our mid-winter break!

Friday: Make up your own spirit day (or don't....no school today)

Seniors: This is the last week to [collect cans for Grad Bash!](#) Turn in collected money to Venmo @PlainwellHighSchool-GradBash. If you don't have Venmo, contact "PHS Grad Bash 2021" via Facebook Messenger.

All students: **WMU's ROTC program** is giving us great opportunities to learn about what they have to offer. ROTC stands for Reserve Officers' Training Corps and is a great way to get experience in military service. It is also a great way to help pay for college! Look [HERE](#) to see the various dates (Feb. 4 - March 18) and opportunities. Contact [collegeadviser@plainwellschools.org](mailto:collegeadviser@plainwellschools.org) if you are interested. Spots are limited.

**Scholarship opportunity available for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade female students.** This scholarship is presented by the Joyce Ivy Foundation, which provides scholarships for summer academic opportunities to highly motivated young women from the Midwest. See these links for [upcoming informational sessions](#) and an [informational flyer](#). The application deadline is March 1, 2021. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Evers at [collegeadviser@plainwellschools.org](mailto:collegeadviser@plainwellschools.org).

The Yearbook Staff is requesting **photos**. More details [HERE](#).

#### **COLLEGE ADVISER:**

Seniors: Check all of the [new scholarship updates](#) on the Plainwell Schools website! Due dates will start coming up quick! WMU's deadline is TODAY, February 15!

The newest edition of [College Adviser News](#) is here!

Class of 2021: Look at your email from Mr. Wright about the [MCAN Survey](#). Completing the 5-minute survey by March 1st will give participating colleges recruiting information, but info will not be shared to other institutions.

Seniors, Ms. Evers is hosting the final Zoom Open House on Feb. 17 from 5-7pm to help you complete your FAFSA. See more details [here](#).

Students and families looking for help paying for college are encouraged to register for a [Virtual College Financial Aid Night](#) provided by Treasury's MI Student Aid team. Sessions will be available every Tuesday and Thursday evening during the month of February from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you are a senior planning on going to KVCC, their Merit Scholarship for 2021 is open. You have to have a GPA of 3.5 and have already applied/been accepted to KVCC. Check it out <https://www.kvcc.edu/merit/>. (Deadline is March 1st.)

### **ATHLETICS:**

Attention all girls interested in soccer this spring: Conditioning will be starting this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. Meet in the locker room hallway. If you are interested in playing indoor soccer, then sign up via the group chat and let Maddy Zugel know! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Beauregard.

**Tonight the girls basketball teams take on Vicksburg at home, the boys freshman and varsity basketball teams will travel to Vicksburg, and the bowling team will host Three Rivers. Good luck and go Trojans!**

### **PARENT CONNECTION:**

Senior Parents: The Grad Bash Can Drive has been extended through this week. Please encourage your senior to help raise money by collecting and returning cans and bottles. A local business is matching the amount earned (up to \$5k) and we have a way to go to get to that amount! Send money to Venmo @PlainwellHighSchool-GradBash or contact "[PHS Grad Bash 2021](#)" via Facebook Messenger for additional ways to send in collected amounts.

Calendar Changes: There have been multiple changes to the original 2020-2021 school calendar. Please note that March 4th & 5th are now full days for staff and students. (Half days have been moved to Wednesday, March 3rd and March 10th). Mid-winter Break is still scheduled for Feb. 19th and 22nd.

We hope this document will help you find dates and Zoom links all in one place: [PARENT IMPORTANT DATES](#). It will be updated regularly. It is also on the website. As always, if you have questions call the Main Office at 685-9554.

For all PHS students there are opportunities with WMU's ROTC and Summer Scholarships for female students. See the announcements in the "General" section above.

Pandemic Learning is not easy!! Chase Mielke is recording episodes of tools and encouragement in his series called "The Thriving Learner". Check them out on the [Pandemic Learning page](#) of our website to help your students overcome some of their learning hurdles.

Parents, please help make our 2020-2021 Yearbook one to remember by sharing your photos! See more info [HERE](#).

If you have a senior student, you will want to keep checking for news in the "College Adviser" section above. Scholarship deadlines are approaching! Mackenzie Evers is here to help our students plan for after graduation.

Seniors, it's time to get your senior pictures turned in to Mrs Kostanko at [jane.kostanko@plainwellschools.org](mailto:jane.kostanko@plainwellschools.org). Photos must be vertical (or portrait style). Head and shoulder shots are best. Jpeg format is preferred, but we can also accept pdfs. Deadline is March 31st.

Plainwell Community Schools is publishing a weekly e-newsletter called "This Week At PCS". Check back weekly for the latest news, updates, events, save the dates, and PCS School information all in one place. [For the Feb. 8-14 edition of "This Week at PCS", please use this link to our website.](#) Have a picture that you would like to share for the publication? Please email [elizabeth.gallagher@plainwellschools.org](mailto:elizabeth.gallagher@plainwellschools.org).

FOOD SERVICE PICK-UP is available EVERY WEDNESDAY. All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch through June 30, 2021. No sign-up required.

- PICK-UP: Takes place every Wednesday
- LOCATION: High School Cafeteria Side Entrance
- TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM
- MEAL BOX DETAILS: Hybrid Students will receive a 5-day Breakfast & Lunch Box and Virtual Students will receive a 7-day Breakfast & Lunch Box
- PRICE: FREE to anyone 18 and younger

Mark your calendars for our next Zoom Parent/Teacher conferences on April 21 and 22.

Many of your other questions can be answered using the ["Quick Links"](#) on our webpage.