

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 1891 - A. C. Richardson, an African American inventor, invented the churn.
- 1902 - Opera singer Marian Anderson was born on this day. At the age of 17, Anderson was entered in the New York Philharmonic Competition by her music teacher and placed first over 299 other singers. On Easter Sunday in 1939, Anderson performed an open-air recital at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The performance was scheduled for the concert hall controlled by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) but was canceled when the DAR refused to allow Anderson to sing there.
- 1936 - Jim Brown was born on this day. In 1957, Brown got chosen by the Cleveland Browns in the NFL draft, leading the league by rushing 942 yards and eventually capturing the honor of Rookie of the Year. In the seasons that followed, Brown only continued to progress and soon became the standard-bearer for all NFL running backs. Showcasing outstanding speed, Brown scored remarkable season totals over various seasons including 1,527 yards in 1958, 1,863 yards in 1963, and 1,544 yards in 1965. In 1966, he unexpectedly announced his retirement from the game after a short but victorious career.
- 1938 - Mary Frances Berry was born, who will become the first woman to serve as a chancellor of a major research university.
- 1942 - Black Panther Party Founder Huey P. Newton was born. An illiterate high school graduate, Newton taught himself how to read before attending Merritt College in Oakland and the San Francisco School of Law, where he met fellow student Bobby Seale. In Oakland in 1966, they formed the Black Panther Group in response to incidents of police brutality and racism and as an illustration of the need for black self-reliance. At the height of its popularity during the late 1960s, the party had 2,000 members in chapters in several cities.
- 1963 - Michael Jordan born, an American basketball legend who played for the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards for 15 seasons. When he first applied to the varsity team as a high school sophomore, he didn't make it because of his height, which at the time was 5 ft. 10 in. Over the summer, he grew 4 inches and trained very hard to make it to the team at the next trials. In his senior year of high school, he was selected to the McDonald's All-American Team after scoring a triple-double. Several colleges offered him basketball scholarships, and he eventually chose to go to North Carolina University. He won the title of NCAA College Player of the Year in the years of 1983 and 1984. Jordan quit college in his junior year when he was drafted by the NBA, he joined the Chicago Bulls.
- 1968 - Shirley Chisholm became the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives, she was elected to represent the state of New York. In 1972, she made history again by becoming the first African American candidate and the first female candidate for President of the United States.
- 1973 - The Navy frigate USS Jesse L. Brown was commissioned. The ship was named for Ensign Jesse L. Brown, the first African American naval aviator killed in combat over Korea.

GENERAL:

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

Attention Seniors: Because we feel that you have not had the best senior year, we are doing some **special events just for the Class of 2021!** Please take a look at [this survey](#) and take a moment to respond. Tubing at Timber Ridge has been planned for February 24th from 1-3pm. Please note that if you indicate interest in Tubing on the Google form it means you are committed to attending on the 24th. The deadline to sign up for the Tubing at Timber Ridge is Monday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm.

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!)

Anyone in Plainwell: **If you have pop cans you'd like to donate** to Grad Bash, please message "[PHS Grad Bash 2021](#)" through Facebook and they will arrange one of our senior students to pick them up. Please spread the word!

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".

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

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 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.

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

COLLEGE ADVISER:

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Seniors: Check all of the [new scholarship updates](#) on the Plainwell Schools website!

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.

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:

Congratulations to the varsity wrestling team and Coaches Leonard and Reardon for defeating two conference opponents in wrestling last night at Allegan. Final scores were:
Plainwell 54 Allegan 6
Plainwell 54 Otsego 4
We next wrestle in the Plainwell quad on Saturday at home at 4:00pm.

Attention all girls interested in soccer this spring: Conditioning starts this week 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.

Today the boys basketball teams will travel to Sturgis and the JV and varsity girls basketball teams will take on Sturgis at home. 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. 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 most recent 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.

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.