

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Wednesday, February 18, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 1867 - An institution was founded at Augusta, Georgia which was later to become Morehouse College, following its relocation to Atlanta. Morehouse College is one of the most prestigious black colleges in the nation.
- 1896 - H. Grenon patents razor stropping device.
- 1931 - Toni Morrison was born on this day. Morrison was an African American novelist, essayist, book editor and college professor. In 1988, Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize for "Beloved"; she gained worldwide recognition when she was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.
- 1965 - Born on this day, Dr. Dre is an African American rap singer and producer who is sometimes referred to as the most influential rap producer of all time. A member of the group NWA, he was one of the founders of West Coast G-funk.
- 2006 - At the Winter Olympics in Italy, Shani Davis became the first African American athlete to win a gold medal in an individual event, winning the speed skating 1000 meter event. He also won a silver medal in the 1500 meter event. At the 2010 Winter Olympics in British Columbia, he repeated the feat, becoming the first man to successfully defend the 1000 meters and repeating as the 1500 meter silver medalist.
- 2007 - Jimmie Lee Jackson, civil rights activist was shot while trying to protect his mother and grandfather during a protest demonstration. He was reportedly shot by Trooper James Bonard Fowler who surrendered to authorities.

GENERAL:

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 TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF:

The Plainwell High School Students Senate will be **extending the Pep Challenges until 2-23-21**. There will still be Gift Card prizes available so please make sure to enter!

Reminder of the available challenges:

- Cup Stacking (10 cups)
- Art Competition picture or video (Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, etc. Must have a picture with you in it!)
- Video of your best tricks (Backflips, front flips, cartwheels, aerials, etc)
- Short snippet of singing (keep under 30 seconds)
- Video of telling your best joke (clean, keep under 30 seconds)

Submit the photo or video to hsstudentsenate@plainwellschools.org and put "Pep Assembly Challenge" in the email's subject!!!

RULES: (1) YOU MUST BE IN THE PICTURE/VIDEO TO COUNT; (2) NO PLAGIARISM.

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:

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:

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:

The varsity girls basketball team defeated Sturgis Wednesday night 40-17. Lauren Vanderstelt led the way with 12 points.

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 swim team will travel to Allegan and on Saturday the varsity wrestling team will host Delton, Union City, and Kalamazoo Central in a quad. Good luck and go Trojans!

PARENT CONNECTION:

Student Services has put together a helpful summary of our [Third Trimester Learning Options](#). It has also been posted in the [2020-2021 Pandemic Learning](#) page of our website.

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.

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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.