

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 1868 - W. E. B. Du Bois, a sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author and editor was born on this day. After graduating from Harvard, where he was the first African American to earn a doctorate, he became a professor of history, sociology and economics at Atlanta University. Du Bois was one of the co-founders of the NAACP.
- 1925 - Louis Stokes was born on this day, former Mayor of Detroit and member of the US House of Representatives. Stokes was the first African American elected to the House from Ohio.
- 1965 - Constance Baker Motley elected Manhattan Borough President, the highest elective office held by an African American woman in a major American city.
- 1979 - Frank E. Peterson Jr. named the first African American general in the Marine Corps.

GENERAL:

ATTENTION TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF:

This is the final day to turn in your Student Senate Pep Challenges! There are 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.

Do you want to help make the school a better place? Do you like planning parties, dances, and pep assemblies? Do you think you would do a good job representing the student body? If so, you should **apply for Student Senate**. Applications are available in the high school main office and outside Mr. Hansen's room. Applications are due back by Friday, March 12th. Please see Mr. Hansen for more information.

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!)

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!

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:

Plainwell Varsity Bowling entertained Paw Paw High School last night in a home dual match. The Trojans girls team defeated Paw Paw 29-1; while our boys varsity team lost a close match 16-14. The Trojan bowling teams next compete at Airway Lanes against Vicksburg on March 3. Go Trojans!

The varsity girls basketball team defeated Dowagiac 47-21 Monday night to move their record to 4-0. Lauren Vanderstelt and Maya Johnson led the way with 12 and 10 points.

Attention anyone interested in running track this spring: The first official track practice will be March 22nd. If you want to run, please make sure that you have a current physical on file. If you are not sure, please contact the athletic office to see if you are up-to-date. There will be a sign up date shortly after the 3rd tri begins. Please watch for future announcements on this.

Today the varsity competitive cheer team will travel to Vicksburg, the wrestling team will travel to Sturgis for a quad, and the boys varsity swim team will host South Haven. 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.

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. The "[Forms](#)" link is especially helpful.