

Plainwell High School Daily Announcements
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 1864 - Rebecca Lee Crumpler becomes the first African American woman to receive an M.D. degree. She graduated from the New England Female Medical College.
- 1893 - Daniel A. Payne died on this day. The sixth bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Payne was the first African American ordained by the Lutheran Church in 1837. In 1856, he founded Wilberforce University, where he became the first African American president of a college in America.
- 1947 - Jackie Robinson born on this day, became the first African American to play Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. He led the league in stolen bases that season and was named Rookie of the Year.
- 2020 - Katherine Johnson, the groundbreaking NASA mathematician featured in the movie, "Hidden Figures" died on this day. Johnson was an African American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and the subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. During her 35-year career at NASA and its predecessor, she earned a reputation for mastering complex manual calculations and helped pioneer the use of computers to perform the tasks. The space agency noted her "historical role as one of the first African American women to work as a NASA scientist".

GENERAL:

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.

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.

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 Monday, March 1, 2021. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Evers at collegeadviser@plainwellschools.org.

COLLEGE ADVISER:

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. Tomorrow, Feb. 25 is the last session from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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 Monday, March 1st will give participating colleges recruiting information, but info will not be shared to other institutions.

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 Monday, March 1st.)

ATHLETICS:

Congrats to the boys swim and dive team who beat South Haven last night! Congratulations to the 200 free relay team of Jacob Herbert, Tyler Keator, Clyde DeLaet and Isaac Viviano who qualified for State. Ivan Emde qualified in the 100 backstroke and our divers Jason Perez and Jake Westdorp had their best scores of the season and finished 1 & 2. Other great swims by Jacob Westdorp, Ben Cox, Zach Runkle, Alex Blanton, Colin Burns and the rest of the team! Wish them luck as they take on Harper Creek at home Thursday.

Congratulations to the varsity wrestling team as they finished last night's quad with three wins! They defeated Sturgis 60-19, Niles 57-15, and Paw Paw 42-40! Big matches were won by Brendan Smith, Gordon Heuschen, and Steele Madison to beat Paw Paw. The team record is now 9 wins and 3 losses, 4-0 in the conference. Great job!

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 boys basketball teams will travel to Allegan; and the girls JV and varsity basketball teams will take on Allegan at home. 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.

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.

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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.