

**Plainwell High School Daily Announcements**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

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

- 1837 - Cheyney University of Pennsylvania was founded, making it the oldest predominantly African American institution of high education in the United States. It was originally known as the African Institute then was renamed the Institute of Colored Youth in 1852. The monetary funds to start the institution were bequeathed by Richard Humphreys, a Quaker philanthropist. After seeing many African Americans lose employment to more skilled immigrants, he provided in his will \$10,000 to start an institution that would teach young African American boys and girls the skills they needed to be more competitive in the job market.
- 1842 - Charles Lenox Remond became one of the first African Americans to give testimony before a state legislature when he addressed a committee of the Massachusetts House of Representatives investigating discrimination in public transportation. Remond contrasted the absence of discrimination in his travels in Europe with his rude treatment on public transportation in and around Boston.
- 1870 - Hiram Rhodes Revels sworn in as the first African American U.S. Senator and first African American representative in Congress.
- 1948 - Martin Luther King was ordained as a Baptist minister.
- 1965 - Veronica Webb is an African American model, actress, writer and television personality. Webb was the first African American to have a major cosmetics contract when she signed with Revlon in 1992.
- 1971 - President Nixon met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus and appointed a White House panel to study a list of recommendations made by the group.
- 1978 - Death of Daniel James Jr., retired Air Force general and the first African American promoted to four-star rank, at the Air Force Academy, Colorado.
- 1989 - Boxer Mike Tyson becomes the undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the World by defeating challenger Frank Bruno of En
- 1991 - Adrienne Mitchell, the first African American woman to die in combat in the Persian Gulf War is killed in her military barracks in Dharan, Saudi Arabia.
- 1999 - White supremacist John King, one of three white men accused of chaining James Byrd to a pickup and dragging him along a Texas road until he was decapitated, was sentenced to death by lethal injection. If his death penalty is carried out, he will be the first white Texan executed for killing an African American since slavery ended.

**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](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.

**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](mailto: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. Tonight 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:**

The Plainwell varsity boys basketball team was on the road at Allegan last night and brought home a 41-33 victory. This is a back to back win for the Trojans after beating Dowagiac at home on Monday. Great job Plainwell!

The varsity girls basketball team defeated Allegan 57-30 Wednesday night. Great defensive effort by the entire team. The girls take on Otsego next Monday night.

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.

**The varsity boys swim team will take on Harper Creek at home today; go Trojans!**

### **PARENT CONNECTION:**

The [2nd Trimester exam schedule](#) has been emailed to all students. Exams are next week, March 1-5. All hybrid students (Groups A & B) will be in person for exams. It will be good to see everyone!!

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