

PLHS >>>>> Newsletter



From Alyssa Bresnahan regarding **GRADUATION INFORMATION**

The commencement ceremony will take place on
Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 PM in the Dan Patch Stadium.
Friday, June 9th will serve as the backup date in case of rain.

The graduation fee is \$25 and can be paid via Affinity.
Please pay ASAP if you haven't already paid!

Caps and gowns will be handed out Wednesday, May 10th
during lunch hours – as long as the graduation fee was paid.

If you ordered a senior panoramic photo, this will also be
handed out during lunch hours on Wednesday, May 10th.



Attention Juniors:

Wednesday, May 17th current
juniors will take their senior
school ID photos for the 23-24
school year. This will take place
from approximately 8 AM – 2 PM.
Please mark your calendar so
that you do not miss out on this.

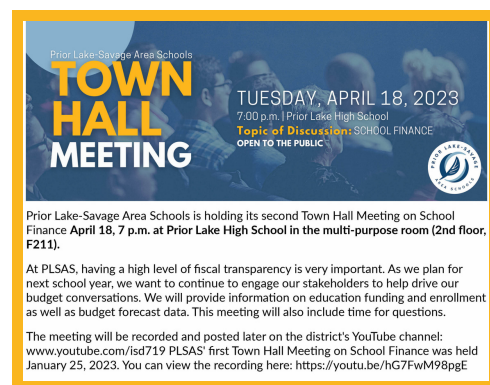
See Sara Strege or [click here](#) for speaker tryout
information!

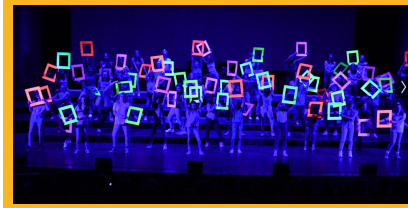
Seniors are required to attend rehearsal on the morning
of commencement day, Thursday, June 8th at 10:30 AM
(more info to come).

Tickets are NOT required for anyone attending, seating is
first come first serve.

Email Alyssa if handicapped seating is needed. Only one
additional person is allowed to sit with the handicapped
person(s) as space is VERY limited! Include the first and
last name(s) of those sitting within the handicapped
area. Email Alyssa at abresnahan@plsas.org.

Watch for a newsletter going out at the end of April with
more important details!





Mark Your Calendar:

PLHS Choirs are busy preparing for the Annual Pop Extravaganza "Celebrate!" taking place on Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th.

This year's theme is "Oh The PLaces We'll Go!" and features songs about specific places and means of travel. The setlist includes songs *Heart of Rock & Roll* by Huey Lewis and *California Dreamin'* by The Mamas & the Papas, as well as hits by The Beach Boys, Johnny Cash, and Carrie Underwood.

Tickets will be available through the activities ticketing system, Vanco. Get tickets early as this show does run the risk of selling out!

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

- The online attendance form is for ALL DAY ABSENCES only.
- Email or call our attendance line at least 45-60 minutes prior to your child leaving.
- Attendance is updated throughout the day. If you have called or emailed, please give us until 2 PM to enter it into our system.
- When picking up or dropping off your student, please use the student entrance only. The upstairs main office entrance is only for MNCAPS/PSEO students and item drop-off/pick-up.
- If your child attends MNCAPS, please call their attendance line when calling out your student. The MNCAPS attendance line is 952-226-0821.
- Student IDs are required to scan in and out of the building. In order to leave you must obtain a blue pass prior to leaving.

ATTENDANCE PHONE: 952-226-8601
EMAIL: hsattendance@plsas.org



REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.gle/Vfv8Cqn4HKyeQinb9>

Testing Dates:

MCA: Math
 April 10-11th

MCA: Reading
 April 10-11th

ACT: Juniors
 April 18th

MCA: Science
 May 1st - 2nd

AP Exams
 May 1st - May 11th


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PLHS Health Office Update:

As we (finally!) approach the warmer months – and with upcoming activities such as Prom and spring sports – we would like to remind you about the importance of protecting skin from the harmful effects of UV rays.

Tanning beds have become increasingly popular among teenagers in recent years. However, they are not safe and can have serious health consequences. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, using tanning beds before the age of 35 increases the risk of developing melanoma by 59%. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and its incidence has been increasing in young adults.

Sunscreen is a crucial tool in protecting skin from harmful UV rays. It is recommended to use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, which should be reapplied every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating. Sunscreen is especially important between the hours of 10 AM – 4 PM, when the sun's rays are the strongest.

We encourage you to talk with your children about the risks associated with tanning beds and the importance of using sunscreen. Please reach out to the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Congratulations...



Congratulations to Smriti Datta who placed second at the State DECA tournament. She also qualified for the International Competition and will travel to Orlando, Florida to compete!



Congratulations to Sanya Pirani, a PLHS junior, who recently published her second book, *High Tide*. We are so proud of this accomplishment!



Congratulations to Brooke Holmes, the 2023 Athena Award winner! The award is given to one senior female athlete who has distinguished herself in special individual athletic achievement or superior achievements in one or more sports. Brooke plans to attend St. Cloud State University in the fall to play softball and will major in Business Law.



Congratulations to our latest Laker Pride Ticket recipients: Aorawanya Sikinarum, Bethany Carman, Tyler Newlin, Jackson Stout, & Kylie Mong!

These students have been recognized for helping to make PLHS a place of Pride, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

PLHS National Honor Society :

PLHS National Honor Society had an exciting 3rd Quarter! Members visited Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen and helped pack 73 boxes of food for those in need. They also collected clothing from students which filled 13 large garbage bags and one box. The items were then donated to Regions Hospital in St. Paul to support the homeless population during winter.

With donations from staff, students, and community members, 77 pints of blood were collected during the winter blood drive. A few members also got together and made 45 Valentine's Day cards for Veterans at the Prior Lake VFW to thank them for their service. Thank you to these students who helped fill our school and community with love, kindness, and service. The chapter is looking forward to what's to come in Quarter 4!



Counseling Department:

Counselors will be meeting with our junior class fourth quarter to discuss post-secondary options and planning. More information to come!

All students enrolled in Independent Study for the 22-23 school year must have their assigned courses completed by Friday, May 19th.

Senior Decision Day is coming up May! This is an opportunity for seniors to share their post high school plans and celebrate.



2023 PROM INFO:

Please visit [this link](#) to find information on purchasing your tickets, the venue, and to find guest dance forms.



Costa Rica – Spring Break 2024:

The Spanish Department is excited to offer students an amazing trip to Costa Rica over Spring Break 2024! This opportunity is available to 9th – 12th graders enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher during the 2023–2024 school year. Spanish Immersion program students and native Spanish speakers are also eligible to join!

The first parent informational session was held on Tuesday, February 28th, and registration is now open! If you missed the meeting, there will be another informational meeting held at 6:00 PM on May 15th at the high school in room B108, or feel free to email the trip leader, Mrs. Kate Dunklee, anytime at kdunklee@plsas.org. Click [this link](#) to learn more and to reserve your spot!



PLHS NASC In Action:

PLHS students enjoyed learning about the chemical process of turning sap into maple syrup. The PLHS Native American Student Coalition partnered with American Indian Student Support Coordinator, Freddy De Leon, to lead in the collection of over 100 gallons of sap from the wooded area behind the building. Special thanks to Mr. Steinberg and his students for helping to create maple syrup that will be bottled and shared with the community.