

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

PLAINFIELD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2020



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tigers,

It has been an interesting start to the school year with remote learning being the platform from day one. I speak for all of us when I say, I miss the kids! I have personally visited dozens of virtual classrooms and have been impressed with the work from staff and students. They have been making learning fun, creative, and engaging under a difficult situation. I hope you can agree that remote learning has been mostly positive for everyone involved.

Believe it or not, we are about halfway through the first quarter. As a parent myself, checking Home Access Center (HAC) is an important part of monitoring your student's progress in school, especially during remote learning. We encourage students to reach out to their teachers if they have concerns with a grade, how they performed on an assignment/assessment, or if they are struggling with the instructional platform. Every teacher wants their students to be successful and are willing to help. Do not wait. Address a concern now before it becomes a problem down the road.

Teachers will be emailing parents and students if they are receiving a D or F at the six-week grade mark. Parents can expect notification during the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent to the parent's email on file and the student's psd202.org email account.

Although we do not know when we will return to in-person instruction, I know students have their views on remote learning after speaking with several of them. Some students are struggling without being in the building to socialize with friends, participating in the activities they love, and supporting Tiger Nation at extracurricular events. Others are enjoying the later start time, having independence in their learning, all while being provided the opportunity to see their teachers and friends online for class.

For me, I look forward to the day when kids start walking through the door to experience high school with everything it has to offer. Until then, stay positive and take one day at a time. Remember these few strategies to allow for the most success while remote learning:

- Be consistent with routines and workspace
- Turn your camera on during class and actively participate
- Submit quality work by the assigned due dates
- Monitor grades in HAC
- Communicate with teachers when needed

If you are experiencing technology issues, communicate this to your teacher. It is probably going to happen at some point and the last thing you need to do is stress about it. If it is related to the District 202 computer, please contact the Help Line at (815) 577-4344.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Tigers,

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## Upcoming Dates

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**October 12th**

**Columbus Day**

**No School**

**October 19th**

**School Improvement Day**

**Normal class times for students**

**9:00a.m.-2:10p.m.**

**(No staff office hours from**

**2:10p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)**

**October 30th**

**End of First Quarter**

**November 3rd**

**Election Day**

**No School**

**November 25th-27th**

**Thanksgiving Recess**

**No School**



## ***CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION***

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Normally this is the time of year when information relating to standardized testing for all grade levels is usually posted in this newsletter. However, due to our current situation there are many things that are still being discussed and adapted at this time. We are asking that you make sure you and your student read all email correspondence that is being sent from either the District Office or Plainfield North High School to make sure you have the most up-to-date information. Here is what we can share as of today regarding testing at Plainfield North High School. All seniors were notified at the end of September as to what date they were assigned for the SAT. The fall SAT testing dates are for seniors only, as the State of Illinois requires an in-school SAT test for graduation. The senior students who replied to the survey by September 9<sup>th</sup> that they wanted to test in October were notified of their assigned date at the end of September. They will continue to receive updates up to the night before their test date. All other senior students will be assigned the testing date in April.

Advanced Placement exam registration forms and information were sent out on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will need to be completed online. The AP registration due date is no later than October 21<sup>st</sup>. The online payment window will begin on October 26<sup>th</sup> and close on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Students were assigned a code from their Advanced Placement teacher to gain access to the AP classroom online, which every student needs to access to utilize the online resources and register for the exam. If you have any questions, please contact your student's Advanced Placement teacher.

Freshman, sophomore, and junior testing information is still being discussed and planned, and information will be sent out when available.

All other grade level standardized testing for this school year is still being discussed at this time. We will send information out to the appropriate grade levels once it becomes available. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unique times.

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## ***DEAN'S OFFICE***

Thank you for displaying such flexibility during this process of adjusting to remote learning. All of us are growing together on this journey. As always our goal is to support all students when it comes to attendance. Your ability to communicate if your child is going to be absent for a period or the whole day is probably more important now than ever before. Please continue to reach out to our attendance office in a timely manner regarding such details.

## ***MEDIA CENTER***

### **Resources for Students and Parents**

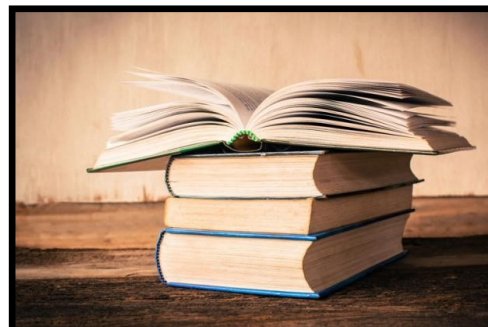
Need help navigating Google Classroom, Chrome Extensions, or accessing school email? Visit the [Resources for Students and Parents Google Site](#) to find answers to your questions.

### **Curbside Checkout**

Curbside checkout is now available. If you would like to check out books from the media center, please log into Destiny and put a hold on the books that you would like to checkout. A media center staff member will email you when your books are available for pickup. We will be offering pickup on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between the hours of 8am - 3pm. Please see the [PNHS Destiny Discover for Curbside Pickup handout](#) for directions on how to put a book on hold.

### **Student Technical Assistance and login issues**

For technical assistance, please call 815-577-4344. Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm



## SCIENCE & MATH

Teachers are working hard in the math and science division to provide engaging lessons to their students. Thank you to the parents that are supporting our efforts and encouraging their students to participate! Remember teachers are still available to help students during their office hours. Look for tutoring venues to open soon! MTV (Math Tutoring Venue) is going virtual.

### Science:

It is great to see students taking an interest in science. The pictures below were shared in Mr. Patel's physics class.



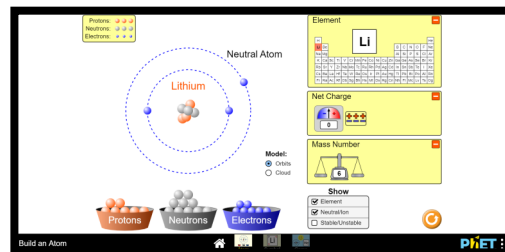
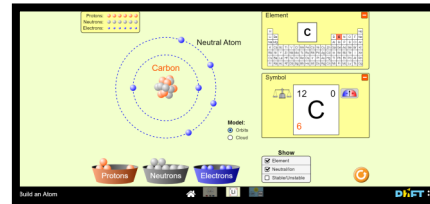
The above picture is of Jupiter. These photos were taken on Mr. Patel's phone, so the light interferes with the camera. Looking through the telescope with the naked eye, you could actually see the cloud formations on Jupiter.



Two of the above pictures are of Saturn and the comet that passed by in July/August. The comet has an orbit that is around 6,700 years. Also, above is a picture of the moon.

Lori Kraus's students shared videos. They were short, about 30 seconds, to show movement based on a graph. This was also a way for Ms. Kraus to connect with her students via remote learning.

The chemistry classes are using pHet simulations to help them understand the model of the atom and the placement of protons, neutrons and electrons within the atom. pHet simulations help us model science concepts by giving us a visual to help explain ideas that are unable to be seen by the human eye, like the atom.



Ms. Kieft's forensics classes are doing an at home lab where they are testing Locard's Exchange Principal to see if they can find trace evidence on their clothes from everywhere and everyone they came in contact with during the day.

Biology classes are starting strong by looking at biological structures from the cell to an organism. Many classes have implemented virtual labs for their students, giving them another explanation of curricular topics.

### Math:

In Algebra 2 Honors, Mrs. Vetrovec's students all got a different system of three equation problems. They recorded a video of themselves explaining their thought process, steps, and work. It was a different way to assess them and gave them a chance to practice explaining their work and use math vocabulary.

Geometry and Honors Geometry students are currently working on the curriculum in unit one: Proof, parallel and perpendicular lines. Teachers have been utilizing google classroom, Springboard curriculum and supplementing our workbook with DeltaMath (an online math support website for students to engage in video lessons, extra problems, and assessments). Students have been interacting with breakout rooms during our live zoom sessions, sharing google slides, and are successfully navigating online strategies.

## ***ENGLISH & SOCIAL STUDIES***

English and Social Studies teachers have been tirelessly working on preparing engaging humanities lessons for our Northside students. Our division thanks you for your continued support and patience as we navigate and grow accustomed to this new learning environment.

### **English:**

Many English teachers are working on building those early skills needed for the rest of the English curriculum. Great examples this week include: Mrs. Goska providing lessons on tone in works of literature and reading, Mr. Smith and Ms. Beaupre exercise identification of pronouns and themes in short stories.

### **Social Studies:**

Social Studies teachers continue to work on providing students with the skills needed to interpret and understand primary source documents. Examples include: World History teachers Ms. Hoch, Ms. Mays, and Mrs. Gummerson guiding students through the basic tenants of the various world religions. Mr. Paymaster has been doing an excellent job incorporating current events at the beginning of his US History courses to engage students in historical thought and social science critical thinking.

## ***WORLD LANGUAGES/FINE ARTS/ CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION***

### **World Language:**

The World Language department is excited to welcome two new staff members to PNHS. Tammie Terry is our new American Sign Language instructor. She comes with years of experience from the Joliet district. Maureen Holt will be teaching french at both North and East. We are looking forward to having them join the WL team.

German 1 is diving in to our “Who are you?” unit, where they will learn about professions and leisure time activities. This will conclude with a project where students create a presentation about who they are, with a baby picture attached. The class will then walk around the room, reading each poster and try to guess who each student is, based on the baby picture and surrounding information. Students are already conducting full conversations with their friends about who they are and are looking forward to expanding these discussions to include the new material.

German 2 has been doing a lot of work with the past tense. Students have gotten the opportunity to talk about their summers and during the month of October will get to write a letter to their future selves. Students will write letters about their freshman year to be opened during their senior year. My seniors always love coming in and asking for their letters at the end of their time here at North.

German 3 will be reading a German version of “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” and then will write their own book using the newly learned tense. Students will write, illustrate, and present their books to the class. Students will also be researching study abroad opportunities and exploring the differences between German study abroad and those offered here in the United States.

German AP will be completing their immigration unit with a project about German-American’s. Did you know that Milton Hershey came here from Germany? Through this project, students will explore the hardships of moving to a new country, as well as the influences that these immigrants had on our country. Then they will be moving on to our globalization unit, where they will be discussing the upcoming German elections as well as other global topics such as the environment. October 1st-7th is also National German-American week and AP will have a huge part in helping us celebrate this at PNHS.

### **Career and Technical Education:**

The CTE department is pleased to welcome two new staff members to PNHS. Daniel Redmore will be teaching business classes and Autumn Tsang is joining the FACS area by teaching culinary arts courses. We are excited to have them joining the CTE team this year!

***PHYSICAL EDUCATION/DRIVERS EDUCATION/HEALTH CLASSES******Students Currently In Driver Education Class:***

Students in Driver Education are currently getting some behind-the-wheel (BTW) time for their required lessons before and after school. Students must have their permit first before signing up. Students need to complete 12 lessons with an instructor and 50 hours of practice time with a parent/guardian to complete the behind-the-wheel (BTW) phase of obtaining a drivers license.

Here is a link to the BTW lesson sign-up:

<http://pnhs.psd202.org/page/driver-education>

Link to the 50 hour log sheet: [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_x152.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_x152.pdf)

***Second Semester Driver Education Students:***

Pre-permitting of the second semester driver education classes has begun for students. It will be very different this year. Information was sent out through email from the Driver Education instructor on how to obtain a permit for your student. If you need this information, please email [Lbayer@psd202.org](mailto:Lbayer@psd202.org) and it will be sent to you. The permit test will be on the Rules of the Road.

Here is a link to the PDF of the online version of "Rules of the Road" document:

[https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_a112.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a112.pdf)





## ***ATHLETIC NEWS***

### **Tiger Athletes of the Week**

Aug. 24th:	Makayla Mussatto—Girls Golf
Aug. 24th:	Drew Maletich—Boys Golf
Aug. 31st:	Michelle Masis—Girls XC
Aug. 31st:	Ryan Maseman—Boys XC
Sept 7th:	Karley Sonnenberg—Girls Swimming
Sept 7th:	Dylan Young—Boys XC
Sept. 14th:	Katie Nalley—Girls XC
Sept. 14th:	Oliver Burns—Boys XC
Sept. 21st:	Tanner Daugherty—Boys Golf
Sept. 21st:	Trisha Sharma—Girls Tennis

### **Athletes of the Month**

Makayla Mussatto—Girls Golf  
Ryan Maseman—Boys XC

### **IHSA New Seasons**

Registration for Winter sports will open on October 1st. At this time, no contact sports have been approved to play, so more changes may occur.

Below are the new tentative IHSA season changes:

#### **Winter-November 16th-February 13th**

Games begin November 30th: Boys/Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer/Dance, Boys/Girls Bowling, Boys Swimming, Wrestling, and Girls Gymnastics

#### **Spring-February 15th—May 1st**

Games begin March 1st: Badminton, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Gymnastics

#### **Summer-April 19th-June 26th**

Games begin May 3rd: Baseball, Softball, Boys/Girls Track, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, and Boys Tennis

## ***ATHLETIC HOME EVENTS***

Oct. 1st -	JV Girls Tennis vs. West Aurora 4:00pm
Oct. 3rd-	JV SPC Invite Girls Tennis West Aurora 8:00am
Oct. 5th-	JV Girls Tennis vs. JCA 4:00pm
Oct. 6th-	Boys Golf Regional-TBD
Oct. 10th-	Girls/Boys XC City Meet 9:00am-10:30am
Oct. 16th-	Girls Tennis Sectionals-TBD
Oct. 17th-	Girls/Boys XC Freshmen/Sophomore Meet 9:00am-11:30am
Oct. 17th-	Girls Swimming SPC Invite-TBD
Oct. 24th-	Boys/Girls XC Regionals-TBD
Oct. 24th-	Girls Swimming Sectionals-TBD

\*Note: State series events times and places are still to be determined.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL SPORT**

### **SENIORS**

**Boys XC**-Michael Carlson, Ryan Casey, Jeremy Drag, Daniel Gaull, Nathaniel Lenning, Ryan Maseman, Ian Morrison, Andrew Radulovich, Ryan Rehak, Jonathan Richardson, and Dylan Young

**Girls XC**-Abigail Anderson, Katherine Nalley, Alexia Reyes, and Alisha Syed

**Boys Golf**-Todd Daugherty, Noah Dutler, Patrick Farnan, Drew Maletich

**Girls Golf**-Mia Bernasol

**Girls Swimming**-Karley Sonnenberg, Kendyl Sonnenberg, and Amanda Spangler

**Girls Tennis**-Hannah Aylsworth, Gabrielle Ballard, Grace Chadick, Mackenzie Dycus, and Manasvi Kallepalli

## COLLEGE & CAREER

The College and Career Center has some exciting things planned. Our main focus for first semester is to support seniors in starting to define their path after high school. For lots of PNHS students, that will be a two- or four-year college, but there are also many students who will enter the military or trade school. Whatever your path, we are here to support you in your journey. We are currently posting information and updates for seniors to the “**Class of 2021**” **Google Classroom** and to the [PNHS College & Career Center webpage](#).

### WHO SHOULD WE ASK FOR HELP?

- **If students have questions about a specific college:** College Admissions Reps are the experts at their colleges and are available by phone or email (contact info listed on college websites) - More information is listed below about connecting with the reps through PNHS virtual visits
- **If students have questions about college research or the college application process:** Contact the College & Career counselor, Mrs. Hurst, or your PNHS counselor (assigned by last name)
- If students are interested in the **military**: Reach out to the local recruiting office
- If students are interested in **trade school**: Reach out to the local union to become familiar with the process and requirements

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS (Open to all grade levels)

- **Thursday, October 1:** [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) opens
- **Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm:** [US Service Academy Info Session](#) - Congresswoman Lauren Underwood is hosting a virtual information session to share information about the process of getting a congressional nomination and applying for one of the five US Service Academies.
- **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00pm:** [Why So Many of our Students Choose Joliet Junior College](#) - Hear about JJC and their popular programs from admissions reps and faculty. The Financial Aid Office will provide information about cost to attend and the vast number of scholarships available. A representative from the Office of University Partnerships will also cover the process of transferring to a four year institution.
- **Saturday, October 10:** [IACAC Illinois Virtual College Fair: Trades and Military Service Day](#)
- **Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm:** [How to Prepare for the Rising Costs of College](#) (hosted by the Plainfield Public Library)
- **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm:** Conquering College Costs (hosted by Plainfield East) – *more info coming soon*
- **Sunday, November 1:** First important priority deadline for college applications and scholarships (other important deadlines are November 15, December 1 and 15, and January 1 and 15)
- **Ongoing:** [Illinois Virtual College Fair](#) - Hundreds of opportunities for students to learn about the college search process and about many different colleges through panel presentations and information sessions
- **Ongoing: Virtual visits with College Admissions Reps** - Sign up in Naviance to meet with college admissions reps through November

**COLLEGE & CAREER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>College</b>
Oct. 1	11:15am	Lindenwood University
	12:00pm	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	12:45pm	Bradley University
Oct. 2	11:15am	University of Missouri-Columbia
	12:00pm	University of Arkansas
	12:45pm	Ancilla College
Oct. 6	11:15am	DePaul University
	12:00pm	Illinois Institute of Technology
	12:45pm	Lawrence Technological University
Oct. 7	11:15am	Northland College
	12:00pm	Ringling College of Art and Design
	12:45pm	Holy Cross College
	9:00am	Albion College
	9:45am	Michigan Technological University
Oct. 8	11:15am	University of Chicago
	12:00pm	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
	12:45pm	Saint Louis University
	10:30am	University of South Alabama
	1:30pm	Mississippi State University
Oct. 15	11:15am	Carthage College
	12:00pm	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
	12:45pm	Bowling Green State University-Main Campus
	10:30am	Millikin University
	1:30pm	University of Kentucky



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Oct. 16	11:15am	Luther College
	12:00pm	Florida Atlantic University
	12:45pm	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Oct. 20	11:15am	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
	12:00pm	Valparaiso University
	12:45pm	Beloit College
Oct. 21	11:15am	Knox College
	12:00pm	Michigan State University
	12:45pm	Texas Christian University
	9:00am	Illinois Wesleyan University
	9:45am	Lake Forest College
Oct. 22	11:15am	Cornell College
	12:00pm	St. Ambrose University
	12:45pm	Creighton University
	10:30am	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
	1:30pm	Kent State University
Oct. 23	11:15am	Judson University
	12:00pm	Washington University in St Louis
	12:45pm	Augustana College
Oct. 28	11:15am	Northern Michigan University
	12:00pm	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
	12:45pm	Butler University
	9:00am	University of Connecticut
	9:45am	IUPUI

Please reach out to us with any questions.

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