

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

PLAINFIELD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2023



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tigers,

Happy New Year and welcome back for the second semester! The best thing about starting the second semester is that it is a fresh start. Whether it's a new class, the availability of three new tardy warnings, an "A" in every class, or participating in an extracurricular activity, take advantage of a new beginning and make the most of it.

Historically, this time of the year the Illinois 5Essentials Survey is being prepared for students, staff, and parents to complete. The data from this survey allows us to reflect and look at ways North could be improved in the future. When the survey is released, I will be sending it out to the appropriate groups. The anticipated timeline for the survey to be open is January 23rd – March 31st.

Go Tigers!

Ross Draper  
Principal  
(815) 609-8506



## UPCOMING DATES

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**January 9th**

**Classes resume**

**January 16th**

**Martin Luther King Jr's**

**Birthday**

**No School**

**January 30th**

**School Improvement Day**

**No school**



*Special Education*

**Tiger Buddies** -will hold an Informational meeting on Thursday, January 12th after school in the media center.

We will attend a Boy's Home Basketball game on Friday, January 27th.

**Will-Grundy Transition Planning Committee  
Presents**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,  
DRS**

Topics will include: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, with information regarding employment and training options available



**For more information, please contact:**

[WillGrundyTPC@gmail.com](mailto:WillGrundyTPC@gmail.com)

**Guest Speakers: Kristina Stevenson and Pamela Thomas, DRS**

**TUESDAY, January 17, 2023  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**LIVE REMOTE PRESENTATION**

Join via Google Meets:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/thw-qxdh-uug>

Or dial: (US) +1 484-369-0530

PIN: 216 529 231#

Scan QR Code for resources and info.



## ***HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION & DRIVERS EDUCATION***

Students that completed driver education in first semester and did not finish their 12 behind the wheel (BTW) lessons, will be contacted in birthdate order to finish the lessons either before or after school. For more information, please visit our webpage: <https://pnhs.psd202.org/page/driver-education> .

**Another resource is the State of Illinois webpage:**

[https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/driver\\_education/hsdred.html](https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/driver_education/hsdred.html)

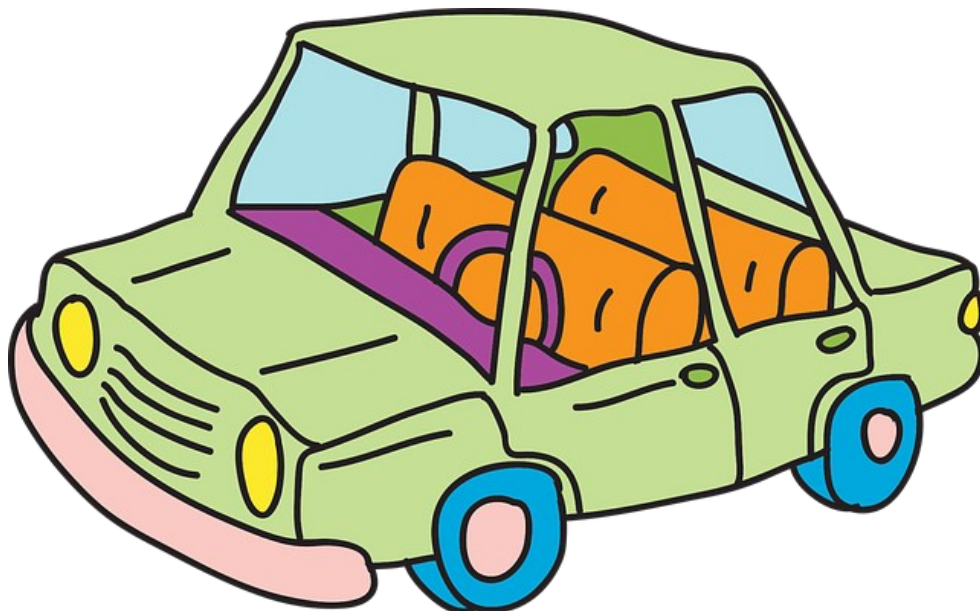
**For students to obtain a driving license here are the following requirements:**

1. Complete 12 lessons with an instructor (BTW lessons)
2. 50 hours of practice time with a parent/guardian.

Link to the 50 hour log sheet to fill out as you drive with your student:

[https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_x152.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_x152.pdf)

3. Hold their driving permit for a minimum of 9 months.
4. Pass the classroom portion of Driver Education (it includes the 30 hours of required seat time).



## ATHLETIC NEWS

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 14th— Kendall Haiser— Dance  
Nov. 14th—Luis Gonzalez—Boys Bowling  
Nov. 28th—Lexi Salazar—Girls Basketball  
Nov. 28th—Demir Ashiru—Boys Basketball  
Dec. 12th—Kendall Leprich—Girls Bowling  
Dec. 12th— Jack Popper—Boys Swimming  
Dec. 19th—Ellie Boley—Girls Bowling  
Dec. 19th—Maddox Garbis—Wrestling

### ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Lexi Salazar—Girls Basketball  
Oliver Burns—Boys XC

### Fall All State Athletes

COOPER ALLEN—BOYS SOCCER  
OLIVER BURNS—BOYS XC  
LAUREN JANSEN—GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
JESSICA KOVALCIK—GIRLS TENNIS  
DEMIR ASHIRU—FOOTBALL  
GERALD FLOYD—FOOTBALL

LUIS GONZALEZ BOWLED A 300 GAME AT THE  
IC CATHOLIC PREP INVITE

### JANUARY GIRLS BASKETBALL THEME NIGHTS

JAN. 3RD—UGLY SWEATER NIGHT—AWAY  
JAN. 6TH—BLACK OUT—AWAY  
JAN. 10TH—PNHS GEAR—HOME  
JAN. 13TH—RED OUT—HOME  
JAN. 20TH—SAFARI DAY—AWAY  
JAN. 24TH—COLLEGE PREP—HOME  
JAN. 27TH—PAJAMA DAY—HOME  
JAN. 28TH—JERSEY DAY—HOME  
JAN. 31ST—PINK OUT—AWAY



### Boys Basketball Theme Nights

Jan. 3rd—Ugly Sweater Night—Home  
Jan. 6th—Black Out—Away  
Jan. 7th—Tropical Night—Home  
Jan. 10th— Red Out—Home  
Jan. 20th— Safari Night—Away  
Jan. 21st—Country Night—Away  
Jan. 24th—College Prep—Home  
Jan. 27th—Pajama Day—Home  
Jan. 31st—Pink Out—Away

### Winter Senior Nights

December 27th— Boys Swimming  
January 12th—Wrestling  
January 24th—Girls Bowling  
February 3rd—Boys & Girls Basketball  
February 3rd—Dance  
Cheer—TBD



### The Booster Club will be hosting their annual fundraising event—

The Booster Bowling Bash on Friday, February 17th at the Town & Country Lanes in Joliet. This is a 21+ event. Registration begins at 8:30pm. It is \$25 for bowlers and \$10 for non-bowlers . Tickets are available through Beth Finn at [bfinn318@gmail.com](mailto:bfinn318@gmail.com) or through any team booster rep. Get a group of friends together and reserve a lane or just come hang out for a few hours check out the raffle prizes. Registration forms are also available online on the 8to18 website under resources.

# COLLEGE & CAREER

January 2023

The College and Career Center (Room 300) is open Monday– Friday from 7:00am to 2:00pm and is available as a resource for all students. Students can request an individual appointment with the College and Career Counselor, Mrs. Kalantzis, or drop in during lunch study hall. Contact Mrs. Kalantzis at [ekalantz@psd202.org](mailto:ekalantz@psd202.org) or 815-609-8506 ext. # 7264.

Please visit the College and Career Center link on the Plainfield North website for a variety of information. PNHS website > Quick Links > College and Career Center. <https://pnhs.psd202.org/page/college-career-counseling>

## 23-24 COURSE PLANNING

- \* **Course Selection** – Counselors will be meeting with 9th , 10th , and 11th graders to choose classes for next year. This will be done during the week of January 24th. These will be one-on-one meetings out of PE classes in the auditorium. Students should be prepared to inform their counselor of intended courses for next year.
- \* **Explorations Night** – This event is for current 8th grade students who will be attending Plainfield North in the fall. Explorations Night will be held on January 18th . More info TBA.
- \* **Middle School Visits** – Counselors will be visiting Ira Jones on Jan. 31st and Heritage Grove on Feb. 1st . Counselors will meet with 8th graders to choose classes for freshman year.

## FRESHMAN INFO

- \* **Freshman Group Guidance** – Mrs. Kalantzis will visit Freshman study halls between January 12th - January 20th to review college and career information. The freshmen will also take the Strengths Explorer, an interest inventory through Naviance. This inventory will identify students' natural talents, informing them of possible career paths. Students will use Naviance for personality and career exploration in 9th and 10th grades and use it for college and scholarship research in 11th and 12th grades.

## SENIOR INFO

- \* **FAFSA** – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened October 1st . This is a graduation requirement and highly recommended for students applying to college. Students and parents should fill this out together. Visit website to complete the application: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Students not attending any type of college can ask to fill out the FAFSA non-participation form and return to Student Services. See form here: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA-Non-PARTICIPATION-FORM.PDF>

## SENIOR INFORMATION (cont.)

\* **Joliet Junior College** – If a senior is applying to Joliet Junior College, they must complete all the steps of the application process. This includes the online application, transcript request, placement tests (if needed), online presentation, and new student orientation. All steps must be completed before students can register for classes in April. A workshop was held in November to get a head start. Another workshop will be held on February 22nd for any students who haven't applied yet.

Visit website for specific details and application process: <https://jjc.edu/getting-started/admissions>

\* **Scholarships** – Seniors should check Naviance weekly for local/regional scholarships. In Naviance, select Colleges > Scholarship Search. Many scholarships run from January - March.



**BELIEVE IN YOUR POTENTIAL**

the 

**Teen Achievers Workshop**  
Saturday, January 28 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Joliet Junior College- Room U-1024  
1215 Houbolt Road  
Joliet, IL 60431

Free and open to the community, the Y's 'I Have a Dream, What's Next' workshop will provide area participants with important resources they can use to prepare for life.

Guest speakers will include representatives from:

- Joliet Junior College
- Contractors Association of Will and Grundy Counties
- Will County Workforce Development
- Wilco Career Center

In addition to listening to engaging guest speakers, students will have the opportunity to learn more about union trade apprenticeship programs and tuition reimbursement programs.

Refreshments will also be served.

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
Visit [www.jolietymca.org](http://www.jolietymca.org) or contact Mission Advancement Director Donnie Chestnutt at (815) 782-0800.

Scan here to register!



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