

FEBRUARY 2011

Post Season Sites for Wrestling and Basketball

PLHS wrestlers will travel to Holton High School on February 18th and 19th to compete in the Regional Wrestling Tournament. Student/athletes from area schools will be competing in the Regional tournament in hopes of placing high enough to qualify for the State Wrestling tournament the following weekend in Salina. Schools participating in the Holton Regional include: Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Basehor-Linwood, Bonner Springs, De Soto, Eudora, Holton, Hoyt—Royal Valley, Kansas City-Bishop Ward, Kansas City-Piper, Kansas City-Sumner Academy, Lenexa-Saint James Academy, Meriden-Jefferson West, and Tonganoxie.

The PLHS boy's and girl's basketball teams will compete in the Sub-State Basketball Tournament during the week of March 1st. The semi-finals and finals will be played at Spring Hill High School. School participating in the basketball Sub-State include: Baldwin, Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail, DeSoto, Eudora, Lenexa-St. James Academy, Spring Hill, and Topeka-Hayden. The winner of the boy's and girl's tournament will qualify for the State Basketball tournament the following week which is held in Salina.

Should you plan to attend any of these post-season events, please remember that league, school, and student passes will not be accepted.

Did you Know?

Currently, we have 26 PLHS students enrolled at the Highland Community College-Perry Center. These students are enrolled in College English 101, Public Speaking and College Algebra. The opportunity to earn college credit during the school day has been convenient and has proven to be an advantage for many our students.

Spring Sports Meetings

The Spring Sports parent meeting is set for the evening of February 24th at 7:00 pm at PLHS. Parents with students participating in Track, Softball, Baseball, and Boy's Golf should plan to attend this meeting.

School Reach

The district and PLHS have been using the School Reach notification system. We have one critical area to address to help this system work efficiently. Parents, please check your voice mail prior to calling the school to see what the call was about. The messages sent out contain vital information that will explain the situation. As you can imagine, if everyone calls the office at one time for this reason, the communication lines become overloaded and calls cannot be made not received. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

State Assessments

Students will soon be taking the Kansas State Assessments. As I am sure you are aware, these assessments are extremely important in evaluating not only the knowledge and performance of your student, but also the performance of the High School as well. You have probably heard of the term "A.Y.P.", (Adequate Yearly Progress) by now. It is figured by adding the percentages of students that score in the top three categories of the State Assessments. Those categories are: **Academic Warning**, **Approaches Standard**, **Meets Standard**, **Exceeds Standard**, and **Exemplary**. This year, the State of Kansas expects that 88.7% of our students will score in the top three categories for the Reading assessments and 81.6% will score in the top three categories for the Math assessments.

These assessments are commonly used to compare schools against one another. Therefore, we want our students to perform at a high level. We are confident they will, as we have made State Assessments a high priority at PLHS. During last year's State Assessments, PLHS scored the "Kansas Standard of Excellence" in both Math and Reading. We hope that you remind your student of the importance of the Kansas Assessments and see to it that your student is well nourished and well rested the evenings prior to taking the State Assessments.

The PLHS State Assessment schedule is as follows:

Math – February 22nd – 25th for Sophomores in Geometry and Algebra IB, for Freshman in Advanced Geometry.

<u>Reading</u> – March $1^{st} - 4^{th}$ for Sophomores during English II class.

Educationally,

J.B. Elbatt

J.B. Elliott Principal Perry-Lecompton High School

FROM THE OFFICE



FIRST SEMESTER GRADE CARDS

PLHS semester grade cards were mailed home on January 6. Students were reminded before the end of the semester to pay bills and turn in materials. If obligations were not met, grade cards were held. Please call if you have not received your student's grade card.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Student centered Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, February 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, February 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is very important that all students and parents attend. This is the best way for students to commit to their educations and for parents to support their efforts at school. When students, parents, and teachers meet together, we accomplish much more than meeting with the students or the parents by themselves.



The Pre-season meetings for baseball, softball, boys and girl's track, and boy's golf will be held on Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Students and parents are urged to attend these meetings. Practice schedules, new rules, team rules, lettering standards, and other important information will be discussed.

Yearbook Deadlines Approach

Yearbooks are still on sale. Get yours today for \$47.00 for a plain book or \$52.00 for a personalized one. Order forms can be obtained in the office or from Ms. Kaberline in Room 107.

Seniors who want to use photos other than those taken by Lifetouch for the senior section of the yearbook need to have those turned in to Hayley Miller, Taylor Korth, or Ms. Kaberline by March 1. If a photo is not received by this time, the Lifetouch photo will be used.

Deadline for senior recognition ads is April 21. These can be turned in to Ms. Kaberline, Hayley Miller or Taylor Korth. All materials for the senior slide show need to be turned in to Hayley Miller before spring break. At least five photos are needed for this—a senior photo, a baby photo, and others of your choice.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It's a very busy time of year! Transcripts have been finalized from the first semester, schedule changes are done and the necessary mid-year college/university reports are being sent out. We hope to begin conducting enrollment for next year within the next two months, so you can look forward to getting information about enrollment soon.

Scholarship opportunities will continually be added in the **Counselor's Corner** on the PLHS website. One such scholarship is the **Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship Program**. It is a \$1,000 scholarship available to graduates with a 3.0 GPA, involved in community service and enrolling in either a Kansas Regents' University or Washburn University. Visit the Counselor's Corner for more information.

Local Scholarship information will be available to seniors in the beginning of February. Most of the deadlines for these will be later in the spring. These scholarships will be added to the website soon, so check there often for updates. Also, keep checking out the free sites listed below for more scholarship opportunities.

FastWeb Scholarship Search is a recommended search site that provides up-to-date information on available scholarships and free college searches. Visit <u>www.fastweb.com</u> to get started.

Other web resources are: www.fastaid.org www.scholarships.com www.collegeanswer.com www.studentawards.com www.scholarships101.com www.scholarshiphunter.com www.findtuition.com/scholarships http://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship



REMEMBER: You should never pay someone to do searching for you! Either seek help from Mrs. Paramore or from the financial aid office of the institution you are attending. They will be more than happy to help and it is **free**!

College Goal Sunday, is Sunday, February 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Washburn University and Kansas University. Financial aide counselors will be available during this **free** event to assist seniors and parents in completing the **FAFSA**. There will also be drawings at each site for scholarships. Visit http://www.collegegoal.org/ to pre-register or for more information.

Speaking of the **FAFSA**, senior parents and student should each get their pin numbers, if you haven't already. You can already begin the process of filling out the information and then update it after filing your taxes.

As of 2007, the NCAA no longer accepts ACT scores from high school transcripts. If your student is an athlete who hopes to win a D-I or D-II scholarship, please make sure he or she sends scores to NCAA when they register for the ACT. Your student will also need to register with NCAA. See Mrs. Paramore or Mrs. Brehm for more information.

JUNIOR ACT'S The spring ACT's are a common choice for juniors. Students who test during junior year are usually planning to take the ACT more than once. With scholarship deadlines getting earlier and earlier, having ACT scores completed early is more widely recommended. Also, to be considered a Kansas Scholar, the ACT must be taken before the end of the first semester of the senior year. Deadlines to register are generally one month prior to each test. It is important to include our school code, **172-375**, so that scores will be sent to PLHS. Many colleges accept ACT score labels from official high school transcripts and it is cheaper for you that way! Call if you have questions or just want to discuss all this! www.actstudent.org

All students interested in attending Washburn Institute of Technology need to contact Mrs. Paramore as soon as possible. To be eligible, students must be on track to graduate, have a good attendance record and have Work Keys scores that are high enough for the particular program for which they are interested. Because of graduation requirements, we automatically give two Work Keys tests to all freshmen. However, a third test is now required for WIT. Students can also re-take individual tests if they don't immediately gain the scores they need. Mr. Scrimsher facilitates these tests and will need to make sure the students are on the list for this test.

The Kansas Future Teacher Academy will be held this summer on June 12-16 at Emporia State University and June 11-18 at Dodge City Community College. This program is for current sophomores and juniors interested in a teaching career. Students will learn more about the teaching profession and if it is the right profession for them. The deadline for submission of applications is March 18, 2011. For more information you can contact me or visit www.emoria.edu/jones/kfta.

We are continuing to allow students to utilize the VPL program to recover credits in order to graduate on time. Students in this program complete computerized lessons and off-line assignments to gain the knowledge required to earn PLHS credit.

Other recovery programs are the Lawrence Diploma Completion Program and New Directions Learning Academy in Topeka. These are two diploma completion programs operated through the South Central Kansas Education Service Center that provide classes similar to the VPL program we use. Although their main focus is helping adults obtain their high school diploma, they will also enroll current students who have first received permission from PLHS administration.

Some dates to keep in mind:

Feb. 8 Kansas Wesleyan will be here during seminar. Feb. 12 ACT Testing Date Feb. 13 College Goal Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 at either KU or Washburn Feb. 17 The Air Force will be here during lunch. Feb. 22 Fort Hays State University will be here during seminar. Feb. 22-25 Math Assessments! March 1 Kansas State University will be here during seminar. March 1-4 **Reading Assessments!** March 4 Deadline to register for the April 9 ACT _____

As always, please call or e-mail me if I can answer any questions or assist you in anyway!

Tracey Paramore



FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL -----



4.00 GPA and above

<u>Seniors</u>: Taylor Akagi, Abbey Bays, Katherine Beckwith, Emily Durflinger, Kourtney Foley, Michaela Gimzo, Rachel Haley, Sarah Haley, Hayley Miller, Dane Mitchell, Brandon Nelson, Rhiannon Pearson, Michelle Robles, Ashley Turner, Brett Walker.

<u>Juniors</u>: Derrick Eddy, Charis Fisher, Clara Foster, Paul Funk, Sarah Haynes, Dale Hupe, Brittany Zilliox. <u>Sophomores</u>: Irene Blazquez, Julie Clement, Trevor Dark, Alexandria Parnell, Amy Payne, Melissa Schmidt, Lillian Seib. <u>Freshmen</u>: Danielle Bowser, Brandon Eddy, Amanda Jeter, Adante Ratzlaff, Krystal Thompson, Kylee Visser, Taryn Wilkins.

3.74 – 3.99 GPA

<u>Seniors</u>: Taylor Easum, Sean Kibbee, Kerry Neil, Jessica Porter, Allison Potter, Elisabeth Schaffer, Isabella Schaffer, Taylor St. John, Dylan Turpin, Tyler Williams.

Juniors: Kyley Coffelt, Brandi Henson, Addison Jones, Luke Kellum, Sierra Morgison, Alexus Schoen, Caitlyn Winchester.

Sophomores: Andrew Tyler, Korbe Bohac, Samantha Buchanan, Connor Harden, Ashlee Herken, Megan Jantz, Emily Mulvihill, Kade Welp, McKenzie Williams.

<u>Freshmen</u>: Nathanael Blair, Colin Coleman, Halsten Coyle, Taylor Fuller, Faelen Jacobson, Austin Johanning, Daisy Johnson, Zachary Linquist, Kaitlin McAlister, Annie Mehl, Connor Remboldt, Katelyn Steward, Anna Tust, Danielle Winchester.

3.50 – 3.74 GPA

<u>Seniors</u>: Ryan Akagi, Cody Amerine, Dalton Bahnmaier, James Brown, Amanda Frye, Linda Gleason, Haylee Harden, Adelaide Hubbard, James Hughes, Baylee Kilburn, Josey Lust, Ashley Miles, Sean Neavitt, Mirannda Saffer, Cody Thomas.

Juniors: Shannon Foster, Trevor Hastert, Jeremy Immenschuh.

Sophomores: Branden Baston, Mikaela Daniels, Dellynn Hansen, Kelsey Harwood, Kelsey Kasson, Megan Kasson, Jaidyn Matney, Taylor Springer, Seth Steward, Zachary Turpin.

Freshmen: Taryn Baier, Alexis Clark, Bridger Falkenstien, Amanda Faughn, Nicole Marino, Dakota Rector, Raymond Whitaker, Blake Wingert.

3.30 – 3.49 GPA

<u>Seniors</u>: Daryl Bennett, Dalton Carver, Taylor Korth, Mikalia Munoz, Alex Price, Taylor Richmond, Bethany Wells. <u>Sophomores</u>: Megan Boleski, Allissa Christman, Melanie Cox, Riley Davis, Anna Erickson, Jeffery Kirk, Kelly Palmer, Jordan Payne, Mason Pruett, Jakeob Schaffer.

<u>Freshmen</u>: Molly Dillman, Madison Hess, William Hinrichsen, Lauren Jamison, Jacob Morris, Mazi Paramore, Konstantin Polovin, Drew Scrimsher, Matthew Woodward.

KAW EXCEL PROGRAM

This program was developed with the intent to reward students who follow appropriate school behavior on a regular basis. A reward of one personal day or "day off" the following semester is awarded to eligible students the semester after they have met the Kaw Excel Program criteria. During the spring semester, Seniors can earn a personal day in May if they meet the criteria by May 1. Nine weeks grades will be used for GPA information.

Within the semester, a student will accrue:

- 1. 5 or fewer unexcused tardies
- 2. 4 or fewer excused absences (exceptions must be approved by Honor Panel composed of administration, student council officers and sponsors).
- 3. No unexcused absences
- 4. No discipline reports
- 5. 2.5 or above GPA

Notification from the Honor Panel will be given to those students who meet all criteria. Eligible students must submit to the office a personal leave request that:

- 1. is submitted two (2) full school days before the requested date of leave
- 2. contains parental permission
- 3. indicates approval by all teachers

The following is an alphabetical list of students that qualified for the fall semester:

FRESHMAN: Taryn Baier, Marissa Bartling, Nathanael Blair, Dalin Bohac, Danielle Bowser, Chandler Carey, Alexis Clark, Chantelle Davis, Colby Easum, Brandon Eddy, Bridger Falkenstien, Emily Foglesong, Michael Franks, Taylor Fuller, Logan Hatfield, Madison Hess, William Hinrichsen, Faelen Jacobson, Lauren Jamison, Jessica Klassen, Zachary Linguist, Benjamin Maloun, Ashley Mathes, Kaitlin McPherson, Annie Mehl, Reed Mitchell, Jesse Moore, Jacob Morris, Mazi Paramore, Steven Peach, Konstantin Polovin, Adante Ratzlaff, Dakota Rector, Connor Remboldt, Justin Smith, Taylor Spencer, Katelyn Steward, Krystal Thompson, Anna Tust, Kaylee Visser, Raymond Whitaker, Taryn Wilkins, Danielle Winchester, Blake Wingert, Matthew Woodward. SOPHOMORES: Tyler Andrew, Branden Baston, Irene Blazquez, Korbe Bohac, Alexis Callahan, Brady Carver, Brett Chenhall, Allissa Christman, Austin Clark, Julie Clement, Ryan Crissler, Mikaela Daniels, Trevor Dark, Riley Davis, Anna Erickson, Randall Erickson, Dellynn Hansen, Kelsey Harwood, Zachary Hawkins, Bryan Holmes, Megan Jantz, Kelsey Kasson, Jeffery Kirk, Jaidyn Matney, Stanley Miller, Emily Mulvihill, Heather Nichols, Assel Nurullayeva, Kristine Packard, Kelly Palmer, Alexandria Parnell, Amy Payne, Jordan Payne, Timofey Polovin, Mason Pruett, Thomas Roberts, Christopher Robinson, Melissa Schmidt, Anna Seib, Lillian Seib, Taylor Springer, Seth Steward, Zachary Turpin, Kade Welp, McKenzie Williams. JUNIORS: Andrew Archer, Natasha Mary Carver, Jamie Child, Jonathan Denton, Derrick Eddy, Charis Fisher, Clara Foster, Shannon Foster, Trevor Hastert, Erin Hayes, Mitchell Hayes, Brandi Henson, Austin Higgins-Younkin, Dale Hupe, Megan Johnson, Addison Jones, Joshua Kampfer, Luke Kellum, Dakoda McDaniel, Leanna Meyers, Virginia Nichols, Eduard Polovin, Isaac Remboldt, Alexus Schoen, Wyatt Schumann, Olivia Schwyhart, Austin Shackelford, Dustin Shuck, Austin Sledd, Mary Stewart, Caitlyn Winchester, Amanda Wiyninger, Brittany Zilliox. SENIORS: Ryan Akagi, Taylor Akagi, Abbey Bays, Katherine Beckwith, Tyler Bedford, James Brown, Austin Bryant, Jesse Bryant, Devin Carey, Dalton Carver, Taylor Easum, Amanda Frye, Michaela Gimzo, Linda Gleason, Rachel Haley, Sarah Haley, Haylee Harden, Adelaide Hubbard, James Hughes, Sean Kibbee, Baylee Kilburn, Ryan Langton, Jonathan Lickteig, Skyler McMillin, Hayley Miller, Dane Mitchell, Austin Naramore, Kerry Neil, Rhiannon Pearson, Jessica Porter, Allison Potter, Alex Price, Taylor Ricley, Trenton Robb, Elisabeth Schaffer, Isabella Schaffer, Dawn Schultz, Andrew Sorrick, Ashley Turner, Dylan Turpin, Nathaniel Turpin, Tyler Williams.

POINT 5 CLUB

This club is designed to reward those students who IMPROVE their current GPA above their cumulative GPA. Freshmen are eligible after second semester grades are reported. First semester grades are considered their cumulative GPA. The following is a list of Point 5 Club members from this fall:

Nicolas Aguilar, Ryan Akagi, Taylor Akagi, Cody Amerine, Tyler Andrew, Dalton Bahnmaier, Abbey Bays, Katherine Beckwith, Daryl Bennett, Nathanael Blair, Irene Blazquez, Korbe Bohac, Danielle Bowser, James Brown, Samantha Buchanan, Dalton Carver, Julie Clement, Kyley Coffelt, Colin Coleman, Darrell Cox, Halsten Coyle, Trevor Dark, Emily Durflinger, Taylor Easum, Brandon Eddy, Derrick Eddy, Charis Fisher, Kourtney Foley, Clara Foster, CJ Fritz, Amanda Frye, Taylor Fuller, Paul Funk, Michaela Gimzo, Rachel Haley, Sarah Haley, Conner Harden, Haylee Harden, Sarah Haynes, Brandi Henson, Ashlee Herken, Dalton Holl, Adelaide Hubbard, Dale Hupe, Brady Jack, Faelen Jacobson, Dalton Jantz, Megan Jantz, Amanda Jeter, Austin Johanning, Daisy Johnson, Addison Jones, Austin Kelley, Luke Kellum, Sean Kibbee, Baylee Kilburn, Devon Lake, Ryan Langton, Zachary Linquist, Josey Lust, Trevor Madorin, Kaitlin McAlister, Annie Mehl, Andy Miller, Dane Mitchell, Katie Morgan, Sierra Morgison, Emily Mulvihill, Austin Naramore, Sean Neavitt, Kerry Neil, Brandon Nelson, Courtney Nichols, Alexandria Parnell, Amy Payne, Rhiannon Pearson, Jessica Porter, Allison Potter, Adante Ratzlaff, Connor Remboldt, Taylor Richmond, Michelle Robles, Mirannda Saffer, Lauren Sams, Elisabeth Schaffer, Isabella Schaffer, Melissa Schmidt, Alexus Schoen, Dawn Schultz, Lillian Seib, Taylor St. John, Taylor Springer, Emilee Stansell, Katelyn Steward, Cody Thomas, Krystal Thompson, Ashley Turner, Dylan Turpin, Anna Tust, Kaylee Visser, Bret Walker, Bethany Wells, Kade Welp, Taryn Wilkins, McKenzie Williams, Tyler Williams, Caitlyn Winchester, Danielle Winchester, Chris Wood and Brittany Zilliox.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING HONORS!

HELP SUPPORT PLHS AFTER PROM

After Prom is holding a progressive raffle

TICKETS: \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00

Drawing Dates and Prizes:

 January 14TH – Jar of Hot Pickles and Chili from Porubsky's

 February 4th – Certificate for 2 Racks of Ribs/Oakley Creek Catering

 February 15th – Beef Bundle donated by Gina Schumann

If you do not win on first drawing your tickets will stay in for the 2nd and 3rd drawings.

Drawings will be held at ½ time of the PLHS Boys Varsity Basketball games

on dates stated.

You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased at all home PLHS basketball games

During the Jr. Kaws basketball games on Saturday mornings at the old high school gym in Lecompton and after 10:30am on Saturday's at the Highland Community College gym in Perry

You can also purchase tickets at Brenda's Hair Salon in Lecompton or contact Paulette Ogilvie at 785-597-0164 or 913-620-4118

Chicken n' Noodle Dinner When: February 11th, 2011 5pm to ? In the PLHS Commons Area Cost: \$5.00

Help Support After Prom!!