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THIS WEEK AT PCS

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



TROJAN NEWS

Stay up to date with the latest Trojan News with This Week at PCS. Please check weekly for the latest news and updates from the district.

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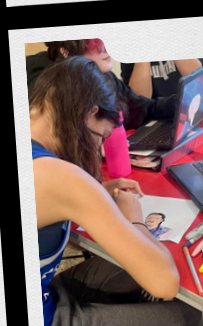
POINTS OF TROJAN PRIDE
FROM SUPERINTENDENT MONTANGE

JV SOCCER: Congratulations to the JV Soccer team on their win versus Kalamazoo Christian, 3-1! The team scored three goals in the last 15 minutes to earn the come from behind win. Nice job, Trojans!

The JV Soccer continued their win streak by beating Portage Northern and Kalamazoo Central. Portage Northern were defeated 2-0 with goals from Trason and Sahil with an assist from Anthony. Kalamazoo Central were defeated 1-0 with a shot from outside the box to the top right corner with 5 minutes left in the game from Nolan and assisted by Phil. Two more wins and two more shutouts added to the list.


VARSITY SOCCER: Congratulations to the Varsity Soccer team on their performance at the Huskie Invitational on Saturday! They earned a win against Portage Northern, 2-0, but lost to Kalamazoo Central, 0-1. Both goals were scored by Zack Holtman with an assist from Logan Beauregard and Luke Johnson. Nice job!

JUNIOR CHEER NIGHT: On Friday, during the Varsity Football game against Sturgis, the PHS Cheer team held their Junior Cheer Night. Over 75 junior (K-8th grade) cheerleaders participated in cheering during the first quarter of the game. It was so much fun for our younger Trojans and an awesome night filled with Plainview Pride!



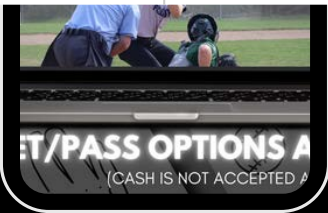
EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT PCS

CLICK TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER TODAY!



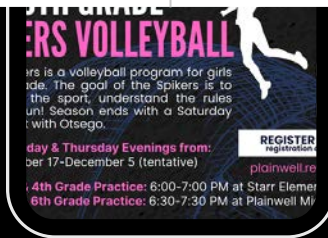
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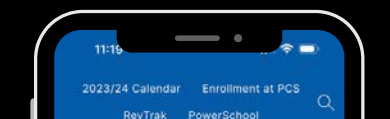

SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL
Registration is open through 9/29 for Spikers Volleyball for 3-6th graders. Learn more by [clicking here](#)!

Okay Got it!




STARR FALL CARNIVAL
Mark your calendar to join the Starr Parent's Association at their Fall Carnival on Saturday, October 21 from 12-3 PM to enjoy food trucks, fun & games, fall treats, local vendors and much more! [Click here for more info!](#)

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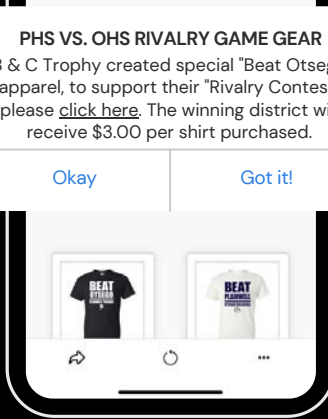


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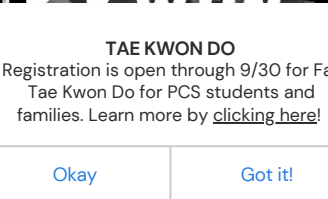

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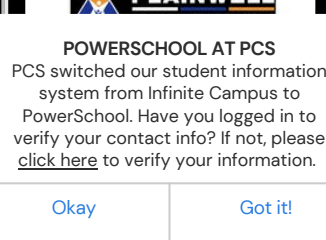
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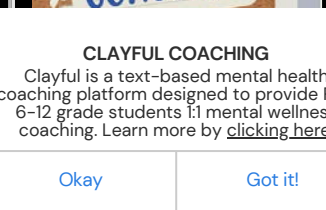
LIFELONG LEARNERS
We are excited to introduce our Lifelong Learners program at PCS! Our first Lifelong Learner event is **THIS WEEK!** Join us at Christian Neighbors on 9/21! Learn more by [clicking here](#)!

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CLAYFUL COACHING
Clayful is a text-based mental health coaching platform designed to provide PCS 6-12 grade students 1:1 mental wellness coaching. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

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notes from pcs



Do you have exciting news from the Trojan community? Do you have an upcoming event or program to share with our families? We'd love to hear about it and possibly share it in an upcoming publication! Please share your story, pictures or event info with PCS-elizabeth.gallagher@plainwellschools.org.

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EARLY EDUCATION

BOOKS, BALLS & BLOCKS
JOIN THE HELP ME GROW FREE "BOOKS, BALLS, BLOCKS & BOUNCE" EVENT (FOR AGES 0-5!)

- LOCATION -
RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY
(180 S SHERWOOD AVE, PLAINWELL)

- DATE & TIME -
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 FROM
11:00AM-12:30PM

2023/24 PLAY-AND-LEARN
LEARNING & FUN FOR PARENTS AND
CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS
HELD AT RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY
(180 S. SHERWOOD AVENUE,
PLAINWELL).

FOR MORE INFORMATION & UPCOMING
DATES, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE

PLAINWELL CORNERS PRESCHOOL
FALL PRESCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 28 - WELCOME
LETTERS & OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION WERE
EMAILED & MAILED TO PCP FAMILIES.

PROGRAM IS FULL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
BE ADDED TO THE WAIT LIST, EMAIL
KATTIENYBERG@PLAINWELLSCHOOLS.ORG
FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE
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Fit over 50 Class

Strengthen bones & muscles,
improve cardio health & balance,
increase flexibility &
coordination. Class is held at
Hicks Gym and taught by Ace-
Certified Group Fitness Instructor
Sharrin Schultz. \$4 drop-in class
(first class is free). Please bring
your own weights & a water
bottle. Class is held each Monday,
Wednesday and Friday from 9-
10 AM. Begins 8/28/23.

Community
Education
Fitness Classes

IF PLAINWELL COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS IS CLOSED FOR ANY
REASON, WALKING AND
FITNESS WILL BE CANCELED.



want the
latest news
from
high school &
middle school
athletics?
scan the QR
code.

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For Community Education
Fitness Class Information
throughout the year, please
scan the QR code.

INDOOR WALKING (FREE)

Adults Only Walking at Hicks Gym
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10- 10:45 AM
(beginning 8/28/23)

Family Walking at Hicks Gym
Tuesday & Thursday from 10- 10:45 AM
(beginning 8/28/23)

S.E.A.T. FITNESS

S.E.A.T. (Supported Exercise for Ageless Training) is a brand new, chair-based fitness program that strengthens the body and mind, while improving balance and flexibility through functional fitness to get the most out of life. Held at Hick's Gym and taught by Miss Sharrin. \$4/drop-in (first class is free). Class is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-9:45 AM, beginning 8/28/23.

MASTERS SWIM PROGRAM

JOIN US FOR AN ADULT SWIM PROGRAM
COACHED BY KATY COX. FOCUS OF THE
PROGRAM WILL BE ON COMPETITIVE STROKES.

PRACTICES ARE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY FROM
6-7 AM, BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED SOON!

FOR QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL DETAILS, PLEASE EMAIL
KATY.COX@PLAINVELLSCHOOLS.ORG

HOST A POOL PARTY AT PCS!

CELEBRATE AT THE PCS POOL! WE WOULD LOVE
TO BE A PART OF YOUR NEXT PARTY OR EVENT.

- 1-30 GUESTS: \$75.00/HOUR (2 LIFEGUARDS)
- 31-50 GUESTS: \$100.00/HOUR (3 LIFEGUARDS)

DUE TO THE ONGOING BOND CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE NEW POOL AND GYM, THE LOBBY AREA
IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL.
RENTAL WILL BE FOR THE POOL ONLY, NO FOOD,
CAKE, ETC. SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE. WE
APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

TO BOOK THE POOL FOR YOUR UPCOMING PARTY
OR EVENT, PLEASE CALL 269-685-2425. FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR FOR RENTAL DETAILS, PLEASE
SCAN THE QR CODE.

SCAN
ME 

LAP SWIM

*NOON LAP SWIM ON MONDAY-FRIDAY:
12:30-1:30 PM

*EVENING LAP SWIM ON TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6-7 PM

- DETAILS -

LAP SWIM PASSES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT
THE POOL. GOLD PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
POOL. ALL PCS EMPLOYEES SWIM FOR FREE FOR
ANY LAP SWIMS. PLEASE BRING YOUR SCHOOL
I.D. FOR POOL INFO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
PLEASE SCAN QR CODE

OPEN SWIM

*OPEN SWIM ON FRIDAY NIGHTS
FROM 7-8 PM

\$10/FAMILY OR \$3/PERSON

*PLEASE VISIT THE PCS POOL PAGE FOR POOL CLOSURES



HOME OF THE TROJANS

2023/24 SAFE PROGRAM

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR BEFORE &
AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR THE 2023-
24 SCHOOL YEAR.

- AVAILABLE AT ALL 3
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- OPENS @ 6:30 AM / CLOSING @
6:00 PM
- ALL FAMILIES NEED TO REGISTER
(EVEN IF THEY USED THE
PROGRAM LAST YEAR)
- \$25 REGISTRATION FEE &
\$4/HOUR, ONLY CHARGED FOR
TIME USED
- SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION & TO REGISTER



FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS

2023/24 FOOD SERVICE

Did you hear? The Michigan School Meals
program was signed into law, allowing all
public school students, Pre-K through 12th
grade, to eat breakfast and lunch FREE for
the 2023/24 school year!

Did you know, daily food service (breakfast &
lunch) menus can be viewed on the PCS app?
Download it today by searching for "Plainwell
Community Schools" on your phone's app
store. Menus can also be viewed on our
website through Nutrislice.



GOOD HANDS PLAINWELL

GOOD HANDS PLAINWELL BEGINS ITS
13TH YEAR OF PROVIDING FREE
WEEKEND MEALS FOR QUALIFYING
PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS'
STUDENTS THIS FALL. APPLICATIONS
ARE SENT HOME AT THE BEGINNING
OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. NO COSTS
FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES.



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the latest
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updates
throughout
the school
year!

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ELEMENTARY NEWS

COOPER, GILKEY & STARR

ELEMENTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

PCS is excited to offer a number of outstanding youth programs throughout the school year. From volleyball, to indoor soccer, to basketball, Tae Kwon Do and golf programs, PCS has some great opportunities for the elementary students to stay active and be involved. Please look below for our current Youth Programs.

FALL TAE KWON DO:

Join us for the upcoming Fall TaeKwonDo program to improve coordination, gain strength and increase your flexibility while learning self-defense techniques, taught by Master Huong Tran.

- **Dates:** September 11-November 23 (ten weeks)
- **Time:** 5:30-7:00 pm
- **Location:** Plainwell Middle School Cafeteria
- **Cost:** \$60/individual or \$85/family
- **Registration:** [Click here to register](#) (closes September 30)
- **Questions:** For questions regarding the TaeKwonDo program, please contact Community Education & Recreation by [clicking here](#).
- [For a printable flyer for the Fall TaeKwonDo program, please click here.](#)

JUNIOR SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL:

Junior Spikers is a volleyball program for girls 3rd-6th grade. The goal of the Spikers is to experience the sport, understand the rules and have fun! Season ends with a Saturday tournament with Otsego.

- **Dates:** Tuesday and Thursday evenings from October 17-December 5 (tentative)
- **Times:**
 - 3rd & 4th Grade Practice
 - 6:00-7:00 PM at Starr Elementary
 - 5th & 6th Grade Practice
 - 6:30-7:30 PM at the Middle School
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ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISERS

Our elementary buildings have a number of fundraisers underway or coming up. Please see communications from your student's building and/or teacher for ways to support your elementary school and student!

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SMILE! UPCOMING PICTURE DAYS

THIS WEEK! Cooper Elementary:

- September 20

THIS WEEK! Gilkey Elementary:

- September 19

Starr Elementary:

- September 26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL: Any boy interested in basketball there will be an open gym every Sunday 4-6pm at Plainwell HS.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the Plainwell Middle School Students of the Week!

- 6TH GRADE: **Violet Gravelyn**
- 7TH GRADE: **Henry Barnhart**
- 8TH GRADE: **Wyatt Ramsey**

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS AT PLAINWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are excited to introduce Big Brothers Big Sisters at Plainwell Middle School. During the 2023/24 school year, we will be offering the Partnership Program. As a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Duo, you can mentor a child at Plainwell Middle School during their school day (suggested investment of your time: 30-60 minutes, 2-4 times per month, for 1 school year). Interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, please scan the QR code or visit ThinkBigToday.org/volunteer.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMS provides additional updates for their families via their daily announcements that are sent via email.



WHAT'S NEW AT PHS?



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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OK2SAY

Use OK2SAY or the PHS reporting form (see below) for reporting threats or concerning behavior to students, parents and the community. Students, staff, parents and community members must take responsibility for saying something if they know something. [PHS Incident Report Form](#)

PHS ATHLETIC TICKETS

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PHS ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Want to attend an upcoming PHS sporting event? Trojan athletic schedules, as well as other news from PHS athletics can be found at phstrojans.com. GO TROJANS!

PLAINWELL EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING

PCS Parents and Supporters - if you are interested in joining the Plainwell Education Foundation and helping support Plainwell Community Schools we are having an informational meeting on 9/26/23 in the Plainwell High School Media Center from 6:00-7:00. The PEF supports all students and staff with teacher grants, student scholarships, and other efforts.

PHS VS. OHS TROJAN RIVALRY GEAR

Attention Trojan Fans! The 2023 Rivalry Football Game against Otsego HS is on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar to join us to support the Trojans at Otsego HS for the big game!

Need some new gear? B & C Trophy created special "Beat Otsego" apparel, let's show our Trojan Pride and support their "Rivalry Contest". [Click here](#) to order today! The winning district will receive \$3.00 per shirt purchased.

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DINE TO DONATE - TONIGHT!

TONIGHT (September 18) from 4:00-8:00 PM the Plainwell Bands are sponsoring a Dine to Donate at the Plainwell Pizza Hut; dine-in, carry-out, delivery, or order online! A portion of the sales will be donated to support the Plainwell Bands!

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WELCOME TO PCS . WELCOME TO PCS

NEW TEACHER welcome!



RACHAEL BOSCH
HS English Teacher



CHERYL FRAZIER
HS/MS Spanish Teacher



CHRISTIE HANSEN
Starr Kindergarten Teacher



EMILY HEATH
Gilkey 3rd Grade Teacher



BARBARA JOHNSON
HS Special Ed Teacher



MEGAN MARTIN
Gilkey 1st Grade Teacher



BRENT MAY
HS Math Teacher



JESSICA MCKINLEY
HS English Teacher



KENDALL NIEUWENHUIS
MS Physical Ed Teacher



EMILY DELE
Gilkey Social Worker



NATALIE PICKETT
1st Grade Teacher - Gilkey



ALICIA SIMMONS
Gilkey 1st Grade Teacher



JON TAYLOR
HS Chemistry Teacher



NICHOLAS TRAVIS
MS Technology Teacher



JENNIFER WEENUM
Gilkey 5th Grade Teacher



CONNIE WICKLUND
MS Band Teacher



LAUREN WRIGHT
Cooper 3rd Grade

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