



Hello, Pirate Families!

It is hard to believe that we are in the final stretch of the school year! The Palatine Boosters continue to support the entire school community to finish the year stronger than we started.

We are so glad many of you enjoyed our 38th Annual Dinner & Auction on March 3rd, at The Cotillion. Thank you to everyone who came out, supported this event, and volunteered to help. We want to give a HUGE thank you to our dedicated committee chairs, Cynthia Coroneos, Laurie DeSimone, and Monica Haun, for all of the time and energy they put in to make this event successful. We raised approximately \$53,000 which will go directly back to the PHS students.

One way Boosters gives back to the PHS school community is through mini grants. We are pleased to share that all of our fundraising efforts over the past year allow us to give \$55,000 back to the PHS administration to be used for mini grants. These funds will be dispersed to PHS staff and departments through an application process determined by administration. The purpose of mini grant funds is to support a variety of activities and learning at PHS. We look forward to sharing some of the specific uses of these funds in the Fall.

The Dave Seiffert Positive Impact Award was presented at the Dinner Auction. We have so many wonderful parents and supporters in our Pirate Community. The following were honored for making a significant contribution in terms of guidance and support, energy and involvement to the students of Palatine High School. Greg Elter, Karen Dersnah, Jennifer Krieg and Griff Ehrenstrom.



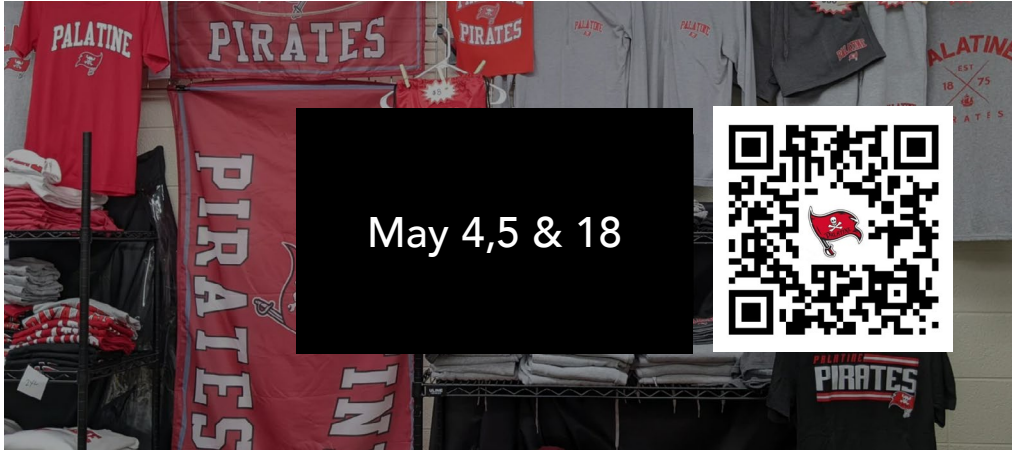
The PHS Pirate Booster Club received over 60 applications for its 49th annual Scholarship Program. Our Scholarship Committee has selected 15 graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence, service, and volunteerism at PHS and in the community. The recipients will be announced during the Senior Awards Night Ceremony on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Congratulations to all Booster Scholarship recipients!

Thank you for your continued support of all things Pirates. We appreciate the time and resources many families have shared to help the Boosters make a difference. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,
Jen Lang and Mindy May
PHS Booster Co-Presidents

PHS SCHOOL STORE

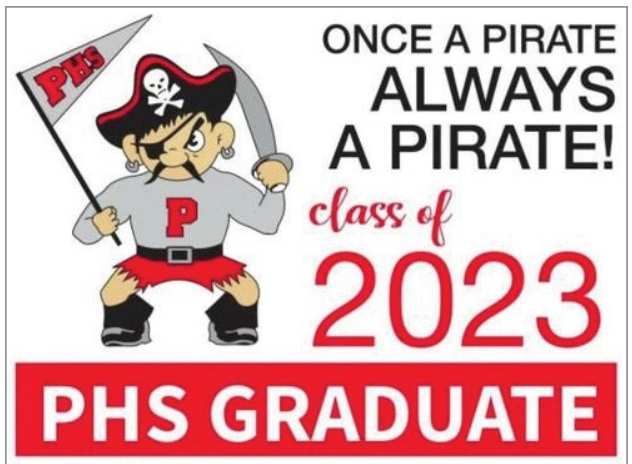
The School Spiritwear store will continue to be open during Thursday lunch hours from 10:30-1:30 pm on the following days:



Online shopping is also available at <https://phs-store.square.site/> for pickup at the store or office. Go Pirates!

2023 GRAD SIGNS

The PHS Pirate Boosters are selling graduation lawn signs to celebrate your graduate's big day! They are on sale for \$15 and are being sold through the school store. Stop in on any of their open days; **May 4,5 and 18.**



You can also [order online here](#). Once ordered a volunteer from the school store will notify you when your sign is ready to be picked up at the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



APRIL

- State testing: 4/12 – 4/13
- Variety Show: 4/13 – 4/15; 7:00 PM
- Academic Awards Night: 4/20; 7:00 PM
- Ray Mills Trivia Night: 4/21; 7:00 PM

MAY

- AP exams: 5/1 – 5/5 and 5/8 – 5/12
- Early dismissal: 5/12
- Final exams: 5/24 – 5/26
- Last day of school: 5/26

JUNE

- Summer school 1st semester begins 6/1
- Summer school 2nd semester begins 6/27



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BAND

The PHS Band program has had a truly amazing time the last several weeks! On March 11th, several of our band students joined other district band students for the District 211 Honor Band concert under the direction of guest conductor Mr. Don Shupe. Congratulations to the following students: Alex Cambone, Nicole Canfield, Gabe Casbarian, Nina Dziedzic, Nishi Gujar, Kaylee Hollis, Ria Iyer, Mason Krieg, Orion Leverenz, Andrew Miller, John Peterson, Brian Reed, Sarvesh Satish, Bill Shoults, Jasmine Villagrana, and Frank Vyverberg.

On March 14th, the PHS Jazz Band program (Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble) invited the Winston Campus Junior High School Jazz Band and guest artist Mr. Scott Hesse (guitar) to perform at the Spring Jazz Night. A big thank you to Erika Varela and her culinary arts students for opening a coffee shop that evening!

The Palatine Marching Band (consisting of band, color guard, and poms students) had a once-in-a-lifetime performance at Magic Kingdom on March 27th. A big thank you to all students and chaperones who joined us on this special trip!

Please join us for our final concert of the year, our Spring Band Concert on April 26th at 7:30 P.M. We're planning for an exciting night of music while acknowledging our seniors throughout the evening. We hope to see you there!

ORCHESTRA

Alyssa Martin (junior, violin) and Sofia Oganessova-Soroka (sophomore, violin) represented PHS at the IROC Orchestra festival on Saturday, March 11th at Addison Trail HS. They performed alongside students from Maine East, Glenbard East, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling, Addison Trail, Niles West, Elk Grove, Leyden and Dundee Crown under the baton of Professor Taka Matsunaga from Elmhurst University.

Highlights from the PHS Orchestra Tour to NYC over spring break include visits to Rockefeller Center, Statue of Liberty, Central Park, a clinic with Lt Col. Daniel Toven of West Point Bands and performances of "Some Like it Hot" and "Six". Thank you to Mr. Colley, Ms. Shippy, and Mrs. Gillies for chaperoning the trip!

The spring orchestra concert on May 16th at 7:30 P.M. will feature senior violinist Laura Gonzalez on the Accolay Violin Concerto and senior vocalists Sophie Kaegi and Madeline Hake. We hope you can join us for the beautiful night of music celebrating the achievements of the class of 2023!

Do you play a string instrument? Keep your eyes open in May for information on a 2 day community orchestra reading session and concert this summer. We hope to have two evenings of rehearsal followed by a public performance of classic, movie, and pop music. We hope you will consider joining us for this community-wide event!

CHOIR

The choir had a life changing experience as they traveled to Orlando, Florida and performed at Universal Studios' Citywalk Stage! They performed for hundreds of people from all over the world. Friendships grew as students explored Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Universal Studios. The choir travels every other year to a different destination. Freshman and Sophomore students should join the choir program to see where we travel to next!

Wednesday, April 19th will be the first ever *Acapella Showcase* at 7:00 P.M. Treble In Paradise and Sub-A-Tonic will perform their music from the 2022-2023 school year and a guest college group will perform to make an Aca-Tastic evening!

Please join us for our final choir concert of the year. The Senior Recognition Concert is on Friday, May 12th at 7:30 P.M. If you, or someone you know, were a former member of Palatine H.S. Choirs, please come on stage for our Alumni song, "For Just A Little While", at the conclusion of the concert.

Be sure to follow the choir program on Instagram ([@palatinehschoir](#)). Choir students are rolling out a "Solo Saturday" campaign where each week a new student is featured singing a song of their choice.



ANNUAL BOOSTER DINNER AUCTION

Thank you so much to all that attended and/or supported the Pirate Booster Club's 2023 Dinner & Auction! We are very proud to report that with your support and the support of nearly 200 local businesses and over 300 event attendees, a record-breaking \$53,000 was raised in support of the Boosters' main goal of positively affecting each student's experience at PHS.

Cynthia Coroneos, Laurie DeSimone and Monica Haun
Proud PHS parents and 2023 Dinner & Auction co-chairs

When you are in need of any services, please consider the businesses that have chosen to support PHS students with their Booster sponsorship. Nearly half of which are PHS parent or PHS alumni companies.

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PROM

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Westin Itasca | 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Doors open at 5:00 PM; doors close at 7:00 PM

Tickets - \$60 per student

Tickets on sale Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21
thru MySchoolBucks.

POST PROM



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

12:00 midnight - 3:00 AM

Depart the Westin Itasca at 11:00 PM

Depart Six Flags Great America at 3:00 AM; arrive back at the
Westin Itasca at 4:00 AM

One drop off location on the way back - Westin Itasca.
Students will NOT be dropped off at Palatine High School.

Tickets - \$40 per student
(and you must attend prom to be able to attend post-prom)

Tickets on sale Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21
thru MySchoolBucks.

Students that decide not to go to Post-Prom the day
of Prom must pay an additional \$40 cancelation fee
to the Boosters.

We are partnering up with Fremd High School and they are
hosting their Post Prom at Six Flags Great America too!

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