



The Weekly Bulletin

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

STUDENTS:

- **Eric Bartkowski** will represent **NHS** at the Regional Shakespeare Competition at the Cleveland Playhouse on February 26th. Good Luck!
- **Tanya Rogers (12th grade) PSH violinist and concertmistress** is the 14th chair (out of 40 violinists!!) in the OMEA's All State Orchestra. She performed at a recent OMEA convention concert in Cincinnati.
- **Janay Moses and Janice Lopez, VF**, have been selected to be members of the "It's your Move" Leadership Diversity Team. Selection was based on written essays. Both students are members of the Unity Club at VF. This is a club working with the NCCJ (National Conference for Community and Justice) a nonprofit organization that promotes diversity and tolerance throughout businesses, schools and communities.
- **Gabrielle Hatch**, (10th grade) at **NHS** has successfully completed the requirements of the Senior Moves as set forth by the US Figure Skating structure. Great job!!
- Congratulations to **Rebecca Discenza, NHS** and **Carolyn Richmonds, PSH** who are both winners in the Martin Essex competition. The students had to write an essay and receive two teacher recommendations. The entries are now in Columbus for further judging. Seventy winners will be selected to attend the Martin Essex School for the Gifted at Ohio State University in July.

STAFF:

- Mrs. **Sally Kelley, Kindergarten Teacher** at Ridge-Brook Elementary just received the Ohio PTA Lifetime Achievement Award from Ridge-Brook PTA. Mrs. Kelley has been at Ridge-Brook for 22 years.

SCHOOL NEWS

- The following are **NHS students** who competed in the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest held in January. **Superior ratings:** Ramzi Harb, Megan Mahoney, Keri Gainer, Julianne Mazzola, Rebecca Hanes, Tom Birkel, Allysa Di Peiro, Andrea Scinkovek, Shannon Jakubczak, Jim Hughs, Anne Gross, Amanda Wyant, Tyler Petek and Brian Griffen. **Outstanding Rating:** Angela Schreiber. Great job by some very talented students!!
- The **VF Athletic Department** presented plaques to two of their longtime supporters, **John Yurkiw, owner of John Michael Photography Studio** and **Michael Dagostino D.D.S.** These two men sponsored the scoring tables for the gym and have been significant contributors to the Athletic Department for many years.

- Fourth, fifth and sixth graders at **Pearl Road Elementary** have completed a cypress/tupelo swamp, a brackish marsh and a fresh water marsh in connection with the Jason Expedition: Disappearing Wetlands. The project is on display at **Case Western Reserve until February 11th**. **The display will then move to the Great Lakes Science Center until March 19th**. Transportation of the exhibits is courtesy of their C/B/S partner, ABC Rental in Parma Heights. Teacher coordinators are: **Kathy Nottke (art), Karen Bonner and Sandy Meizer (Science)**.
- **Pleasant Valley Elementary** now has an outdoor recycling container. Drop off your magazines, catalogs, and junk mail. The bin is 'open' 24/7.
- **The VF Unity Club**, together the Parma Schools ABLE Learner Program, are sponsoring a **Cultural Fair on Thursday, February 24th 7pm-8:15pm**. Enjoy the different sights, sounds and food of various countries. There is no admission charge and lots of fun!!
- NHS Cosmetology Class reports that Joyce LeClare of "A Compliment by Joyce" has invited top stylists from the area to participate in a **Hair-A-Thon for NHS student, Shelley Soderstrom on SUNDAY, MARCH 13th at 13758 Bennett Road**. The stylists are raising funds to assist with Shelley's medical bills. **ALSO...keep Saturday, March 5th from 6pm-11pm** open to attend a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Shelley at the Lakefront Arena (by Value City) 5310 Hauserman Road. Dinner 6-9pm, Live Band 8-11pm. Tickets \$15.00 adults and \$10 students. Sideboards, Raffles, Door Prizes, Chinese Raffle. Tickets at NHS.

DISTRICT NEWS:

- **The Parma Schools are closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of President's Day.**
- The Academic Services Department is conducting a workshop for preschool parents **"Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten" on Wednesday, March 2nd 7-8:30 pm** at the Red Rees Profession Learning Center at PSH. Light refreshments and printed materials are available. The evening will round out with door prizes. **Call 440-842-2072**
- We are looking for children 3-5 years of age to participate as peer models in the integrated preschool program at **Arlington First Step Preschool, 7377 Chateau Drive**. Call Mary Ziemke at 440-885-8645
- Our **Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield Field Service Representative**, Theresa Brick is available at the Board Office on Tuesdays Noon-4:30, Wednesday and Thursdays 8am – 4pm. Call 440-885-8331 or email her in our employee database.
- **What Parents need to Know" series from the Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center.** February 15th "Exploring Math and Science Through Differentiated Instruction." 6:30-8:30 pm at the CSESC, Room 104. **Recreational Fair on Saturday, February 26th 10am-1pm**. Both events at Schaaf Community Center, 5983 West 54th Street in Parma. Call: 440-885-2685

- **Get ready for Kindergarten Registration.** This year it will be held at **Parmatown Mall on March 22 and 23rd 7:30 am until Noon and 2:00 –7:00 pm.** Details are on our web site on main page or call the Student Services Department at 440-885-8796 for full details.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:

- The Community/Business/Schools (C/B/S) partnership is holding their 6th annual **Read-A-Thon** “Reading is All-American” on **Saturday, February 19th 11am-2:30 pm** near JC Penney at Parmatown Mall. The event includes: celebrity readers, student skits, book giveaways, used-book exchange with community and business information tables. We’re all wearing red, white and blue to celebrate reading. Bring the family; it’s a wonderful **ASSET-BUILDING** event.
- The **Parma Council of PTAs will conduct Founders Celebrations** in the three clusters this year. NHS is on Wednesday, February 9th at NHS 7pm, VF at VF on Wednesday, February 16th at 7pm and PSH at PSH on Wednesday February 23 at 6:30 pm.
- **PSH Athletic Department presents a “Night at the Races” on Saturday, March 19th 6pm to Midnight** at the AMPOL Hall, 4737 Pearl Road. Tickets: \$15.00. Call the Athletic Department at 440-885-8606.
- **The Parma Early Childhood PTA is holding a KIDS RESALE fair on Saturday, March 5th at VFHS 8am to Noon.** Tables are \$25.00 for non PEC PTA members. Call Jennifer at 440-590-2707 or email Jnelich@cox.net.
- **NHS All-Sports Boosters is sponsoring a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 19th at St. Michael’s Woodside.** The event includes dinner dancing and a chance for \$2,000.00 Tickets available at the NHS Athletic Department. Tickets: \$90 couple, \$65 single and \$40 for an absentee ticket.
- **VFHS Football Parents Club is hosting a “Night At The Races” on Saturday, February 26th at the UAW Hall on Hummel Road in Brook Park.** Tickets are \$12.00 and horse sponsorship, \$15. Call Fred or Elaine Crow at 440-842-5459 or visit www.forgefootball.com.
- **VF Instrumental Music Boosters presents their annual, “Night at the Duck Races” on Saturday, March 19th.** Refer to www.vfbands.com for ticket information/sponsorship forms. Make sure you order your tickets by March 11th.
- The wrestling team, **Normandy Conquers, coached by Steve Vaughn (NHS Wrestling Coach) for elementary age students in the Parma Schools,** competes in the Ohio Youth Wrestling Association. They announced that 2005 State Qualifiers at the Ohio Youth Wrestling Association in Akron are: **Carl Slaton** (6th grade) Pleasant Valley and **Jonathan Fuchs**, Green Valley.
- Stop on by the **VF PTSA Craft Show at the school, on Saturday, March 19th 10am to 4pm.** Admission is free.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- **The Parma Education Association (PEA) is holding their annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 26th at St. Michael’s Woodside from 6pm to Midnight.** Tickets are \$60

for a single dinner and \$85 for a double. Email Connie Shirey at NHS. (440-885-2401) This benefits the student and staff scholarship fund.

- **Freeway Lanes of Parma** (12859 Brookpark Road) Celebrates **President's Day on Monday, February 21st, 12-3:00pm** with a fun, bowling afternoon. Only \$2.50 per person/game. Call 216-267-2150.
- **Pizza, Pizza, Pizza Night.** The Back The Schools Committee will hold their next fundraiser at EatZa Pizza on Ridge Road on **Tuesday, February 15th** from 4:00-8:00pm. Make sure you bring your "ticket" from the flyer distributed to each building. Also, conducted are **WING/FISH FRY NIGHTS** at Quotes II on Ridge Road. The NHS Cluster will sponsor one on **Friday, March 4** and **PSH Cluster on Friday, March 11th**. Both evenings are 6:30-9:30 pm. You can call NHS at 440-885-2403 and PSH at 440-885-8687 for ticket information.
- Next in the Cuyahoga County Library 's "Girls Rock" series, for girls ages 12 and up, at the Parma-Ridge Branch is **"To Pierce Or Not To Pierce" on Wednesday, February 16th at 4pm** at the Parma-Ridge Branch on Ridge Road, south of the Snow Road Intersection. Call 440-888-4300.
- The American Cancer Society will be holding their **"Relay for Life"** again this year at Parma Senior High, Friday July 15th to Saturday July 16th. Please refer to the web site www.acsevents.org/relay/oh/parma for team, volunteer and donation information. To volunteer on behalf of the Parma City Schools, contact Tammy Hanslik at 440-885-8779.
- What's better than Web sites for student research? **Research databases** based on quality magazines and journals, encyclopedias and reference books, that's what!! Find out more about the 110 databases available via Cuyahoga County Public Library. Contact Parma Regional Teen Librarian **Bonnie Demarchi at 440-885-5362** to arrange an informative program for **faculty and administrators**.
- **Attention Guardians of our students:** You may be eligible for the Grandparent/Kinship Caregiver Initiative. This program is specifically for family members who have guardianship for grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. but have not adopted them. Contact Community Navigator, Barbara Terbanic at 440-826-3171.
- Please reserve **Monday, April 11th 2pm-7pm** to participate in the Parma Councils of PTAs first **blood drive** at the Pleasant Hills United Methodist church on the corner of Bagley Road and West 130th. Call 1-800-GiveBlood for information.
- The Conflict Resolution Center of the West Shore, Inc. is sponsoring their seventh annual "I Believe in Peace" art poster contest. The theme **"How I Can Be A Peacemaker"** is open to all school-age students in grades K-12 in public or private schools in Cuyahoga County. The artwork is due on March 11th. Please refer to the PCSD website and the link with full details. <http://www.parmacityschools.org/assets/social>

TIDBITS:

Log on www.tolerance.org/teach for invaluable resources for school and classroom activities.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Asset Corner: February is Positive Values: (Schools) Ask students to tell in their own words what integrity (honesty and sincerity) means to them.

Monday, February 14

- Valentine's Day
- Parma Board of Education Work Session, PSH Little Theatre 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 15

- Student Early Release Day/ Staff in-service
- BTSC Eatza Pizza Fundraiser 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 16

- Valley Forge PTA Cluster Founders Celebration 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 17

- Technology Thursday at the Red Rees Professional Learning Center 3:30-5:30 pm

Friday, February 18

- C/B/S meeting Red Rees Learning Professional Center 8:30 am

Saturday, February 19

- C/B/S 6th annual Read-A-Thon at Parmatown Mall 11:00-2:30 pm
- PSH Winter Formal

SCHOOL BUILDINGS CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEB. 21: President's Day

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Love is like fever; it comes and goes without the will having any part in the process." Henry Beyle Stendahl (1783-1842)

HOW TO SUBMIT INFORMATION

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Customer Service Line: 440-885-8329

School Safety Hot Line: 440-842-2220