



# The Weekly Bulletin

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## **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

### **STUDENTS:**

- **Congratulations to Brandon George and Ellen White**, crowned the PSH Snowball Dance King and Queen.
- **NSH reports the results from their Science Fair: Behavioral Sciences**, Katie Flaherty (1<sup>st</sup>), Kaitlin Grocky and Jenn Zyzanski (2<sup>nd</sup>), Chris Fyock (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Biology**: Courtney Kaiser, Julianne Mazzola, Kristina Rakic (1<sup>st</sup> tie), Kristina Rakic (2<sup>nd</sup>), Caitlin Kelley and Jenny Buchko and Stephanie Seritti (2<sup>nd</sup> tie) and Nicole Marotta (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Health Medicine**: Stephanie Sepsi and Hannah Green (1<sup>st</sup>), Meagan Chernay and Monika Akerley (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mandi Good, Erica Morgan (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Chemistry**: Amanda Jirousek, Kara Radva (1<sup>st</sup> tie), Ceara Bozikis (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Peter Poznako (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Environmental/Earth Science**: Mira Lendel (1<sup>st</sup>), Roxana Crivineanu and Becky Barney (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Colton Weatherwax and Joe Paxitzis (3<sup>rd</sup>). **Physics/Math/Space Science**: Marcos Agaiby (1<sup>st</sup>), Thomal Birkel (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kristin Midlik and Jeremy Schnell and Sandy Vojta (3<sup>rd</sup> tie). **Engineering**: Dan Klufas and Louis Petrucci (1<sup>st</sup>), Kali Woodside (2<sup>nd</sup>) Rebecca Hanes (3<sup>rd</sup>). **The following students will have their projects at the NEOSEF (North Eastern Oho Science and Engineering Fair) (singles only) March 28-31<sup>st</sup> at John Carroll University: Mira Lendel, Amanda Jirousek, Kara Radva, Katie Flaherty, Caitlin Kelley, Kristina Rakic, Kali Woodside, Tom Birkel and Marcos Agaiby.**
- Wonderful academic recognition goes to **Phil Smoke at VFHS** who has been named a National Merit Scholar.
- **Roman Grigorshenko, (7<sup>th</sup> grade) at Shiloh** has achieved **every level** offered from the McDonald's Math Competition. This is ***the first time a student at Shiloh Middle School*** has met this outstanding goal! Roman earned 1,936 stickers and contributed greatly to our **overall team score of 9,334,860 stickers!** Last year, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade team earned a total of 7,823,923 stickers for the entire season.

### **STAFF:**

- **Mike Jaszczak**, art teacher and yearbook advisor at PSH, received word that the company will use this years' edition for prospective clients across the United States. They felt that it "would make a wonderful presentation based on your staffs use of color throughout the book and cover." (Scott Marshall Plant Manager) ***Congratulations to Mike, editor Raeven Rush (senior) and the yearbook staff for putting together such an innovative high school yearbook.***

## SCHOOL NEWS

- PSH is forming an **Academic Booster Club (ABC)**, which will operate as a parent-based association that encourages students to raise personal expectations and aspirations. The Club will recognize student achievement, support participation in academic competitions, provide resources and subsidize educational opportunities for all students. Please come to the organizational meeting on **Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm in the Student Activity Center**. Call Principal Fritzsche for more information: 440-885-8687.
- **NHS reports the following scores** from the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest: **SUPERIOR ratings: Ramzi Harb** (percussion), **Julianne Mazzola** (flute), **Brass Quintet**, **Jim Hughes** (baritone), **Rebecca Hanes** (violin), **Meghan Mahoney** (clarinet), **Tom Birkel** (piano), **Anne Gross** (flute), **Tyler Petek** (piano), **Keri Gainer** (flute), **Rebecca Hanes** (piano), **Amanda Wyant** (viola) **Alyssa DePiero** (clarinet), **Andrea Scinkovec** (percussion), **Meghan Mahoney** (violin), **Tyler Petek** (alto sax) **Brian Griffin** (trombone) and **Shannon Jakubczak** (trumpet). **EXCELLENT rating: Angela Schreiber** (viola).
- **VF DECA reports the following results from a recent regional competition. Amy Towers** (1<sup>st</sup> Apparel & Accessories) **Jim Shury and Ryan Leffel** (1<sup>st</sup> E-Commerce team), **Stephanie Haas** (2<sup>nd</sup> Apparel & Accessories), **Vasyl Petriv** (2<sup>nd</sup> Full Service Restaurant), **Matt D'Agostino** (3<sup>rd</sup> Quick Service Restaurant), **Joe Kish and Nenad Stojkovic** (4<sup>th</sup> Sports & Entertainment) **Ashley Fitzsimmons** (5<sup>th</sup> Full Service Restaurant) and **Brett Kregenow** (5<sup>th</sup> Retail Merchandising)
- Before "The Parade Passes By," set aside **Fri. and Sat. May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars to see the VF Drama Club's version of "**Hello Dolly.**" Come witness Matchmaker Dolly Levi arrange everyone else's lives until she finally meets her match in the millionaire curmudgeon, Horace Vandergelder. Curtain time 8pm. **Rated: F for Fun for the whole family.**
- Governor Bob Taft sent a congratulatory letter to **Mr. Raso, sixth grade teacher**, and the members of **Renwood's** Team ohventure8. This First In Math team has attained 10,000 award stickers in the online program. Quoting from the governor's letter--"Your team's achievement in hitting the 10,000 stickers milestone places your school **among the very top leaders in the First In Math Program**, and shows your commitment to excellence and success in math." **Mr. Tom Brahler** has organized the First In Math Program for students in grades 4 through 6. The students are using the laptop computers for the program based on the Twenty-Four Game.

## DISTRICT NEWS:

- **Congratulations** to Board of Education member, **Karen Dendorfer**, for being the recipient of the 2005 Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) "**Master Board Member**" **Award of Achievement**. Only 16 members will receive this honor out of 3,400 board members in Ohio. Karen will be recognized at the Spring Conference in **Steubenville on Wednesday, March 2**. What a great tribute to a dedicated individual to public education and the welfare of children.
- 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

- **Kindergarten Registration.** This year it will be held at **Parmatown Mall on March 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- The Academic Services Department is conducting a workshop for preschool parents **“Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten” on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8:00 pm** at the Red Rees Profession Learning Center at PSH. Light refreshments and printed materials are available. The evening will end with door prizes. **Call 440-842-2072.**
- The next **PCSD Realtors Showcase is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30am** in the Board Meeting Room of the Parma Board of Education. Please RSVP to Audrey Splete at 440-885-8787. This informational session is free.
- **The Parma Parent Mentor’s** next meeting is on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Parma Board of Education 10:30-11:45 am or 7:00-8:15pm at the Parma Heights Library, 6206 Pearl Road. An overview of recent changes to IDEA, and trainings/workshops will be reviewed. Call 440-885-3761 to register. Indicate which meeting you plan to attend.
- A recent realignment of mail delivery duties dictates a change in the "walk-in" printing services from the Print Shop at PSH. They are open on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3pm-4pm for copying requests. This is effective March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:**

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 13758 Bennett Road.** The stylists are raising funds to assist with Shelley’s medical bills. ALSO...keep **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-11pm** open to attend a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Shelley at the Lakefront Arena (by Value City) 5310 Hauserman Road.
- **PSH Athletic Department** presents a **“Night at the Races” on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:Jnelich@cox.net).
- **VF Instrumental Music Boosters** presents their annual, **“Night at the Duck Races” on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Refer to [www.vfbands.com](http://www.vfbands.com) for ticket information/sponsorship forms. Make sure you order your tickets by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Stop on by the **VF PTSA Craft Show at the school, on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm.** Admission is free.

- The Parma Council of PTAs will hold their recognition of Reflections Winners and 2004-05 Calendar Artists on **Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at VF 7pm**. This is a general meeting with election of officers. Call Laura Weber for questions: 440-845-0370.
- **NHS and Pleasant Valley Elementary** both have the bright yellow and green recycling container for newspapers, magazines, office papers, shopping catalogs and mail. It is located in the parking lots. The school can earn money and the City of Parma receives recognition for recycling tonnage. You can make your “deposit” 24/7. The profits benefit various projects in both schools.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- **The Back The Schools Committee is sponsoring two 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.
- The American Cancer Society will be holding their “**Relay for Life**” again this year at Parma Senior High, Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the web site [www.acsevents.org/relay/oh/parma](http://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. Or attend the Kick-off this Thurs, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Parma Senior Citizens Center. Dinner provided by Olive Garden Restaurant. Call 216-241-1177 TODAY, MONDAY for your reservation.**
- PTA/PTSA Units announce the following recipients of the **Ohio PTA State Achievement Award**: From John Muir Elementary School: **Anne Marie Niziolek (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)** from John Muir Elementary School. **National Life Achievement Awards: Mr. Gil Fritzsche** from Parma Senior High and **Dianna Kall** from John Muir Elementary School.
- The **Parma Symphony Orchestra** will perform on **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** at the VFHS Auditorium. The program will include: Beethoven’s *Egmont* Overture, *Alsation Scenes* by Jules Massenet and Stravinsky’s *Firebird Suite*. Tickets are available at the door.
- The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company is hosting an **ENGINEERING CAREER DAY** for Young Women on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Goodyear Hall on East Market Street in Akron. **Young women in grades 6-12** are invited to attend to discover opportunities and careers that exist in various engineering disciplines. The event is free and lunch included. Contact: Valerie Dockery at 2307 in the District.
- “**Night at the Races**” on **Sat. April 2** at the Lakefront Arena, 5310 Hauserman Road in Parma. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per adult. Hot buffet, snacks, beverages provided. For tickets call: The Parma Rec. Dep. At 440-885-8144. Profits benefit the renovation of Ridgewood Lake Park in Parma.

- Tri-C Western Campus is holding a “**Health & Wellness Fair**” on **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am to 2pm at the Fieldhouse**. This event is free and open to the public. The fair includes various health screenings and door prizes. Call The Wellness Center at 216-987-5420. Parking required two quarters upon exit.
- The City of Parma Dept. of Recycling and Litter Prevention announces two Round-ups. **Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm Computers** at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds and **Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30am-3pm is Household Hazard & Waste** at the Parma Service Garage, 5680 Chevrolet Blvd in Parma. Questions? 440-887-6019.
- Veterans Post #7609 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from noon-5pm** at the Parma Memorial Hall next to Parma City Hall. The profits benefit our disabled veterans. Tickets (at the door) are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5-12.

### **TIDBITS:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual “**Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year**” (SAMMY) Award Program is underway. Applications will only be accepted online at [www.whymilk.com](http://www.whymilk.com) until **March 4, 2005**. The purpose of the SAMMY Award Program is to recognize outstanding scholar athletes in **12<sup>th</sup> grade only with various criteria**. Visit the web site for more information.

Asset Corner: **March is Social Competencies** *Planning and Decision Making, Interpersonal Competence, Cultural Competence, Resistance Skills and Peaceful Conflict Resolution. **Planning and Decision Making: 29%** of youth surveyed have this asset in their life. **Schools:** Ask students to talk about or write about tough choices they have made. Community ACT Coordinators: Gene Lovasy, eel40@cox.net Cindy Tomaszewski (Ridgewood YMCA) 440-842-5200*

### **TESTING COMING UP:**

**Next week:** Make-ups for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Ohio Proficiency test (given to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders needing to pass certain sections) and Grades 3 & 4 Achievement tests.

**March 7-11<sup>th</sup>** School start of 10am for grades 9, 11 & 12. 7:50am start for the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Ohio Graduation testing at our high schools.

### ***QUOTE OF THE WEEK:***

***“ In the field of observation chance favors only the prepared minds.”  
Louis Pasteur 1822-1895***

# EVENTS OF THE WEEK

March is: American Red Cross Month, National Middle Level Education Month, Social Work Month, Women's History Month and Youth Art Month

## Monday, February 28

- Parma Board of Education Work Session, PSH Little Theatre 7:00 pm
- Grade 4 Reading Achievement test
- This week 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ohio Proficiency Testing (given to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders needing to pass certain sections)

## Tuesday, March 1

- Peace Corps Anniversary Visit [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) for information
- Grade 3 Reading Achievement test

## Wednesday, March 2

- Tri-C West Wellness Fair at the Fieldhouse 10am-2pm
- NEA "Read Across America" celebration [www.nea.org/readacross/](http://www.nea.org/readacross/).
- "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" seminar at Red Rees Learning Center, PSH 7-8:00 pm
- American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" Kick-off rally 6:30 pm
- Grade 4 Writing Achievement, Grade 6 Writing Proficiency tests

## Thursday, March 3

- Academic Boosters Club (ABC) meeting at PSH 7:00 pm
- Grade 3 Math Achievement

## Friday, March 4

- NHS Cluster BTSC Wing Night/Fish Fry at Quotes II 6:30 pm
- Grade 6 Reading Proficiency Test

## Saturday, March 5

- Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Shelly Soderstrom at Lakefront Arena 6pm-11pm

## Sunday, March 6

- Parma Symphony Concert at VF 3:00 pm
- National Girl Scout Week

### HOW TO SUBMIT INFORMATION

Please e-mail information for *The Weekly Bulletin* to Dianna Kall at [diannakall@parma.k12.oh.us](mailto:diannakall@parma.k12.oh.us). Information may be edited due to space limitations. Items must be received by the Thursday prior to Monday's publication date.

Important Web sites: [www.parmacityschools.org](http://www.parmacityschools.org) [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)

Customer Service Line: 440-885-8329 School Safety Hot Line: 440-842-2220