

# Panther Post



Pleasure Ridge Park High School Magnet Career Academy

Third Trimester 2010-2011

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## Check us Out!

[www.prppanthers.com](http://www.prppanthers.com)

Check us out on the web. See a listing of activities, forms, class information, organizations, photos and important information to help you better understand what is going on at PRP High School to make us "World Famous".

## A message from the principal.....

Greetings,

The school year is two-thirds over and it seems like it was yesterday that we were greeting students for the first time last August. The second trimester recently ended, and you should be receiving those report cards any day. If you don't, please contact the school at (502) 485-8311. The last set of parent / teacher conference days will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 and 24, from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm. You can e-mail or call your child's teacher(s) to set up a specific appointment time or just drop by one of those days. Spring Break will take place from Saturday, April 2 through Sunday, April 10. The first week back from that break, we will be conducting a full week of test prep for our standardized testing. Testing begins on Monday, April 18, and concludes on Friday, April 29. It is very important that our students return from the break rested and prepared to do their best on these tests. Their individual scores are listed on their permanent transcripts, and they have to attain a certain score in order to graduate.



Our Winter sports were very successful this year. Both basketball teams are playing in the Regional tournaments and fighting for berths in the state tournament. We had a number of wrestlers qualify for the state championships, our swim teams had the best record in school history, our chess team finished in second place in the county and we had one bowling team win the region and two qualify for the state championships. Our academic teams have also been very successful; finishing in the top two of their region. Our cheerleaders won the county and state championships. Things have been quite successful for our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs.

Very soon the district will begin construction of a Fine Arts building that will be located in the front of our campus. The building will include an auditorium, dance studio, drama classroom and a large lobby to display our award winning art. We had four students win prestigious art awards this winter. Our communications program recently received a television studio from Western Kentucky University. This will make a dramatic difference in the multi-media program. As you can see, our new magnet programs are flourishing.

Great things continue to happen at PRP. Please encourage your child to get involved. It creates ownership and school spirit, while keeping your child interested in school. If I can be of any service, please contact me at (502) 485-8311 or [david.johnson@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:david.johnson@jefferson.kyschools.us).



Sincerely,

David A. Johnson, Principal



## Important Dates

- March 15.....Junior ACT during school day  
 17.....Balfour at PRP  
 23-24...Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 2:30-5:30  
 31.....Spring Pictures  
 31.....Balfour at PRP
- April 4-8.....Spring Break  
 18-29...CATS Testing  
 29.....Ring Ceremony 9:00am,  
 New Gym  
 29.....Ring Dance 8-12pm,  
 Fern Valley Hotel
- May 21.....Senior Prom - The Olmstead
- June 3.....Graduation 12 noon,  
 Freedom Hall

### Attention Parents:

Please be advised that we do not allow parents to sign students out over the phone. Students must bring in a note the day before they need to leave or parents or guardians must come in and sign them out.

## Junior News from Mrs. Wilson

**ACT Testing** - March 15th during the school day.

**Co-Op Applications** are due to Mrs. Wilson by March 15th.

**Ring Ceremony** - April 29th,  
10:00 a.m., New Gym.

**Ring Dance** - April 29, 8p.m.-12p.m.  
Fern Valley Hotel

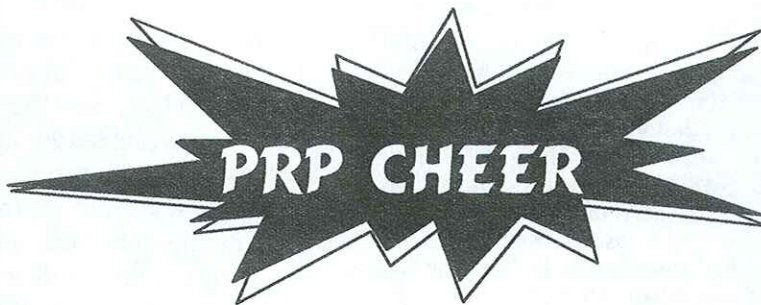
## 2011-2012 Scheduling....

Scheduling for the 2011-2012 school year is well under way. Please ask your child about their scheduling visit with his/her counselor. **All schedules are due to counselors by March 25th.**



## Senior Exit Project for Third Trimester

The purpose of the Senior Exit Project is for graduating seniors to exit high school with the necessary awareness of the current job market before making a transition to higher education, career/work place or military service. This program will provide seniors with a personal career assessment and evaluation, the most up-to-date job/career information locally and nationally, resume writing and interview experience. This knowledge and skill-enhancement workshop will prepare students for their chosen future endeavors. Parents with questions please contact Senior Counselors, Linda Ilnick and Mary Ann Pieper or LEEP Career Planner, Jamie Baxter at 485-8311.



PRP Cheerleaders won the LIT 6th Region Cheerleading Competition at Manual High School on Jan 22nd, beating Butler, Valley and Fern Creek and earning a spot to compete for the state championship. With their best performance of the year they also won Grand Champs at the LIT competition earning the highest score for all 6th and 7th region teams in every division competing that day.

On Feb. 19 they traveled to Western Kentucky University where they competed at the KAPOS State Cheerleading Championship. They had an amazing performance, defeating all 16 teams in their division. Their performance earned the team PRP's first ever State Title in cheerleading.

## Cell Phone Policy 2010-2011



Students are not allowed to use cell phones during school hours (7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.)

Student phones that are activated or in sight during school hours will be confiscated.

Phones will be kept in the office and returned to the student at the end of thirty calendar days between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m..

Repeat offenses may result in a short-term suspension.

All students will receive a copy of PRP's Cell Phone Policy with their class schedules.

In case of an emergency, parents may call 485-8311. We will contact your child.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

## Balfour Dates: PRP Junior Ring Payments & Senior Orders

Balfour will be at PRP during all lunches in room 106 on the following dates:

Thursday, March 17

Thursday, March 31

## GFS Fun Funds....



Don't forget to turn in your enrollment card to **GFS** on Dixie Hwy. This program pays quarterly cash rebates to our school for purchases made by our members and supporters at any GFS Marketplace store location.

## PRP Alumni Association

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

### Spirit Award

Virginia Crowder '71

### Pride Award

Mary Poignard Powell '66

Rick Sanders '71



### Excellence in Teaching Award

Bill Mc Caa

## Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Hayley Wyman - Brittany Ash - Nishal Bhikha

Brentoria Neely - Richard Quick

Kayla Revell - Ashley Woods

**JCTC Scholarship:** Chelsey Snyder - Shelby Johnson

**Please donate....** PRP PTSA is taking donations of gently used prom attire/shoes/accessories. These items can be turned in to the front office from now until May 13. Remember, your items from last year could make someone really happy this year!

## Advisory could be? Should be? Will be?

Beginning next year we will be introducing an Advisory period to our school on a monthly basis. This is a time when students and teachers can begin to build a personal, one-on-one relationship with each other while tackling the latest issues that face our students today and their opportunities for success after high school. Please check out [www.prppanthers.com](http://www.prppanthers.com) for more information or contact Mr. Stinson at 502.485.8311 with your questions

Sincerely,

Jason Stinson

Career Advisory Resource Teacher - CART


## ATTENDANCE POLICY

- ▶ Review the Attendance Policy in your PRP Agenda.
- ▶ Call Amy Stewart in the Student Service Center with questions or concerns at 485-6884.
- ▶ Parent notes for excused absences must be turned in to the office within three days of your return to school.
- ▶ After ten absences, a doctor's note is required for an excused absence.
- ▶ Any student with six or more unexcused absences will be prohibited from participation in student activities such as Ring Dance, Prom, Freshman and Sophomore Field Day.
- ▶ Any student identified as truant could be subject to the school's Truancy Program.

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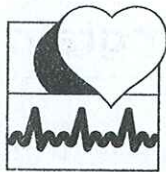
# Spring Pictures

## Thursday, March 31st

Spruce up and spring in! Picture day is coming right before Spring Break on March 31st. Sign up for individual or group pictures Monday -Wednesday, March 28th-30th.

Our families and community are welcome to come and have family/group pictures on this day. Student groups are limited to four students.





## Norton Health Professions

Congratulations to seniors Ana Russell & Brian Huynh who represented Norton for basketball homecoming on February 4.

Congratulations to these Norton seniors:  
**Brittany Ash** for receiving one of the PRP Alumni Scholarships.

**Shelby Johnson** for receiving the JCTC Scholarship

**Cynthia Dickerson** for being accepted to participate in the **GEMS** interview on March 5.

**GEMS** (Guaranteed Entrance into Medical School) is a program with the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Ten high school seniors are selected each year and get an inside tract to medical school during their undergraduate years at U of L. If they meet the requirements of the four year program, they be will automatically accepted into U of L School of Medicine. Students must have at least a 30 on the ACT and meet other requirements in order to apply to GEMS. In 1997, PRP graduate, Nick Mattingly, was accepted into the GEMS program. He is now practicing geriatric medicine.  
**Good luck Cyndi!**

**Congratulations to all Norton seniors who have attained scholarships so far!**

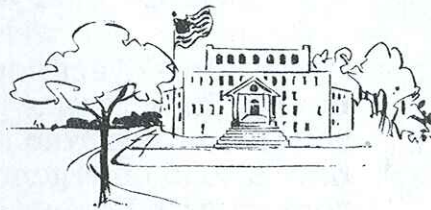
Sophomores and seniors will be receiving their CPR training this spring. Juniors will be taking part in an intern day at Norton Audubon Hospital. Two (2) hours of observation are due by Friday, May 13. Also, some Norton students still have outstanding fees. Sophomore \$10, Senior \$15, Anatomy & Physiology \$25. Norton seniors will receive three (3) free hours of college credit through JCTC if they complete the senior class with a C or better. This is a \$400 value.

## Freshman Academy

It is hard to believe that spring is right around the corner and soon another school year will be in the books. PRP's staff and faculty are already working hard so that you and your children will have another successful year during the 2011-2012 school year.

Many new and exciting programs will be taking place next year at PRP High School. One program that will be implemented is our new Freshman Academy. PRP was very lucky to be chosen as 1 of 5 high schools in Jefferson County to receive a grant from the Department of Education to help design small learning communities within our school.

Approximately half of the freshman class will be randomly chosen to participate in the Academy for the 2011-2012 school year. During the 2012-2013 school year, ALL freshmen will participate in the Academy. There are many benefits being a student in the Academy. Teachers will work collaboratively to address issues regarding academic, behavioral and social needs. Class sizes will be reduced and an attempt will be made to contact parents on a bi-weekly basis regarding their child's academic and behavioral performance.



If you would like more information pertaining to this program, you can contact Susan Webb our Small Learning Community Resource Teacher at 485-8311 or email her at

[susan.webb@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:susan.webb@jefferson.kyschools.us) for more information.

## Special Olympics Cheerleading

PRP Special Olympics Cheerleading Squad placed 2nd in their division Saturday, February 26 at competition at Fern Creek High School. Next, they will participate in State Competition on March 12th in Lexington at 10:00 am. Come out and support our cheerleaders!



From the Unified Basketball players and cheerleaders:

*"Thank you Eddie / PRP PTSA for the awesome basketball and cheerleading t-shirts! We REALLY APPRECIATE all our PTSA does for us!!!"*

### 2011 Unified Basketball Schedule

All games are scheduled to start between 3:15-3:30

March 16	Butler @ PRP	April 13	PRP @ Moore
March 24	PRP @ Wagner	April 20	Binet @ PRP
March 31	Valley @ PRP		

May 4,5,6	Championship Games @ Binet, Butler or Seneca TBA
May 11, 12	All-Star Games @ Shawnee or Moore TBA



## Papa John's Dollar for Dough Fund Raiser

Order every WEDNESDAY and PRP will receive 20%! Lunch, dinner or late night - they all count!

**Phone-in or Walk-in orders:** Tell the order taker to give "PRP High School" credit for the order.

**Online orders (papajohns.com):** Enter the word "PANTHERS" in the PROMO CODE BOX before completing your order.

## CAP Clothing Assistance Program

### Lessons From the Clothes Closet

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does.*

—Margaret Mead



At the Clothing Assistance Program(CAP), changing the world is exactly what you help us do on a daily basis. Students' lives are changed when they can go to school and feel confident about the way they are dressed. Parents' lives are changed when they can interview for a job with clothing that speaks of success. Families' lives are changed when a choice between food or transportation and necessary clothing does not have to be made. And, finally, a community is changed when all families are successful. CAP accepts clothing, time, money, or talents - all changing lives for the better. Please take your donations to your child's school office. You may contact Paula Wolf to schedule a time to help. Thank you for your support of this PTA program.

Paula Wolf / CAP Director / 485-7062

## "Get Your Break On"

Spring Break vacations can be full of fun memories, but you have to play it safe! The best way to keep your memories from turning into nightmares is to have a solid emergency plan and to keep close contact with home. Be aware of your surroundings and make safety a priority. And don't forget to take pictures!



## Junior Ring Ceremony

Friday, April 29, 2011

9:00 AM --- New Gym

Family/Friends of all Juniors invited

## Junior Ring Dance

Fern Valley Hotel

(formerly Fern Valley Holiday Inn)

Friday, April 29, 2011 / 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free to all Juniors with all fees/dues paid and no more than six unexcused absences.

\$25.00 for non-PRP/non-Junior dates

