

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park COMMUNICATOR

a resource for Canton, Plymouth and Salem High School students and parents ■ November 2008

P-CEP RECOGNIZES NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

P-CEP is proud to announce its National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists, Commended and Referred students. The students rank in the top one percent of their peers across the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered in the spring of 2009. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competition by taking the 2007 PSAT/NMSQT.

Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist, including a very high academic record in college prep courses, extracurricular activities, leadership positions and full endorsement of the high school principal. All of these students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. P-CEP is proud of our merit scholars.

Current juniors who took the PSAT on Oct. 18, 2008 will be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Competition for next year. Current sophomores, be sure to take the PSAT in the fall of 2009 in order to be eligible your senior year. ■



P-CEP 2008 National Merit Competition Semifinalists (front row) Katherien Marion, Nikita Consul, Willa Chen, Kelly Determan, Linda Ling, Megan Ghastin, Monika Kothari (back row) Ke Ding, George Muresan, Derrick Fu, Surya Deepak, Ryan Randall, Santosh Shanmuga (not pictured: Amy Shen)

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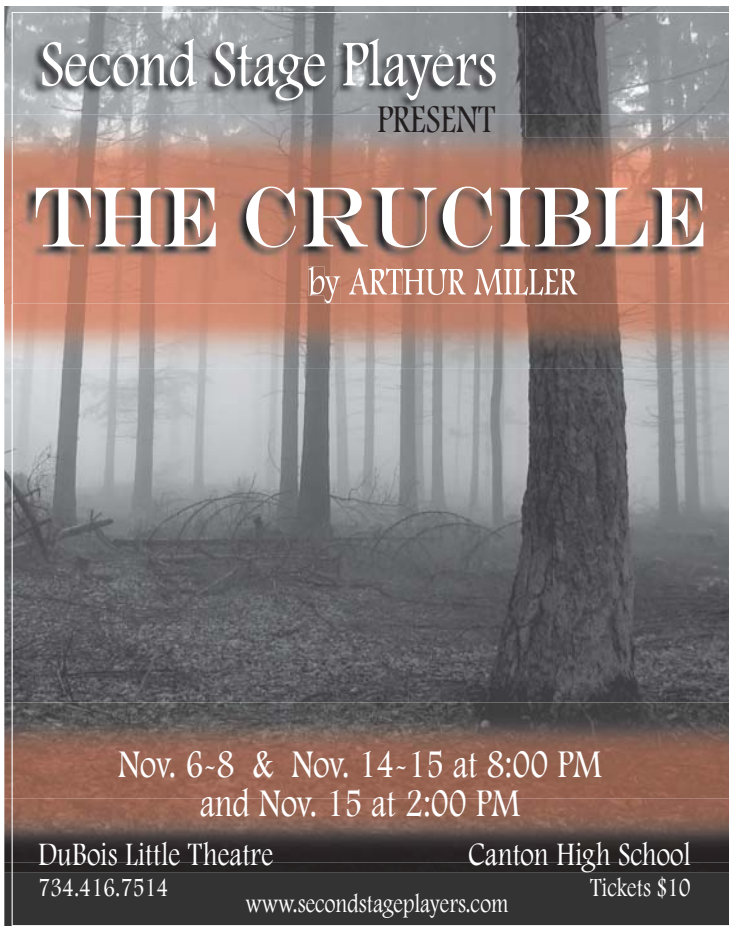
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Second Stage Players
PRESENT

THE CRUCIBLE

by ARTHUR MILLER

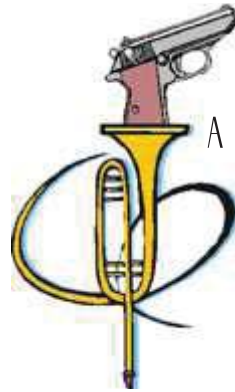


Nov. 6-8 & Nov. 14-15 at 8:00 PM
and Nov. 15 at 2:00 PM

DuBois Little Theatre Canton High School
734.416.7514 www.secondstageplayers.com Tickets \$10

Park Players are proud to present the hilarious
murder-mystery comedy:

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940



A NON-MUSICAL BY JOHN BISHOP

November 20, 21, 22 at 8 p.m.
at The Gloria Logan Auditorium for
Performing Arts in Salem High School
Tickets: \$10, available at the door

P-CEP Festival Singers Present A Variety of Holiday Performances

The P-CEP Festival Singers will give the gift of song throughout the community this holiday season. Community performances will include:

- Dec. 3 ~ Canton Tree Lighting Ceremony at Summit at the Park
- Dec. 3 ~ Canton Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Dec. 4 ~ Governor Granholm's Mansion in Lansing
- Dec. 6 ~ Shop Canton Event on Ford & Haggerty
- Dec. 7 ~ Plymouth District Library
- Dec. 14 ~ Holiday Nights event at Greenfield Village
- Dec. 15 ~ Coffee House style concert at Salem High School*
- Dec. 16 ~ Coffee House style concert at Salem High School*
- Dec. 19 ~ Rotary Club Event at the Plymouth Cultural Center

In addition to these performances, members of the P-CEP Choir program can be heard caroling in downtown Plymouth every Friday and Saturday from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

* Students will perform as soloists and in small ensembles as audience members are treated to coffee, hot chocolate and sweet treats. Each evening will end with a holiday sing-a-long.

The Second Stage Players will be holding auditions for its spring play Dec. 15-17, 2008 (Monday - Wednesday) in the DuBois Theatre at Canton High School. Auditions are open to all P-CEP students. Get an audition packet and production crew application in the DuBois Theatre. Sign-up for an audition time outside Ms. McNutt's office. The selected spring play will be announced by Dec. 1. Call Ms. McNutt for further information (734) 416-7514.

The Park Players will be presenting Smokey Joe's Cafe in the spring of 2009. An audition dance workshop will be held on Dec. 3. An audition vocal workshop will be held Dec. 12. The two workshops are not required for audition, but are strongly recommended. Auditions for Smokey Joe's Cafe will be conducted on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Performance dates are: March 12-14, 20 & 21, 2009

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE CONFERENCE

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Report cards should be issued to students on Nov. 10. Please review the report card in advance and bring it to the conference.

Talk to your child – find out about their favorite and least favorite classes, and why. Take notes and write down questions you would like to ask at the conference. Get your child's assessment of how they're doing—strengths and weaknesses, amount of time actually spent on homework and where they think they can do better.

DURING THE CONFERENCE

Ask questions - it is a good idea to ask the important questions first, in case time runs out.

Ask about upcoming projects or assignments.

Ask how you can help your student.

Develop an action plan - if the student needs help with a behavioral or an academic issue, you and the teacher should agree on specific plans to help your child do better.

Make an effort to see each teacher at conference time, not just those who teach core academic subjects. Each teacher can give you insight into your child's abilities and school performance.

Find out the best way to contact a teacher if you have questions or concerns about your student.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

Make another appointment if necessary. Scheduled Teacher-Parent conferences are not your only opportunity to discuss your child's education with their teachers.

Talk to your student. When discussing the conference with your child afterward, stress the good things that were covered and be direct about problems that were identified. If an action plan is in place, explain what was arranged.

Continue to keep in touch with the teacher, even if things are going well. When a child knows parents and teachers are regularly working together, the child will see that education is a high priority requiring commitment and effort.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thur., Nov. 13, 2008
4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Locations:

Canton - Gymnasium (North Canton Bldg.)
Plymouth - Cafeteria
Salem - Cafeteria

Teachers will be seated alphabetically. Counselors and administrators will be available to meet with parents.

Because teachers meet with many parents during conferences, we ask that you limit your conference to five minutes. If additional time is needed, please schedule another conference at a different time.

PARENT FORUMS

P-CEP Parent Forums are informative meetings hosted by members of the P-CEP administration team. They are open to parents of all P-CCS students. The meeting location rotates between the three high schools.

Meetings are from 9 to 10:30 a.m. with the principal of the host school arranging the program. Parents have a chance to meet and talk with other parents, sign up for volunteer activities through the Parent Involvement Committee, and hear valuable information about the Park.

Nov. 11 Salem High School Room 2303
Dec. 9 Canton High School Library
Jan. 13 Canton High School Library
Feb. 10 Canton High School Library
March 17 Plymouth High School Room 401
April 21 Plymouth High School Room 401
May 12 Plymouth High School Room 401

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is a great opportunity for students to contribute to the world around them, while gaining valuable experience for school and career planning.

While P-CEP no longer offers credit for community service on transcripts, the most important aspect of community service is what knowledge and skills the student acquired during his/her service. It is best to relay this information to colleges and scholarships committees through letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or personal essays. These narrative formats can highlight the type of service and detail what the student gained from their experience.

Colleges want to know what students will bring to their campus, and how community service has enriched or directed their lives. If you have questions about Community Service, ask your counselor.

HONORS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Taylor Joseph, a sophomore at Salem, who is now a published author. Her book, "The Crossing" was released in October and is available for purchase at Amazon.com and Barnes & Nobles Booksellers.

Once again, Barbara Marshall, Canton High School math teacher, was the top fund-raiser in the state of Michigan for the American Cancer Society. Marshall, with the help of her students and fellow faculty members was able to raise \$17,375 in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk."

A P-CEP String Quartet consisting of Sylvia Chen, Avery Bruni, Kurt Tseng and Elise Chagas have the distinguished honor of performing at the Governor's mansion for her annual holiday reception on Thurs., Dec. 4, 2008.

The P-CEP Festival Singers were selected by blind audition as one of seven high school choral ensembles in the state to perform at the Michigan Music Conference, held annually in Grand Rapids. The mixed choral group, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, will perform as part of the conferences' Choral Hour on Jan. 28, 2009.

Willa Chen, a Canton High School senior earned a perfect score on the national ACT, SAT and PSAT exams.

YEARBOOK ORDER INFORMATION

You may now use a credit card or a debit card to order a yearbook online at www.BuyAYearbook.com.

School ID: 9003130

School Name: PCEP

The cost is \$70 plus tax. Or, you may place a phone order at 888-298-5063. The order deadline is Nov. 30, 2008.

MATH LABS AT P-CEP

There is a math lab open at each high school every day during lunchtime. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. VanWestenburg run the lab at Canton in room 98, Mr. Guinta and Ms. Russ work in the Salem lab in room 3117, and Ms. Ludema and Mr. Sheets are the teachers in the lab at Plymouth room 107C.

Students can come to the labs to get help with their math homework and studies. Students get one-on-one help to ensure their questions are answered, the material is explained and they are able to understand the math concepts. Students should bring their textbook, assignments or worksheets and their class notes.

Students must bring a sack lunch and eat in the math lab. Please do not bring food from the cafeteria to the lab, as there may be students with food allergies. We also must request that students not bring anything containing nuts.



The P-CEP Book Room is located in Salem High school and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:45 a.m.- 3 p.m. If a student leaves P-CEP due to a transfer or withdrawal they **MUST** return their books as part of their final checkout. If you checked out a book during registration that you are not using, please return it.

ADVANCED MARKETING CLASS OFFERS REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

As a part of the partnership between Community Financial and P-CEP, students in the Advanced Marketing classes learn valuable skills through their work with the Student-Run Credit Union. The students complete a training course in the hiring and interviewing process which consists of creating voice mail greetings, leaving voice mail messages, filling out applications and the preparation needed to interview for a position.

Working for the Student Credit Union, the students process student transactions and create marketing materials. By doing so, they acquire skills in cash handling, customer service, and marketing. These career awareness and employability skills are valuable for them as they seek future employment. The students also participate in financial education sessions. They learn about currency, and the importance of the correct use of credit and how their financial activity will affect their own credit reports.

The Community Financial Student-Run Credit Union program is in the cafeteria during both lunches at Plymouth on Monday, Salem on Wednesday and Canton on Friday. Advanced Marketing Students, along with a Community Financial representative are on hand to assist in taking transactions for students. Students who currently have accounts with Community Financial can cash checks, deposit checks and/or cash and make withdrawals up to \$60.

Any P-CEP student can apply for membership. They can open their account at any Community Financial branch, or stop by the Student-Run Credit Union in the cafeteria.

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Career Pathways Night will be held on Wed., March 18, 2009 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Salem Cafeteria.

ZANGLE PARENT CONNECTION: WEB ACCESS TO STUDENT DATA

Zangle's ParentConnection is a web application that provides parents with direct access to student data via the Internet. Using a confidential PIN (personal identification number) and password, parents can connect to the school district's student database using a web browser and view their child's data, such as attendance reports, progress reports, report cards, transcripts, and more.

Access Your Student's Data

STEP 1 - Enter URL

www.pccs.k12.mi.us/parentconnect

STEP 2 - Enter PIN and Password, click Logon:

PIN: This number is a unique number assigned to each contact randomly by the computer. Your personal identification number or PIN cannot be changed.

Password: Use the default assigned password for your first logon. Passwords were randomly generated and are CASE SENSITIVE.

STEP 3 - Select a Student

If you have more than one student enrolled in the district, you will have the opportunity to view data for each student by selecting the student from the drop-down list.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I contact if I do not know my PIN or password?

Call the Parent Connection Help Desk at 734-416-2720 or e-mail parentconnect@pccs.k12.mi.us. Please be sure to include the name of the parent requesting the PIN or password information in your voicemail or e-mail message.

How do I get my child's emergency information or demographic information corrected?

Canton Records 455-6790	delezel@pccs.k12.mi.us
Plymouth Records 582-5582	henseld@pccs.k12.mi.us
Salem Records 416-7793	jaegerm@pccs.k12.mi.us

Why does it say "No Information to Display" after I click Logon and select my child?

You may need to delete your temporary Internet files (Tools...Internet Options...General...Delete Files).

Is there some way to change my PIN?

No. The PIN (Personal Identification Number) is generated by the student database computer system. There is no way to change that number.

ENGINEERING LESSON

The AGS 3P and AGS 3T classes of Janice Way, Kristen Davies and Phil Sands took a day off math to explore the skills and challenges of engineering. The Society of Women Engineers from the University of Michigan came to the Park to present on engineering, college admissions and held a contest with the students to see who could build the tallest free-standing paper tower. The students had limited supplies and tools to build their tower, and the tower had to hold a golf ball on top. The winning group's tower stood 57½ inches tall.



Lindsey Ringer, Quest Miller, Corey Zullo and Cason Hohmann assemble their paper tower for the contest. The students were responsible for planning their design and then constructing the tower with limited materials.



Garrett Bryden, Abigail Davidson and Kylie Miller work hard on their paper tower. Each group had different techniques and ideas for building a tall tower that would actually hold a golf ball.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform your student's home school Records Office of an address change. You will need to bring two items to prove residency:

- A warranty deed for a new house
- A closing statement for a new house
- Homeowners insurance policy
- Recent property tax statement
- Signed rental/lease agreement (rental agreement from a homeowner must include notarized signature of home owner)
- Recent utility bill may be used as secondary proof

Updating your address on the Emergency Card does not alert the Records Office.

Please have your student bring this information to their home school Records Office or mail the documents to the following attention. Please write the student's name and ID number on the documents.

Canton Records Office
8415 Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 455-6790

Plymouth Records Office
8400 Beck Road
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 582-5582

Salem Records Office
46181 Joy Road
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 416-7793

REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Middle school students will begin registering for their high school classes after the Dec. 4 P-CEP Curriculum Night. Students will work with their middle school counselors to select courses for the 2009-2010 school year.

Juniors will meet and receive materials from counselors on Feb. 3. Students must talk to their current teachers for recommendations and with parents about their choices. Career Cruising* is a consideration when choosing courses. Juniors will meet again on either Feb. 9 or 10 with their counselors to return their completed course requests.

Sophomores will meet and receive materials from counselors on Feb. 4. Students must talk to their current teachers for recommendations and with parents about their choices. Career Cruising* is a consideration when choosing courses. They will return completed course requests on Feb. 9 at their counseling office.

Freshmen will meet and receive materials on Feb. 5. Students must talk to their current teachers for recommendations and with parents about their choices. Career Cruising* is a consideration when choosing courses. They will return completed course requests on Feb. 9 at their counseling office.

SENIOR PARTY

All 2009 graduates of Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Starkweather are invited to attend on the night of graduation: June 7, 2009 from 9 p.m. - 3 a.m. Students can celebrate graduation with their friends; there will be games, entertainment, a casino, food and prizes.

Seniors may still purchase tickets for the party. This must be done by mail and the form to accompany the payment is available in all three high school general offices. Tickets are \$35.

Parent volunteers are needed to help make this year's party a success. We need help with decorations, donations, prizes, food, and chaperoning the night of the party. Any amount of time you would be willing to commit would be a tremendous help. Please contact Debbie LaFontaine at (734) 453-6706 or lafontaine5@wowway.com. Join the committee for their planning meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Media Center on Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1.

Businesses are asked to consider a donation of money, gift cards (restaurants, gas, electronics, music, sporting goods, general merchandise), food, beverages, or prizes from our wish list: laptop computers, iPods, mini fridges, luggage sets, portable DVD players, iPod docking stations, DVD players, 20" television with DVD, digital cameras, microwaves, clock radios, corelle dish sets, video cameras, video game systems. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, please consider donating a special discount on items on our "wish list." Community support is greatly appreciated.

Eighth Grade Parents and Students are invited to attend:

CLASS OF 2013 CURRICULUM NIGHT AT PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK



Dec. 4

A—L at 6:00 PM
M—Z at 7:30 PM

Canton Cafeteria
Plymouth Cafeteria
Salem Auditorium



If your student has not yet been assigned a high school, you may choose one of the three buildings to attend for this event.

Eighth graders will receive high school registration materials in early November. Parents and students are asked to review the information prior to the Curriculum Night at the high schools. P-CEP counselors will provide parents and students with curriculum and registration information at that time. Parents should bring their registration materials with them to refer to during the presentation. Counselors will be available for questions.

Eighth grade students will register for high school courses in December at their middle schools. Of course, adjustments in those course requests can be made in the spring to accommodate individual circumstances. Records personnel will be available for information to private school parents and students. Please sign in.

Eighth graders will have an opportunity to sign up for the many clubs and activities at the Park at the Class of 2013 Extravaganza on April 7, 2009. Mark your calendars for this event.

Incoming ninth graders will pick up their schedules in August 2009 and participate in the P-CEP orientation. The Class of 2013 will then join other P-CEP students for their own journey through high school.

If you have any questions about the Curriculum Night, please contact: **Carolyn Anulewicz, P-CEP Assistant Principal at (734) 416-7783**

WSDP RADIO STATION NEWS

P-CEP's student radio station, 88.1FM has a few fundraisers coming up:

bd's Mongolian Grill® – Guest Griller Night – Wed., Nov. 12, 6 - 8 p.m. Join our celebrity guest grillers including Pam Rossi, WCSX, Nick Craig, Channel 955, John Bommarito, Ann Arbor's 107.1, Brenda Belanger, Salem Spanish Teacher and Kyle Meteyer, Salem English Teacher. They'll make your dinner and all the griller tips go to WSDP.

Borders Bookstore of Canton - School Appreciation Book Fair – Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Use one of our special coupons and 20% of your purchase will go to WSDP. You can

download a copy of the coupon at www.881TheEscape.com

WSDP Pledge Drive – Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Listen and pledge your support for WSDP and the student radio program at P-CEP.

Borders Bookstore of Canton Gift Wrapping – Dec. 12, 6-11 p.m., Dec. 18, 6-10 p.m., Dec. 20, 6-11 p.m., and Dec. 22, 6-10 p.m. All of the tips for the gift-wrapping go to WSDP.

Thanks for your support and keep listening to the best new music first, on 88.1FM – The Escape.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

HELPFUL TOOLS & INFORMATION

Freshmen

Counselors met with ninth grade students in small groups in October. Students learned about the many counseling services available to them. Each student received important information and parents are encouraged to review this information with their child. Students were given tips from the counseling staff on how to make their next four years successful.

Sophomores

The PLAN test (Practice ACT) was given to all tenth grade students on Sept. 25 and 26. The PLAN Interpretation meeting for all tenth grade parents will be held on Dec. 9 at your student's home school from 7 - 8 p.m. Counselors will explain each component and the scores of the PLAN test. Counselors also will meet with sophomores in December to review the PLAN results with them.

PLAN Interpretation Meeting For Tenth Grade Parents

Dec. 9, 7 - 8 p.m.
Canton - DuBois Theatre
Plymouth - Room 401
Salem - Auditorium

Please join P-CEP counselors for an introduction to the PLAN test and the information it provides. You will receive a copy of your student's individual scores at this meeting.

This meeting is for parents and guardians only; sophomores will meet with their counselors in December to discuss their results.

Juniors

Registration packets for both the ACT and SAT are available in the counseling offices. Students can register online at:
SAT: www.collegeboard.com
ACT: www.actstudent.org

High school codes: Canton - 233044
Plymouth - 230469
Salem - 233045

ACT Test Date - June 13
SAT Test Date - May 2

Seniors

Counselors met with seniors in September to discuss post-high school plans, graduation credit check, and the college application process. Seniors are encouraged to apply early (before October 31). Early application often means early notification and places a student in the application pool for university mailings regarding scholarships and financial aid information. Note that college applications must be submitted to the counseling

office no later than Dec. 8 to ensure processing before winter break. Valuable post-high school planning materials were given to each senior in a booklet entitled: *Senior Conference: Preparing for the senior year and beyond, Class of 2009*. Parents: check it out!

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE

Thur., Dec. 4, 7 p.m. at Plymouth District Library
Registration Required - call (734) 453-0750, press 4

Sheryl Krasnow, M.Ed., LPC will present complete information on funding a college education. She will explain federal, state, and institutional financing programs. She also will offer advice on dealing with college financial aid offices. This FREE program is geared towards current college students, college bound students and their parents. The presentation will include information on filling out FAFSA forms. The speaker has more than 20 years experience in the guidance and counseling field in an educational and private counseling setting.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

For free financial aid help, visit Schoolcraft College on Feb. 8, 2009 from 2 - 4 p.m.

For complete details visit www.MiCollegeGoal.org

MICHIGAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to high school graduates for college. In order to secure installment payments for the 2008-09 academic year, students must certify by Nov. 15, 2008.

Visit this Web site for details: www.Michigan.gov/promise

To be eligible to receive funds in the Michigan Promise Scholarship program, students must take the entire MME and show valid test results for all MME components. Next year, when current juniors are seniors, they must certify the funds by going to the above Web site address.

2008 Update: A student may **not** take the MME more than once, pursuant to new Michigan law.

HOW DO I CHOOSE BETWEEN THE ACT AND SAT?

While most colleges in the midwest have traditionally favored the ACT and colleges on both coasts have favored the SAT, most colleges will accept either score now. So which test is right for you? The best way to answer this question is to take both tests and the scores will tell.

Some students will score higher on one of these tests - you can't be sure which one is right for you until the results are tabulated. Both exam scores may be helpful when applying for scholarships because some require SAT and others require ACT. Most importantly, plan ahead and prepare. Packets for registering for either test are available in the counseling offices. Online registration is preferred.

SAT: www.collegeboard.com
 ACT: www.actstudent.org

High school codes: Canton - 233044
 Plymouth - 230469
 Salem - 233045

SAT & ACT TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

Workshops are offered to prepare students for SAT and ACT college entrance exams. They will cover test taking skills and strategies, test instructions, timing techniques, guessing, avoidance of common errors and positive thinking. Registration information is available in the Counseling Offices.

Plymouth-Canton Community Education offers workshops for students preparing for the ACT. Please call (734) 416-2937 for more information. Bring a calculator and a watch with a second hand. A manual is provided to each participant. Cost for this program is \$70. The course is offered on Nov. 12 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Canton High.

The Canton and Plymouth public libraries offer a wealth of knowledge and help with preparing for the ACT and SAT. Visit their Web sites or the libraries for complete information:

www.cantonpl.org
plymouthlibrary.org

P-CEP TEST SCORES

Average test scores for the ACT and SAT at P-CEP:

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
ACT	22.4	22.8	22.8	22.4	22.8
SAT	1144	1149	1151	1159	1657

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All candidates for graduation must earn a minimum of 22 approved credits which include:

English	4.0
(English 9, American Lit/Writing Grade 10 required; except TAG, Speech)	
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
(Geophysical and Biology required)	
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1.0
Social Studies	3.0
(U.S. History and Political & Economic Systems required)	
Human Skills	2.0
(2 credits from the following: Visual Art, Business, Education, World Language, Health Occupations, Music, Life Management, Technology)	
Human Relations	0.5
Computer Education	0.5
Electives	4.5
Credits Required to Graduate	22.0

NASA OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Applications are now being accepted for NASA's Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research and Education Experience (INSPIRE).

Students selected for INSPIRE will:

- Participate in the INSPIRE Online Community.
- Learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, fields of study and careers.
- Compete for unique summer experiences at a NASA facility.

To participate in the INSPIRE Online Community, students must:

- Be enrolled in ninth- through 12th-grade in high school.
- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- Have a 2.5 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate the desire and the academic preparation to pursue a STEM-related field of study beyond high school.
- Complete the online application process with all required documentation.

To be considered for the summer experiences, students must:

- Have a 3.0 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate active participation in the Online Community.
- Submit updated transcripts, recommendations and parent consent forms, as instructed.

The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2008. For more information or to apply, visit:

www.nasa.gov/education/INSPIRE

PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK DIRECTORY

Canton High School

TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Principal	Dr. Cassandra Smith	(734) 416-7545
Secretary To The Principal	Ellen Schroeder	(734) 416-7544
General Office	Jan Santomauro	(734) 416-7535
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	Mark Pogliano (Lb-Z)	(734) 416-7540
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	J. Calvin White (A-La)	(734) 582-6882
Canton Records Office Secretary	Linda Delezenne	(734) 455-6790
Counseling Office Secretary	Nancy Behr	(734) 455-6794
Nurse's Office	Nancy Bitzarakis	(734) 416-7707
Attendance (during school day)	Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.	(734) 416-7501
Attendance (after hours)	Between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m.	(734) 354-1624

Plymouth High School

TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Principal	Dr. Michael Bee	(734) 582-5600
Secretary To The Principal	Barbara Zdrodowski	(734) 582-5602
General Office	Debbie Phillips	(734) 582-5501
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	Julie Kaminski (Lb-Z)	(734) 582-5775
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	Bruce Siegel (A-La)	(734) 582-5707
Plymouth Records Office Secretary	Donna Hensel	(734) 582-5582
Counseling Office Secretary	Nancy Gerst	(734) 582-5818
Nurse's Office	Nancy Bitzarakis	(734) 416-7707
Attendance (during school day)	Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.	(734) 582-5545
Attendance (after hours)	Between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m.	(734) 354-1625

Salem High School

TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Principal	Patrick Fitzpatrick	(734) 416-7785
Secretary To The Principal	Marge Hay	(734) 416-7786
General Office	Diane Pirrie	(734) 416-7802
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	Nancy Laws (Lb-Z)	(734) 416-7808
Assistant Principal for Students / Discipline	Jan Gooding (A-La)	(734) 416-7804
Salem Records Office Secretary	Marilyn Jaeger	(734) 416-7793
Counseling Office	Debbie Pikulski	(734) 416-7755
Nurse's Office	Nancy Bitzarakis	(734) 416-7707
Attendance (during school day)	Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.	(734) 416-7810
Attendance (after hours)	Between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m.	(734) 354-1623

P-CEP SECURITY (734) 416-2902 • Anonymous Tip Line (734) 416-2920

P-CEP Athletic Department

Sue Heinzman (734) 416-2925 and Tom Willette (734) 416-7775

The athletic department at the Park is organized by sport. The directors of each sport are as follows:

Baseball - Tom Willette	Lacrosse (Boys) - Tom Willette
Basketball (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman	Pom - Sue Heinzman
Cheerleading/Co-ed/Competitive - Tom Willette	Soccer (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
Cross Country (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman	Softball - Tom Willette
Football - Tom Willette	Swimming (Boys & Girls) - Tom Willette
Golf (Boys) - Sue Heinzman	Tennis (Boys & Girls) - Tom Willette
Golf (Girls) - Tom Willette	Track (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
Gymnastics - Tom Willette	Volleyball - Sue Heinzman
Hockey (Boys) - Tom Willette	Wrestling - Sue Heinzman
Hockey (Girls) - Sue Heinzman	

2008-09 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MENTORING AND MEDIATION

November 10*	.....	First card marking report
November 13	.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 26–30	...	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 1	.....	Classes resume
December 15*	.....	Second progress reports distributed
Dec. 20 – Jan. 4	....	Winter Break
January 5	.....	Classes Resume
January 19	.....	Martin Luther King Day (No school students)
January 20-22	.....	Final exams - student ½ days
January 23	.....	End of first semester
January 23	.....	No school
February 1	.....	Last Day for ALL schedule changes
February 2*	.....	First Semester Report Cards Distributed
February 21 – 27	...	Mid-Winter Break
March 2	.....	Classes resume
February 3	.....	11th grade Registration Information Meeting
February 4	.....	10th grade Registration Information Meeting
February 5	.....	9th grade Registration Information Meeting
February 9	.....	Return course requests
March 10	.....	11th grade ACT testing (No school 9, 10, 12)
March 11	.....	11th grade MME testing (late start for 9, 10, 12)
March 12	.....	11th grade MME testing (late start for 9, 10, 12)
March 16*	.....	Third progress reports distributed
April 10 – 19	.....	Spring Break
April 20	.....	Classes Resume
April 3	.....	End of Third Marking Period
April 20*	.....	Third Card Marking Report Cards
May 15	.....	Senior Prom at Laurel Manor
May 18*	.....	Fourth Progress Reports Distributed
May 19	.....	Plymouth Senior Honors Convocation
May 20	.....	Canton Senior Honors Convocation
May 21	.....	Salem Senior Honors Convocation
May 25	.....	No school (Memorial Day)
June 3	.....	Seniors' Last Day
June 7	.....	Graduation
		Plymouth 11 a.m.
		Canton 2 p.m.
		Salem 5 p.m.
June 10, 11, 12	.....	Final Exams - student ½ days
June 12	.....	Last Day for Students
June 22*	.....	Second Semester reports cards mailed
June 16 & 17	.....	Summer School registration
June 22	.....	Summer School begins
July 24	.....	Last day of Summer School

*dates subject to change

The Mentoring and Mediating program continues to improve P-CEP this year, with classes in all three buildings busily completing training for peer mediation, dialogue facilitation, and peer mentoring. Our students are chosen through an extensive application process, and have proven to be leaders and caring members of our school community.

When training is complete, the students will conduct peer mediations on an on-call basis. When there is a conflict between students, staff and administrators have the option to refer those students to peer mediation, where the trained students facilitate a formal process of resolving the conflict, and signing an agreement to avoid any negative behavior or further disputes. We have found that peer mediation is extremely successful, and issues are often resolved quickly and in a positive way.

Mentor and mediation students also will begin working one-on-one with ninth and tenth graders to serve as a peer mentor. Mentors meet weekly with mentees in order to help with problem-solving, academics, and making positive connections here at the Park.

As a program focused on giving back, our students complete community service throughout the year. We often have mentors serving at school and local events, getting involved with charities and relief-organizations and helping to make our community a better place.

Mentoring and mediation students are called upon to serve as facilitators in discussions and workshops, and to present issues to student groups, such as harassment and bullying. In the spring, they will travel to district middle schools to conduct presentations and have dialogues with eighth graders in order to help them prepare for a successful high school experience.



**PARENT REMINDER:
P-CEP ATTENDANCE**

When reporting your student's absence from school, please call the student's home school.

Canton High School Attendance Office

(734) 416-7501 between 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(734) 354-1624 between 2 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Plymouth High School Attendance Office

(734) 582-5545 between 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(734) 354-1625 between 2 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Salem High School Attendance Office

(734) 416-7810 between 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(734) 354-1623 between 2 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Calling into our Attendance Office is the only way to excuse an absence – NOTES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event that school is closed by the superintendent, the district will send a voice message to every student and staff home phone number in the district.

The community relations also will notify the local TV stations:

WJBK - Channel 2

WDIV - Channel 4

WXYZ - Channel 7

along with radio stations:

WWJ - 950 AM

WJR - 760 AM

Information will be posted on the telephone hotline and the district's Web site:

(734) 416-2700

www.pccs.k12.mi.us