

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park COMMUNICATOR

a resource for Canton, Plymouth and Salem High School students and parents ■ March 2009

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM MARCH 10, 11, 12

JUNIORS!

The Michigan Merit Exam will be administered to all P-CEP juniors on March 10, 11 and 12 and consists of the ACT plus Writing, WorkKeys and the Michigan components. The P-CCS Board of Education has mandated that all students who wish to receive a P-CCS diploma take the MME.

The MME is a high stakes assessment because the results are used for the Michigan School Report Card and the federal Annual Yearly Progress. The MME has tremendous benefits for your student because the scores on the ACT portion can be considered for college admission. In addition, the scores on the entire MME are considered for

the Michigan Promise Scholarship (www.michigan.gov/promise).

To provide the best testing conditions, we will be administering the MME with only juniors on the P-CEP campus. Bus transportation will remain the same on testing days. Juniors not possessing a P-CEP parking permit may to drive on March 10. The make-up dates for the MME are scheduled for March 24 – 26, 2009 at the student's home school. If your student is absent for any day of the MME, they MUST take the make-up test on the appropriate day.

If you have any questions, contact your home school office.

Day 1: March 10 (ACT + Writing)

7 – 7:30 a.m. Juniors check-in at their home school cafeteria
7:30 a.m. Students report to assigned room
8 a.m. Testing begins
12:10 p.m. Testing concludes

Juniors are dismissed at the conclusion of the test. Students who remain on campus for bus transportation should report to the Salem cafeteria where lunch will be available for purchase.

Day 2: March 11 (WorkKeys)

7:13 a.m. Students report to assigned room
7:30 a.m. Testing begins
10:19 a.m. Testing concludes

Juniors report to 4th hour class or lunch at 10:29 a.m.
Afternoon class schedule: 4th, 5th and 6th hours.

Day 3: March 12 (Michigan Components)

7:13 a.m. Students report to assigned room
7:30 a.m. Testing begins
10:19 a.m. Testing concludes

Juniors report to 1st hour class or lunch at 10:29 a.m.
Afternoon class schedule: 1st, 2nd and 3rd hours.

Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors Only

Tues., March 10 - No School

Wed., March 11

- Delayed start - classes begin at 10:29 a.m.
- Morning buses run three hours and 15 minutes later than their regular pick-up time.
- Afternoon class schedule: attend your 4th, 5th & 6th hours
- Follow posted lunch schedule.
- Afternoon buses will run at their regular scheduled times.

Thur., March 12

- Delayed start - classes begin at 10:29 a.m.
- Morning buses run three hours and 15 minutes later than their regular pick-up time.
- Afternoon class schedule: attend your 1st, 2nd & 3rd hours.
- Follow posted lunch schedule.
- Afternoon buses will run at their regular scheduled times.

What you MUST bring:

- Photo ID
- TWO soft-lead, No. 2 pencils with erasers
- A calculator, if you wish to use one (visit www.actstudent.org to view the latest list of prohibited calculators)

What NOT to bring (strict rules):

- Phones or any electronic device
- Food or drink (including water) snacks will be provided outside of the testing rooms
- Backpacks or other items not related to testing

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

Effective April 1, 1996, Public Act 160 (P.A. 160) created the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, commonly referred to as dual enrollment. This law directs school districts to assist students in paying tuition and fees for courses at Michigan public or private colleges or universities, if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Students are in grade 11 or grade 12.
2. Students can qualify for dual enrollment by taking one of the following assessments: PSAT, ACT, PLAN, ACT, or MME. The table to the right shows the complete list of scores that qualify students for dual enrollment.
3. Students must be enrolled in both the school district and postsecondary institution during the local school district's regular academic year and must be enrolled in at least one high school class.
4. The district must not offer the college courses. An exception to this could occur if the local board of education determines that a scheduling conflict exists, which is beyond the student's control.
5. The college courses cannot be a hobby, craft, or recreation course, or in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education.

6. School districts are required to pay the lesser of:
 - (a) The actual charge for tuition, mandatory course fees, materials fees and registration fees; or
 - (b) that state portion of the student's foundation allowance, adjusted to the proportion of the school year they attend the postsecondary institution.

Please review the contents of this article carefully. If you believe you are eligible for dual enrollment, qualify for tuition and fee support, and wish to participate, contact your guidance counselor.

Test	Test Section	Content Area	Dual Enrollment Qualifying Score
PSAT	Critical Reading	Reading	44
	Writing Skills	Writing	49
	Mathematics	Mathematics	45
PLAN	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
ACT	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
MME	Reading	Reading	1100
	Writing	Writing	1100
	Mathematics	Mathematics	1100
	Science	Science	1100
	Social Studies	Social Studies	1100

Park Players presents...

Smokey Joe's Cafe

The Songs of Leiber & Stoller

The Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts
(Salem High School)

March 12-14 & 20-21, 2009 @ 8pm
Tickets \$12, Reserved Seating

www.parkplayers.org

performance rights arranged through R&HTheatricals

Second Stage Players
present

The Laramie Project

March 26-28
April 2-4
8:00 PM

DuBois Little Theater
Canton High School

Tickets \$10
Reserved Seating

Parental guidance suggested

(734)416-7514
www.secondstageplayers.org

P-CEP Choirs present *Singsation*, their annual spring pops concert on Tues., May 12, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Logan Auditorium. Tickets are on sale for \$5 and may be purchased in advance by calling (734) 416-7765 or at the door on the night of the concert.

Singsation will feature a variety of popular choral music including songs from the Broadway shows *West Side Story*, *Hairspray*, *Ragtime*, *The Wedding Singer*, *42nd Street*, *Mary Poppins*, *Sunday In the Park with George*, *A Chorus Line*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. The concert program will also feature music from the films *Enchanted*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *Toy Story 2*.

The award-winning P-CEP Choirs are under the guidance of Director of Choirs Jennifer L. Kopp and Assistant Director Shelley Klippel and include nearly 300 students in six ensembles in grades 9-12 at the Park.

What is the rhythm of your heart?
Find out.
Join Choir.

The P-CEP Choirs are currently auditioning for next school year. Whatever your level of talent - from rock star, to opera diva, to shower singer - we have a place for you to learn and grow. One of our six choral ensembles is perfect for you. Stop by Salem Room 1603 and see Mrs. Kopp or Mrs. Klippel for complete details.

you are invited to attend

An Evening of Excellence

Fri., March 20, 2009
7:30 p.m.
at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Adults: \$50, Students: \$25

The evening features a showcase of outstanding performances by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' students, and culminates with a gala reception.

To purchase your tickets, please contact
Carole Kody
Phone: (734) 416-2718
E-mail: kodyc@pccs.k12.mi.us

This event is hosted by the Educational Excellence Foundation, which funds projects that enhance teaching and learning in the P-CCS district.

FINALISTS IN THE 2009 COMPETITION FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

These Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students were named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists. The students rank in the top one percent of their peers across the nation. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition in hopes of being awarded one of the 8,200 Merit Scholarship (about \$32 million) to be offered next month. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2008 PSAT.



Willa Chen
Canton



Nikita Consul
Salem



Kelley Determan
Salem



Ke Ding
Canton



Derrick Fu
Salem



Megan Ghastin
Salem



Monika Kothari
Plymouth



Linda Ling
Salem



Katherine Marion
Canton



George Muresan
Canton



Surya Nagaraja
Salem



Ryan Randall
Canton



Santosh Shanmuga
Canton



Amy Shen
Plymouth

P-CEP Administrative Leadership Structure

Plans have been finalized for the new administrative structure at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park starting with the 2009-10 school year. The changes are being made as a result of the retirement of seven of the thirteen principals and assistant principals as of June 2009.

At the end of this school year Dr. Cassandra Smith, Principal of Canton High School and Dr. Michael Bee, Principal of Plymouth High School will join Jerry Ostoin in retirement. Mr. Ostoin, former Principal of Salem High School officially retired in November 2007.

Sharon Strean retired from her position as Assistant Principal at Salem in June, 2008 and Jan Gooding retired from her position as an Assistant Principal at Salem in January, 2009. Carolyn Anulewicz, Assistant Principal at Salem and Ron Gooding, Assistant Principal at Plymouth will both retire in June, 2009.

We are grateful for the outstanding leadership that each of these individuals have provided and will miss their tremendous expertise, experience and commitment to student success. We wish them all the best for an enjoyable retirement.

The six remaining administrators include: Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, Interim Principal at Salem; Julie Kaminski and Bruce Siegel, Assistant Principals at Plymouth; Erin MacGregor, Mark Pogliano and J. Calvin White, Assistant Principals at Canton. We look forward to the continued excellent leadership that each of these individuals have provided to our entire school community.

The Park has benefited from the additional support of teachers who have stepped up to fill interim administrator roles. It's important to recognize Nancy Laws, Allie Suffety and Kim Villarosa, Interim Assistant Principals at Salem, for their contributions in this time of transition.

The current administrative structure consists of three principals and ten assistant principals serving the three schools. The new structure will consist of one overall principal for P-CEP supported by three associate principals (one at each school) and nine assistant principals (three at each school). The structure satisfies the district's commitment to operate as "three schools, one park" by organizing for greater consistency across the Park while maintaining the unique features and traditions of each school.

The new structure is designed to provide for greater accessibility to administrators with twelve administrators being assigned a student case load instead of the current six. Each of the associate/assistant principals will continue

the tradition of subject area department leadership assuring high expectations for student achievement. Once the new administrative team is in place on July 1, 2009 parents wishing to discuss academic, behavior, attendance or any other issues related to their child can contact the associate/assistant principal assigned to their child.


The open positions will be filled over the next three months beginning with the Park Principal followed by the Associate Principals, and then the Assistant Principals.

We are excited about our current administrators joining their new colleagues to carry on the tradition of excellence in leadership as well as continue to move P-CEP forward.

Questions about the new structure are welcome. Contact Michael Bender, Director of Secondary Education by phone at 734-416-2705 or by e-mail at: benderm@pccs.k12.mi.us.

PLYMOUTH - CANTON
Community Schools

Career Cruising



Career Pathways Night 2009
expressly for parents and students in grades 8-12!

Wednesday
March 18, 2009
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Salem High School


Open House

46181 Joy Road, Canton

...an opportunity for parents and students to cruise the Career Pathways and put high school and post-high school planning into gear!

Visit more than 50 booths where employers will give career information.

Need more information?
Call 416-2944



YOUR FUTURE AHEAD

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National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a nationally respected organization of outstanding high school students. The P-CEP chapter accepts students in grades 11 and 12. Membership in NHS is an honor recognized by colleges, employers and the community. To qualify, students must meet four criteria:

SCHOLARSHIP: Juniors and seniors must have a career GPA of 3.5 or better. At the end of the year, students who meet this criterion will have a letter sent to his/her home issuing an invitation to apply.

SERVICE: A prospective member must have participated in service activities during the high school years. Activities must be done in the spirit of service; they can be done through school or the community. It cannot, however, be anything for which either school credit or payment was received. Although there is no minimum number of service hours, most accepted members have served about thirty hours.

LEADERSHIP: A prospective member must have demonstrated qualities of leadership since entering high school. This criterion must be above and beyond service. This could be by serving as a chairperson of a committee; serving as an officer of an organization; or organizing a special activity at school, church or in the community. Leadership might also be demonstrated by being captain of an athletic team or a leader in a drama or musical activity or as a 'crew leader' at work. To demonstrate leadership, applicants are required to write a one-page letter to the Faculty Selection Committee demonstrating how this leadership affected him/her as a person.

CHARACTER: Applicants must demonstrate good character by submitting a letter of recommendation from an adult who knows him/her outside the school setting.

Once students receive the invitation to apply in August, they have a month to complete their application, which includes: verification of service, leadership letter and a character reference letter. The faculty selection committee reviews applications and votes on admission into NHS.

Once accepted into NHS, members must maintain their academic excellence and continue to serve the community. This year, as a chapter, we will give back to the community with more than 7,000 hours of service in areas such as tutoring, a dance honoring Special Olympians, school events, Relay for Life and much more.

Beth Savalox is the advisor for NHS and may be reached at savalob@pccs.k12.mi.us or (734) 582-5816.

Martha Reeves Visits P-CEP

On Feb. 9, Martha Reeves visited Plymouth High School to speak to students about careers in the entertainment business and politics. Jabari and Nsedua's Pride is a student organization with a mission to provide support and help African American students foster a broader vision of self and purpose in society. JNP hosted Reeves for the roundtable discussion as part of an effort to educate students about the possibilities after high school. Students had an opportunity to ask Reeves questions about her careers as an entertainer and politician.

JNP is just one of more than 75 clubs and organizations at P-CEP. Students are encouraged to join a club that interests them and become involved in extra-curricular activities.



Darrell White (Vice President), Winston Roberts (Treasurer), Martha Reeves, Olivia Mensah (President), Bianca Shelman (Secretary)

School Closings

In the event that school is closed by the superintendent, you will receive a recorded message to your home telephone number. We 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

The community relations staff also updates the district's Web site and telephone hotline (734) 416-2700.

Writing skills are life skills

5 ways to help your child learn to
love to write

By Amy Bentley

Published: November, 2008

www.ocfamily.com

What do a school essay, a resume, an e-mail to a friend and a cover letter to a potential employer have in common? All require good writing skills, a key to high achievement in school and in the workplace.

Writing develops critical-thinking skills and helps students learn and excel in other subjects. The more students write and receive positive feedback, the more their writing improves, according to the National Council of Teachers of English.

Here are five ways you can help your child improve his writing skills:

Read more

Reading and writing are closely linked. You can't be a good writer without being a good reader first. Parents should encourage their children to read as much as possible.

"They have to be reading all the time," says author Susan Straight, mother of three teen daughters and a professor of creative writing at UC Riverside. "You have to give them the books they love ..."

Experiment with writing for different audiences

The NCTE suggests that parents help children expand their range and abilities by encouraging them to write for different purposes and for different audiences. Children can write short stories, notes to the Tooth Fairy, letters to the editor, vacation journals, thank-you notes, a business letter to a company about a broken product or letters to grandparents.

"One of the best things we can teach kids is that there are many multiple

genres for writing," says Cathy Fleischer, a professor in the English Language and Literature Department at Eastern Michigan University and a member of the NCTE editorial board. She is also a co-director of the National Writing Project's Family Literacy Initiative and hosts writing workshops for parents. "Always respond positively to your child's writing. Be excited about your kids' writing."

"Anything dealing with audience and purpose will really help as they get older," adds Dara Mosher, instructional services specialist, grades 7-12, for the Riverside Unified School District. "Letter writing and paying close attention to audience and purpose will be helpful. Those particular skills are part of the standards through high school. Have them write a recipe for their favorite food so they are getting the sense of sequencing in their writing."

Make writing fun

Experts suggest that parents allow their children to write phone messages, fill in the invitations for their birthday parties, write a list of things they want for their birthday and write letters to friends. Children might have fun writing a short story on how they would spend \$100. Don't forget to have the kids write a list of gifts they would like from Santa.

Parents can also write to their child; in fact, it sets a good example for kids to see their parents writing at home. "Drop them a note in their lunch box or write them a congratulations note if they do well," Fleischer says. "I travel for my job, so I always write a note that goes under my kids' pillows for the first night that I'm gone."

UC Riverside's Straight adds, "One good way to get kids to write is (to give) them some poetry, because they like things that rhyme. For older kids, they can go outside and describe something, so they get used to the ideas of metaphors and images. You could say, 'Why don't you write a paragraph describing that bush?' You could say, 'It's as red as Kool-Aid or a cherry.'"

Embrace literacy and technology

Writing no longer means scratching words on paper. Students must learn to evaluate and navigate Internet resources and publish texts online. Parents, in turn, must acknowledge that young people like to communicate electronically and need guidance to do it well. The Internet offers children many opportunities to write and be published.

Parents can help their kids find and read a newspaper online, then write a comment about a story to post in the comments section. Or, help your child write e-mail messages to friends, relatives and teachers. Even Kindergartners can fire off e-mails to Grandma.

Encourage your children to show off their skills by writing clearly and concisely, using correct punctuation and full sentences and avoiding ubiquitous Internet slang like "lol" and other abbreviations, as well as clichés. Teach the children that using sentence fragments, abbreviations and computer slang is fine for e-mails to friends, but it's not appropriate for their written schoolwork, says Fleischer.

Give your children gifts associated with writing

Make sure the kids have plenty of pens of different types and colors, sharpened pencils, erasers or Liquid Paper, stationery, envelopes and stamps for letter writing. They should also have an age-appropriate dictionary. Ideally children should have a desk or space of their own at home where they can write and keep their supplies.

Finally, don't forget that writing is a process of developing and organizing ideas, then revising and editing for grammar, word usage and spelling. Don't let your kids just hit the "print" button when they're done writing!

Article courtesy of www.ocfamily.com

WSDP RADIO AUCTION

88.1FM's biggest fund raiser is the WSDP Radio Auction. Mark your calendars for Sat., May 16, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Listen to 88.1FM throughout the day to bid on items donated by area businesses. The auction is like the Home Shopping Network on radio. New items will be auctioned off every half-hour. Listeners can support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. There are many great items - including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates and services from local businesses. A Dream Board of the more unique items will be available for bidding all day long.

Area businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating an item. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses benefit from the exposure they receive while the item is up for bid. Most importantly they help a very worthwhile program.

88.1FM PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH KERI NOBLE

88.1FM is pleased to present recording artist Keri Noble, with special guests The Mean Reds and Rachele Eve, for a special concert on Sat., March 28, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. Noble was born in Detroit and now makes her home in Minneapolis. This month she released a new self-titled CD on Telarc Records. The Mean Reds formed as a duo featuring Kylee Phillips on vocals and keyboards and Garrett Schmittling on guitar. They expanded to a four-piece band with the addition of Jon Rounke on drums and Ron Cox on bass. This past fall they released their first CD, The Saturday Morning EP. Rachele Eve grew up in Plymouth and was later attracted to Chicago's diverse music scene so she set out for the windy city. Her first full-length album is entitled Mouth of Feathers.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets can be ordered online at www.881TheEscape.com (\$2.50 service charge). The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. All profits will benefit WSDP, the student radio station at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools.

P-CEP Activities & Athletics Extravaganza

Interested in joining a club,
organization or athletic team next year?
Come to the Extravaganza to explore
all the great opportunities at **The Park!**

April 7, 2009

Buildings will be open for touring from 6 - 9 p.m., and school stores will be open. More than 40 P-CEP clubs and organizations will be represented. See live performances and a slide show of activities in the auditorium. Coaches, advisors, and current students will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information about teams, clubs, classes, etc.

SCHEDULE PICK-UP FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

The *tentative* timetable for schedule pick-up for next school year is listed below. Watch your mailbox in August for final details.

Aug. 26	7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Seniors
Aug. 27	7:15 - 10:15 a.m. Juniors 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Sophomores
Aug. 28	7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Freshmen

District Art Show

Plymouth High School
April 25

Festival of India - Dinner & Show

Logan Auditorium in Salem High School
May 2 at 5 p.m.

P-CEP Singasation Choral Concert

Logan Auditorium in Salem High School
May 12 at 7 p.m.

Film Festival Screening

DuBois Theater in Canton High School
May 13 at 2:45 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

Logan Auditorium in Salem High School
May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the P-CEP String Quartet who were invited to play for the Governor again this past holiday season. Sylvia Chen, Avery Bruni, Kurt Tseng and Elise Chagas entertained the Governor and her guests at her annual holiday gala.



Sylvia Chen, Catherine DePentu, Avery Bruni, Gov. Granholm, Elise Chagas and Kurt Tseng

GOOD LUCK!

...to the P-CEP Culinary Arts Competition Team at the state championship event on Sun., March 15. This year's event will take place at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. The P-CEP team is always in the running for the Michigan state championship, and it won the national championship in 2004.

...to the P-CEP Robotics Team who will compete at two district competitions this month (March 6 & 7 at Kettering, March 27 & 28 at GVSU) in the hopes of landing a place at the state competition on April 2-4. There are 54 members on the 2008-09 Robotics Team.

HIGH HONORS

Four P-CEP musicians participated in All-State Band and Ryan Zaluzec (Canton senior) was the Concert Master.

The band program has seven students participating in Michigan Youth Band. The Michigan Youth Band provides the opportunity for students to explore music at the collegiate level, and enhance their skills through quality rehearsals culminating in a semester concert.

Jeff Garcia (Salem junior) earned a place in Eastern Michigan University's honors band.

Forty-seven P-CEP marketing students have qualified to compete in DECA's state competition March 13 -15. DECA is designed to help teach students about marketing and possible careers in business. Students compete through a series of tests and role-plays in a specific marketing related category. Congratulations to all of the state qualifiers. The DECA members hope to advance to Nationals and attend the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California in April.

Congratulations to the Health Occupations Students of America members who competed in their regional competition. P-CEP was represented by 17 students at the competition, which was held at Schoolcraft College. More than 450 students from Wayne County participated in the event, with 15 P-CEP students qualifying for the state competition this April. HOSA is a national student organization with a goal to provide opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development for students interested in health care. The students participated in events such as nursing assisting skills, physical therapy skills, medical spelling, career health display, extemporaneous speaking and knowledge testing.



HOSA Club

Front: Karly Kamin, Erin Quinn, Roxana Muresan, Rebecca Muresan, Filiz Turk, Farah Syed, Beesan Yaish. Middle: Kara Smith, Sarah Walsh, Alyssa Letherwood. Back: Hamzeh Omar, Samer Sabri, Tariq Louzon, Nicholas Carabott, Jonathan Alverio, Lisa Hursin, Farah Louzon

PARENT FORUMS

P-CEP Parent Forums are a monthly informative meeting hosted by members of the Park administration team. Meetings are open to parents of P-CEP and eighth grade students. The meeting location rotates between the high schools to allow parents to see them all "in action" during the school day.

Parents have a chance to meet and talk with other P-CEP parents, sign up for parent volunteer activities through the Parent Involvement Committee and hear valuable information about the Park.

Schedule:

March 17 (Plymouth High School)
April 21 (Plymouth High School)
May 12 (Plymouth High School)

Meetings are generally held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. with the principal of the host school arranging the program.


SUMMER SCHOOL

The high school summer school program will be held at Salem High School from June 22 - July 23, 2009. Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday and are three hours in length: 7:15 -10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 1:25 p.m. Students are expected to attend all class sessions for the entire 20 days of summer school. A list of classes will be posted on the district Web site by March 16. The list also will be available in the counseling offices of the high schools and middle schools. Registration forms for classes will be available beginning May 1 at the same locations and will be accepted beginning May 6 by U.S. mail only. Updated information on the summer school program can be accessed at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep or call the summer school hotline at 734-416-2974.

Summer School Textbooks

Summer school textbook checkout will be on Mon., June 22 during your scheduled class time. Please note that June 22 is the **ONLY** time for summer school textbook checkout. All previous books and debts must be paid prior to June 22 to receive your summer school books. To ensure proper return of books, the bookroom at Salem will be open June 15 - 18 from 7:30 a.m. until noon.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Willard

 (734) 455-6883

 WillarL@pccs.K12.mi.us

PROM: A NOTE TO PARENTS

Friday, May 15, 2009 at Laurel Manor

6:30 p.m. - midnight

Ticket Cost: \$50

Tickets for sale during A & B lunch:
April 6, 7, 8, 9 and 21, 22, 23, 24

As students make plans to attend the Prom, we ask parents to help us make these events a wonderful experience for everyone. As always, we are concerned about the safety and behavior of our students at school events.

Dress: It is important for students to remember that we have expectations for appropriate attire at the dances. The prom is a formal event. We ask that female students avoid wearing clothing that is excessively revealing. Since shoes are required to be worn for safety, students should wear comfortable shoes that will withstand the fun of dancing. Young men may not remove their dress shirts during the evening.

Dancing: We ask that our students do not engage in highly provocative and sexual dancing. As part of our efforts to encourage appropriate dancing, students will see administrators and teachers walk through the dance floor and redirect any students who dance inappropriately. The proms are school-sponsored events and all school rules will be enforced. Thank you for your support.

Help the Humane Society

Salem Student Congress is hosting their annual Humane Society Scavenger Hunt March 9 - 23. Students can bring items to participating teachers or to room 2140 Salem. The wish list for the Westland Berman Center for Animal Care includes:

- AA size batteries
- Cat and Dog Toys (nonporous)
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- Dishwashing liquid
- Dog Treats/Rawhide Chews
- Dog Toys (stuffed)
- Dryer sheets (unscented)
- Nyla bones
- Paper Products
- Paper Towels
- Pens

CLASS OF 2009 SENIOR PARTY

When: Sun., June 7, 2009
9 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Where: Salem High School

Cost: \$35 for tickets until May 31
\$45 for tickets purchased at the door
Make checks payable to P-CEP Senior Party

Tickets will not be issued, a master list will be kept

Tickets may be purchased by mail through May 31:
Class of 2009 Senior Party
7390 Chesterfield Dr. E.
Canton, MI 48187

Be sure to include your payment, along with student name and ID number, home address, e-mail address and phone number. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of your purchase request.

Check web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep and search "senior party"

The Senior Party Committee Needs Volunteers

One of the best things you can do for the senior party is volunteer. This party is made possible by the work of parents and support from the community. Please send an e-mail to pcep-senior-party@comcast.net to volunteer - there is something for everyone. All help is welcome.

Upcoming planning meetings will be on Mon., April 6, Mon., May 4 and Mon., June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Salem Library. We invite ALL parents to join us, especially those of current seniors. Parents of current juniors are encouraged to attend to learn about all that goes into making the party a success.

We are now **seeking chaperones** for the event. If you can assist, please send an e-mail to: pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

The Decorations Committee has two Saturday work sessions coming up -

March 7 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 21 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please e-mail the committee for details and to sign up: pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

We are in need of donations for prizes: cash, gift cards (\$20 to \$25 denominations: gas, office supplies, restaurants, electronics, movies, bowling), merchandise: iPods, computers, TVs, DVD players, clocks, cameras, microwaves, mini-fridges

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.

Please note the following guidelines, found in the student handbook regarding attendance.

Parents/guardians are expected to notify the student's home school the day a student is absent or by 7 a.m. the following day. Parents may call the Attendance Office between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. or call the recorded answering service between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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

Unexcused absences are not acceptable and students may be assigned detention(s) for unexcused absences.

To be eligible for credit in any class, a student may not exceed nine (9) chargeable absences during the semester.

RETURN TEXTBOOKS ON TIME

Help keep costs down - return your textbooks on time!

The P-CEP bookroom is located in Salem. Regular hours are 6:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Students MUST return all of their textbooks as part of their final checkout.

End of Year Hours

June 1-5 & June 8-9	6:45 a.m. until 3 p.m.
June 10-12	6:45 a.m. until noon
June 15-18	7:30 a.m. until noon

Please DO NOT keep your books during the summer. If the bookroom is closed, take your books to the general office of your home school. The general offices are open Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. all summer long.

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

Salem Student Congress Scholarships

The Salem Student Congress sponsored leadership scholarship applications are available for seniors to pick up in Salem's General Office or Mrs. Moss' Room, Salem 2140. The applications are due March 16.

Plymouth Leadership Scholarships

All Plymouth seniors are eligible for the Plymouth Leadership Scholarships. Please pick up an application in the Plymouth Counseling Office or see Mrs. Kulczycki. Applications are due March 16.

Canton Student Congress Scholarships

Canton Congress is sponsoring Student Leadership Scholarships. All Canton High School seniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in CV10 and the counseling office. Completed applications are due by 3 p.m. on March 16.

2009-10 Student Congress

Student Congress applications for the 2009-10 school year will be available on March 23. At each school, the governing body is responsible for planning activities and making decisions regarding the entire student population. The main activities are homecoming events, canned food drives, Toys for Tots, Extravaganza and various community and school projects.

Applications are available:

Canton: General Office & Mrs. Zajackowski's room CV10

Plymouth: General Office & Mrs. Kulczycki's room C100

Salem: General Office & Mrs. Moss' room, Salem 2140

Applications for Student Congress are due April 23.

STUDENT REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS CARDS

P-CEP provides regular communication about student progress and grades through progress reports and quarterly report cards. The dates for these reports for the 2008-09 school year are:

Progress Reports: March 16 and May 18

Report Cards: April 20 and June 26

Progress reports and quarterly report cards are sent home with the student with the exception of the final report card in June, which is mailed to the address provided as the student residence.

IMPORTANT: If you are a parent/guardian and wish to receive a progress report or report card and do not reside with the student, you may receive reports by providing self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the student's assistant principal. The school may request identification or additional information if deemed necessary.

COUNSELING UPDATES

Senior Update

HONORS NIGHT FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Plymouth on May 19

Canton on May 20

Salem on May 21

Students will be receiving invitations by late April for Honors Night. Remember to bring notification of ALL scholarships to the counseling secretary in your home school. Students are honored for all scholarships they have been awarded, even if they do not intend on using them.

SENIOR CHECK OUT

Check out packets will be available in the counseling offices Mon., June 1. All seniors must check out with their counselor by June 3 with a completed student check out form (with all teacher signatures). Upon completion of this process, graduation tickets will be issued.

Junior Update

JUNIOR CONFERENCES

Conferences take place in the spring. This is a critical meeting when we discuss accumulated credits, courses for senior year, college admissions testing, college applications, financial aid, careers and information relevant to post-high school planning with your student. Individual conferences will be scheduled with your student's counselor. Upon completion of this conference, a Credit Accounting Form listing credits earned-to-date and specific credits still needed for graduation will be mailed.

SENIOR STATUS

In order to be considered a senior, a student must have earned 14 credits prior to the beginning of this senior year. 22 credits are required for graduation and all specific graduation requirements must be met.

COLLEGE TESTS (SAT / ACT / MME)

The new Michigan Merit Exam (MME) includes the ACT + Writing and Michigan Work Keys. This will be administered, free of charge, to all juniors during the school day on March 10, 11 and 12 (see page 1). Students wishing to retake the ACT at their own expense may register online at www.ACTstudent.org. Students wishing to take the SAT must register online at www.CollegeBoard.com

ACT TEST DATE

- June 13, 2009 at Plymouth, registration deadline May 8

SAT TEST DATES

- May 2, 2009 at Salem, registration deadline March 31
- June 6, 2009 (location TBD) registration deadline is May 5

Preparation workshops for these tests are available at Schoolcraft College, Plymouth-Canton Community Education and private companies. Information on available workshops may be picked up in the counseling offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is extremely important that students listen to the weekly announcements so that they will not miss important deadline dates and general information. Parents and students can automatically receive weekly announcements by signing up through P-CEP News on the school Web site: web.pccs.12.mi.us/pcep

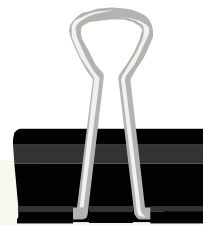
SENIOR PARENTS NIGHT

The presentation will be held in September 2009 before Open House. Check the August, 2009 Communicator for the date and times. During Senior Parent Night, counselors will review important information for you and your senior.

For Juniors Only: College Essay Writing Workshop

Location: Plymouth High School Distance Learning Lab
When: Tues., May 5, 2009 - 3rd or 4th hour

It's time to start thinking about your essay or personal statement for college applications. Attend this workshop for some helpful hints, grammatical help, and general information from Amanda Schmidt from the University of Michigan. Sign up in the Career Centers at each school; you will need a pass to attend.



P-CEP is excited to announce that everything you need to know for your junior year can be accessed on the Class of 2010 Web site

web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2010/2010.htm

PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK DIRECTORY

	TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Canton High School	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	Mark Pogliano (Lb-Z)	(734) 416-7540
	Assistant Principal for Students	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
	TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Plymouth High School	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	Julie Kaminski (Lb-Z)	(734) 582-5775
	Assistant Principal for Students	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
	TITLE	NAME	PHONE
Salem High School	Principal (Interim)	Dr. 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 (Interim)	Nancy Laws (Lb-Z)	(734) 416-7808
	Assistant Principal for Students (Interim)	Allie Suffety (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
 Basketball (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
 Cheerleading/Co-ed/Competitive - Tom Willette
 Cross Country (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
 Football - Tom Willette
 Golf (Boys) - Sue Heinzman
 Golf (Girls) - Tom Willette
 Gymnastics - Tom Willette
 Hockey (Boys) - Tom Willette
 Hockey (Girls) - Sue Heinzman

Lacrosse (Boys) - Tom Willette
 Pom - Sue Heinzman
 Soccer (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
 Softball - Tom Willette
 Swimming (Boys & Girls) - Tom Willette
 Tennis (Boys & Girls) - Tom Willette
 Track (Boys & Girls) - Sue Heinzman
 Volleyball - Sue Heinzman
 Wrestling - Sue Heinzman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10	11th grade MME/ACT testing (No school grades 9, 10, 12)
March 11	11th grade MME testing (late start grades 9, 10, 12)
March 12	11th grade MME testing (late start grades 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 19	Plymouth Honors Convocation
May 20	Canton High Honors Convocation
May 21	Salem High Honors Convocation
May 15	Senior Prom
May 18*	Fourth Progress Reports Distributed
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 - ½ days for Students
June 12	Last Day for Students
June 16 & 17	Summer School registration
June 22*	Second Semester reports cards mailed home
June 22	Summer School begins
July 24	Last day of Summer School

*dates subject to change

Next Year Milestone Dates...

Sept. 8, 2009First Day for Students


Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, 2010 ..Winter Break

April 2-11, 2010Spring Break



Graduation

In an effort to reduce expenses and preserve a memorable graduation experience, the Park administration, supported by the Board of Education, has implemented the following ticket distribution procedure:

- Each senior will receive two complimentary, general admission tickets. These tickets will be issued to seniors by their counselor upon returning the completed Senior Accounting Form on Wed., June 3, 2009
- Additional tickets may be ordered by contacting Eastern Michigan University by phone at (734)  -2782 or e-mail at mszabo1@emich.edu. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Anyone older than five-years-old is required to have a ticket to enter the arena.
- **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DOOR.**

454 South Harvey
Plymouth, MI 48170



Visit our web site
<http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep>

WHO WE ARE

About P-CEP, documents relating to P-CEP, Guidance & Counseling Web site, Library and Media web site, Spotlight Photo Gallery, Staff Directory

P-CEP NEWS

Current news bulletins from P-CEP Administration

CALENDARS

Athletics, Clubs & Organizations, individual high school and district events

CURRICULUM & GUIDANCE

Course descriptions (Program of Studies) and Guidance & Counseling information

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Frequently asked questions, directories, class schedules, communications, departments, documents, and school nurse information

PARENT CONNECTION

Information of interest to parents: scholarships, news & announcements, e-mail lists, Parent Forums, information about the Parent Involvement Committee

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subscribe to the mailing list to receive an e-mail every Friday containing updates, notes of interest, and information for parents, students and staff. To subscribe, visit the Web site and select **Parent Connection** or **Help** for instructions.

E-mail: pcepadmin@plymouth-cantonschools.net

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