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# PTHS EXTRA

March, 2019

Cool things that happened at PTHS, during the month of March:



## Congratulations to our PTHS Knowledge Bowl Team!

The PTHS Knowledge Bowl Team brought home the 1A championship trophy, after beating out 17 teams at the state competition in Yakima, on March 22-23. In the final round of competition, our team beat out Henrietta Lacks HS from Vancouver and Freeman HS, outside of Spokane. Team members are Raphael Bakin, Gabe Petrick, Louis Babik, Karen Absher, Jules Short and Henry Stier. The team is advised by PTHS teachers, Ben and Julianne Dow.

## Cell Phone Rules

New rules for the use of cell phones during instructional time, have been put in place at the high school. These rules are being put in place due to the challenges with managing cell phone use, and misuse, in classrooms.

The new cell phone rules were sent home to all parents through a letter, and the same information has been presented to students through a power point presentation in selected classrooms. Students have also been presented a copy of the rules in written form.

Cell phone holders are being provided in all classrooms, as well as the library and office areas. Students who do not want to use the cell phone holder may choose to keep their phone secured in a backpack.

## Save the Date!

### State Testing

**April 15-26**

Smarter Balanced exam testing is a graduation requirement!

### AP Testing

**May 4 - 11**

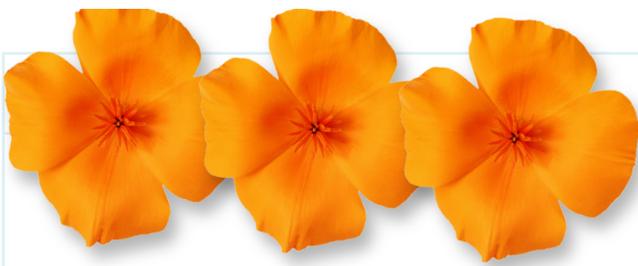
Advanced Placement exams are coming up in May!

### Cabaret!

**May 3**

PTHS Spring Play, Cabaret, opens on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through May 19<sup>th</sup>.





## SPRING FLING Activities Welcomes in March

Sophomores planned a hosted a week of “Spring Fling” activities, including dress up days, and a dance on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dress up days included 'flannel day', 'collegiate day', 'sports day', 'meme day' and 'a day in LA' (summer wear). This event also serves as a sophomore class fundraiser.

## Mock Trial Teams Compete at State

Fifteen of our Mock Trial students, and advisor Chris Pierson, attended state competition on March 22-23, at the Thurston County Courthouse in Olympia. Mock Trial is a program of YMCA Youth & Government, giving students a unique blend of law, debate and drama, while sharpening their critical thinking and public speaking skills. Our students placed 13<sup>th</sup> this year. Our Mock Trial team has consistently participated in state competitions for the past 15 years.

## PTHS Competes at State Orchestra Festival

The Port Townsend High School Orchestra participated in the ASTA (American String Teachers Association) Washington State Orchestra festival on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. This event was held on the campus of Western Washington University. Almost 30 orchestra programs from Washington State participated in the judged event. Our students traveled up on Friday and attended a strings concert that evening, after touring the WWU campus. The orchestra has been working diligently on several pieces for their performance from modern 20<sup>th</sup> century works, Romantic era works and also a piece from the Baroque period. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year this competition has been held.

## PTHS Breaks Ground on Elevator Installation Project

Thanks to funds allocated as part of the 2016 bond, which built Salish Coast Elementary, and the approval of the school levy on February 12, the high school broke ground for an elevator installation project, on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff alike were mesmerized, with both awe and sentiment, watching the front entry of the Main building, being removed that week. The project calls for two elevators to be installed on the high school campus. One elevator is designated for the front of the Main building, with a second elevator being added onto the front of the Math and Science Annex building. The addition of these two elevators will insure that students, staff, parents and community will be able to access all floors of the school. By opening up our campus to individuals with mobility issues, we will be in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. The project is occurring during school time, and will continue throughout the summer. The expected completion date is set for September 5, 2019.

Thank you voters and community for this important campus upgrade at our school.

