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PTHS EXTRA

December, 2018

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

Youth Vaping Town Hall Meeting

The Port Townsend Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative is hosting a meeting on the problem of youth vaping. The meeting will be held at the Jefferson County Public Health on Thursday, December 20 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Participants will learn about vaping facts, tips for parents on prevention and intervention resources. The meeting will include a question and answer session and reliable resource information for anyone wanting to help reduce teen vaping.

Questions may be directed to Karen Obermeyer at County Health, 360-385-9400 or through email at kobermeyer@co.jefferson.wa.

Winter Wonderland Themed Week of Fun and Games!

Our ASB student group and Redhawk Mentors put together some fun activities at school, during the week of December 10-14. Tuesday was 'Twin Day', Wednesday was 'Pajama Pants Day' and students enjoyed hot cocoa being served at lunch, Thursday was 'Holiday Headwear and Accessories' with selected students participating in a pie eating contest. Friday was 'Ugly Sweater Day'. That evening at the basketball game vs. Chimacum, there was a friendly competition between PTHS and Chimacum fans, to raise money for our local Port Townsend Food Bank. With a total of over \$250 being raised, the CHS athletic director, Tony Haddenham, was dressed as a Redhawk fan by our cheerleaders and sat on our team's bench during the 3rd quarter of the girl's game, since PT fans raised more money during the food drive collection! It was a night of great basketball with PT boy's team and the Chimacum girl's team each winning their game!

Save the Date!

School Holiday

Students and staff will enjoy holiday break, December 24 - January 4. We all return to PTHS on Monday, January 7!

Semester Ends

PTHS first semester ends on Friday, January 25. Grades from the semester are posted to the permanent transcript.

Winterfest!

The Winterfest Dance will be held on Saturday, February 2nd from 8:00 – 11:00 pm.

School Closure Information for Parents

In the event of school close due to weather, information will be posted on the district website, made available on Seattle television and radio stations – KIRO 7, KOMO 4, KING 5 and FOX 13. Our automated calls and messages will be sent out over the school district communication system to all families. Additionally, you may call the district office at 360-379-4500 and enter extension 4587 to hear closure information.

National Honor Society Members Announced!

The high school is pleased to announce our newest members accepted into the National Honor Society, PTHS Chapter. Students who are selected into HNS are invited to apply during junior and senior year, based on their GPA, but are only selected for membership after an application process detailing their achievements on both the high school campus and in the community around the four pillars of leadership, scholarship, service, and character. Congratulations to our new members: Anika Avelino, Kincaid Gould, Lilly Montgomery, Jasmine Heuberger-Yearian, Orion Pendley, Benjamin Tyler, Aaron Lee, Carter Swartout and Ben Mattern. Existing NHS members who were inducted last year include Raphael Bakin, Annika Carlson, Jason Kunz, Leianna Kunz, Sasha Mosier, Julianne Short, and Henry Stier.

Winter Stringfest is Held at PTHS!

Saturday, December 8th was our 5th annual Winter Stringfest. It was standing room only at the performance, which started at 3:00 p.m. in the PTHS gymnasium. This was a relaxed afternoon concert, featuring all of our district's orchestra students, ranging from grades 4 - 12. The concert lasted about an hour. Donation jars were available for anyone who wanted to support our Music Boosters and related school music programs.

Empowered Teens Coalition to Prevent Marijuana Use!

Port Townsend High School is a partner in the Prevention Intervention Coalition to Reduce Teen Marijuana Use in Jefferson County.

The mission of the group is to bring youth, families and community working together to prevent underage substance use and abuse. The group held its first meeting for the year on December 11, at PTHS. The Coalition recently received a grant, which will provide prevention and intervention services to our high school student population, as well as the Blue Heron population. The group will meet throughout the school year. Our team also includes two PTHS student representatives.

PTHS wishes all students, staff and parents a restful, enjoyable, and safe holiday break. We looking forward to seeing everyone back on January 7, 2019!