



# Hawk Talk

The Newsletter of the PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAWKS

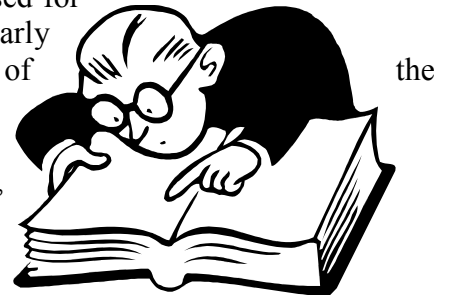
## From the Principal's Desk ...

By: Dan Casillas

**PSAE/ACT TEST**

**APRIL 28 - 29**

In Illinois, each high school is required to administer the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) over a two day period to all juniors in April. This year, the State has scheduled the PSAE on April 28 – 29. This test is very important as it can have significant implications for students. Results are used for acceptance into colleges, 4 year universities, and to measure Adequately Yearly Progress at the high school. All students are expected to be present both days of PSAE and every junior must take the PSAE to fulfill a graduation requirement. Juniors that do not take the PSAE in April will have only one other opportunity to full this requirement in May. On Day 1 of the PSAE, juniors will be release from school at the completion of the exam at approximately 1 PM.



- **Day 1 ACT-** English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning, and Writing
- **Day 2 Work Keys-** ISBE Developed Science, Work Keys Reading and Math

I

### Sophomore and Freshman Class Schedule

During the April 28-29 testing period, all sophomores will take part in a two day practice PSAE and local writing assessment. Freshman will partake in the Day 2 portion of the PSAE and also our local writing assessment. At the completion of testing on Day 1 and 2 students will attend regularly scheduled classes and be dismissed at 3:15 PM.

### Senior Class Schedule

On April 28, a Senior Class community service projects will be conducted throughout the Prairie Central Community. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, a senior class trip is scheduled for Navy Pier in Chicago. There is a \$15 per student cost for the Chicago Shoreline Cruise at Navy Pier. Seniors must participate in Day 1 community service to be eligible for Day 2 activities in Chicago. Attendance is required for all seniors on April 28 - 29. Seniors may be directed to attend study hall in lieu of Day 1 and Day 2 activities.

## Counselors' Corner

*Ann Egleton, Counselor A-L*

*Mike Quinn, Counselor M-Z*

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors who are planning on attending college next year should be checking on scholarships in the guidance office. Several deadlines have already expired. Remember, we need the scholarship applications at least **FIVE** school days before the due date.

### COLLEGE VISITS

Seniors are allowed to take one school day to go visit a college. The last day to do this is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students always need a parent note at least one day before the visit date. The note should be turned in to the guidance office, and arrangements are made at that time.

### ACT VICTORY CLASS

Thirty-five juniors participated in the ACT Victory Class during January and February. All juniors should continue to review in the areas of Math, Reading, Science, and English to attain a high score on the Prairie State Achievement Exam. The exam will take place on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### REGISTRATION

All students have met with their counselors individually to choose classes for the 2010-2011 school year. Each student should have a copy of these choices. Students are allowed to make changes to their course selections for next year until April 30<sup>th</sup>. After that time no changes will be made.



### SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Senior Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. At the ceremony we hand out awards and recognize seniors for scholarships they have received through various organizations – both locally and nationally. We also have seniors who are recognized for scholarships that are given by the college or university that they are planning to attend. If your senior receives an award or scholarship from a post-secondary school of any type, please be sure to contact your child's counselor by May 1<sup>st</sup> so that we may include this in our program.

### DIPLOMAS

Requests have been made in past years for copies of student diplomas. Prairie Central High School does **not** keep a copy of student diplomas. The only copy made is issued to the student at graduation. Prairie Central will be able to provide proof of graduation by sending an official transcript. The graduation date is part of the transcript.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT May 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

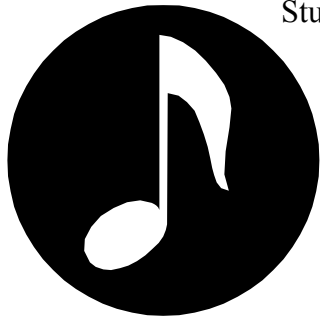
May 4	8:00	Computer Science test
May 4	12:30	Statistics
May 5	8:00	Calculus
May 6	8:00	English Literature
May 7	8:00	U.S. History
May 13	12:00	Microeconomics



## Music Department



On March 6, Prairie Central HS band and choir students participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest at Bloomington High School. Out of a possible 5 ratings they received 30 Division I (Superior) ratings and 22 (excellent) Division II, 0 (fair) Division III ratings, 0 Division IV, (poor) and 0 Division V ratings. Gustav Johnson received the Best of the Day Award for his bass clarinet solo.



Students soloists receiving Division I ratings are: Kyle Teno – bassoon, Abram Zehr – euphonium, Kimberly Wenger – alto saxophone, Evan Reiger – snare drum, Lincoln Slagel – alto sax, Gustav Johnson – bass clarinet, Lynette Waldbeser – piano, Thane Zehr – piano, Claire Hammer – flute, Sharnell Knapp – marimba, Devin Russell – trombone, Wyatt Kahle – multiple percussion, Brianna Ifft – clarinet, Kristen Steidinger – tenor saxophone, Zeb Courville – snare drum. The following voice students received Division I ratings on their vocal solos: Brittany Costa, Nikki DeWeese, Evan Rieger, Dan Schweizer, Tami Steffen, Kyle Teno, and Jordan Zorn.

Ensembles receiving Division I ratings are: Trombone Quartet – Devin Russell, Abram Zehr, Thane Zehr, Dan Schweizer. Percussion Ensemble – Carson Cross, Zeb Courville, Wyatt Kahle, Sharnell Knapp, Kyle Teno, Mariah Fosdick, Chloe Hermes, Matt Schahrer, Jordan Dunahee, Evan Rieger. Brass Quartet – Derek Underwood, Logan Fosdick, Nicole Wenger, Dan Schweizer, Riley Parmenter. Trumpet Trio – Caleb Smith, Taylor Oliver, Erica Maurer. Clarinet Duet – Katie Adams, Stephanie Argueta. Madrigals – Chloe Hermes, Deanna Trainor, Brittany Costa, Michelle Rathbun, Thane Zehr, Abe Zehr, Evan Rieger, Kyle Teno, Nicole Wenger, Kimberly Wenger, Faith Steidinger, Tami Steffen. Mixed Vocal Ensemble – Dan Schweizer, Chloe Hermes. Mixed Vocal Ensemble – Chloe Hermes, Brittany Costa, Kyle Teno, Michelle Rathbun, Faith Steidinger.

Student soloists receiving Division II ratings are: Erika Wenger – flute, Kacie Hardesty – flute and piano, Anna Ricketts – piano, Micaela Fosdick – snare drum and piano, Jordan Zorn – bass clarinet, Caleb Smith – trumpet, Brian Hammer – clarinet, Dan Schlatter – French Horn, Nicole Wenger – French Horn. The following voice students received Division II ratings on their vocal solos: Christina Gomez, Chloe Hermes, Justin Hetherington, Emily Kelleher, Michelle Rathbun, Courtney Reaves, Beth Smith, Jayse Taylor.

Student ensembles receiving Division II ratings are: Trumpet Duet – Taylor Oliver, Bryson Freehill, Clarinet/Flute duet – Anna Ricketts, Kacie Hardesty. Men's Vocal Ensemble – Logan Fosdick, Dan Schweizer, Abe Zehr, Thane Zehr.



Accompanists for the events were Beth Schweizer, Teri Wenger, Mary Carter, Judy Hobart, and Beth Hildenbrand. Band director is Lesa Kline and Choral director is Jason Strough.

### Attention Music Parents

Please check our school Music Dept. website for information, links, and photos [www.prairiecentral.org](http://www.prairiecentral.org) !!! Also, we also have the Charms Music Office Assistant to help organize our lives!!! Please go to [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com), enter school code: prairiecentralmusic, and then your child's ID number to access information such as event list, calendar of events (including jazz band rehearsals, cancellations, etc), student trip account balances, update address, phone and email, and a host of other things.

The annual Prairie Central Pops Concert, Porkburger Dinner, and Art Show will be held Saturday, May 15 at Prairie Central High School. The dinner will be served from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The meal will include porkburger on bun, chips, baked beans, homemade dessert and drink. Tickets are \$6. Additional porkburgers will be available for \$1. Carryouts will also be available. Tickets for this event are available at the door or from any band or choir family.

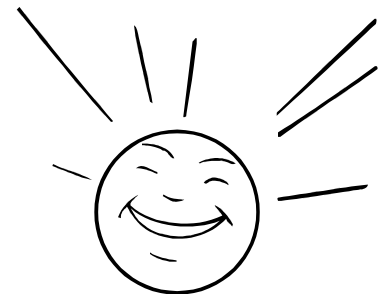
Art work from Prairie Central students of all ages will be on display in the small gym from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come see our Art Show! Performances by all Prairie Central music groups will begin at 4:30 in the big gym and continues to approx. 8:30 p.m. The schedule will be:

- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Junior High and High School Jazz Bands
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Upper Elementary, Junior High, and High School Choirs
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Junior High, and High School Bands

Come and enjoy an evening of good food, fine art, and great music presented to you by the talented students in the Prairie Central School District.

### Upcoming Music Department Events... .. Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, April 20	Music Boosters Meeting 7:00 p.m. HS Band room
Tuesday, May 5	Music Boosters 7:00 p.m. HS Band room
May 7,8,9	HS Musical "Suessical"
Sat. May 15	Porkburger Dinner, Pops Concert, Art Show
Mon. May 17	HS band & choir Awards 7:00 p.m. HS Cafeteria
Friday May 28	HS Graduation – Band Performs



### SUMMER PERFORMANCES

The Prairie Central High School Band will be performing in the following summer activities:

Monday, May 31	Memorial Day Services times TBA
Saturday, June 16	Fairbury Sesquicentennial Parade
Saturday, June 12	Chatsworth Heritage Days Parade time and date TBA
Sunday, July 4	Chenoa Fourth of July Parade time TBA
<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Band Camp 8:00-5:00 PM required for all band members</b>

A special Thank You to all the parents who worked and help plan the following events this quarter: IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest, Soup Supper, and Jazz Show. We would not be able to provide these opportunities without your help!!!

## **NHS Ceremonies**

The National Honor Society members will hold the annual Induction of New Member and Installation of the 2010-2011 Officers on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Gym. A reception following the ceremonies will be held in the new school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Math Team**

The Prairie Central Math team competed in the Regionals again at Parkland College. They once more had much success. Nine members of the group will be competing again on May 1st at the U of I for the state finals. Along with those honors they also boast a second place junior /Senior 8 person team, and third place Algebra I, Pre-Calculus, and Calculator teams. The nine members who will be making the trip to state are Calvin Wetzel, Abby Popejoy, Jordan Pilgrim, Becca Nussbaum, Austin Stephens, Brandon Beyers, Lucas Diller, Skyler Sieving, and Brianna Ifft. Our math team is the 26th best team in the state of Illinois. Congrats to all 30 students who competed.

## **Wrestling Hawks Finish Season at 16-6**

The Prairie Central Wrestling Team finished the 2009-2010 season with a 16-6 won-loss record. They finished 4-2 in the Corn Belt Conference, to place third. This is the eleventh consecutive winning season for the wrestling team. During the fourteen year tenure of Coach Joe Cliffe, the Hawks have had twelve seasons with a winning record and have accumulated 221 wins. Coach Cliffe now has 487 career wins at three schools.

The wrestlers also placed well at tournaments during the year. They finished second to Petersburg PORTA at the PORTA Invitational behind the State Champion Blue Jays. Josh Smith and Andy Hoselton won individual titles. At the Cumberland Crossbones Invitational they finished third with Hoselton and Smith again earning titles.

At the Prairie Central Hawk Classic, PC placed second with Hoselton and Smith again gaining championships for the Hawks. The Hawks then traveled to Kaneland to participate in the rugged Kaneland Invitational. PC placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 14 team field made up mainly of Class 2A and 3A schools. Smith and Hoselton both made the championship round and placed second.

The wrestlers entered the state series prepared and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to Gibson City in the IHSA Regional. The Hawks qualified 10 wrestlers for the sectional. Winning regional titles were Joey Reis, Josh Smith and Andy Hoselton. Ben Traub, Josh McWilliams, and Chase Mowery placed second. Finishing third and also advancing were Ricky Garza, Trevor Keneipp, Tyler Farney and Tory Farney.

PC placed five wrestlers at the sectional. Andy Hoselton won the first sectional title for a PC wrestler in five years as he won the 152 pound championship and earned a trip to the IHSA Individual State Tournament. Also advancing was Josh Smith with a second place finish and Tyler Farney with a third place finish. This was the third state tournament trip for both Hoselton and Smith. Placing fourth were Ben Traub and Chase Mowery.

The Hawks gave a very good performance at the State Tournament in Champaign. Gaining a berth in the Championships and placing second was Andy Hoselton. Josh Smith and Tyler Farney both won matches, but were eliminated from the medal round.

Josh Smith finished an outstanding wrestling career with a 129-33 won-loss record that placed him second in most wins in school history. Andy Hoselton broke the 100 win plateau and stands in 9<sup>th</sup> place for most wins with 101.

Selected to the WHOI/Peoria Journal Star All-Area Team were Josh Smith, Andy Hoselton, Trevor Keneipp, Chase Mowery, Tyler Farney and Tory Farney. Smith, Hoselton, Mowery and Tyler Farney were selected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Corn Belt Conference and Tory Farney was selected as Honorable Mention. Smith and Hoselton were both selected to the Pantagraph All-Area Team. The captains for the 2009-2010 Wrestling Team were Josh Smith, Alex Reis, Tory Farney, Chase Mowery and Andy Hoselton.

Receiving special awards were Andy Hoselton as the team's Most Valuable Wrestler, Denzil Wilson as the Most Improved and Ben Traub and Josh McWilliams as the Rookies of the Year.

## **FCCLA Sponsors Successful Blood Drive**

100 students and staff members of Prairie Central High School donated blood on Fri., March 26. This donation will benefit nearly 300 people!

Section officers were elected recently and include Prairie Central students Karissa Diller as President, Kimberly Wenger as Vice President, and Cheyenne Ledford as Secretary.

FCCLA State Conference will be held on April 8 – 10. Fifteen students will be presenting their projects which they have planned and conducted this year. Projects range from making a scrapbook of the chapter's activities to inventing new recipes, sewing dresses to sending personal care items to soldiers or nursing home residents, and teaching nutrition at the Boys and Girls Club and setting up a buddy program at the high school.

Plans are currently underway for a prom and wedding dress style show on April 26. Tickets will go on sale shortly after Spring Break.

## **FFA Has Successful Spring**

The FFA started out the spring with a great FFA week. Some of the activities that the students participated in were milk chugging contests held during lunch periods, dirty truck and tractor day, and the annual petting zoo for the elementary students. The faculty also enjoyed delicious cinnamon rolls provided by the FFA. Overall, everyone had a great time and learned a lot about agriculture.

We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> annual FFA and Alumni Farm and Home Show. This year we had a record amount of exhibitors. Featured at the show was legendary agriculture broadcaster, Max Armstrong. Max not only spoke to the crowd, but visited people at the booths. Members helped serve the meal provided by the Alumni.

This past year, the FFA restored three tractors. The Case DC was donated by Norman Young, and sold at the annual auction. Our raffle tractor this year, a Farmall 300, was donated by the Mark Maurer family, and the winner was Levi Edelman. The highlight of the year for the tractors was the opportunity to restore Max Armstrong's family Farmall 560.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Hog Roast and Auction was held March 18<sup>th</sup> with a record crowd on hand. We started the evening by unveiling Max's tractor. All helpers and donors were recognized with a certificate. Throughout the restoration, RFD-TV crews were present taping the progress. They were also on hand the night of the auction, and we will be featured on "This week in Agribusiness." This was a challenging and educational experience. The auction was a huge success and we would like to thank all those who helped, donated, and purchased items. Now we are preparing for our Spring Judging Contest, and looking for success.



## **Prom**

The evening of April 24 will be time for Prairie Central's Juniors and Seniors to "Sparkle and Shine" at Prom 2010. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. at the Walton Centre in Fairbury, and admission will end at 6 p.m. as dinner begins. Dinner is a new feature for Prairie Central's prom. Meal choices include New York strip steak, stuffed shrimp and alfredo (with or without chicken). Chicago's award-winning comedy troupe, Mission IMPROVable, will provide entertainment from 7 to 8 p.m. Seniors attending prom will be eligible to be named King and Queen. The Coronation will be held at 8 p.m., followed by dancing until 11 p.m. Tickets will be available for \$20 in the cafeteria during lunch through April 16. Tickets also will be available before or after school in the Art Room (Room #3).

## **After Prom News**

The best ever After Prom event is coming up! "Saturday Night Lights" After Prom sponsored by the Junior Class parents will be Saturday, April 24 at the Prairie Central High School. The event will take place immediately after the Junior/Senior Prom. Doors will open at 10:30pm. Check in closes at 11:45pm-no admission afterwards will be allowed.

The "live" band will start to play from 11:00 PM until 2:00 PM. The After Prom will end at 2:30AM after all the prizes have been given out. Tickets go on sale April 12 in the High School Cafeteria during lunch hour. Tickets are \$6.00 per person OR Ticket and an Event T-shirt are \$15.00 per person.

The "Saturday Night Lights" After Prom event will include music, dancing, games, a photo booth, food, and drink. Of course, we have awesome give-aways and prizes. Here are just some of the prizes we have so far: flat screen TVs, WIIs and Wii Fits, digital cameras, iPod Touches, gift cards, gas cards, and for one lucky person, an Apple iPad!!!

- Anyone who attends the Junior/Senior Prom may attend
- Any Junior or Senior may attend
- All students must sign-in at the front door
- This event is a substance free event. No alcoholic beverages or drugs will be allowed
- Parents of students who bought tickets but do not sign-in will be contacted by phone
- Must be present to win prizes
- Any student who chooses to leave the party early will not be allowed to return. Parents will be contacted by phone of the student's departure.

Volunteers are needed and donations are appreciated for the After Prom. Anyone who would like to donate their time or financial assistance in support of this worthy event is invited to contact Mari Lynn Hoselton at 815-945-4331 or email [hosel10@prairieinet.net](mailto:hosel10@prairieinet.net).

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>May 7, 8, 9</b>	HS Musical "Suessical"
<b>May 11</b>	Senior Awards Night - Big Gym 8:00 pm
<b>May 10</b>	ICE Luncheon – Walton Center 12:00 PM
<b>May 12</b>	PCHS All Sports Banquet - HS Café 6:30 pm
<b>May 13</b>	National Honor Society Induction – Big Gym 7:30 pm
<b>May 15</b>	Art Show, Pops Concert, Pork burger Dinner
<b>May 17</b>	PCHS Music Awards- Cafeteria 7:00 pm
<b>May 18</b>	FCCLA Banquet – Cafeteria 6:30 pm
<b>May 21</b>	Last day of classes for Seniors
<b>May 23</b>	PCHS Baccalaureate – 7:00 pm
<b>May 26</b>	Last day of classes for student in grades 9, 10, & 11 PCHS Graduation Practice – Big Gym 8-10:00 am
<b>May 27</b>	Teacher Institute Day Jr. High Promotion – Big Gym 7:00 pm
<b>May 28</b>	Report Card Day PCHS Graduation – Big Gym 7:00 pm