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Chief's Report

November 2017



Greetings

Let us ALL give **THANKS** for we have much to be THANKFUL for here in PHS. As we reflect upon this past year, we as a school, community, and a nation has faced many trials and tribulations. Our resolve has been battle tested on a daily basis it seems like. However, through our collective focus and hard work we continue to rise above the obstacles that prevent us from reaching our potential as GREAT community of people. I am more and more thankful every day because WE have the privilege of shaping and molding the minds of an OUTSTANDING group of young people. Report cards are out I am more than pleased to announce "The Empire's 100 Club" as well as High Honor and Honor Roll. Please read on to learn more about the FANTASTIC things happening in PHS.

Strength & Honor

Mr. Jason Lester

 Carrie Thomas

Carrie is using Smore flyers to spread the word online.

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Congratulations to all of our students on their impressive Academic Achievement for the first marking period!

- The Empire's 100 Club**
CHEN, NICHOLAS GUAN RONG
CHIN, MADISON AERIN
DALAWELLA, KAVINDYA
DHADUK, BIRJU NIKUL
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HAMMERDAHL, KATHLEEN ROSE
INGRAM, SAMUEL JAMES II
JAGDEEP, ANKITA MEENA
JHA, KUMAR VAIBHAV
KAPOOR, SOHUM JOGINDER
KUNDU, NIKHIL
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O'REILLY, TIMOTHY Z
PARIKH, RONAK PARESH
PATEL, RISHI TRUPTESH
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Click link below to view the students who made First Honor Roll for Marking Period 1.

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Click link below to view the students who made the Second Honor Roll for Marking Period 1.





New Jersey Rising Scholars

On November 12, 2017 five Piscataway High School students were awarded the New Jersey Rising Scholars Award at Mercer County Community College, in Trenton, NJ. **Chardae Downer, Makayla Abraham, Ky'lyn Lampkin, Ashley Shakir and Breannah Thomas** attended the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair, following an award ceremony for all winning scholars. They were among 75 seniors chosen from New Jersey high school based on their academic performance. All girls were awarded college acceptances and offered scholarships.



Game of Life

Sophomores recreated the game of "Life" to show their spirit.



Smash Brothers

Freshman created a wall mural depicting various video and cartoon characters.



Monopoly

The junior class decorated with features from the game Monopoly.

PHS Students Celebrate Spirit Week





well as spirit games culminating at the Pep Rally. Spirit activities included:

- Monday, October 30th: Sports/Jersey Day: PHS community wore repped favorite sports teams with Jerseys.
- Tuesday, October 31st: Hallow"meme": Students and Staff dressed as favorite memes or in costume.
- Wednesday, November 1st: The school community wore PINK in support of Breast Cancer.
- Thursday, November 2nd: In reference to "Throwback Thursday" Students and Staff dressed from various decades and decorated the hallways.
- Friday, November 3rd: Everyone was encouraged to wear Black and Gold and attend the Pep Rally.

While the sophomores won Battle of the Classes, and the juniors tallied the highest for the spirit "days", the **overall winners** for spirit week were....

The Seniors, Class of 2018

Their leadership was demonstrated throughout the week and culminated in their impressive hall decorating designs and substantial attendance at the homecoming dance.

Our homecoming court winners for this year are listed below.

The homecoming Court for 2017

9th grade Lord: Mekai Spruill

9th grade Lady: Juliet Pastras

10th grade Duke: Peter Ly

10th grade Duchess: Leslie Salgado

11th grade Prince: Brian Lopez

11th grade Princess: Emily Nguyen

12th Grade King: Kristian Guerra

12th Grade Queen: Jessica Alicea



Winning Senior Candyland Decorations featuring a "Gingerbread" House

Seniors recreated the game of Candyland featuring this "Gingerbread" house.

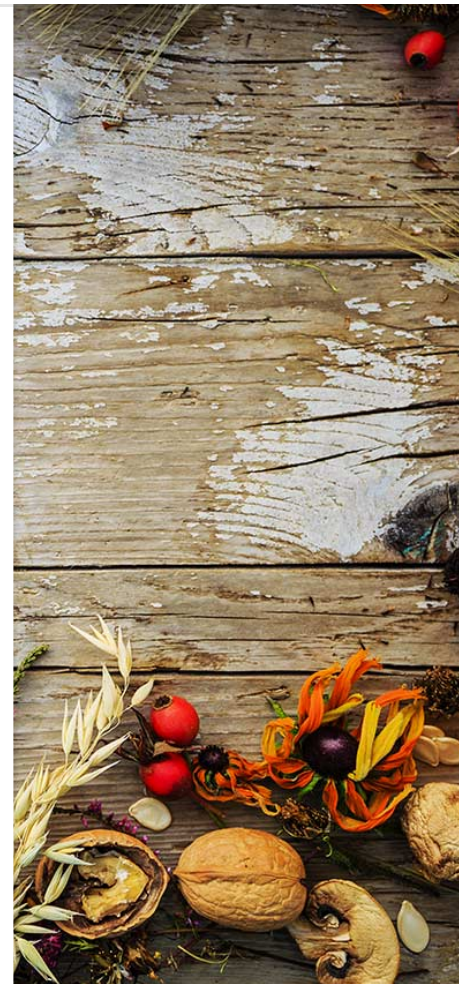
National Signing Day





during the homeroom/lunch period. The students listed below all signed commitment letters to participate at the collegiate level on their sports of choice.

Michael Petite
 Laniya Miller
 Samuel Ingram
 Chris Covil
 Kyle Chaney
 Sydney Thompson
 Brooke Moll
 Jennifer Majorczak
 Jacob Rzewnicki
 Jessica Alicea
 Matthen Tricario
 Alexander Franchi
 Jordan Brown
 Christopher Lowry
 Jared Copeland
 Robert Kuderka
 Roldan Morris
 Parris Washington
 Jayson Mahmood
 Evan Okamoto
 Jordin Martell
 Matthew Henzich
 Joseph Hatcher
 Leslie Harvey
 Daniel Delair
 Zoe Walsh
 Jessica Nesler
 Alexandra Gerikort



National Signing Day Scholar-Athletes pictured below:

Student-Athletes - Bottom Row – Left to Right

Michael Petite – University of Buffalo – Wrestling
 Laniya Miller – Stony Brook University – Girls Basketball
 Christopher Corvil – Montclair State University – Baseball
 Samuel Ingram – Johns Hopkins University – Baseball

Coaches - Top Row – Left to Right

Daniel Smith – Head Wrestling Coach
 Chris Puder – Head Girls Basketball Coach
 Dre'Shonda Williams – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
 Scott Gleichenhau – Head Baseball Coach

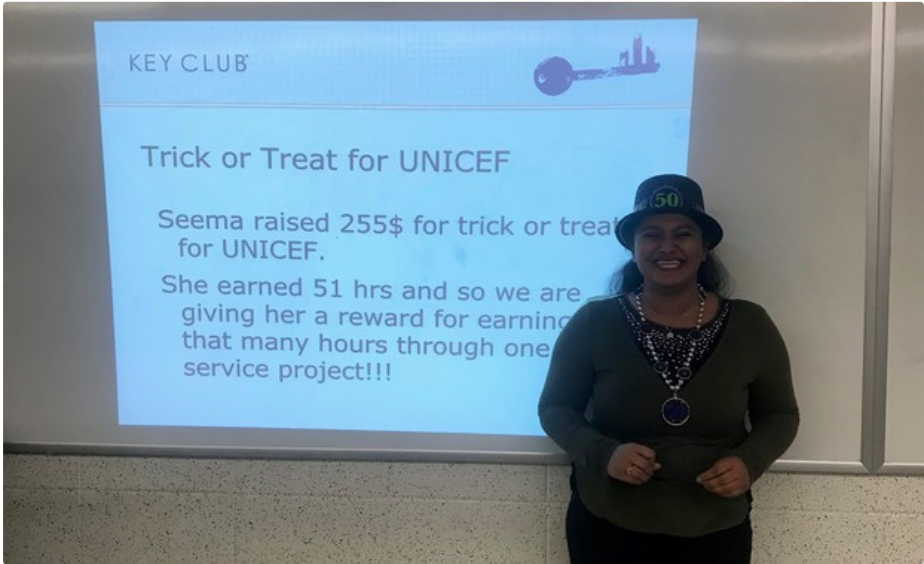




Trick or Treat for UNICEF Fundraiser

Kudos to **Seema Bhaget** who spent **51 service hours raising \$255.00** for the Trick or Treat for UNICEF fundraiser held by the Piscataway Key Club.

Thank you, Seema for your outstanding service for children around the world!





Students from L.I.F.T. Join Students from 50 Strong to Attend Atlantic City National College Fair

The Atlantic City National College Fair was held yesterday (11/2/17), at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Admission counselors from colleges and universities from across the country were in attendance. LIFT joined 50 Strong and thoroughly enjoyed gathering details about particular schools, asking questions to help navigate the college admittance process, and making important connections with admission counselors.

LIFT looks forward to participating in the college fair next year!

Piscatawy Experience

When

Wednesday, Jan. 10th 2018 at 6pm

Where

100 Behmer Road Piscataway Township, NJ

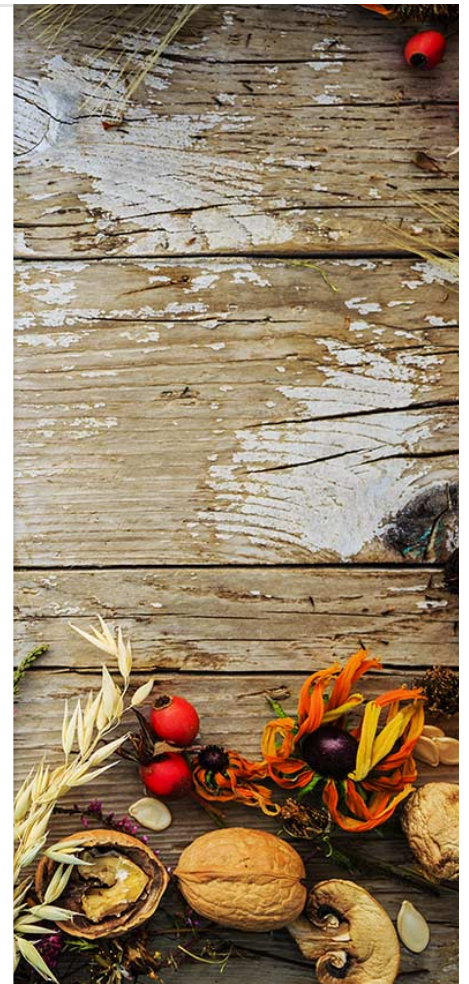
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More information

Save the date for our annual P-Way Experience night where current 8th grade students visit with families to learn more about all of the clubs and activities available here as well as speak with department members to learn about all of the curriculum offerings at the high school

William Wallace earns Eagle Scout Award





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Biology Students Learn About Diabetes

On November 21st, Rutgers pharmacy students, representing the Diabetes Ambassador Community Outreach program, presented information sessions on Diabetes Awareness in a few of the Biology classes. The interactive lesson focused on eating habits, nutrition awareness and modifying diabetes risk factors in young adults. As a follow-up students are invited to join the movement to prevent early onset of Type II diabetes. Students can enter contest to win a prize. They must make a healthy meal using ADA recommended portion sizes and upload its picture using #DMmyplate.





PHS Art Students Receive Recognition

Mia Borrell, 9th grade, and Katherine Diaz-Mayorga, 12th grade (students of Lisa Lentini-Pombrio) and Sara Venturi, 12th grade (student of Dorothy Amme) had their artwork selected for the Art Educators of New Jersey Winter Exhibit at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The artwork is part of a 30-piece exhibit hung in the NJPAC Victoria Theater Lobby displaying K-12 artwork from around the state. Over 6,000 visitors to NJPAC will see their work. The work will be on display from November 12th- January 14th.

Additionally, in October, PHS art teacher, Lisa Lentini-Pombrio nominated 3 of her AP Art students for the CraftNOW Workshops held at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia on November 11th. Laila Andrews, Savannah Cook, and Sara Venturi were all accepted into the program and had the opportunity to participate in a full-day workshop in the area of their choice. Laila participated in Printmaking, Savannah in Glass, and Sara in Ceramics. These hands-on workshops gave students an enriching experience in a college setting. Students were also given a tour of the current exhibit in the Kimmel Center.



PHS Drama Club Presents And Then There Were None

On November 16-18, the PHS Drama Club presented their first play of the season: Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. The play was directed by Erik Hall with production assistance from Lisa Sudfield and Matt Viola. A student cast and crew worked hard to present this suspenseful murder mystery. The audience was on the edge of their seats and the shocking ending was the result of fantastic performances from the whole cast! Congratulations to all and



Congratulations to Freshmen Kaitlin Napoli who was named to the Girls Cross Country All Greater Middlesex Conference Team!

Member of The Empire 100 Club



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- December 6 PHS Fall Sports Awards, 6:30pm – PAC
- December 8 ICCA Garba/Bhangra, 6:00pm – Patton Café.
- December 9 AFJROTC Drill Competition, 8:00am – PHS
- December 13 PHS Winter Choir Concert, 6:00pm – PAC
- December 20 PHS Winter Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00pm – PAC
- December 25 to January 2 Winter Break – School Closed

HAPPY WINTER!!

Winter Formal

When

Friday, Dec. 8th, 6pm

Where

100 Behmer Road Piscataway Township, NJ

[Get Directions](#)


More information

PHS will host a catered dinner dance on December 8th from 6 to 10 pm. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased in room 213 afterschool on Mondays and Thursdays. You will get a song request with every ticket you purchase. Reminder: Piscataway High School Students ONLY are allowed to attend. You must present a Student ID for entrance to the dance.



Faculty/Staff December Meeting Schedule

- December 5th--Department Meeting
- December 12th-- Department Meeting
- December 19th--PLC Meeting




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