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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & STAFF!

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Although the school year is 25 plus days advanced, the high school administration would like once again to welcome your return. It is hoped that everyone has returned with the serious charge to educate and to be educated.

Freshman this is your opportunity to start with a clean slate, as your academic standing begins now.

Sophomores continue to improve your academic standing and focus on your career choices.

Juniors you have begun the 2nd half of high school experience. Are you proud of what you have accomplished so far? If not, take this time to improve your standing & re-adjust your thinking.

Seniors you are encouraged to use your teachers & counselors to propel you to the near finish line. Garner as much information as possible that will assist you with making wise decisions about your future. Your guidance counselors have a wealth of information to

share with you. Take responsibility for yourself by upgrading your thinking.

Staff what you do and say has an impact on every student. Be concerned, creative, & concise in your delivery.

What each student is taught goes well beyond the walls of the classroom or office; it goes with them throughout life.

A positive, collaborative effort on everybody's part can make this a great school year.

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!



MRS. OWENS' INTRODUCTION



Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are familiar with their guidance counselors if they are not newly enrolled students. Freshman however, need to be introduced to **Mrs. Owens**.

She began her career in her early 20's, after receiving a bachelor's from Temple University and a master's from the University of West Alabama. She has a passion for investing in the education of youth. Mrs. Owens taught Language Arts at the MSP for four

years, was a student coordinator at Penn State for two years, and has currently completed one year as a guidance counselor at PHS. She is very creative and that ability is visible in the manner by which she stimulates and guides students. She uses parting words as a reminder to students to make right choices. She is a positive community leader as she is founder & president of Princess Inc., an organiza-

tion committed to the success & empowerment of young women.

Mrs. Owens was reared in Atlantic City and was regularly encouraged by her soft and powerful mother. She hopes to mimic her values to her own daughter coupled with other daughters who otherwise have no value system.

Mrs. Owens believes that there is no end to education. The process of learning is a life time journey.



is the counselor for the 10th-12th graders, specifically those students whose last names range from N thru Z. He also serves all of the students attending the Alternative School. Mr. Pilate's additional responsibility includes coordinating the college tours/visits.

His career at the PHS began in June 2005 after

MR. PILATE

receiving his bachelor's degree from Rutgers & his masters degree from Rowan.

Much of his energy is dedicated towards motivating students to excel academically and assisting students in selecting careers best suited for their success.

Mr. Pilate believes in corporate effort for the suc-

cess of all students. The corporation comprises itself with largely parental involvement, communal support, and other organizations with the willingness to invest in the future leaders.



to Pleasantville High School all the way of Muncie, Indiana. She graduated from high school in 1996 and is a graduate from Ball State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a masters degree in School Counseling.

Ms. Cooper had the unique opportunity to per-

form her practicum work in Trinidad and Tobago.

This is the beginning of her 9th year as a counselor at the High School. She counsels 9th thru 12th grade students with special needs and English Language Learners.

She chose a career in education because of the

impressable impact of her high school guidance counselor.

Ms. Cooper believes that she can make the difference in the lives of the students she serves by mimicking the counseling styles that once encouraged her.

MS. COOPER TRAVELS

MS. SAND RECEIVED

her education at Rutgers University where she earned a bachelors degree in Psychology and a masters degree in Social Work.

She began working, as a counselor, in Pleasantville. 2005.

Ms. Sand is an en-

trepreneur as she owns her Psychotherapy Practice located in Northfield, NJ.

She is a member of the NASW (**National Association for Social Workers**) and CASCA (**Cape Atlantic School Counselor Association**).

Ms. Sand believes that every mind has the ability to grasp something and do something great beyond measure. The idea is to liberate the mind from fear so that greatness becomes actual.

She continues to support the education of both son and daughter.



You Got That?

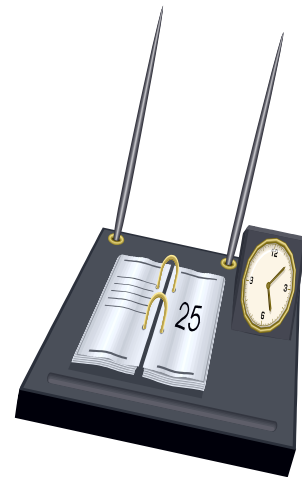
Jot it Down

October

- 14 - ACCC Fair
- 23-Seton Hall @ 9
- 25- SJ College Fair River Wind Com. Ctr
- 26 - SJ College Fair Absegami HS

November

- 1—Nat'l College Fair AC Convention Center 8:30
- 2—York College Visit @ 9 PHS
- 5- Ramapo College Visit @ 9 PHS
- 6- Election Day
- 7- Rider University College Visit
- 12- Montclair State Univ. @ 9
- 14—Malcolm Bernard Historical Black College & Univ. Fair
- 15- Rowan Univ. visit @ 9
- 19- St. Elizabeth College Visit @ 9
- 21- ASVAB Test



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOLARS!



The cost for a secondary education inflates 8% every year. In essence, tuition doubles about every nine years. With this alarming information: Seniors please check the guidance department for the most recent scholarships. There are many scholarship opportunities available

at this time. Each competitive scholarship have upcoming deadlines and they must be strictly adhered to.

Apply for every scholarship that you are eligible for. Follow the exact criteria set forth. Any alterations will disqualify your application.

Some scholarship information is lengthy, while others are short, but all are worth the invested time. You can absolutely rake in the money by simply investing some time and effort in applying. The counselors are here to guide you and hope for your success at raking in the digits!





The guidance program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our aim is to facilitate self-examination, self-evaluation, and consideration of alternative strategies that inspires and prepares all students for life long learning and 21st Century College & Career Readiness skills. By design, coordination, and collaboration, it is our aim to adopt support systems that will assist students, parents, the community at large and our school community. Our mission is to be a vehicle of opportunity for students to reach their full potential academically, personally/socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district

Check out the Guidance Link on the District's Web Page

www.pps-nj.us

Do You Speak Teen?



Many parents do not understand the language of their average teenager. Teens spend more time texting than they do with anything else. Their phones must be with them at all times, even while sleeping. They lack social skills because they “text.” instead of talk. Parents/guardians need to understand the world of texting if they are to understand & communicate effectively

with their teen(s). Words are chopped off to the first letter which means the reader must understand the codes in order to decipher what is being said.

For instance can you break this code?

mne Ps dnt bleev der is a gNR8N d/c b/t em n thr teen.

Teens are deliberately texting in code as not

to give parents/guardians the slightest hint of their personal business. There are even **Texting Dictionaries** for the texting generation.

So let's break the code above:

Many parents don't believe there is a generation disconnect between them & their teen.

