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# THE PVM NEWSLETTER

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*PAUL V. MOORE HIGH SCHOOL*

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**FROM  
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PRINCIPAL**

As we quickly approach the half way point of year, we also move closer to midterms and the final stretch for our seniors. You will find the schedule for the midterms a little further into the newsletter. Please mark any exams that your student(s) may have since it is extremely important that they are fully prepared for the exams, including a good night's sleep. While the midterms are very important they are also a good measure for the Regents exams that may be coming up at the end of the year.

We are also about to begin the scheduling process for next years classes. Information will start coming home in February about the courses that are available next year. Please take the time to discuss these courses and the options that are available to the students. There may also be new classes that will be offered next year, not just Advance Placement courses, but also electives that

would be available to all students. More information is available within this letter, on our website, and also with some up coming events at the High School. You may also call your son or daughter's counselor.

That brings up the next bit of news. The counseling office will be undergoing some change in February. After more than 30 years of dedicated service to countless students, Mr. Joe Barbera and Ms. Cindy Crouch will be retiring. Their many contributions will be greatly missed. But with their departure a familiar face returns to PVM. Ms. Elizabeth Smith will be coming back to us after spending two years at Jordan-Elbridge. While we have two large sets of shoes to fill, we are confident that Ms. Smith will be an excellent addition to our staff.

In other news, the High School continues to use Progress Book as the grading program and as another tool to help bridge the gap from home to school. As we have report cards every six weeks, many teachers have

opened access to Progress Book to students and parents. This means that you are able to check student progress on an ongoing basis. This helps to ensure that the students are completing the work and not falling behind. While this doesn't replace a phone call or an email, it is another tool to help support the students and ensure that they are being as successful as possible. As we are entering the second semester and some of the classes and schedules change, we will be mailing out more information, including passwords and access information to your student's Progress Book Account, please keep in mind that not all teachers have opened the teacher portal, as we are in our first full year with Progress Book. In the future we look to have all of them open and active.

We continue to update and add more features to our website, so please visit there for answers to many of your questions including upcoming events.

Thank you all for your continued support, I can only hope that the second half of the year is as successful as the first.

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### Paul V. Moore High School Character Education

Character Education has been a long standing initiative in the district and within the High School. The focus for the High School Character Education Committee is to make Character Education relevant to high school students and to weave it into the culture of the school. As a result, we are working diligently on initiatives that are both engaging and meaningful. Some of the various ways we do this is through our Word of the Month and Student of the Month programs. With the help of teachers and other staff members, our Student of the Month program, called Showing Character @ Central Square, seeks to identify a diverse population of the student body for exhibiting character-like traits and for being positive role models. Not only do students receive a certificate and a letter home to parents, but their picture is taken each month and is submitted to the Citizen Outlet. Additionally, we are planning two major fundraising events: a student/staff volleyball tournament on March 4<sup>th</sup> (that all are welcome to

attend) and Locks for Love and Bald for Bucks in April where students donate their hair for charity. Specifically, money raised will go to children battling cancer and to a High School Character Education Scholarship fund for graduating seniors. Other initiatives include applying for the National School of Character Award as well as the Promising Practices Award which are given nationally each year. Finally, we have a sub-committee looking at possible grant opportunities that may provide us further funding to help enhance what we do for our students.

Paul V. Moore High School has a diverse population of excellent students, excellent staff members, as well as excellent citizens. Our goal is to identify, recognize, and reinforce such excellence

### January Exam Week

The week of January 25<sup>th</sup> to January 29<sup>th</sup> is mid-term week here at Paul V. Moore. Many students will take mid-terms and finals in several of their classes. To make this week a success for all students, we have listed below some guidelines and expectations for this very important week. Please remember that, unless it is written different below, all school and building procedures

regarding behavior and conduct remain in effect.

All morning exams are from 8:00 to 11:00, and all afternoon exams are from 12:00 – 3:00.

If a student is not in attendance for his/her exam, a call will be made home asking for the student to come in. After one hour, you are ineligible to take the exam.

All students must remain in the testing site for the first two hours. Then, they will be dismissed by the proctors only.

Any student found to have an electronic device (I-pod, cell phone) on during the exam will receive a zero for that exam. Students who bring in those devices will be asked to leave them in a designated area in the room.

The morning bus pick up will be at the same time as it normally is. Those students who test in the morning can leave at 11:15 on a bus. The afternoon bus will leave at 3:15.

The cafeteria will be serving lunch from 11:00 – 12:00 for those who stay all day for either testing sessions or review classes.

## Midterms and Final Examinations

January 25 – 29, 2010

*All exams are three hours in length; students must remain a minimum of two hours.*

*All students are required to complete their exams.*

### Monday, January 25 – 8:00 a.m.

Global 9 Midterm  
Physics Midterm  
GED Predictor Exam

### Monday, January 25 – 12:00 p.m.

US History Midterm  
Geometry Midterm  
Geometry 9 Midterm

### Tuesday, January 26 – 8:00 a.m.

*RE Living Environment*  
*RE Mathematics B*  
**RCT Global Studies**  
Basic Math A  
Basic Math B  
Essential Math 9  
Essential Math 10  
Integrated Algebra Midterm  
US History Test Out  
Living Environment Test out  
Earth Science Performance Exam

### Tuesday, January 26 – 12:00 p.m.

*RE Comprehensive English – Part I*  
*RCT Math*  
**Global 10 Midterm**

### Wednesday, January 27 – 8:00 a.m.

*RE Earth Science*  
*Comprehensive Spanish*  
*Comprehensive French*  
*RCT US History*

**Fundamentals of Algebra A**  
Fundamentals of Algebra B  
Fundamentals of Algebra C  
American Sign Language Final  
ASVAB Exam

### Wednesday, January 27 – 12:00 p.m.

*RE Comprehensive English – Part II*  
*RCT Science*  
Living Environment Midterm  
*Chemistry Midterm*

### Thursday, January 28 – 8:00 a.m.

*RE US History*  
*RCT Reading*  
**RE Geometry**  
English 9 Final – Part I

### Thursday, January 28 – 12:00 p.m.

*RE Integrated Algebra*  
*RE Chemistry*  
**RE Physics**  
Algebra 2 Trig. Midterm  
Algebra 2 Trig 10 Midterm  
Fundamentals of Geometry  
Fund. of Algebra 2 Trig.

### Friday, January 29 – 8:00 a.m.

**RE Global History & Geography**  
*RCT Writing*  
English 10 Final – Part I

### Friday, January 29 – 12:00 p.m.

*No Exams Scheduled*

*\*Tests listed in italics are state regent exams*

## **PVM Guidance**

### **Scheduling**

The scheduling process will begin February 22<sup>nd</sup> and conclude just prior to Spring Break. Starting with juniors, counselors will meet individually with each of their students to discuss course selections for the coming school year. Students will be provided with a parent copy of the course selection sheet for review and a signature. You can view our course descriptions online at <http://www.cssd.org/pvmhs/guid/Courses/Courses.htm> Counselors will also address student performance, goal setting, and college/career planning. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach your child's counselor at 668-4264.

### **Meet the Challenge**

The Meet the Challenge Night is February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7 -9pm. This program is intended to provide parents and students with information regarding Honors, AP, and all college-level courses. Topics such as college credits, costs, course rigor, and expectations will be addressed. Representatives from the various colleges, teachers, and counselors will be available to answer questions and concerns.

## **Student Government**

Paul V. Moore Student Government has had an action packed first semester. This year's Homecoming Court was introduced including Seniors: Dakota Worden, Jake Ecker, Ray Bielec, Megan Clarke, Sam Otis and Candace Procopio; Juniors: Kam Kirwin, Mike Walzyck, Erin Beitz, Megan Bratjan and Presley Raneri; Sophomores: Jeremy Catania, Mitchell Jones, Leon Monica, Amber Anderson, Abby Lombard and Morgan Ross; Freshmen: Malcom Anderson, Dan Fehrman, Sam Fox, Casey McGuirk, Julie Hovel, and Melanie Archambo. Students showed their spirit all week by participating in various spirit dress up days and decorating school hallways. On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the traditional Homecoming Pep Rally was highlighted by a parade of fall athletes, a field band demonstration, and the crowning of the Homecoming King: Ray Bielec and Queen: Megan Clarke. The parade featured floats from various classes, our homecoming court in classic cars provided by Krusin Knights Kar Klub, local fire departments, Central Square Legion Color guard and Red Hawk Regiment. The night concluded at the annual Homecoming Football game in the stadium. In November, an American Red Cross Blood Drive was hosted

on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and while we had to contend with many cancelled appointments due to the flu, we met our goals and it was an overall success. The very next day, we hosted the annual Powder Puff Football Game. Always a well attended event, over one hundred girls and coaches participated as the freshmen challenged the seniors in game one, followed by sophomores challenging the juniors in game two. Champions of the first two games; seniors and juniors, then played in the championship game. Seniors again were victorious and everyone, though a little chilly, had a lot of fun while displaying lots of school spirit. In December Focus Café gave Student Government a chance to focus on various members of the student body, sharing lunch and discussing what events and activities they would like to see changed, created or deleted at PV Moore. With over ninety students in attendance, a lot of discussion was generated. Focus Café will meet five more times this year. This is one of our favorite events because it allows us to interact with students, and get to know them and their concerns. We also hosted Girls Only for the females at P.V. Moore during advisement. This month's featured speaker was a counselor from Bright Paths speaking about self-abuse, the symptoms, and where to turn for help in overcoming depression. James Square Nursing Home caroling day is always an event we look forward to, making gifts

for the seniors citizens which are distributed to the residents as we sing our way through the halls spreading a little holiday cheer. We also sponsored holiday parties for the elementary students in the Big Brother/Big Sister programs with games, crafts, pizza and brownies. A uniquely designed coloring book was distributed to each student with candy canes and holiday wishes.

While Student Government is very busy planning and executing various events and activities, we also are community minded. We collected cash and toys for the Lions Christmas Basket Project as well as donations that were sent to the Phillipines in wake of the natural disaster there. Many have asked how Student Government members are trained to conduct such an array of activities and events at our school. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend four major training conferences each year. This year, twelve students from P.V. Moore attended the annual New York State Council of Leadership and Student Activities "Dancing With The Leadership Stars" Conference in Saratoga, November 22 through 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 600 students attended

the conference from over 100 schools across New York State. Nationally renowned motivational keynote speakers conducted four general sessions. Students also had the opportunity to participate in four student led workshop roundtables where they learn first hand about events and activities in other schools around the state. Central Square students led three of the fifty workshops. Val Mudrie talked about Semi-formals, Megan Bratjan featured our Student Ambassador and Focus Café programs, and Ally Latour introduced our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference Day program. The nine other students in our contingency attended the workshops and learned about new events/activities or new ways to spice up current events/activities we sponsor. Students also had the opportunity to hear first hand from ten non-profit organizations that are spread across New York State, and how they rely on community support to accomplish their task. Each year NYSCLSA chooses a state charity and at the conference, the previous charity is presented with a check. This year Dancing Dreams a dance program for disabled children on Long Island received a check from the state organization for over

\$17,000.00. This represented the cumulative donations from member schools. Special Olympics was chosen for the 2010 state charity and representatives from there kicked off the drive by explaining exactly what this organization does. One outstanding advisor and administrator is awarded annually and there are 11 student awards given as well. All councils have the opportunity to be recognized as Honor Councils by sponsoring community service, training opportunities for members, civic engagement, school spirit events and supporting the state charity. Paul V. Moore has been an Honor Council since 2000, and received the 2009 distinction as well. Everyone enjoyed the conference and many new leadership skills were learned throughout various parts of the event. A key to our overall success is constantly training new students leaders. Attendance at the annual state conference is an invaluable opportunity for new officers and committee chairs to come together with other student leaders from across the state to form a broad base of like-minded student leaders to network with throughout the year, sharing ideas and strategies that we can all grow from.

## ***CLASS OF 2010***

Happy New Year Senior Parents!!

I wanted to update/remind everyone what is coming up for your senior son/daughter. Graduation is coming so fast and I know parents are struggling with their child going away to school or joining the military or getting jobs (hopefully). It can be a very emotional time for everyone, including me!!!!

February 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment of \$50.00 for Senior Trip
February 8	Start Salsa Sale ~ <u>Absolutely last fundraiser</u>
February 22	End Salsa Sale ~ money and orders due
March 1	Last Date to pay Class Dues
March 15	Salsa Delivery (week of the 15 <sup>th</sup> )
March 26	100 Days to Graduation (actually 93, who's counting) <u>March 10 – March 19 sign up and pre-pay \$1.00</u> <u>Admission at the door \$10.00</u>
April 1	Final payment of \$25.00 for Senior Trip (YIPEE)
April 26	Senior Ball tickets go on sale If seniors have paid their class dues in full ( <u>by March 1<sup>st</sup></u> ) their ball tickets will be free Price \$50.00 for Non-Seniors and Seniors that have not paid their dues Ticket for guests that are not <u>current</u> Paul V. Moore students must be purchased no later than April 30 <sup>th</sup> , NO EXCEPTIONS.
May 7	Last date to purchase Senior Ball tickets
May 15	Senior Ball ~ OnCenter 6:00 – 11:00
June 4	Senior Trip
June 11	LAST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL
June 26	GRADUATION

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Midterm and Regents Exams.....	January 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
Meet the Challenge Night .....	February 9 <sup>th</sup>
Scheduling Process Begins .....	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Winter Recess.....	February 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>
Musical Production .....	February 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday.....	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Prom .....	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Early Dismissal .....	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Recess .....	April 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Spring Showcase .....	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
SAT Exam .....	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
No School .....	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Top 100 Dinner .....	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Senior Ball .....	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day Recess .....	May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>
Last Day of Classes .....	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
ACT Exam .....	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Regents and Final Exams .....	June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>
Graduation Rehearsal .....	June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Graduation.....	June 26 <sup>th</sup>