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Winter 2012

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Important Dates

February 2012

2/02/12- 6:00 PM- Home & School's Souper Bowl Dinner
 2/08/12- 7:00 PM- Home & School Mtg @ High School
 2/15/12- Dodgeball Tournament
 2/16/12- Dodgeball Tournament
 Prom Fashion Show
 2/17/12-12:00 PM-Early Dismissal -Staff Development
 Hamlet- @ high school- Seniors only
 2/20/12- School Closed-President's Day
 2/24/12- Harriet Tubman Performance -Junior/Seniors
 LaSalle's African Dance Team - All school

March 2012

3/08/12- 2:00 PM- Junior Class Ring Ceremony
 3/09/12- Deadline for Senior Projects
 3/12/12-3/23/12- PSSA Math & Reading
 3/23/12-12:00 PM-Early Dismissal-Staff Development

April 2012

4/02/12-4/06/12- School Closed-Spring Break
 4/09/12- Classes Resume
 4/11/12- 7:00 PM - Home & School Mtg @ High School
 4/13/12- Deadline for Senior Class Dues payment
 7:00 PM - Junior Prom
 4/16/12-4/20/12- PSSA Writing
 4/23/12-4/27/12- PSSA Science
 4/27/12-12:00 PM Early Dismissal-Staff Development

May 2012

5/03/12- 6:00 PM- BINGO @ Southampton Room
 5/05/12- SAT Test - (deadline to register 4/06/12)
 5/11/12- 7:00 PM- Senior Prom
 5/18/12- 6:00 PM- Art Gallery Night @ High School
 5/28/12- School Closed- Memorial Day

June 2012

6/02/12- SAT Test (deadline to register 5/08/12)
 6/04/12- Senior Exams / Graduation Practice
 6/05/12- Senior Exams / Graduation Practice
 6/06/12-12:00 PM- Early Dismissal -Final Exams
 7:00 PM- Home & School Mtg @ High School
 6/07/12-12:00 PM- Early Dismissal - Final Exams
 6/08/12- 6:00 PM- High School Graduation
 6/14/12-12:00 PM- Dismissal- Last Day for All

*The school calendar will be updated monthly.
 Please refer to the school website for all
 updates, Board Meeting dates and times.*

Important Information

In the event of inclement weather, always check our school's website pacsweb.org for up-to-date information concerning a PACS School Closure or Delayed Opening.

Information can also be obtained by tuning your radio to KYW1060 or by watching any of the major local news stations on TV.

The PACS School Closing Number is **131**.



A Message From Our CEO



Let me be the first to officially welcome back our school family after a much deserved Winter Break. Exciting plans are in the works to help make this new year a memorable one for our student body.

Please be reminded that it is very important for students to come to school every day as well as on time. An abundance of absences can and will hurt your child's academic progress here at PACHS.

Warmest Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.



A Message From Mrs. Simmons

Philadelphia Academy is bustling with activity with the beginning of the second semester! Students have completed midterm exams and are anxiously awaiting the many events coming to our school. During the months of February and March, students will enjoy a Dodgeball Tournament, Bingo, Junior Class Ring Ceremony, and a benefit Prom Fashion Show.

Academics should continue to be the top priority for your student. If you have any concerns about their academic performance, please be sure to contact my office. We are here to help!

Enjoy your winter season!



MMS Access

Our school website is: pacsweb.org

Parents are encouraged to log onto the Philadelphia Academy Charter High School website daily. This site will keep you up-to-date on school information as well as your child's academic performance. Additionally, **SCHOOL CLOSING** information will be posted on this site in the event of inclement weather or other emergency reason.



Student Absences

Parents/Guardians **MUST** call the main office to report all student absences.
 The school's phone number is **215-673-3990**.

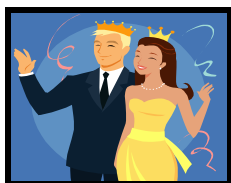
In addition to a phone call, students are expected to return to school with an absence note. A note from the doctor, dentist or hospital will be considered an "Excused Absence." Students returning to school without a note from you or a doctor's note, will be coded as a "Parental Neglect."



Student Lateness

School starts at 8:00 AM sharp. Students arriving after 8:00 AM are considered late and will receive a demerit and an afterschool detention.

Only those students arriving with a medical or dental note from the doctor will receive an excused late. No exceptions.

Seniors- Class of 2012

Class Sponsor: *Ms. Heidi Kester*

Senior Prom**Date**

Friday, May 11, 2012

7:00 PM-12:00 PM

Location:

The Hyatt at the Bellevue

200 South Broad Street.

Philadelphia, PA 19102

Cost: \$190.00 per couple

Juniors- Class of 2013

Class Sponsor: *Mr. John Petrie*

Junior Prom**Date**

Friday, April 13, 2012

7:00 PM-11:00 PM.

Location:

Townsend Room

12273 Townsend Road.

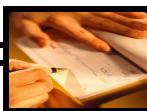
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Cost: \$60.00 per person/\$120.00 per couple

Important Reminder for the Senior Class**SENIOR EXIT PROJECT- Due 3/9/2012**

Seniors must have their completed Senior Exit Project completed by March 9, 2012. Successful completion of the Senior Exit Project is a requirement of the state of Pennsylvania and is mandatory for graduation.

Seniors who do not successfully complete this project will not graduate and will not be permitted to attend the Senior Prom. Additionally, Seniors who do not successfully complete the Senior Exit Project will be mandated to attend the PACHS summer school program.

**Senior Class Dues**

All seniors must pay their Senior Class Dues fee of **\$175.00** by **April 13, 2012**.

Please make your check payable to: **PACHS**

The Senior Class Dues covers the following expenses:

- Graduation Gown, Cap and Tassel
Girls will wear White Graduation Gowns
Boys will wear Royal Blue Graduation Gowns
- Diploma with Case
- Yearbook
- T-Shirt

Junior Class Ring Ceremony

The Junior Class Ring Ceremony will be held in the school gym on **March 8, 2012 @ 2:00 PM**

Sophomores - Class of 2014

Class Sponsor: *Mr. David Zagorski*

No Information at this time

Freshmen News - Class of 2015

Class Sponsor: *Ms. Dionne Giedemann*

The ninth grade class trip will be held on **April 30, 2012**.

Location: South Mountain YMCA

More information will follow

Conflict Resolution

The trained mediators and freshmen mentors from last year's Conflict Resolution course are now seniors.

PACHS mediators and mentors work with small groups of students in home room, offer their services as mediators and participate in various school activities. Since September, they have been very active in working with groups of freshmen.

The current crop of soon-to-be mediators are in training in this year's Conflict Resolution course and will be ready to take over for the current seniors next year.

We are hoping that this will become a regular feature at PACHS.



Greening the School

The *Environmental Club* and the *Community* team are working together to improve the environment at our school. The Environmental Club has personally taken on the task to help decrease our schools' carbon footprint. It has become their goal to educate the entire school community about the need to turn off all lights in empty rooms, the importance of recycling as well as simple solutions to combat indoor air pollution. Members of the club went a step further. They began propagating plants so that they could put live plants in classrooms.

The Environmental Club's suggestions were highly received by our staff and school community.



Wreaths Across America - 12/8/11

“The Wreaths Across America’s Mission is to Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Served Including Their Families Who Sacrifice, and Teach Our Children the Cost of the Freedoms We Enjoy Each Day “

For the second straight year, the Philadelphia Academy Charter High School hosted the “Wreaths Across America” convoy. The morning began with our kindergarten students cheering on the incoming convoy of tractor trailers, police cars, highway patrol, and motorcycle escort. Small homemade flags made by the children proudly waved while chants of “U.S.A.” brought a smile to every arriving guest. Once inside the school, Chef High and his very talented culinary students greeted the guests with a delicious breakfast. Soon after, the ceremony began.

Both student and staff were enlightened by speeches given by Officer Nick Klosz (Phila. Police), Karen and Morrill Worcester (owners of Worcester Wreaths), Ann LePage (Maine’s First Lady), John & Bunny O’Leary (Patriot Guard Ride Captain) Sir Stanley Wojtusik (Battle of the Bulge), Edith Nowels (Editor, Publisher of the Ardennes Voice), Joe Hogan (Washington’s Crossing National Cemetery Coordinator for Wreaths), Norma Luther and Candi Martin (Gold Star Mothers). Each speaker held the full attention of every student, staff member and guest with personal stories about a loved one who lost their life during the war. In addition to the many speakers, there were representatives in attendance from the Delaware Valley Veterans Home Honor Guard, Maine Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard, Gold Star Wives, Upper and lower Makefield Highway Patrol, Philadelphia Highway Patrol, and countless volunteers and groups who helped to make this event possible.

To conclude the day’s ceremony, a special wreath was presented to this year’s recipient of Wreaths Across America. Philadelphia Police Officer, Betsy Strange, was on hand to accept a wreath in honor of her son Michael Strange who was a Navy Seal killed in Afghanistan on August 7, 2011. It was a very somber moment for all.

The Wreaths Across America continued their convoy to Arlington National Cemetery where they laid **100,000** wreaths on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Additionally, on this same day, at the same time, wreaths were laid at 700 other cemetery locations all over the world to honor our fallen heroes.

Footnote: PACHS students were truly inspired by the day’s events. They were touched by the many heartfelt stories of the Worcester family who cut the wreaths and packed them at their own expense, the courageous individuals who gave their lives for our country and the family members who were left to continue life without them. To show their appreciation, students began writing letters and creating beautiful holiday cards for the many guest speakers and volunteer groups who attended the “Wreaths Across America.”

All letters and cards were mailed, received and greatly cherished by the recipients.



Women's Softball Schedule 2012

Varsity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon 3/26/12	@ CAPA	18th & Washington	3:15
Wed 3/28/12	@ Girl's High	15th & Olney Driveway	3:15
Fri 3/30/12	@ Northeast	Glendale & Bleigh	3:15
Tues 4/10/12	@ NEA	Front & Erie	3:15
Thrs 4/12/12	@ Masterman	33rd & Dauphin	3:15
Tues 4/17/12	Central	Home	3:15
Thrs 4/19/12	Washington	Home	3:15
Thrs 4/26/12	Lincoln	Home	3:15
Mon 4/30/12	Saul	Home	3:15
Tues 5/08/12	Franklin Towne	Home	3:15
Thrs 5/10/12	Prep Charter	Home	3:15



Men's Baseball Schedule 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thrs 3/15/12	@ Gamp	7th & Parker	2:45
Mon 3/26/12	Roxborough	Home	3:15
Wed 3/28/12	@ Prep Charter	7th & Packer	2:45
Fri 3/30/12	@ Marianna Bracetti	4800 Whitaker	3:15
Mon 4/09/12	@ PET	20th & Pattison- Field 3	3:15
Wed 4/11/12	Northeast	Home	3:15
Mon 4/16/12	@ Kensington	Richmond & Ash	3:15
Wed 4/18/12	@ FLA	35th & Oxford	3:15
Mon 4/23/12	@ Bodine	33rd & Dauphin- Field 7	3:15
Wed 4/25/12	@ Lincoln	Shelmire & Rowland	3:15
Fri 4/27/12	Fels	Home	3:15
Mon 4/30/12	@ Bok	11th & Bigler	3:15
Mon 5/07/12	Swenson	Home	3:15



Women's JV Softball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wed 3/28/12	@ Edison	Hunting Park (West of Front)	3:15
Tues 4/10/12	Central	Home	3:15
Thrs 4/12/12	Northeast	Home	3:15
Tues 4/17/12	Frankford	Home	3:15
Mon 4/30/12	Washington	Home	3:15
Mon 5/07/12	@ Girl's High	15th & Olney Driveway	3:15



Women's Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues 3/20/12	Masterman	Home	3:15
Wed 3/21/12	@ Northeast	Northeast Supersite (NEHS)	3:15
Wed 3/28/12	Girl's High	Home	3:15
Fri 3/30/12	Masterman	Home	3:15
Wed 4/11/12	Franklin Towne	Home	3:15
Fri 4/13/12	@ Central	15th & Somerville	3:15
Wed 4/18/12	@ Washington	Bustleton & Verree	3:15
Fri 4/20/12	@ Bodine	Rhawn & State Rd	3:15
Fri 4/27/12	@ Girl's High	15th & Olney Driveway	3:15
Wed 5/02/12	@ Masterman (Gratz)	Gratz Supersite	3:15
Fri 5/04/12	Central	Home	3:15
Wed 5/09/12	@ Franklin Towne	Torresdale & Devereaux	3:15
Fri 5/11/12	Washington	Home	3:15
Wed 5/16/12	Bodine	Home	3:15

Dear PACHS Men & Women's Basketball Team Members and Coaching Staff,

Thank you for an incredible 2011-2012 Basketball season!



PACHS Staff & Students



Congratulations to The PACHS Men's Ice Hockey Team and Coaching Staff,

We are so proud of your 1st year's accomplishments!

Best of Luck in the playoffs!



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