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PHS 2017 Brotherhood Award Assembly

By Pauline Evans



Paulsboro High school is loaded with tradition... after all we are 100 years old! One of the best and most looked forward to is, of course, the Brotherhood Award nominations and assembly. On May 19, 2017, the 60th PHS Brotherhood Award assembly took place. This year's nominees were Bryanna Coles, Edlisha Pernell, John Slusarski, Haley Mogar, and Chris Koller.

The award was introduced by Mrs. Ada Rosen, a member of the Mayer's Civil Rights Commission and Mr. George Gaines, a fellow committee member, during the 1950's. The annual assembly promotes "the importance of community through the selection of a high school senior who embodies the true meaning of Brotherhood in his or her life and actions." In order to be nominated, each senior must meet certain qualifications, which include showing regard for people of all religious faiths, racial backgrounds and national origins. The regard for the welfare of his or her fellow students. The participation in student affairs with special emphasis on the just treatment of others and willingness to go out of his or her way to be of service.

The Brotherhood award nominees are selected in a closed session by members of the student body, administrators, faculty and staff. After the top 5 nominees are announced, students in grades 9-12

vote to product one winner.



This year's winner is Chris Koller. Chris likes and is best known for rapping. He also enjoys boxing and writing poetry. He plans to attend Rowan University majoring in Bio Science Technology. His family means the world to him. During his speech, he almost did not have the words to express how much, and he became emotional. For anyone who knows Chris, this was unheard of.

Fellow nominee Bryanna Coles plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University. She is on the soccer and track teams, and is involved with ABLE, Big Brother/ Big Sister, SURE, NJHS and Joy.



Edlisha Pernell plans to attend Florida State University and become an Epidemiologist. She is involved in field hockey, basketball, softball, and track. Taking the stage with her best friend and her sister, Edlisha thanked her late mother for her faith and guidance. "Her unconditional love is the strength that motivates me to get through each day."

John Slusarski plans to attend Rowan College and major in Graphic Design. He is involved in the Deptford Bowling League, SURE, Student Council, and NHS. He has been a People's Choice Award winner as well as Renaissance's "Student of the Year".



Haley Mogar plans to attend Rowan University. She is the manager of the wrestling team, cheerleading captain, and keeps the stats for track. She is also involved with the Pegasus Players, NJHS/NHS, BBBS, and ABLE. She is a "Student of the Month" recipient, and was recently awarded the "Gift of Heart" college scholarship.

Block Scheduling Update

By Brenna Pearce

This is the first year where PHS moved to block scheduling from traditional 45-minute classes. Although many did not embrace it in the beginning, block scheduling was pretty successful in its first year.

There was, of course, some confusion at first with scheduling, like the confusion with lunches. Some teachers and students did not like leaving for lunch in the

middle of their block three class – some had lunch after 30 minutes then had to go back to class. Others had to wait until almost 1PM to eat.

Other than that, most students liked the longer class periods. Teachers could fit more of the curriculum into a single day; they delved deeper into subject matter. In science classes, students could complete an entire lab.

Block scheduling also gave students more time to complete classwork, if they took advantage of the timeframe given - which cut down on the amount of homework they needed to do at home.

Overall block scheduling went well in its inaugural year and there is no plan to return to the 12 period class schedule. It is a way of life here at PHS now and for the next several years at least, it's here to stay.

Mr. Paul Morina, PHS Principal

Mrs. Mildred Tolbert, PJHS Principal

Mr. James Pandolfo, Vice Principal

Senior Trip

2017

By Tom Franks

This year the Senior trip was as fun as can be! The seniors went to go to Florida and spend a week away from school, and as a bonus, they got to go all over Orlando, Florida to places like Disney World and Universal Studios. Many of the students who went came back saying how 'lit' the experience was for them as they were able to go around Florida 'on their own'. They rode many rides in various parks – for some this was their first trip away. At Universal, they experienced the world of Harry Potter like never before going through Hogsmeade and drunk Butter Beer. In Wald Disney World, many posed for pictures with various characters like Mickey, Minnie and the many princesses. Other things the group did was go to the beach to relax and get tan. The 2017 senior trip was fun for all the seniors who went and I know for a fact that they came back from having a blast whole week.



A Secret Garden takes over at PHS

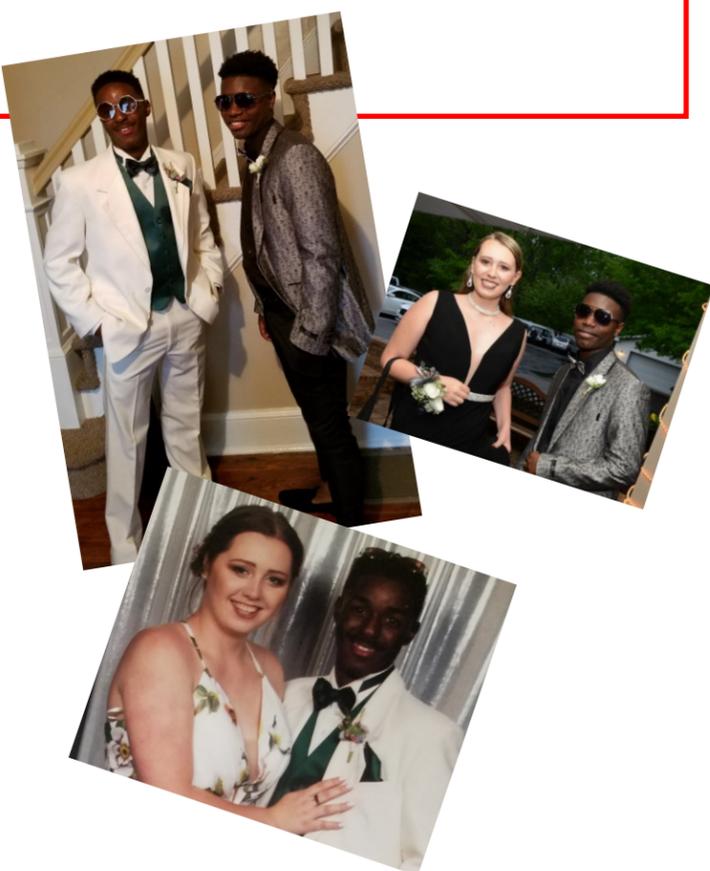
By: Taylor Stiegler

On May 5th, the Juniors and Seniors enjoyed Prom at Nicolosi's in West Deptford. They danced the night away in "The Secret Garden" enjoying the food, the company, and the photo booth. From everyone who attended, we would like to thank Ms. Lilley for all the planning (which starts the year before) and the beautiful decorations. Ms. Lilley usually does everything by herself since she has to start before next year's class officers are chosen and the decorating takes place during school.

The prom King and Queen were

chose by the staff at Nicolosi's, as per tradition. This year congratulations go to Kyle Jones and Kimberly Howell who were voted in and looked fabulous! The 2017 prom court included Anthony Duca, Zach Harbeson, Liva Savaiinaea, and Chris Koller for the males. The female members were Edlisha Pernell, Abi Cook, Allison Coyle, and Ci- era Corbin.

Everyone had the most fun dancing, but the photo booth was a huge hit as was the food, which included baked chicken, ravioli, meatballs, roast beef, mashed potatoes, and fruit salad.





The 10th Annual People's Choice Awards

This year's People's Choice Award Ceremony was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the PHS auditorium. The People's Choice Award recipients are students who have touched the lives of teachers, staff members, or administrators in a memorable way which made the nominator smile, feel proud, or just made teaching worthwhile.

The individuals honored embody characteristics and traits that make administrators, teachers, and parents proud. The credit for each award goes to the parents, grandparents, and guardians for inspiring and raising their child in a way that demonstrates care, respect, and responsibility towards others, after all—

most of these traits are taught at home and only reinforced at school.

Each student nominated was chosen by someone who thought that although they may or may not be the best student academically, they are good people and are a credit to the PHS family. Each award member works hard to ensure PHS is a good place to be during their day and in some cases, goes out of their way to make sure it is that way for others as well.

This year's winners are: Josh Bailey, Rasheme Jennings, Cole Hampton, Steven Johnson, Samson Beaver, Jay'on Page, Chris Koller, Frank Mooney, Artrell Brown, Cedaiyah Carr, Kieleigh Dunn,

Marissa Bradley, Joshua Viehweger, Christina Franks, Taylor Brady, Santino Morina, Samuel Mogar, Joseph Rizzo, Joseph Davis, Nykeema Sanders, John Slusarski, Jasmine, Jacotin, Devyn Booker, Naseer Bateman, Anthony Duca, Ayanna Johnson, Brandon Armstrong, Tyshel Lightfoot, Stephanie Santiago, D'Asia Green, Montrae Boone, Taylor George, Demetreus Day, Logan Papp, Thomas Franks, Barry Green, Allison Coyle, Reinaldo Vasquez, and Mike Ware.

To these students, we want to say thank you for who you are and continue to bring that same passion, persistence, and positivity to each and every day.



Photo courtesy of Paulsboro Arts

Class of
2017

Senior Spotlight





Class of 2017 Last Will and Testament:

We, the Senior Class of 2017 of Paulsboro High School, in the State of New Jersey being of sound mind (we hope) and a strong body, having attained ample knowledge to graduate and take up the toil and hardships of life, do set pen to this document.

D'Andre Blue-Eli – to Jermaine R and Doug B-E, become the best people you can be: get good grades and excel in sports. Strive for excellence!

Tom Franks – all the fun times I had at PHS as I leave for college. I leave behind my loyalty to my football team and coaches, and my thanks to Mrs. Morina for always being there when I'm down and need to talk.

Cierra Corbin – My athletic ability in a 3 sports to Katirah H: all the talent and strength will be passed down, I hope she is female athlete of the year!

Nieshalee Leandry – To my attendance teacher, Mrs. Cucinotta, I leave the joy that every new day brings and to Will from English I leave the desire to graduate HS: stop skipping classes, it gets you nowhere.

Miles Moore – to everyone playing football, basketball, and wrestling, I leave my athletic ability.

Brenna Pearce – My senior block to Mrs. LaDue so she can remember me and for the underclassmen: make the most out of your HS career, you only get one!

Keema Sanders – wants to leave my locker to anybody that has the initials NKS, my good energy and love to the incoming seniors, my hard work and crazy times to Mrs. Brown, Ms. Beaman, Ms. Lilley, and Ms. Thomas.

Haley Schlosser – My famous backhand swing to my brother Hunter. From the start of freshman year, I was known for the famous backhand and now I hope that my brother will continue on with it.

Emily Marie – Chelsea V, I leave you my stress J and Mr. Vodge I leave my hair to cover your head.

Joseph Rizzo – my baseball skills and my leadership on and off the field to the next man up.

Iyona McCain – all the kids in the school, my pride in PHS. You can always have fun, you just have to do what you got to do first. You can make fun things out of anything; HS isn't as bad as it seems.

Kayla Baylor – Mrs. Garner, I leave you Nicky for the next two years. J

Rasheme Jennings – Mrs. LaDue my creativity and talent in the arts. Thank you for everything! To SURE my heart and willingness to do for others because that's what SURE is about.

Na'Kiaya Hammond-Bennett – Ms. Lilley my

collection of hand sanitizer, Amari F – my collection of books because she likes to read them anyway, Aiden & Aaron F – my knowledge & intelligence only because I have too much for my own good. Lol

Tori Yourgevidge – Lane, my beautiful son, to MS. Lilly. Take care of him. To O'Malley a krimpert. To Gaynor a high five because she'll miss me, and Wulk her picture back.

Darian Moore – knowledge and worth to upcoming students in need and my technique in football to my fellow linemen.

Izayah Ruiz – my legacy and enthusiasm to future band members: especially Trevor W, Jayon P, and Christian S.

Becka Zammarrelli – My strange sense of humor to all those who spoke of me. J

Jake Medica – my strength and will power to my little brother, Max. He deserves it and it will carry him through his entire HS career, whether it be in athletics or in class.

Taylor Stiegler – My heart to this school. I have changed so much in these last few years – Thank you all! I love you!

Matt Pettinichio – The pride I carried on the sports field to all the underclassmen. Keep the Paulsboro pride going and bring home more championships!

Joey Perez – my great and awesome athletic ability to my brothers because I would trash them. Love you guys!

Jose Cruz – my art to Ms. LaDue because I want her to have flash-backs of my doing art work.

Tyran Jackson – my thanks to Ms. Garner for always pushing me and for being an excellent teacher and mentor.

Anastasia Turner – my locker to Diamon T so I don't have to clean it out.

Joey Rone – all my art to Mrs. Lombardo.

John Slusarski – to my little sister Heaven, everything I have: my accomplishments, my creativity, my love, my hope, and my dreams. I hope you carry on the family name well and do much more than I could.

Samson Beaver – my spirit throughout the art room, hopefully to inspire the younger generation, one with the same fire and passion as I've envisioned throughout the years – like my excitement when I started my first spirit tag. I only want to pass inspiration.

Artrell Brown – to Anyia B the hope and strength to continue he sports legacy as

she gets stronger coming back from injury and that she continues to leave the dancing I've started at PHS. To the next drum major – the courage, strength, & leadership to take the marching band to even higher levels, to get the crowd more crazier, and the music louder. I love you guys!

Jeremiah DiNovi – my funny/corny stories that I have been able to come up with to one of my favorite teachers, Ms. Bria

Nate DuBois – to the track team, my jumping talent. To the basketball team, my greatness.

Jerry O'Leary – to Eric D, how to dress, date girls, and play basketball.

Bryanna Coles – to Aaliyah C my school pride and joy with you all. I hope you continue your HS career and know that there is nothing greater than being a Red Raider!

Edgar Rosa – to Eduardo the best of luck in any sport you try out for while at PHS. You got this bro!

Lucy Vargas – to anyone having a hard time in life; these things won't matter in a year, so pause, take a deep breath, and keep it moving with your head up high.

Chris (The Fridge) Koller – this advice: that you keep a small group of trustworthy friends. Ms. Lilley is cool.

Lee Ireland – To the underclassmen: Stay focused and get the work done and the year goes smoothly.

Sean McAree – To the underclassmen: Always stay positive and don't let your emotions get to you.

Mary Craig – to Jacob C my advice: make as many friends and memories as you can because it goes fast!

Wilberto Aponte – my kindness for those to spread around PHS.

Neem Worthy – To my little brother Barry G, I'm going to miss having fun and playing in the hallway together so I'm leaving my class spirit (mascot) and my locker behind. Take all of it and put it in spirit week little bro!

Frank Mooney Jr – To Austin M: my VARSITY spot on the football, wrestling, and baseball teams along with my amazing personality!

Alexandrea Walker – To Alicia W: Take your time next year. It goes too quick and the next thing you know it's over. If you get overwhelmed, ask for help...and get your term paper in ON TIME!!!!!!

Celebrating 25 Years at Paulsboro High School ...and still going strong!

By Emily Oswald

Miss Garner has been a teacher here at Paulsboro high for the past 25 years now. I sat down with her today and asked her what made her decide to become a teacher. She said, "I am the oldest of three children. I would help my brother and sister with their homework and I really enjoyed it. My aunt and uncle also encouraged me to become a teacher. They were both teachers at the time. They are both currently retired teachers."

While still in college she interviewed for her current position here at PHS. She was raised in Mount Royal, so the job was close to home and in a community and county that she grew up in. She wanted to give back to that community.

During her 25 years working at Paulsboro, She has learned a ton, she said, "I have learned patience and resilience, and How to reach children that are hard to reach though compassion and a commitment to serving others." I asked her what her biggest accomplishment while teaching at PHS was. She said, "Being able to make a difference in the lives of her students on an emotional level and then being able to teach them and see them feel so happy and free. This brings joy to my heart."

After her time here she feels blessed that God has given her strength and the knowledge to follow this opportunity and to make a difference in so many students' lives. She feels she is a better person for it. While

working here at PHS, her favorite memory was helping Ms. Davis in last year's multicultural talent show. One of the hardest struggles she faced while working here was dealing with the unexpected death of her mother in Jan of 2016. Mrs. Garner is not just a great teacher, she is also a homebound tutor, an administrative detention monitor, Senior Class Adviser, Teacher of the joy program, and a special education teacher working with grades 7-12. Mrs. Garner has been a great staff member in this school and has helped many students throughout her time here. She is beloved by anyone who is a staff or student in the building. Mrs. Garner has not thought about retirement and plans to stick around!

Retirements: Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. DelRossi, and Mrs. Spitale

By: Sierra Magdin , Brenna Pearce, and Rasheme Jennings

This year we say goodbye and farewell to Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. DelRossi, and Mrs. Spitale.

Mrs. Gentile has worked for the Paulsboro public schools for 32 years. She has told the Paulsentinel that she does not have just one favorite memory, but that she has really enjoyed the kids and how they have changed every year she has worked here. Before she started to work at Paulsboro, Mrs. Gentile worked at an insurance company, and was also a stay at home mom until her youngest child was able to go to school. She started to work for the Paulsboro school district so she and her kids could get home at the same time. Before being able to run the computer lab Mrs. Gentile worked at Billingsport for 3 years. She is looking forward to retirement, so she can

spend as much time with her grand-kids as she can, and traveling. She leaves PHS with good memories and wishing all of the students continued success during their time here at PHS and beyond.



The staff and students at PHS were surprised and both happy and sad when Mrs. DelRossi decided to retire in February. We are happy that she could enjoy her much deserved retirement, yet sad that most people didn't know she was leaving and could not 'send her off' with our well wishes (and visits to the library—as there would have been plenty). Mrs. DelRossi has been a faculty member at PHS for about 25 years. Before be-

coming our beloved librarian and AP teacher, she taught at Shawnee HS and at Rutgers College in Camden. She will be sorely missed here at PHS. We wish her the best with her retirement!

PHS's school Nurse, Mrs. Spitale has decided to call it quits. After 8 years of dispensing ice, band-aids, and wrapping injured phalanges, it is time to hang up her stethoscope and enjoy her days with her family. While she has many, many great memories of staff and students here at PHS, she is looking forward having not having to write a "pass back to class". We wish Mrs. Spitale the best in her next adventure.



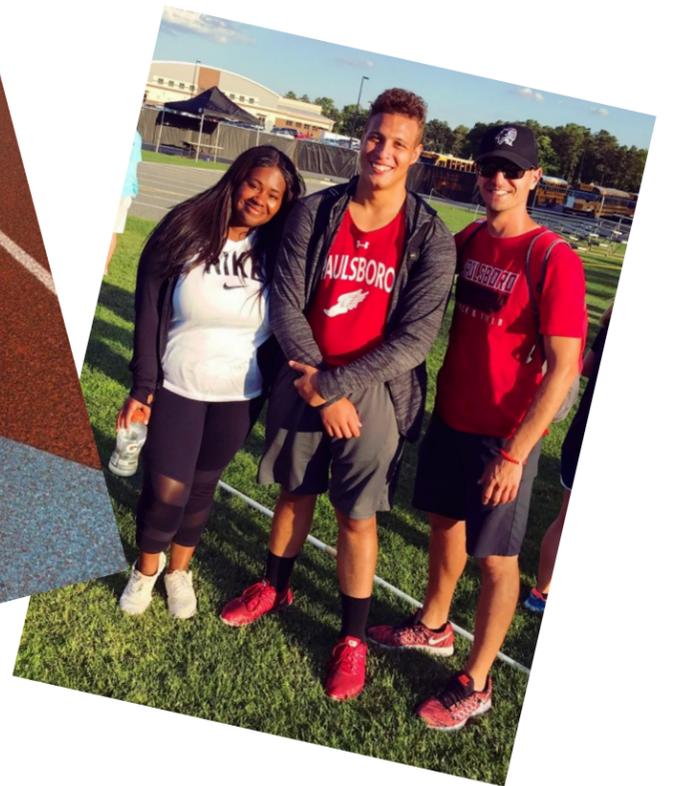
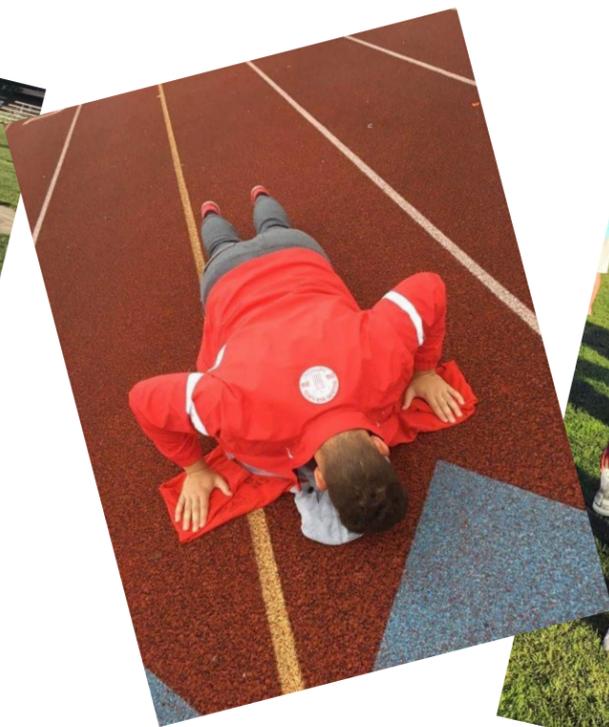
Boys and Girls Track!

By Tom Franks

The boys and girls track teams did well this year. They had many awesome returning athletes on both sides. The boys picked up some new up and coming freshman as did the girls team. Altogether, there were five girls and three boys who made it to states this year. They were Edgar Rosa Rodriguez, Emmanuel

Simon, Zaire Collins, Amaya Reed-Clark, Katirah Howell, Christina Franks, Scarlett Cooper-Croce, and Valeska Williams. At states, two people made it to the Meet of Champions - one from each team: Edgar Rosa-Rodriguez placed 5th in his heat and Amaya Reid placed 6th. They will compete with the best from all

over New Jersey. Do your best and re-member... go BIG RED!



Red Raiders Baseball and Softball Seasons

By: Gabriel Rappa

The 2016-2017 baseball and softball seasons both ended earlier than we wanted this year. The Paulsboro can tell you how both the softball and baseball season was this school year. We will start with the ladies team ... you know, ladies first.

The softball season was a short one this year with a record of 4-15. The season didn't really turn out how they wanted it to be, but like they say, "there is always next year" for the lady raiders. They had two seniors, Mary Craig and Cierra

Corbin. One highlight of the season was during a game against LEAP Academy. High School freshman, Selena Chila, had one of the best statistical games of any player around the state this season, Chila went 5-for-5 with two doubles, two triples, a home run, five runs scored and 10 RBIs in a 20-10 victory. She was the also the winning pitcher, striking out 18, and while she allowed all 10 runs in her six innings of work, but only three were earned.

The baseball team this year made to the

playoffs, but came up short and lost by a walk off HR to the Gateway Gators. The final score was 7-6. We had 7 seniors on the team, Eli Ramos Joey Perez Joey Rizzo Matty P and Zach Harberson. Joey Rizzo & Gabe Rappa both made 2nd team all-conference. The team played several awesome games ending with a league standing of 6-4 and overall of 12-10. Gabe Rappa had the most at bats and tied with Senior Joey Perez for most runs scored. Perez took most hits for the season.



Paulsboro High Seniors Say Farewell

By: Taylor Stiegler



On June 16th, the Class of 2017 will say their final farewells to the PHS family during a ceremony held on the football field at 6:30 PM. Some Graduates will cry and others cheer during the hour-long celebration of Red Raider pride and tradition, which has lasted 101 years.

The week of graduation fun begins on Monday with the Senior Breakfast 8 AM. All seniors MUST attend since that is when all of the important information, like Baccalaureate practice, dress requirements, and times; Graduation times and dress code; and ticket information will be given out.

On Tuesday, the senior class travels to Launch Trampoline Park for a day of bonding and fun. Seniors must be at the school at 9 AM SHARP or they will leave without you!

Graduation rehearsals start on June 14th and conclude on Graduation day. You MUST be there, and be on time, or you will not walk in the Graduation ceremony! Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 at St. Paul's UMC. There will be a dinner afterwards, but you must attend Baccalaureate to attend the dinner. Seniors may bring two guests to the dinner.

Continuing the PHS tradition, during Graduation, Ladies must wear all white under their robes and white shoes – NO FLIP FLOPS. Gentlemen must wear black pants, a plain white dress shirt, black shoes, and a dark tie.

All Graduates will receive 10 RED tickets for the ceremony whether it is inside due to inclement weather or outside for nice weather. White tickets will be distributed evenly among the graduates if the ceremony is held outside.

We did it! So sit back and enjoy the ride in the final weeks...Peace out Girl Scout! We will soon be PHS alumni!



Club News

By: Resheme Jennings

School clubs and activities during the 2016– 2017 school year added many new faces and will be sad that others are graduation. As we celebrate the passing of the torch so to speak, we wanted to update students on the many clubs we at PHS have and encourage you to join next year. There is so much to do and so much to get involved in next year - don't miss out! Joining a club is a great way to make new friends, put yourself out there, and grow as a person.

Student Council: We will elect new members of student council in September. Volunteer to be a homeroom representative and get involved. Officers will be voted on by the school at that time also.

Key Club: The Key club finished off the year with a celebratory ice cream social. Think about joining next year and get involved in the community!

S.U.R.E: As the year came to a close, the SURE club here at PHS built a peaceful mind through meditation and mindful breathing with the help of Ms. Murphy and Mrs. LaDue.

They also wanted to commemorate the 49 victims of the Pulse Night Club shooting, so in conjunction with Gloucester County's High Schools "Acting Out" theatre club, SURE members contributed to the Laramie Project which is a way to celebrate the lives lost in the tragedy. PHS read a play and discussed LGBTQ bias and inclusion.

G.S.A: GSA has been building their numbers during the 2016-2017 school year. We take pride here at PHS in being an inclusive school—we accept everyone, no matter your background! Come join a club that respects everyone equally.

Pegasus: We are sad to announce that due to budget cuts from the State, the Pegasus program at PHS has been cancelled.

Band and Choir: The band and choir have both been very busy these past few months preparing for the Class of 2017's Graduation. PHS would like to thank Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Oulette, and Mr. Krasting for their hard work and dedication to the arts. You have sounded AWESOME all year and we can't wait for the last performance of the year.

NHS and NJHA: Both the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Societies have added members in their celebration ceremonies this year. We are looking forward to another amazing year serving the community and achieving greatness here at PHS!

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