## AVAST YE MATIES! (Check this Out Friends)

Pirate PROOF recipients listed on page 2.

Want to stretch your brain cells, check out the brain teasers on page 5.

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#### This Day in History February 22, 1879



The first Woolworth 5 Cents Store opened in Utica, New York

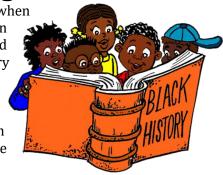


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## **African-American Heritage Month**

History Month was created in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week". The second week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14. These dates have been celebrated by black communities since the late 19th century.



Since its beginning, the primary emphasis of African-American Heritage Month has been placed on encouraging the teaching of the history of American blacks in the nation's public schools. At the time of Negro History Week's launch, Woodson contended that teaching black history was essential to ensure the physical and intellectual survival of the race within a broader society.

The first Negro History Week was met with a lukewarm response, but gained the cooperation of the Departments of Education in North Carolina, Delaware, and West

Virginia as well as the city school administrations of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Even though the concept was not accepted universally, the event was regarded by Woodson as "one of the most fortunate steps ever taken by the Association". Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.

Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2, 1970 – February 28, 1970. Six years later, Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, both great and small.

This month, staff and students will be participating in several activities to highlight the contributions of African Americans to American history. To start, a Freedom Gallery Walk was put together down the main hallway as a reminder to us of some of the contributions made by African-Americans. Ms. Palm, Mr. Norman and Mr. Bunn will chaperone a group of students to a viewing of "Canal Street" which stars Bryshere Gray, from Empire. Filmed here at Proviso East, one might see some of our very own security team members in cameo appearances. Students are also scheduled to travel to the Museum of Science and Industry to learn about different contributions made by minorities. Finally, this month's culminating cherry on top is the African-American Heritage Club's assembly to celebrate the Harlem Renaissance and feature hip-hop artists' work.

background information on Black History Month was taken from Wikipedia

## **Quote of the Week**

"The things that makes me different are the things that make me, me" - A.A. Milne

## January's Pirate PROOF Recipients

**By Ms. Palm**Office of Discipline



Each month, we celebrate students who have exhibited unsolicited acts of kindness, acts of courage and for most improved behavior by announcing their names via the PA system, having their pictures placed near the Tower entrance and by providing them with a pizza social. te following students were celebrated as such:

N/V	
P	POSITIVE
R	RESPECTFUL
0	OPEN MINDED
0	OBEDIENT
F	FOCUSED

Jamahl Arter
Alontie Badger
Armoni Brown
Samantha Cumbe
Keshon Fancher
Melanie Garcia
Jayla Graham
Christian Harper
Jeremiah Harrington
Angel Hernandez
Jeremiah Magee
Juan Mendez
Michael Osborne
Estefania Plata

Michelle Posada James Powell Rubizel Quintana Keiasha Rimmer Marianna Rimmer Melissa Salazar Amauri Spearman Devin Spencer Asana Thomas Tiniya Tousant Milissa Travis Maalik Watson Sherlysa Winston Elesha Winston

Any school staff member who would like to nominate students for PIRATE PROOF, should send all requests to the appropriate Dean of Students with your reasoning to why and how the student demonstrated positive, respectful, open-minded, obedient, and focused behaviors.

## **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

**By Mr. Goslawski** Health & Wellness Department



The month of February has been designated as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. It has been estimated that 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner every year. It is also estimated that 3 in 4 parents have never talked to their children about domestic violence. The Proviso East health & wellness department brought students into the Social Room to interact with Pillars Community Health over the course of three days. Students heard from a survivor of domestic violence and the unfortunate circumstances she dealt with due to her abusers. They were then debriefed on the situations and informed of the red flags to look for in a relationship. The smaller

group interaction was highly effective as the students were informed of safety tips for dating, signs of a healthy relationship versus an unhealthy relationship, the cycle of violence, the different types of relationship violence, and resources for someone who may need help.

## **Exemplary CTE Teachers**

Congratulations to Chef Keith Morris & Ms. Patricia Heidel for being nominated as an Exemplary CTE Teacher and for being exclusively invited to participate in the ILCTE Innovation Curriculum Resources Project's 2019 Exemplary CTE Teacher Program! Great Job!!!

## **Elite Basketball Program**

The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) recognized our boys basketball team for reaching elite basketball status with over 1500 wins including four state championships in 1969, 1971, 1991, and 1992. Recording Secretary, Mr. Steven Allen, presented Head Coach Donnie Boyce with the 1500 win plaque right before the Pirates took on the Panthers. The day was celebrated with a reception for former players and alumni prior to the East / West game.



The Pageant welcomes your comments, opinions, and thoughts. Please send them to us at smcallister@pths209.org

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## Freshman A Girls **Basketball Team** Wins!

**By Coach Horton** Girls Basketball Coach

On Friday, January 25th, the Freshman A girls basketball team was victorious with a 41 - 29 win against Downers Grove South. The lady pirates were lead in scoring by Natalya Keefer who had a game high of 14 points. The Lady Pirates played tenacious team defense. This win marked the first time in over 10 years that a girl's freshman basketball team has won conference at Proviso East!







#### FREE PROM, LUNCHEON AND **GRADUATION DRESSES**

We want to be a blessing to any young lady in need of help for prom or graduation by giving away some of the BEST dresses, shoes, and accessories money can buy. We won't let you down!!! (Slightly Used and New



Saturday March 9, 2019

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3:00pm-6:30pm

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Why pay when you can look good for free?

If you need a "HOOK UP" we got what you need...





For More Information Contact Peaches Barker

#### New Club "Art Vibe" Comes to East

**By Mrs. LaPorte** Club Sponsor

The **Wellness Team** is sponsoring a new club! "Art Vibe" is just for you! Art Vibe meets Wednesdays after school in Room 164 from 3:30 – 5:00. Please come join us for a relaxing time of art making, conversation and positive energy. Topics and projects are chosen by members. Upcoming themes include mindfulness, self-love, safe discussions, relaxation techniques, and art making. Join the newest club designed by you for you! See you there!





#### **Wrestlers Finish 6th**

**By Coach Sutton** Head Wrestling Coach

Congratulations to the Wrestling team for their performance at the Lane Tech Regional. The Pirates finished 6th overall and had two wrestlers qualify for the Sectional Tournament. Tysean Tyson took 3rd place at 220 lbs. and Jameir Castleberry was your champion at 106 lbs. Jameir improved his record to 23-0. Good luck to our wrestlers as they attempt to qualify for the IHSA State Tournament.

# 21 Savage

**By Endiah Taylor** Staff Writer

She'yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, who is known as 21 Savage was recently arrested by ICE because he's an immigrant from the United Kingdom. 21 Savage was in the United States illegally. His birth certificate says he was born in East London to British parents. The rapper's arrest shocked people because he was closely associated with Atlanta so, that's where people thought he was from. 21 Savage's arrest heightened awareness of what is happening to undocumented immigrants, especially in the "Trump Era." 21 Savage was released on bond on February 13<sup>th</sup>. His attorney said that the Department of Homeland Security is no longer pursuing an aggravated felony charge against the rapper in his immigration case.





## **#1** High Jumper in the State

By Coach Jones

Head Boys Cross County & Track Coach

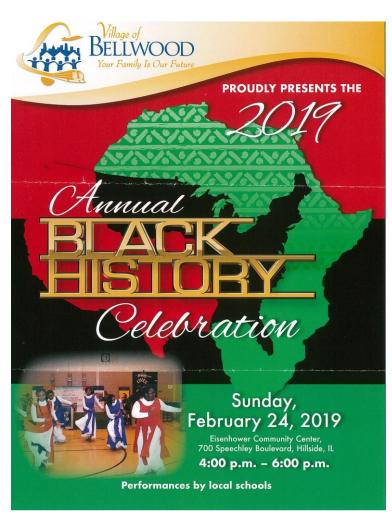
Isaiah Tyler is currently the number one high jumper the state in 3A with a jump of 6'6". Isaiah has made the state qualifying mark of (6'3") for outdoors in the first week of February. Congratulations Isaiah Tyler on being our athlete of the week!

#### **Hoodies for Trayvon**

**By Endiah Taylor** Staff Writer

From the tragic death of Trayvon Martin, a symbol has been used to represent the tragedy and the symbol is "the hoodie". A simple hoodie has become a representation of how assumptions in America towards African Americans is a big problem. George Zimmerman told the 911 dispatcher, before he killed 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, that there was a young man in a "dark hoodie", who was a "suspicious guy". On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Trayvon's birthday, people around the world wore a hoodie as a symbol of the tragedy and continued support for the Martin family. They continue to wear hoodies in marches and continue to say, "We are all Trayvon Martin."





## State Qualifier Castleberry Sendoff

**By Ms. McEllistrim**Student Activity Coordinator

Jameir Castleberry left to compete at the State Wrestling Tournament on Wednesday, February 13th.

This is Jamier's second time going to state and to celebrate this grand occasion, Jamier was escorted by the East Drumline and the PYT's down a student lined hallway to the stairwell by Room 294E and then down the stairs to the exit to the field house. Good luck Jamier at state!



## **Try Your Luck at Reading!**

By Dr. Therriault Librarian

How lucky are you? Stop in the library to view the Shamrock Book Display. Check out and read a book from this display and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card at the end of the month of March! Be sure to always have a pass – we look forward to seeing you soon!



#### **Test Taking Tips**



Do you get anxious and nervous when you take tests? Do you sometimes run out of time? Do you have a hard time answering essay questions? Are your test grades lower than you'd like them to be? If you answered yes to any of previous questions, now is the time to work on improving your test-taking skills. Doing well on tests takes more than studying the material. You also need to be a smart test taker. Smart test takers know strategies that improve their confidence and help them choose the right answers. Whenever you're taking a quiz, test or final

exam, keep these tips in mind.

#### Get off to a good start

- Have everything you need for the test when you go to class.
- As soon as you get your test, write anything you want to remember at the top (names, formulas, dates, etc.) Then read the directions.

#### Develop a plan

• Before you begin answering questions, quickly look over the entire test and decide how much time you'll spend on each section or question. For example, if a test has 25 multiple choice and 2 essay questions, you could plan to spend 10 minutes on the multiple-choice questions and 20 minutes on each essay.

#### Don't get stuck on difficult questions

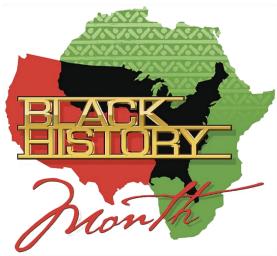
• Put a dot or a light mark by any answer you aren't sure of. After you've gone through all of the questions, go back to the ones you've marked and try them again.

#### Check your answers

• If you have time, check all of your answers, even the ones you know are correct. You may have made a careless mistake. Use all of the time you're given.

#### Reduce test anxiety

- Replace irrational thoughts (*I have to ace this test*) and negative thoughts (*I'll never pass this exam*) with thoughts that are realistic and positive.
- Mentally practice going through the test. Visualize yourself walking into the classroom, taking the test, and answering the questions correctly.
- Walk into the classroom with your head up and your shoulders back. If you act more confident, you just may feel more confident.
- Before you start, take a deep breath and slowly release it. Relax, and do your best!

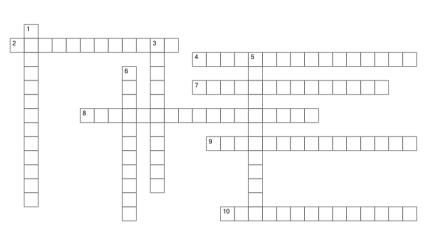




**Famous Firsts** 

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Ralph J. Bunche Thurgood Marshall Booker T. Washington Jackie Robinson James Meredith Nat King Cole Madame C .J. Walker Phillis Wheatley Hiram Revels Guion Bluford



#### ACROSS

- 2. First African American to win a Nobel Peace Prize - for mediating the Arab-Israeli truce
- 4. First African American Supreme Court Justice
- 7. First African American to play in the major leagues in the modern era
- 8. First African American to be on a U.S. postage stamp
- First African American to publish a book -Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral
- 10. First African American millionaire invented black hair care products

#### **DOWN**

- First African American student to attend the University of Mississippi
- 3. First African American to serve in the United States Senate
- 5. First African American to go into space
- First African American with his own network radio show The Nat King Cole Show

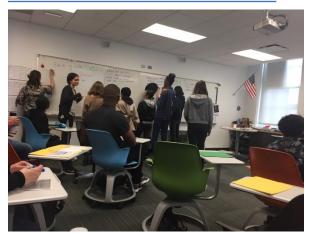




#### North Shore Country Day School Visit

By Mrs. Glickman

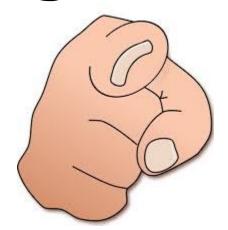
English Teacher / Club Mix Sponsor



On Saturday, January 16th, Ms. Jenna Bansbach, art teacher at PMSA, Ms. Ashley Glickman, English teacher at PEHS, and Ms. Siobhan Connaghan, special education teacher at PEHS, loaded seven students into a school van for an adventure up to the North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Illinois. Students attended the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance annual Youth Summit to prepare their gay-straight alliance (GSA) for the upcoming school year events as well as educational information on areas where LGBTQ+ youth are greatly affected. Students viewed a play about consent and engaged in dialogue about the conversations that need to take place in relationships to protect all parties involved in romantic and sexual relationships. Additionally, students learned about self-care, queer fashion, the issues of adultism, and racial justice. All of

the students enjoyed time to connect with peers from Proviso Township High Schools as well as schools from across the state.

# The Pageant Wants



Staff writers, artists, opinions... you name it we can use it. The newspaper is all about you and what's newsworthy and interesting to you. The staff meets on Thursday's at 3:30 in Room 127. Please come join us with your fresh ideas. See you soon!