

# Plains High School

March 2021 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Seniors – The local Scholarship deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Don't miss out! [Click Here for PHS local scholarships.](#)**

### 15 years

Change can be difficult. I write this in reference to Plains Elementary School. Next year will mark the first time in 15 years that Mr. Holland will not be gracing the hallways as the elementary principal. Mr. Holland will be retiring at the end of the school year, and if he had his way, it would be without fanfare or recognition. Normally I would respect such a request, but Plains Elementary has far too many things to be thankful for due to Mr. Holland's quiet and steadfast commitment to our school. Anyone who has worked with Mr. Holland has borne witness to his kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, and humor with which he conducts his job. His creativity, problem solving, and hard work will be missed. As a parent, co-worker, and friend, I thank Mr. Holland for his genuine care that he has given to the students of Plains Elementary School. They truly have been in great hands.

### Extracurricular

The boys' and girls' basketball seasons ended recently with the boys' and girls' varsity teams finishing at the district tournament. District tournament games were held at home facilities for the duration of the tournament. Plains hosted three tournament games with the girls' team finishing 4<sup>th</sup> place, narrowly missing an opportunity to take 3<sup>rd</sup> and challenge for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The Plains/Hot Springs Savage Horsemen wrestling team finished up a portion of their season with the girls' team placing two athletes at the first ever girls' state wrestling tournament. Lillian MacDonald placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Taylor Angle placed 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to Taylor & Lillian. I cannot wait to see what they will accomplish next year. The boys' wrestling team also recently completed the divisional wrestling tournament with seven athletes qualifying for the state meet. Congrats to the entire wrestling team on a great season and good luck at state!

The conclusion of winter sports means that high school spring sports are right around the corner. High School spring sports practices, which include, golf, track, & softball will begin March 15. Junior high track practice will begin March 29<sup>th</sup> and a junior high track parent meeting will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

### State Testing

The month of March marks the beginning of the testing window for state required assessments. The test date for all Plains High School will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is an opportunity for our juniors to take the ACT in the comfort of their own high school.

Students in grades 4-8 will also complete the SMARTER Balanced testing. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will test on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. The SMARTER Balanced testing is conducted on computers and will take approximately 2 days. For any additional information regarding testing, please contact Mr. Holland or Mr. Meredith.

### March 4-6

State Boys Wrestling Tournament

### March 15

Spring Sports Practice Begins

### March 16

Local Scholarship Deadline @ 4:00 p.m.

### March 17

Juniors – ASVAB

### March 22

junior high track parent meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the gym

### March 25

End of Quarter 3

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