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The Boys' Cross Country Team is catching its stride and is already picking up trophies

A Closer Look at the School Year Ahead

By Elvia Mendoza and Amy Evaristo

Dr. Patrick Hardy has never been one to shy away from hard work. Just look at his resume and you will see numerous degrees including a master's degree from Harvard University. He knows the power of an education, and he wants his students to realize that power as well. This year will be no different with his plans to take East to the next level academically.

He said the largest change students will see this school year is in instruction because so many teachers will be using the Competency Based Education (CBE) model. Juniors and seniors will still get grades, but sophomores and freshmen will see numbers on their report cards and not grades.

This past summer, many freshmen found themselves going to extended learning because they had more work to do, but on the bright side this will benefit them. "We are going to graduate better students, and we owe that to them," he said.

In regards to CBE, he said, "I want to start off slow, so the transition isn't too much for the students."

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PEHS Proudly Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

By Karol Gonzalez

Hispanic Heritage Month provides a better understanding of the world to our students, according to Mr. Norman, sponsor of this year's event and a social studies teacher at East.

"We are so much more than 'white' or 'black' and we all have other talents and cultures that need to be represented and heard," he said. He also thinks that this shows how diverse our school is and helps us break the stereotypes that we have been labeled by society.

This event gives students and teachers a sense of pride, not only in another person's culture, but in our school community. For students to see that they have so much talent and ability from people who may feel overlooked, underrepresented and stereotyped is beyond powerful and amazing, he said.

Hispanic Heritage is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with the largest celebration being the school assembly. The vision of the assembly was to include speeches, poems, dancing, singing, and performances to showcase Hispanic Heritage. Norman added that assembly would not have been possible without help from members from every grade, the PYT dance group, the Proviso East Pirateers, our school theatre club, members of our Proviso East Marching Band, as well as teacher Mr. Oquendo, Assistant Principal Mr. Aguirre, and the Director of English Language Learning Services Dr. Burnham.



Celebramos nuestra herencia



HOMECOMING 2019

HOCO 2019: Under the Sea

By Daniela Ramirez

Pirates took to the high seas with this year's Homecoming theme of "Under the Sea." The week began with Pajama Day and was followed by Dress Like a Pirate Day. Wednesday was SpongeBob Day, which was followed by throw-back day. On this day, students dressed in their favorite decade or wore their clothes backwards. Students dressed in their blue and white and attended a pep rally on Friday.

The Homecoming Court was crowned during the assembly with the court consisting of Senior King Jordan Clay, Senior Queen Makiyah Golden, Junior Prince Rico Griffin, Junior Princess Mya Lewis, Sophomore Prince Dealveon Pernall, Sophomore Princess Amber Smith, Freshman Prince Keshawn Johnson, and Freshman Princess Arielle Barrera.

The week ended with the freshman, sophomore and varsity football teams playing East Leyden. The week was a win all the way around with student council sponsor Jessica Piemonte giving students a high five for participation. "This year was the most participation in the student council - from choosing the theme, to spirit week, to decorations. I truly like working with the students," she said.



Go Pirates!





We didn't know we were making memories. We only knew we were having fun!



UNDER THE SEA

The *Flip Side*

Athletes of the Quarter Boys' Varsity Soccer:

Sebastian Morales
Nominated by Coach David Moss

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Sierra Bryant
Nominated by Coach Ernest Horton

Girls' Golf

Maria Pinela
Nominated by Coach Jonathan Gibfried.
Maria has been on the golf team for four years. As a senior she has exhibited leadership, accountability and consistency for the younger golfers. Not only has she excelled on the golf course, but Maria holds a 4.2 GPA at PMSA.

The Pageant welcomes nominations from varsity coaches of players who exemplify excellence in sportsmanship, athletics, and academics.



Taking it in Stride

Congratulations to the boys' cross-country team as they finished in second place in the varsity three-mile race at the ICCP Knights Invitational. Scoring 55 points, the Pirates were led by Jonathan Garcia, Camilo Medina, Gonzalo Ruvalchua, Erick Lozano, and Miguel Saucedo. In the boys' three-mile open race, Jose Ocegueda finished in 6th place, Diego Mendieta in 7th place, and Jordan Radcliff in 9th place, earning them awards for finishing in the top 16.

Got Game? Basketball Tryouts Ahead

By Marquez Washington

For any athlete looking for what it takes to be a part of the Proviso East Basketball Team, here are some things players need to know. In an exclusive *Pageant* interview with Varsity Head Coach Donnie Boyce, he noted three important characteristics. They need to be humble, accountable, and they need to sacrifice a piece of their game for the betterment of the team, he said.

When asked does he think work ethic is more important than talent, coach said, "Work ethic is more important because everybody has talent, but the

work ethic is different in great players who are willing to go the extra mile."

Attitude is also very important, he said, adding that "a bad attitude is like a cancer; you don't want it to spread."

To sum it up, the top five traits are work ethic, inner drive, dedication, skill set, and good attitude.

Up to 60 athletes typically try out for the varsity team, but only 25 to 30 make it, and they only dress 15. The team keeps 25 to 30 players just in case of injury, ineligibility, or a player quits. There are four levels: varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman. The team practices every day except Sundays.

Tryouts for all levels are after school on Nov. 4 in the fieldhouse.

... School Year Ahead cont'd

He also said that CBE will benefit both students and teachers by making sure students earn their grades and by forcing teachers to teach students the skills they need. "I want to make sure the grade the students get matches up to their SAT scores. I don't want my students to have A's and B's and an 800 on their SAT scores. That doesn't make sense to me."

As far as advance placement classes, Dr. Hardy hopes more students will be taking AP classes not just for the academics but also for them to put hard work in their studies. "I want kids to know what hard work really is," he said.

When looking at schoolwide goals, even though the graduation rate has gone up steadily over the last five years, East did not meet the state requirements of 75 percent. The school came up short with a 74 percent graduation rate. He is working to make sure that by next year, the school reaches its goal. "We don't have a choice; we have to reach 75 percent by next year."

Dr. Hardy said the school has come a long way since he took over. He said the last battle is academics. By accomplishing this goal, graduation rates will increase as well as SAT scores.

"Academics is the last battle. We are fighting the last war. We think that is going to make our school soar. I think Proviso East is going to be off the charts."

Stop the Press!

The Pageant is committed to the fair and accurate coverage of students, school events, and issues impacting Proviso East High School. If you have a story idea or event suggestion, please feel encouraged to email club sponsors:

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Join our staff! We welcome all students interested in writing, interviewing and taking pictures. We meet Tuesdays after school in Room 270.

Remembering Proviso East Alum Fred Hampton

Fred Hampton grew up in Maywood and became an essential leader in the Black Panther Party. Fifty years ago, he was killed by Chicago police, who were working under the auspices of the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney. His murder came after his tireless activism.

Hampton advocated for the development of a "Rainbow Coalition" of people from all backgrounds who would fight together against oppression. He was deeply invested in the civil rights movement and worked to bring social programs for all.



**"If you dare to struggle,
you dare to win."**

-Fred Hampton

Several opportunities to celebrate Hampton's life and legacy are upcoming including essay and speech contests as well as a juried art exhibition; each with cash prizes generously donated by Wintrust Bank. For more information or to submit your work, please see Ms. LaPorte in Room 164 or Ms. Moore in Room 270. All students are welcome to apply.