

**FRENCH, MATH CLUBS & WORLD LANGUAGE Are Springing to Paris & Barcelona!**

The Pleasantville Board of Education has approved for the staff and students of PHS to take a once in a lifetime trip to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain! This is exciting news to those who have never travelled abroad and had hopes of visiting other parts of the world.

This educational tour will begin March 29, 2013 and end April 5, 2013, during the district's regularly scheduled spring break.

Mrs. Carman-Davis, (Foreign Language Teacher, PHS) Mr. Masters, (Math Teacher & Chair) and Mrs. Gensamer, (District WL Supervisor) are the lead persons for this very special event. Students and staff are elated for the opportunity to travel this upcoming spring. Many fundraisers are

in effect as the clubs (French & Math Nat'l Honor Societies) coupled with the World Language teachers are attempting to offset the \$2800 per person expense attached to the trip. The costs to visit both of these fine cities is actually very reasonable. The cost includes:

- Flight
- Food (breakfast & dinner)
- Ground Travel
- Sightseeing Tours
- Hotel Accommodations
- Entrance fees to museums, etc.
- Tour Guides/Attendants
- Fun! Fun! Fun!

Any fundraising ideas are welcomed as participants prepare for a great adventure. Trip deposits are given to Mrs. Carman-Davis at the high

school. She can be contacted via email at: carmandavis.kellie@pps-nj.us. Many interested students have already made deposits for the trip. Any adults who are not attending and wish to sponsor a student or students is at liberty to do so.



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**PHS Guidance Represents!**

Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Owens represented at the **Emma C. Attales Middle School** in Absecon. Their October visit was by invitation to showcase the positive things happening at PHS. They dispelled negativity that populate the perceptions of many parents who are skeptical about sending their students to PHS. Absecon does not have a high school

therefore, their middle school students would attend PHS without charge. Parental satisfaction stemmed from conversation with Mrs. Owens and Dr. Wilson targeting chief complaints and misconceptions. Once parents learned of the culture and the direction of the district's vision, they were satisfied that PHS is a reasonable alternative for a good



education. Educational excellence by challenging the students is the best way to represent school goals. PHS is a good place for students to learn, grow & become successful citizens.



## Weathering After the Storm

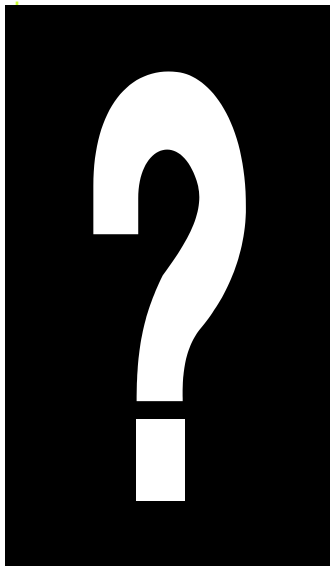
October 29, 2012, super storm Sandy blasted the eastern shores. She wrecked havoc in several states causing many to be left homeless and powerless. Properties were destroyed and lives were turned up side down. Every effort is being made to assist residents in several states. Adults are experiencing great stresses and irritability during this time. But what about the children? They too were affected by the storm of mass destruction. Students have

stress with bouts of fear. PHS Guidance department is offering assistance to all students affected by the storm. They are equipped to assist students in coping with the aftermath of the storm.

The Traumatic Loss Coalitions for Youth Program (TLC) is also offering assistance to help children cope in the aftermath of the hurricane. Contact information::

[TRAUMATICLOSSCOALITIONS@LISTS.UMDNJ.EDU](mailto:TRAUMATICLOSSCOALITIONS@LISTS.UMDNJ.EDU)  
or call: 732-235-2810.

It is the aim of the guidance department to make available all known resources to assist students in regaining normal lifestyles.



## THAT'S SO TRIVIAL

What civil rights leader did Dorothy Parker leave the bulk of her estate to?  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Who was the 1st president to adopt the informal version of his first name?  
Jimmy Carter

What famous document begins, "When in the course of human events...?"  
The Declaration of Independence

Who said, "I'm the president of the United States and I'm not going to

eat any more broccoli."  
George Bush

What problem did Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, & General George Patton have in common?  
All were dyslexic.

*It's Time For SAT's*  
**It's Time For SAT's**

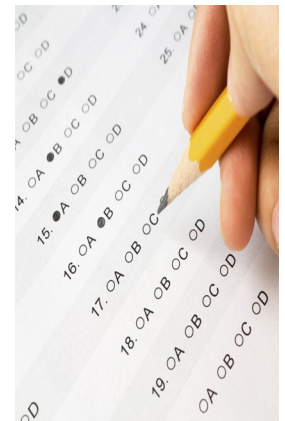
Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, **best** fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

**Observing the newspaper's tradition of \_\_\_\_\_ attention to ac-**

**curacy, the reporter \_\_\_\_\_ every statement made by her informant.**

- (A) scrupulous...verified
- (B) lax.....challenged
- (C) sporadic....corroborated
- (D) systematic.....bungled

It makes sense to claim that the reporter's verification of the source's information would conform to her newspaper's "scrupulous," or precise, standards for accuracy.



The answer is "A."

## Deadlines, Deadlines

**Seniors** have the daunting task of meeting more deadlines. Submitting homework, term papers, and other projects by certain deadlines, will now prove to be a necessary skill. Submission of college information **must** meet deadlines to qualify.

**All students** with post graduation plans must complete all admission applications by November 26, 2012. This is the

benchmark date for first choice colleges/universities or any branch of the armed forces. Paper applications and confirmations (online applications) must be submitted to your guidance counselors by the above deadline.

**Submitting** everything yourselves could hinder acceptance and opportunity to receive your 1st bid. Counselors generally send transcripts and other documents to colleges/

universities, etc., because transcripts are marked **"official"** and **"sealed."** An additional perk is that counselors will also mail documents to respected destinations, which amounts to free postage for the student.

**If any student** wishes to forward documents themselves, please speak to your counselor first to ensure that all documents are valid and certified. Follow these simple deadline procedures and your efforts will not be dead in the water.

## Fashionistas!!!

Divas are challenged to become Fashionistas! In an effort to promote positive fashion awareness in the female student body, Mrs. Owens, freshman counselor, & PHS female staff arranged a "Professional Day Fashion Show."

The show was scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2012, in the school auditorium. It

was structured to be informative and fun. It was also interactive, modeling *professional* attire versus *sexy/seductive* attire in school and the workplace.

The first of the "girls only" event addressed "Dressing for Success."

It's not just about proper attire, but promoting self respect and building charac-

ter. The models were the female students & staff. It has been requested that the event is repeated on an annual basis as a reminder that "Modesty is the Best Policy." In addition, 5 unsuspected lucky winners received prizes donated by the staff.

Many thanks to Mrs. Owens for taking advantage of teachable moments. Her organized efforts are greatly appreciated.



## GOING DOWN THE RIGHT PATH

**Going Down The Right Path** was an assembly held for the student body on November 8, 9, 2012, to raise awareness about various types of "bullying."

Students were given special instructions on how to identify bullying situations, how to remedy it personally and corporately. Most importantly, how to choose alternative avenues for positive behaviors & results. Norberto Ruiz, a member of the JROTC Drill team &

Che'Quan Hargrose, an athlete in football, basketball, & track are both sophomores who expresses that extra-curriculum activities are a plus when trying to avoid bullying. Isaiah Newsome, Dennis Ramirez & Kiara Hernandez are all freshman who echo the same sentiment as their sophomore upper classmen. Juniors, Dominique Holloway & Edgar Santiago had much to say about refraining from bullying. Similarly, seniors Nydirah Wyman & Taliyah Reynolds, admits they have never been involved in any bullying situation. All further added that education is the #1 weapon in combating bullying. Other anti-bullying strategies includes:

- Doing what is right,
- No gang relationships,
- Do not be intimidated, &
- Report all bullying issues.

They believe that many students received the message because of the cheers & affirming head nods. These types of assemblies seem to reduce bullying by appealing to the sympathetic side of the students. Students see positive benefits of occasional reminders of issues such as bullying.



## Guiding Hound News



Check out the Guidance Link on the District's Web Page

[www.pps-nj.us](http://www.pps-nj.us)

### GUIDANCE PHILOSOPHY

The guidance program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our aim is to facilitate self-examination, self-evaluation, and consideration of alternative strategies that inspires and prepares all students for life long learning and 21st Century College & Career Readiness skills. By design, coordination, and collaboration, it is our aim to adopt support systems that will assist students, parents, the community at large and our school community. Our mission is to be a vehicle of opportunity for students to reach their full potential academically, personally/socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district



## DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME?

### 10-10-12 to 6-18-13

- PHS Birthday Grams Mrs. McClendon

### 11-13-12

- U.S Marine Visit
- DeVry Institute Visit

### 11-14-12

- HBCU College Fair

### 11-15-12

- Rowan University Visit
- Atlantic County Health Dept- Northfield

### 11-17-12

- JROTC Drill Competi-

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### 11-19-12

- College of Elizabeth Visit
- Mr. Master's Birthday Bake Sale

### 11-21-12

- ASVAB Testing

### 11-29-12

- Stockton State Tour

### 12-1-12

- SAT Testing

### 12-17-12

- Holiday Bake Sale

### TBD

- SAT Testing @ ACHS

- **CHECK CALENDAR IN GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR ALL POST SECONDARY OPTIONS & TRIPS**

- **CHECK GUIDANCE DEPT FOR ALL UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

- **GUIDANCE HAS STUDENT INFORMATION PACKETS. STUDENTS MUST SIGN FOR ONE**