

## Getting into PHS!

Please remember that for all our safety and to better serve the student population, administration asks that students use the following entrances:

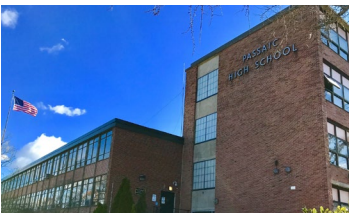
Freshmen  
(9th graders)  
– Flagpole  
Entrance



Sophomores  
(10th graders)  
– Marquee  
Entrance



Juniors  
(11th graders)  
–M63 Entrance



Seniors (12th graders) - Enter through the cafeteria entrance. You know where the caf is.

## Homecoming Celebrated at PHS

By Matthew Garcia

Ballots for this year's homecoming were cast in senior English classes on October 6 for homecoming queen and king. The posters have been up since the beginning of the month and there have been many examples of smart marketing for those running. Some interesting and humorous posters, like Angel Ortiz looking at his phone, were spread throughout the halls. Now the ballots have been cast, the votes have been counted and everyone is waiting to see what the results.

The Homecoming Ceremony was beautiful with parents and supporters cheering the winners and the entire court. The Passaic Optimist Club helped spread the good feelings by providing flowers and other decorations. Transportation was provided by the National Guard, giving the King and Queen a regal ride in a Humvee.

The entire evening from the opening ceremony conducted by the PHS NJROTC, to winning the football game against Kennedy, to the Homecoming festivities was awesome and made for a truly memorable evening. Of course the evening would not be complete and not nearly as enjoyable without the exciting sounds of the PHS Marching Band. A special thanks to the band for

all their hard work.

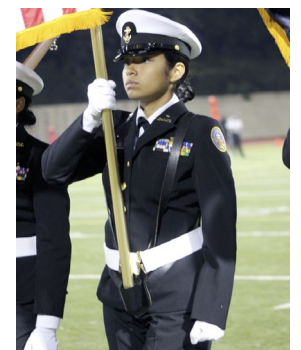
Homecoming is a tradition that many think might be better left to the past, but the fun and excitement that was demonstrated during this year's Homecoming means that it still has a place in our school. It is a time to show off PHS pride and all the hard work and talent that the students and their teachers put forth during the year. The hard work of the school band, the football team, the cheerleaders, and the Homecoming committee made this a night to enjoy and remember. It will certainly be one of the best memories of our senior year. Congratulations class of 2023!

### Queen

- Angelina Aguilar - Homecoming Queen
- Brianna Torres - First Runner Up
- Ashley Puente de la Vega - Second Runner Up
- Nicole Mesa - Third Runner Up
- Claimarys De Los Santos
- Mary Jimenez
- Camila Torres
- Jona't Williams

### King

- Angel Ortiz - Homecoming King
- Christian Rivera - First Runner Up
- Hansel Villar - Second Runner Up
- Santiago Avellaneda - Third Runner Up



## Principal's Message



I am very excited to introduce myself, Mr. Ronald Newman, as the new interim principal at Passaic High School. As I start my first school year as interim principal, I am invigorated and passionately committed to making an absolute difference in the lives of our students! We will accomplish this by setting high academic expectations for all children and providing supportive systems to ensure they are met.

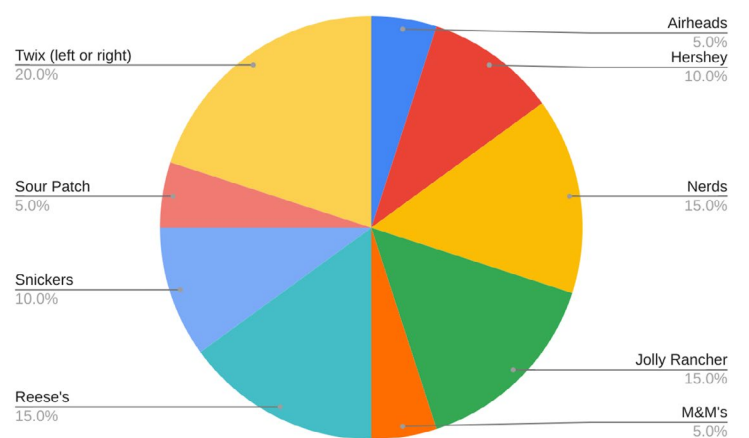
My goals for this school year are to decrease chronic absenteeism, increase the graduation rate, and build a strong academic and social emotional support

system to ensure success for every student. Passaic High School will embrace future challenges while we continue to cherish and celebrate traditions. Our excellent staff, involved parents, and committed students, unite to make Passaic High School an excellent and unique place!

**Ronald C. Newman**  
Interim Principal of Passaic High School  
Director of Division of Planning, Research and Evaluation  
Coordinator of Career and Technical Education

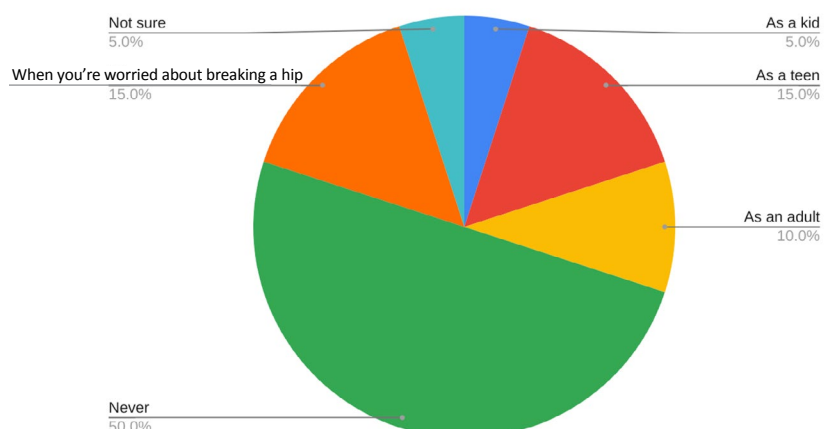
## Halloween Surveys

### PHS'S FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY



Though close, Twix is the winner from among the field of yummy candy being handed out for this Halloween.

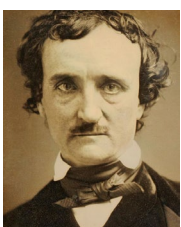
### WHEN IS IT TIME TO STOP TRICK OR TREATING?



The old custom of trick or treating for Halloween still remains popular as demonstrated by a solid majority of respondents stating that they are never going to stop trick or treating until they are worried about breaking a hip. So, good luck out there and be safe!

**Reminder - Progress Reports are coming out October 17. Get that work in!!!**

## Z's Quote Corner



*"Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality."*

- Edgar Allan Poe  
from The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym  
(no relation to Hank) of Nantucket (1838)

# PHS Intruder Apprehended by SRO and Security Team

With the need for school security being greater than ever, the breach of security at PHS is a major story for concern. On Thursday, October 6, 2022, during the last period of the day an unauthorized intruder entered the building and was found on the third floor of the main building. The investigation has still not determined which entrance the vagrant had entered, but it is still ongoing.

The interloper was first noticed on the third floor, and a frantic call went out to the security staff and police officers located closest to that location. They sprung into action to maintain the safety of the students and staff, without regard for their own personal safety.

A heartfelt thanks should be given to these brave guardians. Their swift thinking meant that butterfly nets from the science department were used to safely detain the suspect. It is important to note that neither the suspect nor the officers were injured during this standoff. No rabies shots were required.

The invader was quickly apprehended and brought to the proper authorities for questioning and prosecution. Even though the situation was dire, the quick action by school safety personnel resolved this situation so quickly that a photographer was unable to be dispatched to the scene. However, based on eyewitness accounts a professional artist drawing of the squatter has been made.



Administration officials and the school board wish to assure staff and students that this building was never in any real danger and that protocols were followed ensuring the safety of all involved. Security wishes to warn students that any remaining nuts or acorns should not be eaten and should be disposed of in a proper and secure receptacle that has been set up in the main office, no questions asked. No matter how tempting, do not eat any found nuts, for they are evidence.

School administrators wish to inform all staff and students that they should remain vigilant in following all safety procedures, to help ensure the safety and security of PHS.

## Club Corner

There are so many things to do here at HS! Joining a club gives you the opportunity to try new things, make new friends and get more enjoyment out of your high school experience. So, join a club today!

Here are some new club meetings, but stay tuned here to find out what clubs are doing and where, when and how to join!

**OPEN HEARTS GSA OPEN MINDS** A brand new club just started - GSA - the Gay-Straight Alliance. They meet in S108 after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Concert Choir meets Thursday's after school in G144. Please add your voice to choir!

Japanese Culture Club - a fan favorite. Do you like anime, manga, video games or anything else Japanese? Here is the place to join with the other members of Voltron, after school Mondays in M217.



Hilltop Star - We are always looking for writers, photographers, editors, artists, and anyone else who wants to contribute to the official student newspaper of PHS. Come see Mr. Zeiler in M117, the home of the Hilltop.



Are you part of a club or the advisor of a club and want to get the word out for meetings? Please email hzeiler@passaic-schools.org. There is also a drop box in the main office for information about any topic that would make a great story.

## Passaic Indians Athlete Scholars

*Come Support our Scholar-Athletes as they represent PHS!*

### PHS Varsity Football upcoming games:

October 7 - HOMECOMING GAME versus Kennedy 7:00 at the stadium  
 October 14 - AWAY versus Milburn HS at 7:00  
 October 21 - AWAY versus Hackensack HS at 7:00  
 Freshman Football:  
 October 15 - Away - versus Irvington HS - (10:00 AM)  
 October 24 - Home - versus Hackensack - time TBA)

### Come see the Girls Volleyball Team as they finish their season this month.

October 7 - Home versus PCTI (4:30)  
 October 8 - Away versus Jefferson High Tournament (8:00 A.M.)  
 October 10 - Home versus Kennedy (4:30)  
 October 12 - Home versus De Paul (4:30)  
 October 14 - Away versus Bergen Tech (4:30)  
 October 17 - Home versus Eastside (4:30)  
 October 19 - Away versus Hackensack (4:30)  
 October 21 - Home versus West Milford (4:30)  
 All home games are played at Robert Westfield Gymnasium, 143 Gregory Avenue.

### Varsity Cross Country - Coed:

October 20 - Away - PCCA Championship (4:00) - Garrett Mountain  
 October 22 - Away - Lou Fraulo Championship (8:00 PM) Garrett Mountain  
 October 29 - State Sectional Championship (8:00 PM) Garrett Mountain



### Girls Soccer Varsity:

October 14 - Away versus Passaic Valley HS - (4:30)  
 October 15 - Away versus Midland Park HS (10:00 AM)  
 October 17 - HOME versus Fair Lawn HS (4:30)

### JV Girls Soccer:

October 17 - HOME versus Fair Lawn HS (4:30)  
 October 18 - Away versus Bergen County Technical Institute (5:00)

### Boys Soccer Varsity:

October 13 - Home versus Passaic Valley High School (4:30)  
 October 18 - Home versus Bergen County Tech (6:00)  
 October 20 - Away versus Fair Lawn HS (4:30)

### Girls Tennis

October 14 - Home versus Passaic County Tech (4:30)

## Guidance Corner

### October Scholarships Update:

1) Smart Owl Scholarships - \$2,222  
 12 Awards (Deadline: October 29, 2022) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

a) Be a resident of any of the 50 United States, District of Columbia or US Territories.

b) Be 16 years of age or older and be enrolled in college or registered in a high school.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/37549/no-es-say-smart-owl-scholarship>

2) Scary Stories Scholarship - \$1,000  
 1 Award (Deadline: October 31, 2022) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

a) Be currently attending high school, college, vocational, or any other accredited post-secondary institution.

b) Be a resident of the United States, District of Columbia or US Territories. Applications can be found by going to: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/36788/scary-stories-scholarship>

3) Be Bold Scholarship - \$25,180  
 1 Award (Deadline: November 1, 2022) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

a) Be in Grade 12 and plan on enrolling in college by the fall of 2022.

b) Have a GPA of at least 2.5. (C+) Applications can be found by going to: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/34919/be-bold-scholarship>

4) Underdog Scholarships - \$5,000

6 Awards (Deadline: December 6, 2022) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

a) Demonstrate a record of community or volunteer service. \*Note High school students may apply if enrolled in college for the Spring 2023 semester.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/36882/underdog-scholarships>

5) Thiel High School Fellowship - \$100,000 - 30 Awards (Deadline: December 31, 2022) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

a) Be under the age of 22.  
 b) Be interested in designing and building things.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/31733/thiel-fellowship>

### College Visits Schedule – October:

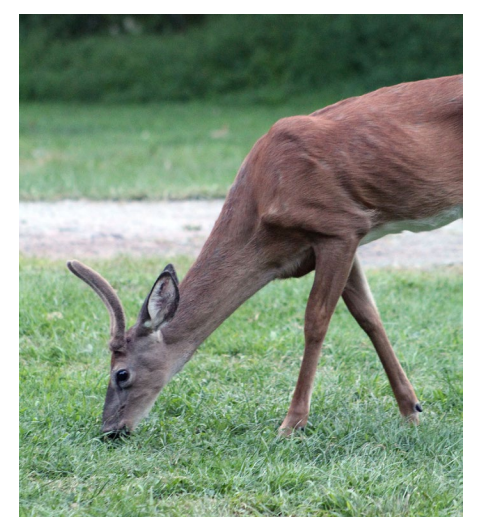
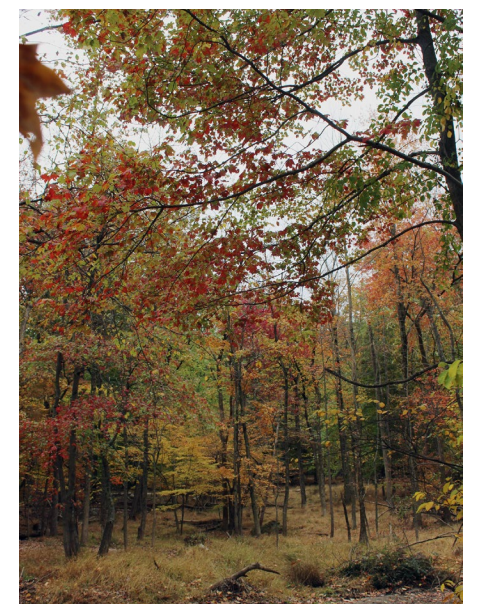
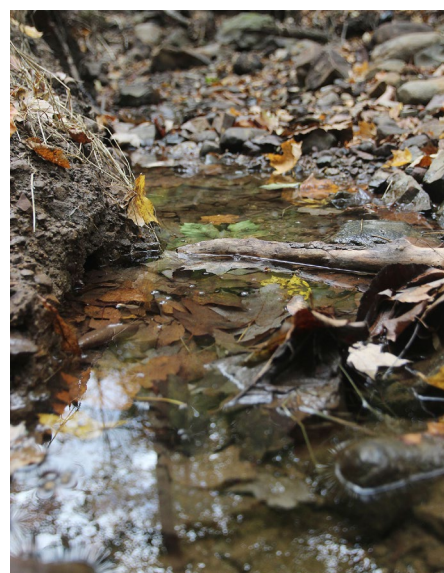
Interested or curious about the many choices of colleges out there? Attend the college visits right here in PHS! Let the college come to you! Meetings are in the Auditorium - Sign up in the Guidance Suite.

October 4 - Harrisburg University  
 October 11 - Lincoln Tech  
 October 18 - Kean University  
 October 19 - St. Josephs University  
 October 25 - College of New Jersey  
 October 26 - Drew University

**The Guidance Department wants to remind students that they should be working on completing their FAFSA forms and Alternative Applications.**

## Fall Photos

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**ROTC Tutoring for ALL Students**  
 Before and after school!

Humanities - M51  
 Math and Science - M54A  
 ESL - M54B

**TUTORING**