



# Wolf Tracks



## Principal's Newsletter of Prospect Mountain High School

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*Please note: Report cards for second quarter are included with this newsletter.*

Thank you to the faculty, staff, and students at PMHS and members of the communities of Alton and Barnstead for your support. It is quite an honor to be selected at Principal of the Year. By the work you do every day, every one of you make it possible for me to do my job at a level worthy of such recognition.

PMHS is a wonderful educational facility. Since the school opened in 2004, PMHS has been recognized as a finalist for a New Hampshire School of Excellence, athletic teams have received a number of Sportsmanship Awards, and PMHS achieved national recognition in the FIRST Robotics Club by placing second in a regional competition last year. There have been individual students, staff, and faculty members who were recognized for their achievements, leadership, and dedication as well. Everyone deserves the credit when PMHS, or one of its members, is recognized for excellence. I feel honored to work with all the people in the PMHS community.

### Faculty Recognition

*Kate Best* is being considered for selection in the *Cambridge Who's Who Among Teachers in Special Education "Honors Edition"*. Congratulations, Kate!

*Charles Rando* and *Bill "Doc" McGrew* were nominated for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Congratulations!

*Paula Adriance* and *Bill McGrew* were inducted into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers. Congratulations Paula and Bill!

The Special Education Department at PMHS was recently recognized by the Department of Education for being 100% in compliance with reporting of initial evaluations. Congratulations!

Welcome to *Jason Hanscom*, newest member of the building maintenance department!

### Student Recognition

*Jeff St. Cyr* has been selected as one of 2,000 semifinalists in the 2006-07 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Jeff was selected out of a pool of nearly 90,000 applicants.

Jeff will go on to the final round of competition in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Congratulations and good luck, Jeff!



*Mr. Holden and Jeff St. Cyr pose with Jeff's Coca-Cola Scholars Program Semifinalist Certificate.*

### 2007 Deliberative Session/ School District Meetings

The Alton School District *Deliberative Session* will be held on *Saturday, February 3, 2007* at 1:00 pm in the PMHS Auditorium. The *Barnstead School District Meeting* will be held on *Saturday, March 24, 2007* at 9:00 am at Barnstead Elementary School. Please make an effort to attend these meetings in your respective town(s). There are several important issues that will be discussed at these meetings such as the budget for the upcoming school year, the teachers' contract and several warrant articles.

## Scholastic Arts Competition

This year PMHS had 10 students compete in the State Scholastic Arts Competition. The students did exceptionally well, winning many honors and awards. The students who competed were:

Grace Dineen	Silver Key
Tyler Donnelly	Silver Key and Honorable Mention
Jessica Field	Silver Key
Chris Loprete	2 Gold Keys/Honorable Mention
Alina Loynd	Silver Key
Jelena Patzke	Gold Key/Silver Key/2 Honorable M.
Nikki Riel	Honorable Mention
Stephanie Roy	Gold Key
Nichole Stock	Gold Key
Nancy Szarkowski	3 Gold Keys/Silver Key/Honorable M.

## Student Council

### Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 23 will be Winter Carnival Day. This is a full day of school that is devoted to promote the non-academic components of the PMHS Mission statement, specifically:

- 1 Develop life-long habits of physical, social and emotional well-being;
- 1 Practice civil, non violent methods of communicating differences and resolving conflicts;
- 1 Respect individual differences.

Attendance will be taken on Winter Carnival Day and your child is expected to participate in the activities.

In March there will be a March Madness Dance sponsored by Student Council as well as the return of Frank Santos, Jr., the hypnotist entertainer.

## Guidance News

### Program of Studies and Registration

On February 5, 2007, the Program of Studies and Course Selection Sheets for next year will be distributed to all students. Completed Course Selection Sheets must be signed by a parent and teachers whose classes your child will be taking. Students will bring Course Selection Sheets with them to Arena Registration.

Please take some time to talk to your child about selecting next year's classes. It may be helpful to create a plan for all of your child's future class selections. If you need some help with course selection, please contact the Guidance Office at 875-3800 extension 3168, or Mr. Holden at 875-8800.

Arena Registration will take place on the following schedule:

Seniors (2008 Grad)	February 19, 2007 8:30 am
Juniors (2009 Grad)	February 20, 2007 8:30 am
Sophomores (2010 Grad)	February 21, 2007 8:30 am
Freshmen (2011 Grad)	February 22, 2007 8:30 am

### SAT and ACT Test Dates

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
Feb. 10, 2007	Jan. 5, 2007	Jan. 6-19, 2007
April 14, 2007	March 9, 2007	March 10-23, 2007
June 9, 2007	May 4, 2007	May 5-18, 2007

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
March 10, 2007	Feb. 2, 2007	Feb. 14, 2007
May 5, 2007	March 29, 2007	April 11, 2007
June 2, 2007	April 27, 2007	May 9, 2007

## FIRST Robotics Team

### Bob 319 – The 2007 Incarnation

This year the FIRST Robotics Team will face the challenge of creating a robot that will be able to lift other robots a minimum of 12 inches off the ground and manipulate inflatable plastic pool rings so they can be lifted onto a 3-tier rack of "spiders". The team is about 3 weeks into the six-week building period, and Bob 319 is beginning to take shape. Mr. Hikel and his team of 12 students will go up against many schools – some that have heavy-duty sponsors like NASA – in March.



*Ty Tremblay, Chris Roberts, Will MacDuff and Ricky Finethy work on Bob 319.*



PTSA Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2007.

## School Play

This year's play, *Into the Woods*, will be performed in May, 2007. More information on dates and show times will be forthcoming.

# PIMHS Calendar of Events February, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Alton School District Deliberative Session 1:00 pm Auditorium
4	5 Program of Studies Distributed to Students	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Valentine's Dance 6:30 – 10:30 pm Cafeteria	17
18	19 Registration Seniors	20 Registration Juniors	21 Registration Sophomores	22 Registration Freshmen	23 Winter Carnival Day	24
25	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break			