

PASSAIC VALLEY GAZETTE

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Dear Students, Staff and Community Members,

Please enjoy our second Passaic Valley Gazette of the 2016-2017 school year. This school year is more than half over and we have already accomplished so much here. As you will read in the following pages, Passaic Valley High School is a place that our entire community can be proud of. I am thrilled to announce that we have jumped up significantly in the NJ Monthly Magazine Top 100 Rankings. In 2014, PVHS was ranked 225th. For the year 2016, we rose to number 160. We will not stop improving until we break the prestigious top 100. Below are some of the impressive statistics that helped our school make such a jump.

- Over 20% of 11th and 12th grade students take AP courses
- Over 38% of students scored 1550 or better on the SAT
- Over 80% of AP testing resulted in scores of 3+
- 94% graduation rate

I wish everyone in our PV Family and PV Community a happy and healthy holiday.

Sincerely,

Dr. JoAnn Cardillo
Superintendent

PVHS EVENTS:

- 4/4 STUDENT/FACULTY VOLLEYBALL GAME
- 4/10-4/17 SPRING BREAK
- 4/23 AUTISM WALK
- 5/11-5/13 SPRING MUSICAL
- 5/24 SPRING CONCERT
- 5/24 ART SHOW

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WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017
WHERE: PASSAIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
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\$7 AT THE SITE OF THE WALK on April 23
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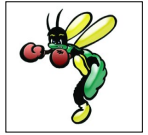
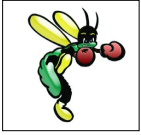
For more information, please email Amy Pellegrini at pellegrinia@pvhs.k12.nj.us

PASSAIC VALLEY THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM



SPRING MUSICAL

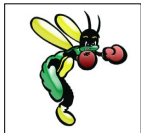
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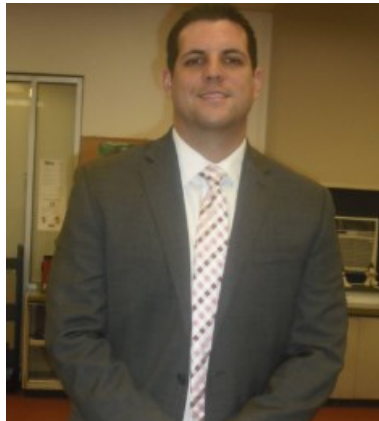
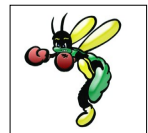
CONGRATULATIONS **MRS. MARIELENA PEROSI** PASSAIC COUNTY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

Marielena “Mer” Perosi has been recognized by the Passaic County Counselors Association as the *Passaic County Guidance Counselor of the Year*. Mer came to Passaic Valley in 2001 as a Guidance Counselor and was appointed to the position of the Director of Guidance in 2003. Mer has been a steady presence through three administrations. She has been a calm and reassuring voice for our students and their families. Mrs. Perosi spends countless hours to ensure that each student is provided with a safe learning environment where he/she can grow to be productive members of society.

As a founding member of the Passaic Valley Education Foundation, Mer has also had exceptional results in reaching out to community resources to make them part of our school operations and have our students benefit from those resources. Her passion for the student personnel service profession and her unyielding integrity make her an indispensable asset to our school. CONGRATULATIONS MER!



MEET THE **NEW ATHLETIC TRAINER** **MR. RYAN BERUBE**



Mr. Ryan Berube is our newest staff member and will be handling all of the athletic training responsibilities for our student athletes. He is a graduate of Lock Haven University and comes to PV with 10 years of experience. Previously, Mr. Berube was the Head Athletic Trainer at St. Joseph High School in Montvale where he worked in the school’s premier sports programs as well as some professional sports camps. Ryan holds many certifications and is licensed in NJ. He also belongs to N.A.T.A. , A.T. S. N. J. and E.A.T.A. Mr. Berube is married to his wife Allyson and they have two daughters, Aubrey (3) and Carly (2).

HORNET HAPPENINGS



ATHLETICS - WINTER SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- PVHS ICE HOCKEY - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
- PVHS WRESTLING - NICK DENORA - 8TH PLACE NJ STATE TOURNAMENT
- PVHS BASKETBALL - TITO RAMIREZ - OVER 1,000 PTS SCORED - 5TH ALL TIME AT PVHS
- PVHS INDOOR TRACK - ERICK ALVAREZ - SECTIONAL CHAMPION - HURDLES & HIGH JUMP
- PVHS WRESTLING COACH - JOE BENVENUTI - PASSAIC COUNTY COACH OF THE YEAR

MARCHING BAND / CONCERT BAND / CHOIR

The Marching Band was very successful this season taking first place at the Wayne Valley, Pequannock and Montville Competitions. These Hornet musicians brought home some major recognition having finished 4th in New Jersey and 11th in the Nation to end their season. A highlight this season was their performance at a NJ Devils Hockey game at the Prudential Center. In May, this award winning band will once again be marching and performing in the Woodland Park Memorial Day Parade.

* The Spring Concert will take place in the Schneider Auditorium on Wednesday night May 24th at 7:30.

* Congratulations to Nicole Gallegos and Catherine Fergesen - North Jersey All Area Band Winners

GIRLS' SHOW

Once again, the most electrifying event in all of Passaic Valley did not disappoint. The teams put forth an amazing effort and dedicated themselves to putting on another extraordinary show. The work of Girls' Show Director Mrs. Kathleen Dellanno and advisors, Mrs. Lindita Kurtishi, Ms. Jamie Peters and Mrs. Ennely Thornton was outstanding. These PV teachers are to be commended for making this monumental project look so easy. PVTV also played a key role in making sure this major event is the best around. Live television, music and up to the minute updates and interviews, truly makes Girls' Show one of a kind. In the end, the night was a major success with a very close team race. Our students should be proud of their amazing performance, teamwork and sportsmanship.



THEATRE ARTS - SPRING MUSICAL - "GREASE"

Shows will take place May 11th, 12th and 13th.

Visit <http://www.pvtheater.com> for more details.

GATORADE SPONSORSHIP

Our new athletic trainer, Mr. Ryan Berube has forged a partnership with Gatorade to help our student-athletes with pre and post practice/competition nutrition. Student athletes will be offered a variety of Gatorade products such as protein bars, protein shakes and energy gummies for only \$1. The idea behind this partnership is to ensure our athletes will have access to products that will fuel performance and help athletes recover.



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB - WATER BOTTLE SALE & GARDEN BUILD PROJECT



For \$10 you can buy a reusable water bottle with all proceeds going to the Environmental Club and their continued effort to help make Passaic Valley a more green school. Also please be on the look out in April for the Garden Build Project in our Courtyard located in the East Wing. The Environmental Club will partner up with the Autism and Culinary Arts programs to build and maintain a working garden at PV.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES - CHECK OUT OUR BRAND NEW STEAM CAMP

We will be offering Sport Camps through our many athletic teams and coaches. We are very lucky to have the support of the Passaic Valley Education Foundation once again this summer. The PVEF is funding camps in the following areas:

STEAM, **FINE & PERFORMING ARTS** as well as **CULINARY ARTS**

TOP CHEF COMPETITION - CULINARY ARTS

Another successful competition of TOP CHEF is in the books. Each year the Culinary Arts students compete in teams to demonstrate their skills in the kitchen. Mrs. Zuzana Geleta does an amazing job teaching and preparing her students to use cutting edge culinary skills and techniques. This delicious contest is truly a treat for all.



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BLUE HAIR EXTENSIONS FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

highlight it up Blue for Autism

Sunday, April 2nd
 2:00pm-5:00pm
 At
 The West Paterson Boys and Girls Club

\$10.00 Donation
 Checks can be made payable to the West Paterson Boys and Girls Club.
 All proceeds will go towards the Passaic Valley Autism Program.

Don't forget to "LIGHT IT UP BLUE" the month of April. Place a blue light bulb outside your house to show your support for Autism!

TEEN CENTER TIDBITS

On May 17th and 18th, the Teen Center in conjunction with the Drama Club, will be presenting their annual Tunnel of Oppression in the Griswold Gymnasium. Center for various fun activities and assistance in lege campus tours will be taking place soon, so Please help with our water cases donation for the



Remember to stop by the Teen all phases of teenage life. Col-stop by if you are interested. PVHS Autism Walk

MAKERSPACE NOW AVAILABLE AT PVHS

The Makerspace movement is a global DIY movement of students who want to take charge of their lives, solve their own problems and share how they solved them. This 21st century learning tool is growing in popularity as teachers search for more authentic learning experiences. Passaic Valley is proud to offer this learning experience for our students. Passaic Valley's Makerspace will challenge students to ask the right questions instead of just learning the right answer. Visit the Makerspace right next to the Library.

ART SHOW 2017

The annual Art Show will be held May 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Farrell Gym. This event is a multiple media experience that showcases student work in all levels of artistic expression such as painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and ceramics.



CHEMAGINATION CHAMPIONS

Science students recently took part in the Chemagination contest sponsored by the North Jersey Section of the ACS. For this contest, students needed to think as though they were living 25 years in the future. Their task was to write an article for *ChemMatters* Magazine explaining how chemistry is involved in everyday life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR TAKING 1ST PLACE!

- Catherine Fergesen, Bushra Choudury, and Raisa Islam for their presentation on Neurobots.
- Laura Hamilton and Christina Folan for their project on Carbon Pens.



BE SURE TO VISIT THE NEW & IMPROVED PVHS WEBSITE AND GET THE APP

The PVHS app gives you a personalized window into what is happening at the school. Get the news and information that you care about and get involved with the Hornets today! Get all you need to know about grades, assignments, stories, sports and alerts at your fingertips.