



PTHS D209

PROVISO POSITIVES

ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL, ONE PROVISO.

GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Proviso Partners,

Over the last few months, we have continued to work diligently to increase district-wide academic achievement and create a safe and supportive classroom environment for all students.

PTHS D209 students are held to the highest academic standards. We provide them with a rigorous curriculum and a secondary education experience that allows them to reach their full academic potential. I am proud of the opportunity to participate in district events that recognize our students for their accomplishments.

Our students possess perseverance that goes beyond the classroom. In the month of February, PTHS D209 students played with passion on the court and filled our facilities with celebrations that made our communities Proviso proud.

We will continue to work collaboratively with Proviso stakeholders in our quest for "One team, One goal, One Proviso." In the coming months we ask you to participate in our continued efforts to make PTHS D209 the best school district anywhere. We value your contributions and partnership.

Sincerely,

Jesse J. Rodriguez, Ph.D.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PTHS D209 Board Meeting
Proviso East High School
807 S 1st Ave, Maywood, IL 60153

Thursday, March 16, 2017

5:00 p.m.
Student Council Talent/Fashion Show
Proviso Math and Science Academy
8601 W. Roosevelt Road
Forest Park, IL 60130

Thursday, March 23, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences
PTHS D209

March 27—31, 2017

Spring Break

Saturday, April 1, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Progress On the Go Free Mobile Tax Site
Proviso West High School
4701 Harrison St, Hillside, IL 60162

Saturday, April 15, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Progress On the Go Free Mobile Tax Site
Proviso East High School
807 S 1st Ave, Maywood, IL 60153



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Proviso High Schools Selected Highlights

PTHS D209 Student Artists Participate in Community Art Shows

Artists at Proviso East and PMSA had their work represented in two community Art Exhibits this past month.

The Annual High School Show, hosted by Triton College, held a reception on February 15 where all artists were honored. PMSA had six participants and Proviso East twenty-seven participants. Several Proviso students took first, second, and third places.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine hosted an artwork contest with the theme, "Aspire to Equality and Justice." Proviso East and PMSA students had their work displayed in the show.

Congratulations to all Proviso East and PMSA Student Artists!



24 PMSA Students Named 2017 Illinois State Scholars

Twenty-four Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy students were recognized by the Proviso Township High Schools District 209 Board of Education for their outstanding achievement at February's Board meeting.

Dr. Bessie Karvelas, principal at PMSA, stated, "I commend these twenty-four seniors for their outstanding commitment to their education. These students have dedicated themselves to their studies and have embraced the rigor of our curricula that is associated with academia. They have excelled and achieved this honor because of their commitment and dedication to their education."



PTHS D209 Celebrates Black History Month

From the Harlem Renaissance to the Black Lives Matter Movement

The PMSA Black History Program was developed and presented by the PMSA students who started planning for the program in November. The students met after school and worked collaboratively in groups to narrow down the items to be included in the program. The students ultimately decided on a program that highlighted and celebrated different events in each decade that included a Harlem Renaissance and a swing dance performance and a skit about President Obama and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

The students presented an outstanding program on Monday, February 27.



AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (PAEC) HIGH SCHOOLS'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On Thursday, February 23, the PAEC classrooms at Proviso East honored outstanding individuals through speeches and posters during the Black History Month celebration. Over 20 students presented their research and gave Power Point presentations on individuals, ranging from Billie Holiday to Dorothy Vaughan. After the presentations, students were available to discuss their famous person, while displaying the poster they created as part of their research.

It was a wonderful celebration and an obvious display of students taking such pride in their work.

Unspoken Black History

The Proviso West High School African American Club sponsored the "Unspoken Black History" Assembly to celebrate Black History Month on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The program included a selection by the Proviso Choir, The Anointed Twins, dance by the Pantherettes, drum presentation from the Proviso Drumline, skit from Ms. Gillespie's English Honors Class, praise dance by the Proviso Interpretive Praise, and a solo from Ms. Angela Walker.

Students also learned about Black history and culture through a "Walking Museum," sponsored by the Proviso West African American Club.



Proviso High Schools Selected Academic Highlights

Record Setting Performances by Proviso West Girls Track

Congratulations are in order for our girls track team who broke two meet records at the 2017 Valentine's Day Relays. Our girls set new records in the 4 by 200 meter Relay and also in the Mile Relay. Congratulations to Coach Victor Dubois and team members: Kameryn Fisher, Talia Robinson, Tarshana Kimbrough, Zacara Fisher-Portese and Taneya Kimbrough. What a great way to build momentum going into the Indoor Track season.



It's a great day to be a Panther!

Proviso West Girls Basketball Win Conference Championship

Kudos to Coach Marques Hatch and our girls basketball team for winning the conference championship this year. They finished the season with a 10-2 conference record and a record of 19 -9 overall. They lost a close regional semifinal to St. Ignatius, 50-48. We wish our seniors well in their post high school careers. Tenisha Walker, Mya Thomas and Mariah Henry were all selected to the West Suburban All Conference team for their outstanding play.

Proviso West Winter Pep Rally

Proviso West High School saluted their conference champion girls basketball team and teams at the Winter Pep Rally Assembly on February 16. Proviso West has 235 students currently participating in winter sport programs. In addition, there are 300 students currently participating in activities and clubs!



Proviso High Schools Selected Academic Highlights



Coach Marc Jones and Greg Foster

Proviso East Hosts The 4th Annual Greg Foster Invitational

On Saturday, February 18, Proviso East hosted the 4th Annual Greg Foster Invitational at Proviso West. It is a 15 team invitational for both levels (varsity & frosh/soph). Each team participated in 17 events. This year Proviso East Boys Varsity Team finished in second place scoring 96 points. Jon Sylvester was named the meet's MVP.

Greg Foster, an alumni of Proviso East, was ranked among the top ten hurdlers in the world for 15 out of 16 years (1977 to 1992). Five of those years, he was ranked number one, (1982, 1983, 1986, 1987 and 1991). He is the only person in the history of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics to win three consecutive 110 meter hurdling titles (1983, 1987, and 1991).

National Cheerleading Association Champions

The Proviso East Varsity and JV Cheerleading Teams attended the 2017 National Cheerleading Association Midwest Open Championship Competition in St. Charles, Missouri. The team competed in four categories: Performance, Game Day, Fight Song and Time-Out Dance, along with six other high schools from the surrounding areas. The team came home with the First Place Banner, Trophies and Megaphones in all categories.

Many thanks to Dr. Patrick Hardy and Dr. Brian Colbert for their continued support.



Proviso East Girls Basketball

The Lady Pirates had yet another stellar year!

The Sophomores finished second in the Maine East Christmas Tourney, capturing their second consecutive WSC Conference title with a 12-0 record. They finished the season 16 wins and 1 loss. The Junior Varsity team went undefeated in the WSC Conference with 6 wins and 0 losses.

Proviso East Alum Inducted Into State Wrestling Hall of Fame

On February 17th, the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame Class of 2017 inductees were honored during the IHSA Individual State Championships in Champaign. Among the inductees was Proviso East Alumni Reginald Wright, a two-time state champion who wrestled for Proviso East in the mid-1990s. They'll be officially inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame during an award banquet on April 22.



The Village of Berkeley Visits D209

Rudy Espiritu, Village Administrator for the Village of Berkeley, went on a tour of PMSA and Proviso West. Throughout the tour, Mr. Espiritu had the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet with teachers, staff, administrators and Dr. Rodriguez.

We thank the Village of Berkeley for visiting D209.



PTHS D209 Celebrates Ms. Cavanaugh's 62 Years of Service

Molly Cavanaugh, principal's secretary at Proviso West High School, was recognized during February's Board meeting for her 62 years of dedicated and excellent service. Many of Ms. Cavanaugh's friends, school administrators, former colleagues, students, and elected officials attended the event to congratulate her.

As part of the special celebration, Dr. Rodriguez announced that the Proviso West Little Theatre will be renamed the Cavanaugh Theatre in Ms. Cavanaugh's honor.

Dr. Rodriguez Visits D91

On February 28, 2017, Dr. Rodriguez visited District 91 (D91). Dr. Louis Cavallo, D91 superintendent, informed Dr. Rodriguez about the innovative programs taking place at D91 and took him to visit Pre-K to eighth-grade classes where Dr. Rodriguez met administrators, teachers, and students.

D209 aims to maintain a positive relationship between D91 and D209 to offer students a seamless transition from middle school to high school.



Proviso East's Annual Senior Citizens Day

As part of Black History Month celebrations, Proviso East High School held its Annual Senior Citizens' Day on February 27, 2017. The Maywood Senior Citizens' Club was invited to Proviso East High School to meet with students and share their stories. The Proviso East Social Room was filled with energy and excitement as cross-generational connections took place.

Congressman Danny Davis along with Larry Shapiro and 30 senior citizens were in attendance. The Annual Senior Citizens' Day gave Proviso East students an opportunity to learn about their history through the stories that were shared.