

## Staffing

Welcome Haven Fieldsend, long term sub for Tyler Tracy. Tyler has begun working as assistant athletic director to get the spring season up and running and to keep it that way!

We have posted our science opening. As of now, this is our only teaching position open.

## Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development

Changes to our Humanities Curriculum for 18-19 school year: Humanities teachers and I have been in the process of reviewing the Humanities (English and social studies integrated curriculum) for several years now. After reviewing several years of student achievement data, revising the curriculum, and reviewing our current instructional practices we have made the decision to end our current Humanities program beginning next year. Beginning in the 18-19 school year, students will be enrolled in separate English and social studies courses rather than Humanities courses. Making this change will better serve our students by: allowing teachers greater flexibility to create curriculum that engages students in their own learning, especially in English courses; reducing the student failure rate; reducing the number of students in need of summer school or credit recovery to make up No Credit grades; allowing more students with disabilities to access the academic area of their strength (English or social studies) without having to enroll in the double credit Humanities course.

Humanities has been a part of PRHS since our founding in 1999 so making this decision is a difficult one. There are many students who enjoy the approach to learning and have fond memories of the experience. Unfortunately, the need to change to respond to our student needs outweighs these positive benefits. Students and parents do not need to make any decisions as a result of this change. We will create student schedules for next year with the change in mind.

## Facilities

We really would like all of the snow to go away so the fields can thaw!

## Events

April 10	SAT day
April 11	Junior MEA science test day
April 13	Wellness Day
May 3-4	Celebration of Learning