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Spring Break Trips



From April 18 to the 23rd, CPS High School sophomores and juniors will be able to attend the Spring Break College Tours. Students with an unweighted 2.0 GPA and that have an 18 or higher on their PLAN score are able to apply. Colleges range from Eastern Illinois University to Michigan State University. Final decisions will be based on essays, grades, test scores and school attendance. See the counselors for more information.

Important Dates:

- Feb 1 and 2-Winter Assessment
- Feb 2-Brotherhood Whirly Ball
- Feb 9- Academic Award Ceremony
- Feb 9-Wellness Committee
- Feb 14-African American Assembly
- Feb 14- Half Day
- Feb 16-Board of Governors Meeting
- Feb 21-Presidents Day (No Classes)
- Feb 24-Rifle Competition
- Feb 25 and 26- Debate Tournament
- Feb 5-Regional Wrestling



Wellness Committee

“It is my privilege to announce that Phoenix Military Academy Wellness Program is in full throttle and we need your help to give it the fuel for its success. This is your opportunity to help develop a wellness program that will directly impact your fellow cadets, teachers, staff, families and the community through education and collaboration. You can help bring wellness back to the forefront of what is important in our school. Please tell your parents, guardians, friends, and teachers to join us in our efforts in developing a healthier school district and community. Now is the time to be the leaders that you are; consider serving on the Cadets Wellness Subcommittee or the Fitness Team. If you would like to find out more about this exciting program, please join us on February 9th, 2011.”

Theme: PMA Wellness Program

When/Where: February 9th, 2011, Room 133

Time: 4:30 PM 5:30 PM

Location: Phoenix Military Academy

-Mr. Webber

8th Grade Interviews

From January 15 to February 5, Phoenix had 8th grade interviews. 790 8th graders applied to attend Phoenix as freshman for the school year 2011-2012, and only 150 will be admitted into Phoenix. The interview ushers were led by Cadet Carolina Turrado, and some of the cadet ushers were Adriana Perez, Samantha Ortega, Ricardo Lopez, Jesenia Martinez and Alyssa Gomez de la Casa.

Students were both excited and nervous as they entered Phoenix's doors for their interviews. Some of the interviewers were Mr. Waller, Mr. Stange, the JROTC instructors, and Major Seymore. Students who interviewed will be notified if they were accepted to Phoenix after the 22nd of February. They will be notified during "Operation Balloon" as PMA's staff takes their acceptance letter and balloon

to their school. Those who decide to attend PMA for the school year 2011-2012 will have their uniform measurements in April during Spring Break. 8th grade students will begin their freshman year at PMA after Labor Day of September 2011.

Message to the Battalion

"Part of having a successful high school career at Phoenix Military Academy involves applying to different free or low cost trips available to our Cadets. There are many CPS and JROTC trips taking place during Spring break and the Summer. I definitely encourage everyone to apply to these trips as they are full of life changing experiences. Personally, I have gone to the Washington/ Gettysburg trip, Georgia Navigators Cup, the Service Academy trip, JCLC, and Cadet Command & Staff School. In each and every one of these trips you learn about yourself and your qualities, but also how to work as a member of a team. It is a great experience and I hope every Cadet applies to participate in these free or low cost trips. Apply fast, these trips are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on trips offered please see the JROTC Instructors (for JROTC related trips), Ms. Keyser/Ms. Fairchild (for civilian CPS related trips), or myself."

-Battalion Commander



Area 26 Science Fair



Congratulations to Jazmin Ocampo, Maritza Chavez, and Joshua Conner for making it to the next level in the Science Fair. They will attend the City Science Fair at the Museum of Science and Industry. These three cadets, along with the other cadets who attended the Area Science Fair competed with students from other Area 26 Schools. Some of the Area 26 schools include Marine Military Academy, Steinmetz High School, and Hubbard High School. These three cadets projects were: "Snow Bugs Color Preference,"-Jazmin Ocampo, "Bridge Design,"- Maritza Chavez, and "Intermolecular Forces."- Joshua Conner. Good luck fire birds!