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A PSCS NEWSLETTER



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HISTORY MADE ON THE HARDWOOD: BIG WINS FOR OUR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM!



In January, our guys basketball team picked up the first two wins in school history - battling to thrilling victories of 39-36 and 32-31. In two intense, down to the wire games, our players showed heart, toughness, and a refusal to quit. This is a huge moment for our athletics program, and it's only the beginning! Congratulations to our athletes and coaches on an unforgettable day.



IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 11 Feb: Blood Drive, 9am-1pm
- 12 Feb: HS Snowtubing field trip
- 13 Feb: Sandwich Swap
- 16 Feb: President's Day
- 17 Feb: Staff Workday
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar



THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE HERE, WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY



The blood drive is, simply put, the gift of life. We partnered with OneBlood again to host a blood drive on campus on **Wednesday, 2/11 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**

Sign up using the link below and recruit family and friends to come out and donate. Donors will receive refreshments and a OneBlood T-Shirt.

<https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1645197>

High School Students who are 16 years old or older can donate with parents' consent and must bring a consent form to the bus on the day of the blood drive. All donors and prospects must have a picture ID showing their date of birth.

OneBlood strongly encourages all donors to have a good breakfast or meal and drink plenty of water before and after donating.

ATHLETICS & PIONEER PLUS: SPRING SEMESTER

Pioneer Springs is pleased to offer many exciting opportunities for our scholars this school year! Designed to build individual as well as collaborative skills and to culminate in competitive engagements, the Pioneer Plus & Athletics program support the **mission** of Pioneer Springs by developing individual student interests toward keeping the "desire to learn burning bright."

Families can expect an email with more information after they sign their student up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Tosha at latoshac@pioneersprings.org.



To view **Athletics offerings**, **[click here](#)**.

To view options for **Pioneer Plus**, **[click here](#)**.



STUDENT SMILES

...and a quick shoutout to some of our wonderful staff!

**Congratulations to the recipients
of the PSCS Board of Education
teacher scholarships:**

Allison Allen, Master Teacher scholarship
Deepti Bhawe, Master Teacher scholarship
Michele Rothschild, Naturalist scholarship
Shannon O'Connor, Teacher
Development scholarship



Animal Science II students are excited to set up their grooming stations and learn about companion animal handling, grooming, and care. Stay tuned for upcoming information about the future PSCS pet boutique!



After the holiday break, Physical Science students came back to continue learning about different forces of friction, including a type called fluid friction. This is better known as air resistance. Students tested two standard models of paper whirligigs, which resemble the air resistance of maple seeds (called samaras).

They also created their own versions to both slow descent time and to influence the flight path as they dropped these from one of the PSCS decks. One team went all out to create "The Destroyer" with huge side winds designed to catch as much air as possible - in an attempt to "destroy" the competition and achieve the longest air time.

While students had a bucket to aim for, they discovered it was much easier said than done to accurately hit the target. Students also tested modifying the weight distribution using paper clips. They found that as accuracy of hitting the target below increased, the less their whirligigs resembled maple samaras.

This brought up connected biology topics of seed dispersal and species reproduction.