



Poland Regional High School

School Board Report

November 2022

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Teaching and Learning

On October 18th all grades of PRHS had special activities, highlighted by the Juniors in action at a variety of sites for Community Service Day. The 9th grade continued to develop positive relationships and practice being kind to one another with their day of Wayfinder activities. The 10th grade dug deep to focus their attention to providing a snapshot of their learning through the NWEA testing. The Seniors enjoyed a class breakfast, filled out their voter registration cards, took class photos, and planned a number of milestone events for the remainder of the year.

(Sun Journal article: <https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/10/18/photos-community-service-in-minot/>).

In the Students' Words

A few reflections from the students on the Marine Bio field trip to Wolfe's Neck State Park:

I greatly enjoyed the trip to the ocean, I wasn't expecting to find Horseshoe Crab shells where we went, because I've only ever seen them in one place before. If I go tide pooling with my friends or family again I will show them some cool things about snails and crabs.

My favorite experience at the ocean would have to be the overall exploring that we were allowed to do. I liked being able to just go on my own or work with a group. Some things that I found included snails, seaweed, clams, etc. What I would tell friends/family is to just look and enjoy everything around you as well as wear proper clothing.

The experience was pretty cool. It was fun to explore searching for more creatures to find. I found a living green crab. We also took some funny pictures. I would probably show all the cool spots to people.

Reflections from the students on the Snowe Women's Leadership Forum:

The Forum was eventful and new to all of us. We learned a lot about ourselves and others while going over some core memories in our lives. We went into break out rooms where we heard speakers talk about how they found their voice and how we could potentially find ours, and we went over our values and how we use them today. The food was also great! Overall it was a great experience.

When I first walked into the giant room where all the Olympia's Leaders, or OLs, would collectively gather, I was dazzled. I was so excited for what the day would bring. Throughout the day we met some incredible people, musicians, and leaders and I think it forever changed my life. It made me recognize how many people can really understand me and my enthusiasm toward my endeavors. There are so many people in the world who truly will give everything they have to achieve something they want. It inspired me to belong to a group of people with those ideals. Thank you to everyone who helped me get into Olympia Snowe and to that Forum. It was my first and my last, but it will stay in my heart forever.

Over twenty-five WMS and PRHS students attended the **Maine Youth Leadership Day**.

Finally, twenty-five Junior and Senior students were inducted into the **National Honor Society**.

Staff and Professional Learning

In October, the PRHS World Languages teachers attended the Teaching with Comprehensible Input (TCI) Maine Conference. This professional learning supports the teachers' work with students in acquiring multiple language skills in meaningful and authentic ways.

PRHS RTI Coordinator and Instructional Strategist Caroline Peinado attended a Rubicon Atlas Training. This learning broadens and deepens understanding of the Atlas software that is being used by faculty district-wide to organize and inform teaching curriculum across learning areas.

Facilities and Safety

A joint PRHS/WMS team has begun inventorying and assessing the strengths and challenges of the PRHS/WMS building and facility safety using a *Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center* app. The high school has successfully completed six evacuation/fire drills.

Extracurricular Activities

With the football team's hard fought loss to Winthrop in the first round of postseason play, the fall season is officially a wrap. Many thanks to all the coaches who created opportunities for our student-athletes to learn, improve, and compete on the fields, trails, and courses this fall season. (Sun Journal article: <https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/11/04/football-ramblers-trott-over-poland-in-class-d-quarterfinals/>)

Winter sports season kicks off with practice on November 21. All participants must be signed up on FamilyID and have a current physical on file. Students must be passing six classes plus RT in order to participate.

A tremendous cast of student and faculty performers put on three terrific performances of School of Rock! The music, singing, and acting were high energy fun!

Congratulations to Kayla Massey, who earned placement in the Maine All State Jazz Choir this year!

Congratulations to the following students for earning placement into the District II Honors Chorus:

Alex Picard	Kayla Massey
Rylee Smith	Cheyenne Toth
Nolan Garey	Emma Moreau
Audrey Fryda	Emma Daigneault
Sophia Dolloff	

PRHS students visited the following colleges in October

University of Maine, Orono
Central Maine Community College
Thomas College