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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

March has arrived with a roar, and what I hope is our last winter blast of snow. On March 8, Daylight Saving goes into effect. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour. The good news is that spring is only two weeks away. We're all looking forward to longer sunlight hours and warmer days. Despite the winter weather madness, there have been many wonderful PHS happenings to lift our spirits and warm our hearts.

Congratulations to the **Lady Red Devils** Varsity Basketball Team on an impressive and competitive game against Albertus Magnus on Monday, March 2, 2015. Despite the outcome, our respect and pride for your dignity and sportsmanship throughout the season remains high. Thanks to our athletic director, coaches, families and friends who have continually supported our fall sports program. The fall sports awards dinner will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM in the PHS cafeteria.

Flags from around the world adorn the first floor hallway for the Foreign Language Week (March 2-6, 2015) celebrations. Students will have the opportunity to view international films, share another country's cultural experiences, savor delectable dishes, participate in dancing and wear traditional costumes. A special thanks is extended to the Language Department teachers: Myrna Santos, Sonia Veloz, Carlyne Hall and their classes for coordinating this annual event.

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is currently conducting a series of weekly workshops with the Freshman Academy ninth graders. Three visiting teaching artists will guide the students through interactive exercises that bring Shakespeare's works to life. This year's focus is the *Tragedy of Macbeth* and will culminate in a final performance with the HVSF Troupe.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, Jean Spooner and Merritt Brown, co-coordinators, will hold the PHS National Honor Society Installation Ceremony. At the event, 25 National Honor Society inductees, 13 Mu Alpha Theta inductees, and 16 New York State Mathematics Honor Society inductees will be officially acknowledged and affirmed into these scholastic organizations.

Please save the date for these upcoming events:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade—Saturday, March 14, 2015—Join the PHS Band and school community as we celebrate. Line up at 2:15 PM in downtown Peekskill starting at the Columbian Engine Company, No. 1
- Spring Sports Mandatory Parent/Guardian Meeting—Thursday, March 12, 2015, PHS Auditorium
- Garrison Art Center—PHS Student Exhibition, March 21-29, 2015

I am looking forward to seeing you soon at one of the many events taking place this month.

Stay warm,
Dr. Cassandra Hyacinthe, Principal
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