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## *From Your President's Pen*

It is very hard to believe that there are fewer than two months left in this school year. For those of us with seniors in the house, the time is even shorter. But, what a very busy time the next 1½ months will be. In May, there are AP exams, HSA exams, and of course, senior exams. Then in June come the finals for grades 9-11. Despite the nice weather, it is very important to keep our focus on our goals. We, as parents, need to help our children understand the importance of all the exams they take. This year has been extraordinarily difficult for everyone, and yet our students and staff have carried on in a way to be admired. We need to keep the momentum going for the short time remaining.

Although this is not the final newsletter of the year (there will be one more sent out in July that will contain the honor rolls for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods), I would like to take this time to say my thanks. There are too many of you to name individually, but in particular I want to thank my executive board, officers, representatives, and cluster coordinators, who have been there to bounce ideas off of and assist with decision making. I am truly fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people to work with! I also want to thank our committee chairs who work quietly behind the scenes and do a great job of getting the job done! And, last but not least, I want to thank those of you who respond when you see a call for volunteers - whether it be to help get the newsletter ready for mailing, or distributing flyers, or anything in between - your help is truly appreciated and always welcome and needed!

**Patti Twigg**  
PTSA President

More from President Patti Twigg on page 2....

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**President’s Message continued....**

I would like to say my public good-bye to a special person. My VP, Lesleyann Samuel, is retiring from the board. Her son graduated last year, but out of devotion to our school, she stayed on another year as an officer. Thanks for your dedication, wisdom and assistance!

At this time of year, we must begin planning for next year. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the proposed slate of officers for next year. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May PTSA meeting before the election is held. Any member of the PTSA is eligible to run for office. We also need to start thinking about committee chairs for next year. Being involved with a committee is a great way to meet new people and connect with other parents. My own PTSA involvement (12 years ago) started with the selfish idea of finding out what goes on at school - since my children usually don’t tell me (“what happened at school today?” “Nothing.”)! I still learn a lot at PTSA meetings and from talking with other parents. So far, I know that Geri will not continue as Post-prom chair next year. This year we almost did not have a Post-prom, and also got a late start. If you feel this event is important, then please consider taking on this essential job! Past chairs are available to get you started and provide you with information from previous years. We also need a newsletter editor for next year (**BIG** thanks to Lesleyann Samuel and Margaret Pratt for doing it this year).

Finally, I would like to just briefly mention emergency preparedness. Our school, like all schools in the county, has an emergency plan. But, are there things related to emergency preparedness that you would like to know? If there is enough interest, we can devote part of a PTSA meeting to discuss these issues. But, rather than give a presentation that you may have already heard, we would rather address the questions and concerns **YOU** have. So, please let me know what is on your mind so that we can figure out how to best address your needs.

**Patti Twigg  
PTSA President**

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**Principal's Message -- May 2003**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Spring is my favorite time of the year because of its promise of renewal and hope, and as I write this letter all of us at Paint Branch are anticipating a well-deserved respite during spring break. Our seniors have received word about their college acceptances and will be making decisions about where they attend school. They are also anticipating Prom (May 30<sup>th</sup>) and Graduation (June 4). We want all of our students to come through this time safely. I urge parents to have the “annual talk” with students about the importance of refraining from drinking and other untoward activities. Please let them know what your expectations are for their behavior.

AP students are in the homestretch of their studying and preparations for the advanced placement exams, and students will be taking the High School Assessment tests in algebra, geometry, biology, English 9 and NSL. The schedules for AP Exams and HSA’s are printed below. Please note that there will be a delayed arrival for students not involved in taking the HSA.

<i>2003 AP EXAM SCHEDULE</i>			
<b>TEST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<i>English Literature</i>	Monday	May 5	8:00 am
<i>French Literature</i>	Monday	May 5	12:00 pm
<i>English Language</i>	Tuesday	May 6	8:00 am
<i>French Language</i>	Tuesday	May 6	12:00 pm

<i>Computer Science A</i>	Wednesday	May 7	8:00 am
<i>Computer Science AB</i>	Wednesday	May 7	8:00 am
<i>Spanish Language</i>	Wednesday	May 7	8:00 am
<i>Statistics</i>	Wednesday	May 7	12:00 pm
<i>Calculus AB</i>	Thursday	May 8	8:00 am
<i>Calculus BC</i>	Thursday	May 8	8:00 am
<i>United States History</i>	Friday	May 9	8:00 am
<i>Studio Art (Portfolios Due)</i>	Friday	May 9	12:00 pm
<i>Biology</i>	Monday	May 12	8:00 am
<i>Physics B</i>	Monday	May 12	12:00 pm
<i>Physics C</i>	Monday	May 12	12:00 pm
<i>World History</i>	Monday	May 12	12:00 pm
<i>Chemistry</i>	Tuesday	May 13	8:00 am
<i>Psychology</i>	Tuesday	May 13	12:00 pm
<i>Government &amp; Politics: United States</i>	Wednesday	May 14	8:00 am
<i>Government &amp; Politics: Comparative</i>	Wednesday	May 14	12:00 pm
<i>Environmental Science</i>	Wednesday	May 14	12:00 pm

<b>HSA TESTING SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>TEST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<i>English</i>	Monday	May 19	7:25 am
<i>Biology</i>	Tuesday	May 20	7:25 am
<i>Algebra/Data Analysis</i>	Wednesday	May 21	7:25 am
<i>Government</i>	Thursday	May 22	7:25 am
<i>Geometry</i>	Friday	May 23	7:25 am
<i>HSA Make-Up Window</i>	May 27 – June 2; June 3 – 9		TBD

Please support us in the administration of these very important exams by ensuring that your child is on time to school, and prepared to do their very best.

In addition to the assessments that will be administered in May, we will be recognizing student academic excellence at our annual awards ceremony on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am asking for the support of all parents and guardians in encouraging your child to respond affirmatively by attending the awards ceremony if he/she receives an invitation from the Awards Committee. Last year some students received major awards and were not present to receive them. This was embarrassing to our school as some of our presenters had traveled a great distance to present the award. Additionally, we will be starting a new tradition this year by honoring those students who have earned the Governor’s Merit Scholars award for academic achievement by graduating in the top five percent of the Class of 2003 at a 5% Dinner on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We want the entire Paint Branch community to know that we value the academic excellence demonstrated by our students.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Paint Branch staff, I want to thank you for your support during this very challenging year of the sniper and snow. We are truly grateful for all that our parents and guardians do to support our school as we go about the day to day work of educating and guiding 1700 students in a modern day American high school. The forces that impact us are challenging, but we have a great staff that meets the challenge every day providing a rigorous instructional program for our students. I am very proud of them and of you.

Sincerely,  
*Jeanette Dixon*  
 Principal

# Panther Pride Announcements



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**Made by Principal Dixon -- March 2003**

- ❖ Congratulations to Mrs. Faye Johnson who has been selected by the College Board to teach a week-long course at UMBC to other teachers on how to teach Advanced Placement Psychology because she is such an outstanding teacher. All of us at Paint Branch are proud of you.
- ❖ Thank you to Math teacher Laura Hagenbuch for all of her hard work in coordinating Pi Day on March 14th. As usual, it was a great event appreciated by all of us at Paint Branch.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mark Cabellon who has been nominated by Senator Paul Sarbanes for appointment to West Point. This is a great honor for Mark and for our school.
- ❖ As a result of our Gilder-Lehrman American History scholars program, Paint Branch has several entries in the local National History Day competition for the first time. Kudos to the following students (and their teachers) who have moved on to the statewide competition:
  - Benjamin Granata---for his paper on Evan Thomas a Colesville Quaker dissenter in the American Revolution. His teacher is Mrs. Bonnie Jones
  - Jonathan Ridguard and Sonali Moses for their documentary on "The Rights of Prisoners of War." Their teacher is Dr. Emma Melgarejo.
  - Kholla Ahmad for her exhibit on the internment of the Japanese during World War II
  - Teacher Mrs. Jones, Sam Davies, and Andres Alvarez for their exhibit "The Rights of Hungry People"--teacher Dr. Melgarejo.
- ❖ A big thank you to all of the students who presented at the "Who Are We " assembly sponsored by the Muslim Student Association: Usman Ahmed, Fatima Jadun, Jesse Bahra, Sunmit Chadha Singh, Tina Batia, Danny Gonzalez, Brooke Meade, Craig Binder, Caryn Albert, Neal Desai, Swati Divakarla. Special thanks to Sania Mahmood, the president of MSA for coordinating and moderating the panel, and to Ms. Pettigrew their sponsor for her work in organizing the assembly. This was a wonderful educational opportunity for students and staff.
- ❖ Congratulations to Rydhwana Hossain who won first place in the Montgomery Area Science Fair in the category of medicine and health. It's really great that a student at a high school that has science as its signature program won first place in the Science Fair. We're all proud of you Rydhwana.
- ❖ Finally congratulations to our basketball lady panthers Robin Kantin and Ashley Alexander who were named All-County in basketball. Robin was also named All-Gazette and played in the county all-star game. Robin made her last appearance at Paint Branch as a player on the student basketball team for the Student-Staff Basketball Game in March. We'll miss you Robin.

*Anyone who has never made a mistake  
has never tried anything new.*

*Albert Einstein*

## **NEWSBRIEFS:**

### **PANTHERS OF THE MONTH**



The following students were recently recognized by Ms. Dixon for their outstanding scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. Panthers of the Month are nominated by their teachers and recognized by the principal each month during a special edition of the morning announcements.

#### **FEBRUARY 2003**

Rachel Blair	Grade 9
Bryan Barr	Grade 10
Kyle Carson	Grade 11
Monique Anderson	Grade 12

#### **MARCH 2003**

Andrea Rose Jimenez	Grade 9
Ryan Rager	Grade 10
Esther Adetunji	Grade 11
Quang Luu	Grade 12

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### **FRENCH STUDENTS VISIT**

Eighteen students and three adult chaperones from France visited American families and attended classes at Paint Branch High School from March 20-29, 2003. The students that visited Paint Branch High School are bilingual in French and English and are taking courses which will eventually lead to the International Baccalaureate. Madame Barbara Whitney, a Paint Branch French Teacher, coordinated the trip with Twla Verge, an American who teaches in France and coordinated the French part of the trip.

The visiting students have strong ties to the United States and/or Great Britain. They planned to see the sights, go shopping and have fun with their host families on the weekend and attended classes and toured Williamsburg and Jamestown during the week. On Friday, March 28, during 5th period, they were given a "hands-on" lesson in the all-American game of baseball by their Paint Branch hosts. The students are from Bordeaux, in the south western part of France, also known as Aquitaine, and they are students at College Cheverus, located in downtown Bordeaux. Bordeaux was originally a Roman settlement and then became a busy port in the 18th century. The region is known chiefly for its wonderful wines and picturesque countryside.

The chaperones were Twla Verge, the trip organizer, Nelly Perrier and Thierry Rouillard. Ms. Verge is an American who lives and teaches in France and is married to a Frenchman. The American hosts will not travel to France as a group because of the political situation, but hopefully some students will visit their French counterparts during the summer.

Bienvenue a Jerome, Lilianne, Olivier, Maud, Andrew, Tiffanie, Olivier, Thomas, Marine, Diane, William, Camille, Paul, Sarah, Nicolas, Aimee, Emilie and Emily!!!!

### **paintbranchnet: The Paint Branch High School Electronic Mail Network**

#### *What Is It?*

The Paint Branch HS PTSA has established paintbranchnet as its electronic mail network of Paint Branch families so we can exchange information related to PTSA business, school affairs, and educational topics. This is a great forum for announcing meetings, sending reminders for school events, and discussing hot topics. Be the first on your block to get the PTSA newsletter? It is being distributed electronically as well as being mailed to every home. Electronic distribution is definitely faster than the post office?

#### *How does it work?*

Anyone who is a member of paintbranchnet can send a message to the entire group. To do so, a member would send an electronic mail message to paintbranchnet's email address, [paintbranchnet@egroups.com](mailto:paintbranchnet@egroups.com), and it will be received by everyone who is a subscriber.

#### *How to subscribe?*

Send your name and email address to Patti Twigg via email. Patti's email address is: [lptwigg@erols.com](mailto:lptwigg@erols.com) If you are not receiving paintbranchnet mail and want to, please contact Patti. You do not have to be a PTSA member to receive paintbranchnet mail.

## **Proposed Slate of PTSA Officers for 2003-2004**

This is the proposed slate of PTSA officers for the school year 2003-2004. It was presented at the April 29 PTSA meeting by the nominating committee. The election will be held at the May 20 PTSA meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor that night.

### Proposed Slate of PTSA Officers for 2003-2004:

President	Patti Twigg
Vice President	Jean O'Donell
Treasurer	Linda Kuhn
Recording Secretary	Wanda Johnson
Corresponding Secretary	Gail Lantion
MCCPTA Delegate	Ron Leung
MCCPTA Delegate	Jamie Mills

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## **SENIOR NEWS**

The Senior Class had a wonderful Senior Banquet on April 4. Most students reported that the food and dancing were fun.

**There are still some seniors who have not ordered caps and gowns in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students may order them from Ms. Paoloni, H-037, or Ms. Johnson, H-024. The cost is \$50.00.**

By the time this newsletter is mailed, parents of seniors will have had a meeting to discuss the upcoming Graduation ceremony. Parents received their graduation tickets at the meeting. Parents also advance-ordered video tapes of the ceremony. Requests for additional tickets may be made in writing and given to Mrs. Camp, the Principal's secretary.

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### **Bring the World to Your Family – Host an AFS High School Exchange Student**

Would you share your home with an AFS exchange student eager to learn about America and eager to be part of a family for the school year or a semester? AFS-USA has led student exchanges for more than 50 years. Students come from over 40 different countries. AFS knows family life makes all the difference for a young visitor. When you welcome a student from another country – even for a short time – your children and family learn about the world, your AFS student takes home a part of America, and you make a personal contribution to world peace and understanding. Two and single parent households, with or without kids, are eligible. Please consider hosting an AFS exchange student in the coming school year. Spring is the time to start making the arrangements. To learn more, contact your AFS volunteer, Bob Rushing, at 301-236-6809, call 1-800-AFS-INFO to obtain more detailed hosting information, or visit the AFS website at <http://usa.afs.org/>



## **PBHS 5K RUN/WALK**

**Although at the time of going to press the PBHS/PTSA 5K Run/Walk had not yet taken place, we would like to express our thanks to the following sponsors for their generous support:**

Long & Foster Realtors  
National Delivery Systems  
Nicholas Dental Care  
DarCars  
Winchester Homes  
Wellness for Life Fitness Center  
Duane Erickson Orthodontics  
Gutschick, Little & Weber, P.A.  
Burtonsville Eye Care  
Chapala Restaurant  
Harry's American Café

Bell Flowers  
Personal Best Group and Personal Training  
Amanda's Arrangements  
Jerry's Pizza  
Horizon Landscape  
Burtonsville Barbershop  
Pepinos  
Sandy Spring Bank  
Santucci & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Cloverly Citgo  
Safeway

**Many thanks to those businesses who at the time of going to press had donated gifts for door prizes:**

Gold's Gym  
Today's Image  
Wellness for Life Fitness Center

Pepino's Trattoria Italiano  
Old Hickory Grill  
Pizza Hut

**Thank you to those businesses who provided refreshments:**

Safeway  
CHL Business Interiors, LLC  
Barry Bragg Insurance

Giant  
Super Fresh

**And finally, sincere thanks to those parents who served on the 5K Committee and were there from start to finish:**

Wayne Claus  
Patti Hamilton  
John Hoey  
Phil Kaylor

Marcie Kramer  
Brian Magid  
Tim McGrath  
Dave McLeish

**Full details about the April 26 race will be published in the next newsletter.**

**Maria Hoey**

## Call for All-Sports Boosters 2003-2004 Officer Nominations



We would like to give you the opportunity to become involved with a club that supports the PBHS Athletic Program and has a great time doing it!

The following positions are available:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Spiritwear Coordinator  
2004 Silent/Live Auction Chairperson

A slate of candidates will be presented at the May 12 meeting, 7pm, Room A114. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor that night. Elections will be held at the May Boosters meeting.

If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for a position, please contact Racquelia Neal at [rneal@cqpress.com](mailto:rneal@cqpress.com) or 301-879-5958.

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## ACADEMY OF FINANCE NEWS

Over 70 students have signed up for the new program, Academy of Finance. The benefits to the students are tremendous. Some of the benefits include:

- Freshman and sophomore students begin taking their first financial course: Financial Management, Financial Planning, or Banking and Credit.
- Juniors will be exposed to a student conference where they will have mock interviews with personnel directors from companies in the Washington area. Breakfast and lunch are both provided with keynote speakers and workshops for students to attend. Some of the workshops from this year's conference included: "International protocol", "You get one shot!" (Resume writing, etc.), "Marketing & Financial Planning" ...Legg Mason, and "What a Certified Public Accountant does".
- Juniors will have available a paid internship the summer between the junior and senior year. Students will need Accounting A/B and at least one finance course before the internship experience. Also job shadowing experiences will be available during the school year.
- As a senior, students will go to Montgomery College in late November to fill out the application, take the placement test, register for BA 101, and attend a college orientation. In January of the senior year, students will be enrolled in a college course for 3 college credits.

With college students carrying an average balance of \$2500 on credit cards, I feel that all students need a knowledge of financial planning, banking and credit. If you are employed in the financial field or know someone that we can contact to assist in job shadowing or internships, please let me know. If you have any questions or need information, please call Rebecca Baber at (301) 989-5618 or email at [Rebecca\\_Baber@fc.mcps.k12.md.us](mailto:Rebecca_Baber@fc.mcps.k12.md.us)

## **HISTORY DAY COMPETITION:**

The weekend of March 22-23, 2003, six Paint Branch students won in the Montgomery County National History Day Competition. The theme for this year's competition is "Rights and Responsibilities." The students will be competing state wide on April 26, 2003 at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. (Results were not known as the newsletter went to print.)

The following students won in the county-wide competition for the National History Day projects:

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|------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Category:</b> | <b>Paper</b>  | <b>Teacher:</b> | Bonnie Jones   |
| <b>Student:</b>  | Benjamin Granata, Freshman, Gilder Lehrman American History Scholar             |                 |                |
| <b>Topic:</b>    | Evan Thomas, a Colesville Quaker Dissenter in the Revolution                    |                 |                |
| <b>Category:</b> | <b>Documentary</b>  | <b>Teacher:</b> | Emma Melgarejo |
| <b>Students:</b> | Jonathan Ridguard and Sonali Moses, both Juniors, Modern World History Students |                 |                |
| <b>Topic:</b>    | The Rights of the Prisoners of War  |                 |                |
| <b>Category:</b> | <b>Exhibits</b>   | <b>Teacher:</b> | Bonnie Jones   |
| <b>Student:</b>  | Kholla Ahmad, Freshman, Gilder Lehrman American History Scholar                 |                 |                |
| <b>Topic:</b>    | Japanese Internment   |                 |                |
| <b>Category:</b> | <b>Exhibits</b>   | <b>Teacher:</b> | Emma Melgarejo |
| <b>Students:</b> | Sam Davies and Andres Alvarez, both Juniors, Modern World History Students      |                 |                |
| <b>Topic:</b>    | The Rights of the Hungry People   |                 |                |

**Congratulations To All The Students Who Participated County- Wide And To All Their Teachers!**

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### **Tribute To The Class(act) Of 2003:**

As someone once stated "It has been the best of times and the worst of times". Through it all the Class of 2003 has had real "class". Over the past four years many things have happened, none of which anyone could have predicted. Many of you have matured quickly, not by choice, but by events forced upon you, all of which should support and prepare you for your young adult years.

I, as a proud parent of a Paint Branch High School senior, wanted to express my thoughts and recognize and reflect on the past four years. The intention of this letter is to say to the Class of 2003 – "good job". Many of you, seniors, have juggled many things over the years to get to where you are now and when you cross that stage at DAR Constitution Hall on June 4 tell yourself - good job. You had to adjust to personal tragedies whether it was a loss of a close friend/class mate, parent or relative or a parent through separation/divorce. You realized, learned to understand and accepted that Paint Branch could not win every sports event or title (although you tried and never gave up). The look on some of your faces at the Paint Branch candlelight vigil, shortly after 9/11, and what was running through your minds was heart wrenching. Yet you are surviving the 9/11 tragedy, the sniper tragedy and current international events involving the United States. You participated in the media attention of the honor of being a Blue Ribbon School as well as other awards and you experienced half way through your four years the change of the school's administration. You are making the tough decision on college, the military or job market. Some of you had other commitments, jobs, taking care of loved ones, outside activities or were involved in school functions such as a student officer position. In spite of these "other" activities you still tried to do your best in class. Knowing some of your parents, I can say that they are proud of you and you did a good job. You are a "class" act!

**Karl Berberich**  
**Class of '03 Paint Branch Parent**  
**Past President of the PBHS PTSA**

## COMMUNITY NEWS:



### Every Child Deserves A Family

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES NEEDS FOSTER PARENTS – ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS!**

Stable, loving homes are needed for boys and girls who must temporarily be separated from their families due to abuse and neglect.

Child Welfare Services provides the support and training you need to help our community's youngsters in need. Homes are needed for children of all ages, but especially for teenagers, who make up 25% of children served by Child Welfare Services.

If you would like to learn more about how you can become a foster parent, call Linda Gore at 240-777-1664.

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**Intercultural Friends Foundation (IFF)** is looking for families to host foreign exchange students from Spain or France this summer. Groups will be coming for three or four week homestays in July and August. Montgomery County students can earn up to 26 community service hours for being an active participant. If you are interested in enriching your summer by hosting a student, please call IFF at (301) 261-1300.

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### **Our YEARBOOK is So Popular!!!! Pre-Order Yours Now!!!**

Due to the overwhelming response to our previous yearbook pre-sales this year, we are left with a VERY limited quantity to sell at the end of the current school year. If you want your child to be guaranteed a yearbook for this school year, he or she must come by Room A117 during lunches to pre-pay for one, May 7-9.

Don't let your child be left out, the yearbook this year has more color and more pages than ever before. The cost is still only \$65, but if we have any remaining after this week, the cost will probably rise. If you have any questions, please call during lunch periods to (301) 989-5627 and ask for Ms. Leonard or any one of the yearbook editors.

#### **Also...**

The Yearbook Staff is selling unused yearbook photos for 25 cents each. Photos will be sold at all lunch periods. Call Ms. Leonard for further information.



## Calendar Items - May - June 2003

May 5-9	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 5-14	AP exams administered to students who registered for them
May 15	early release day
May 15	PTSA sponsored luncheon for staff in celebration of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 19-23	High School Assessment week - for students taking Algebra I, English 9, Geometry, NSL Government, and Biology I
May 19	Spring sports awards, 6:30 pm
May 20	PTSA meeting, 7:00 pm, media center; election of officers for next year
May 22	Academic Awards Assembly
May 23-30	Senior final exams
May 26	Holiday, Memorial Day
May 28	Spring concert, Auditorium
May 30	Last day for seniors
May 30	Junior/Senior Prom
May 30-31	PTSA sponsored After-Prom
June 4	Graduation, 10:00 am, Constitution Hall
June 12	Exam review day
June 13-18	final exams for grades 9-11
June 19	final exam makeup day, grades 9-11
June 20	last day of school for students

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### PARENTS:

#### Support the PBHS Alcohol-Free Post Prom Event, May 30-31

For more information on how you can still help, contact the Post Prom Chairperson, Geri Ginsberg at 301-622-1822.

These outstanding events now number 34 in Montgomery County and help to keep over 11,000 teenagers in our county secure and safe in alcohol-free environments on high-risk nights. Please do not host alternative Post Prom parties on Prom night. Let's not compete with these great, fun-filled activities.

[Notice distributed by Montgomery County Project Prom/Graduation Coalition]

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**Paint Branch High School PTSA  
Membership Application ● 2002-2003 School Year**

(Please Print)



Parent/Guardian/Faculty Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s) & Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your email address will be added to paintbranchnet, the PTSA email listserve.)

**Dues:** \$15 – first adult member, \$7.50 – additional adult member, \$5 – each student/faculty member

In addition to my/our dues, I/we enclose a donation of:  \$5  \$10  \$15  \$20  \$50  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is to be used for:  General PTSA expenses  Specific budget item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed:** Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment:  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any committee(s) in which you may be interested:** \_\_\_\_\_

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