



# Panther Press

## Paint Branch High School PTSA

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### From Your PTSA President

Dear Parents and Guardians:

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ."*

A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens

A Tale of a High School in Montgomery County, by the Paint Branch Community

The year began on the most positive of notes . . . the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic was a huge success; Back to School Night was, as one parent told me, the best they'd ever experienced; based on feedback from parents and staff (and my own 9<sup>th</sup> grader's comment that "yeah, it's okay"), the new "Houses" were well-received and making progress toward achieving what they set out to accomplish; membership and involvement in the PTSA was up, seemingly exponentially by the staff (thank you, staff!); our UMD Terps fundraiser was exceeding any and all of our expectations, and even allowed us to offer it as a "co-op" event to several student/school organizations who were seeking to raise funds; and the "New Paint Branch High School" was (I was assured time and again) "on track." And then things changed . . .

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It hardly seems possible that by the time you receive this newsletter students will have received their first report card (November 9<sup>th</sup>). I urge you to keep abreast of your student's progress through Edline, e-mails to the teachers and counselors. Set up a parent/teacher conference if you have concerns. We all need to work together to ensure that our students are achieving at the highest level.

Thank you for your support with the administration of the PSAT. We had the third highest percentage of participation among 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Montgomery County and more than met the target set for overall participation by MCPS with 94.2% of our 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders taking the test. We even tested a cohort of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Briggs Chaney M.S. The PSAT is a very

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline: Jan 10**

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**Jeanette Dixon, Principal**

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## From Your PTSA President

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Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools, recommended in his budget request that the construction of the new Paint Branch High School be delayed for an additional year. To say that some of our parents and community members (and staff) were angry would be an understatement. And those who were not overtly angry expressed disappointment in and disillusion with the leaders of a County and a system which seemed, to them, to be either unable or unwilling to make this long-sought and much-needed project a reality.

As I sit here and write this letter to the Paint Branch PTSA Community, there's only so much I can offer you as factual . . . so here's the truth as I know it: I do not know how we will fare in the future in seeing our new school become a reality, for that is in the hands and in the hearts of your County and State elected officials. But I do know this: members of the PTSA, the school staff, and the community have been working tirelessly – and I mean that literally – since Dr. Weast's announcement. We have been doing anything and everything we can legally do – meetings, letters, hearings – to champion our new school and to see that it becomes a reality at this point in its history. I ask – we all ask – that if you have not done so already, please join us in our efforts. If you have not yet gotten involved in this process, please do so now. And one more request . . . whether or not you are a person of faith, and whether or not you subscribe to any religion, organized or not, please lift up this cause with your good wishes, your heartfelt hopes, or your prayers. Those of us who are working so hard on this truly believe that this is about more than just a new school . . . we believe that we are seeking what is right, what is just, what is equitable, and what is in the best interest not only of our own children (most of whom will have graduated by the time the school is built), but also in the best interest of all of the students in the East County, the Northeast Consortium, and the County in its entirety.

I close with this . . . none of this “worst of times” event diminishes in any way what our Paint Branch Community has already accomplished. Our students, our parents, our staff, and our community are to be commended for the excellent work being done at and through our Panther Community, in spite of the facilities inequity which Paint Branch continues to endure. Our Spirit, our dedication to our students, our commitment to educational excellence, and the opportunity for all of our young people to succeed at the highest levels will continue to motivate us. And it's in that vein in which we'll continue to care for, to mentor, to challenge, to inspire, and to teach our students here at Paint Branch High School.

Here's hoping that my next PTSA Newsletter article can open with this . . .

*“You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.” Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley*

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## 2007-2008 PTSA Officers

President	Don Hauprich
Vice-President	Mark Weiser
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Corresponding Secretary/ Recording Secretary alternate	Jean Slater

## 2007-2008 PTSA Meetings

PTSA meetings will take place on the following dates this school year. Please mark your calendar:

Tuesday, November 20

Tuesday, January 15

Tuesday, February 19

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, April 15

Tuesday, May 15

PTSA meetings will be held in the Paint Branch Media Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending not later than 8:30 p.m. All meetings are general membership meetings.

### **Important Notes:**

- All parents, students, and staff are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings.
- Childcare can be made available. Please contact Don Hauprich (see contact information below) at least one day prior to the meeting if childcare is needed.
- Descriptions of all the PTSA committees are posted on the Paint Branch web site at:

[http:// www.paintbranchhighschool.org](http://www.paintbranchhighschool.org)—click on PTSA

- If you would like to help, please contact the committee chair or PTSA President, Don Hauprich at 301-476-9228 or via email at [Hauprich4@verizon.net](mailto:Hauprich4@verizon.net)

## Principal's Message

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important test for students as they prepare for the SATs and compete for scholarships.

I was very pleased with the turnout of parents and guardians for Back-To-School Night. Staff enjoyed sharing our instructional program and the wonderful things that are happening at Paint Branch. Speaking of wonderful things, Homecoming was great! Our student leaders did an outstanding job planning and organizing the spirit week activities, Pep Rally, parade and Homecoming Dance. Special thanks to Ms. Birdin (SGA) and Mrs. Mitchell (Dance) for all that they did to make the week memorable for students. Thanks to all of the parents who helped chaperone the dance by organizing the coat check. It was a memorable Homecoming for me in that my granddaughters and daughter-in law were able to attend. My daughter-in-law, who also chaperoned the dance, was very impressed with our students and their close connections to staff and each other. Our football victory over Springbrook (53-21) was wonderful and another step in our march to the state playoffs.

We hosted our Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We shared all of the great programs (instructional and extracurricular) that PBHS has to offer.

There are so many positive things happening at Paint Branch. I invite you to visit us often, and to attend the PTSA meetings, which are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Thank you for sending us your wonderful children and for your support.

**Jeanette Dixon**  
Principal

I am pleased to announce that graduation for the Class of 2008 will be held on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at DAR Constitution Hall.

The 7:00 p.m. time is a change from previous graduation times of 2:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing all parents at the Parent Graduation Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Jeanette**

## PBHS Northeast Consortium Open House

Paint Branch High School *Academy of Science and Media* hosted a Northeast Consortium Open House on Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

The Open House was for eighth grade students and their families involved in the Choice process. All were welcomed to tour the facility and learn about the Science and Media Signature program. Administrators, teachers, parents and students were available to answer questions about the school, academic programs, extracurricular activities and the sports program offered at Paint Branch.

A variety of areas were showcased including: innovative science programs, medical careers, pharmacy, television production, radio, print publications, music, the Gilder Lehrman American History Scholars Program, Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC), and many others. Math, music, art, and foreign languages were also represented as well as the Paint Branch Academy programs, including the Academy of Finance, Academy of Engineering Technology, Restaurant Management and Child Development.

Students, teachers and coaches from various extracurricular and athletic programs were available so that prospective students and their families could gather information about the extensive extracurricular activity and sports programs offered at Paint Branch. A brief auditorium assembly began the evening at 7:00 pm, followed by tours of the building.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the tours.

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## paintbranchnet

**Paintbranchnet**, our PTSA sponsored email listserv, provides quick access to information. In addition to sending the daily morning announcements, as broadcast via Paint Branch's internal TV station, minutes from PTSA meetings, important schedule changes and much more are delivered to your email inbox. To sign up for paintbranchnet, just send an email to [paintbranchnet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:paintbranchnet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will receive a response asking for your name and phone number. Your sign up will not be processed until you reply as requested.

The school website has a lot of great information, from sports to the school calendar. It is:

<http://www.paintbranchhighschool.org>

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you are not receiving paintbranchnet messages and signed up, there might be a problem – maybe I could not read your email address, or your anti-spam settings are not allowing the messages through. SpamCop frequently includes Yahoo on its blacklist, so if your email service uses their list, your messages are probably being blocked. If you change email addresses and want to continue getting messages, please let me know so I can subscribe your new address. If you think you should be getting messages and are not, please email me so we can figure out what the problem is. There are currently about 30 email addresses that are bouncing.

**Patti Twigg, Communications Chair**

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# MAINSTREAM



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c/o Brian Woodward

*14121 Old Columbia Pike*

*Burtonsville, MD 20866*

**Be sure to include the name that you would like to have listed in our patrons section – family names, businesses, or individuals are all accepted.**

## Paint Branch High School Educational Foundation, Inc.

What is the Educational Foundation?

As stated in our Articles of Incorporation, our activities shall include, but not be limited to: providing support for the activities, programs, projects, equipment and facilities of Paint Branch High School, Burtonsville, Maryland; identifying and supporting new programs for Paint Branch; facilitating relationships between Paint Branch and its community, including alumni and alumnae, parents, and neighboring businesses; and providing support for continuing education, professional development and training for the staff, parents, and legal guardians of Paint Branch.

Our mission is to support Paint Branch High School, its students, staff, families and community in achieving high standards and the formation of mutually beneficial partnerships. We have a Board of Directors consisting of 9 people:

Patti Twigg – President

Barbara Turner – Vice President

Brian Eichenlaub – Treasurer

Michelle Waldron Patterson – Secretary

Garland Christopher

Tom Kress

Robert McAlpine

Jack McKeon

Nancy Peckerar

The Paint Branch High School Educational Foundation, Inc. is a public charity organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Because of that, all gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

To contribute, please make checks payable to “Paint Branch High School Educational Foundation, Inc.” and either drop them off in the main office at school or mail them to Paint Branch High School Educational Foundation, Inc., 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

### Logo Design Contest

We would like our students to help us design a logo. With that in mind, we are holding a contest, with a \$50 prize for the winner. This contest is open to Paint Branch HS students. Deadline for submission of proposed logos is December 3, 2007, with the winner to be announced before Winter Break. Please encourage your students to enter! Submissions may be left in the Paint Branch HS Educational Foundation, Inc. mailbox in the main office at school. Please be sure to include name, grade, and phone number with each submission. 8.5” X 11” size preferred, please! Good Luck, Panthers!

**Patti Twigg**

## Let's Work Together to Keep Our Students Safe

Every weekday morning, nearly 2,000 students, teachers and staff converge on Paint Branch High School. They arrive in many ways, some walk, some take the bus, some drive themselves, some are driven by others. Old Columbia Pike is a major commuter route, and carries many cars besides the ones destined for Paint Branch, so please be extra careful and considerate when driving to and from the school.

This is especially true during the morning hours. Parents are dropping off their kids, school buses are dropping off students, faculty members are arriving, and students are driving. In addition, students from Banneker are being dropped off around the same time. Be especially watchful for these younger students!

**PLEASE** observe the road signs if you drive your child to school. This year in particular, many people seem to think they can circumvent the prohibition on U-turns by making a left turn into the driveways of homes across the street from the school. Some then proceed to make three point turns and in the process, drive on the grass of the homeowners! Students live in some of these homes, and some have almost been hit in their own driveway trying to get across the street to the school as a result of drivers not being careful or considerate of our neighbors. Police officers do give tickets for turning left out of the south entrance! I have watched them waiting for someone to violate this traffic sign, then pulling them over. Please be forewarned that Paint Branch's EFO, Officer Smallwood, will be out in the mornings monitoring traffic.

My heart stops when I see kids being dropped off on the opposite side of the school on Old Columbia Pike, then struggling to cross the very busy street to get to school! You may think you are saving a few minutes, but at what potential cost? Besides being illegal, is also **very** hazardous to drop your child off on Old Columbia Pike considering the busy traffic.

Let's work together to keep our students—your child and the children of others—safe by observing these rules:

- Do not drop off students on Old Columbia Pike between 6:30 am and 4:30 pm , use the designated drop-off areas
- Do not make a U-turn anywhere near the school
- Observe the right turn only sign at the south entrance to the parking lot
- Use the north entrance if you need to go left after dropping your child off
- Follow the traffic flow at all times
- When you reach the drop off area, pull as far forward as possible to allow space for others to drop off students at the same time
- Be a good driving role model for your child, obey traffic laws by observing the road signs

Whenever I send this message on paintbranchnet, people write back to me and try to justify their actions because it takes too much time to drop off their kids within the law. I'm sorry, but safety comes first. If you need to go south on Old Columbia Pike, you can go down to the traffic circle at Perrywood Drive to reverse your direction. Something important to remember is that it is physically impossible for everyone to arrive at 7:20 am! You may need to leave your house a few minutes earlier to drop your child off in time for school **while** obeying the traffic laws.

Thank you for being courteous to the other parents dropping off their children, and our neighboring homeowners, and for abiding by the laws. Remember, your child will be driving in a couple of years, and the example you set now is making a big impression on them. If you violate traffic laws, they may follow your example.

**Patti Twigg**

## **“Project Lead the Way” is Off to a Good Start**

Project Lead the Way, the Academy of Engineering, is in its second year at Paint Branch High School and is off to a great start. Mr. Walter Hardy is teaching the design orientated class, “Introduction to Engineering Design” (IED), and Mr. Mark Green is teaching the “Principles of Engineering” (POE) class, which is more math-oriented. Both classes stress the importance of sketching and dimensioning, and each is a great way to start off the Project Lead the Way program. In IED, the students start out learning the design process and move into a CAD software program called Inventor by Autodesk. In Inventor, the students learn to bring their drawings to life with exploded views and animation, all in 3-D. In POE, the students are exposed to the math applications that engineers must use to build bridges or design roads. Students also use the Inventor program in POE.

Some student testimonials include the following: “I like the 3-D projects.” “The work is understandable and easy in addition to being fun.” “The class period goes by quickly because it is so interactive and “hands on”. “The software is cool and I feel like I am learning cutting-edge technology.”

Paint Branch High School is one of seven schools in MCPS that teaches the engineering curriculum. Next year a third course, “Computer Integrated Manufacturing” will be taught applying the principles of robotics and automation. Students interested in a career in Engineering are encouraged to take the engineering courses.

### **Rebecca Baber**

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## **Academy of Finance News**

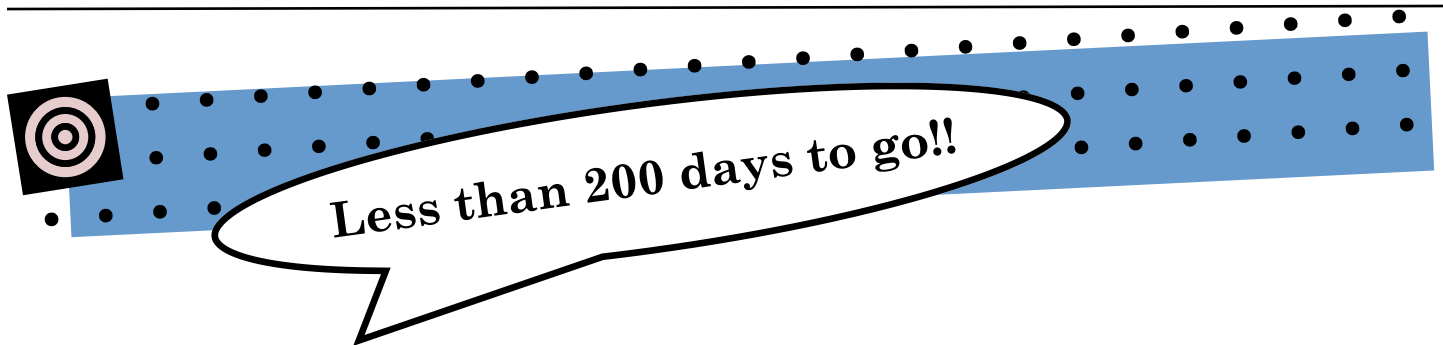
The Rebecca F. Baber Academy of Finance program was awarded the Al Papone Award given by American Express at the National Conference this summer in Washington, DC. A \$5,000 check was part of the award and will be used for scholarships, field trips, and numerous events to support students in the program.

The Pinning Ceremony was held in October in the PBHS Media Center. Employers who had provided paid internships for the Academy of Finance students over the summer were invited to a brunch which was provided by the Panther Paw. Seniors who had completed their internship received a pin and the intern sponsors received a Certificate of Appreciation. All seniors in the AOF and their parents were invited. Seven students shared some of their experiences and everyone was impressed with the terrific experiences these young people shared.

On November 6, AOF students will be taking a field trip to York, PA where they will see first hand how a factory operates. The first visit will be at the Synder Pretzel and Potato Chip Factory. Besides seeing how equipment operates and how a finished product emerges, students will be given samples. The second factory will be the Harley Davidson Motorcycle factory. The students will see how the raw materials and the parts are put together to shape a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Yes, students will be able to sit on one. We have heard from other AOF schools what a fantastic field trip this is and how informative it is for students.

The Panther Trust, a branch bank of Montgomery County Teacher’s Federal Credit Union, opened last week. It will be open every Wednesday and Friday during LAP. For the first 50 students opening a savings account with at least \$5, MCT will match it with \$5. Also students depositing or opening an account will have a chance to win a gift card to Old Navy. All PBHS students and their families may become members of MCT once the student opens an account. What a great opportunity to learn banking practices while still in high school.

### **Rebecca Baber**



► ***FROM: PBHS After Prom Committee***

It's time to start planning for the After Prom. The After Prom provides a safe and free event for those who attend the Junior/Senior Prom. PBHS parents plan, staff, and fund this event to keep our teens off the roads on a risky evening. This year's chairperson is June Eakin (Brian & Panit, Class of 2009).



Think about how you can help with the planning and respond with a "yes!" when you are called. If there is anything you want to change about, or contribute to, the After Prom, NOW is the time to contact June at 301-384-3170 or [june.eakin@mac.com](mailto:june.eakin@mac.com).

The first planning meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the school to get started on the fundraising, and location and theme selection.

If you are a Federal employee, you may designate the Montgomery County Project Prom/ Graduation on your CFC form. Funds are split among participating schools in the county, including PBHS. Keep this option in mind when making your tax deductible charitable donations this year.

Stay tuned for future planning meetings and fundraising activities so we can continue the tradition of having a memorable and safe After Prom event.

**June Eakin**

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## **2007-2008 PTSA Newsletter Schedule**

**Deadline for Articles:**

January 10

February 14

April 10

May 15

**Mail Week of:**

January 28

March 2

April 28

June 1

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION**

Maryland law requires that staff and parents/guardians of all elementary school children be notified prior to any pesticide application in the school or on school grounds. Staff and parents/guardians of middle or high school students and staff at administrative centers who wish to be notified prior to pesticide applications in the building or on the grounds must request that they be placed on the school's pesticide notification list. To be included on the pesticide notification list, please fill out the enrollment form below and return it to the Main Office of your school.

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program employed by the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) is a proactive rather than a reactive approach to insect and rodent control in school facilities and on school grounds. The IPM program includes routine inspections and surveys of all school facilities to identify conditions conducive to pest invasion and ensure early detection of pest presence. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventive strategies and alternatives to pesticide application, such as: employee education, source reduction inspection and identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each approach is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made, if necessary. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort.

A list of pesticides and bait stations by product name and common name, which may be used in school buildings or on school grounds during the school, appears below. Public comments regarding the Integrated Pest Management and notification programs may be addressed at each Board of Education meeting.

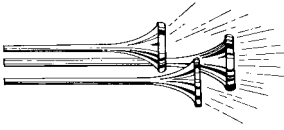
PRODUCT NAME	COMMON NAME	PRODUCT NAME	COMMON NAME
Maxforce FC roach bait stations	Fipronil	Drax P.F. ant bait-all sizes	Orthoboric acid
Maxforce FC ant bait stations	Fipronil	Seige fire ant bait	Hydramethylnon
Maxforce roach bait stations	Hydramenhylon	Drione Insecticide	Pyrethrins
Maxforce ant bait stations	Hydramethylon	Talon grodenticide	Brodificoum
Maxforce granular ant bait	Hydramethylon	Weatherblok bait	Brodificoum
Baygon bait	Methylcarbamate	Round up	Glyphosate
Mop up	Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate	PT 515 wasp freeze	D-trams allethrin
Gentrol IGR concentrate	Hydroprene	Dispose	Propanol
Premise 75	Imidacloprid	Big D deodorant	Isopropanol
Niban granular bait	Orthoboric acid	Avitrol	Aminopyridine
Avert dry flowable roach bait	Abamectin	Firstline termite bait stations	Sulfuramid



**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PBHS MAIN OFFICE**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b>	
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Telephone: (Day) _____	(Evening): _____
<b>Does the student have any medical condition(s) that may be aggravated by the use of a pesticide?</b>	
Yes: _____	Chemical Name: _____ No : _____
<b>Was this information on your student's health record? Yes: _____ No: _____</b>	



# Recognizing Excellence

## Paint Branch Yearbook Takes Top Honors at the Colombia Scholastic Press Association Annual Competition

The Paint Branch Yearbook, *Felidae*, was named a Gold Medalist in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s Annual yearbook competition.

*Felidae* was commended for its “wonderful” photography, “clear writing” and overall format which was highly praised as “very good,” along with the senior superlatives (“good quotes and fun pictures”), as well as layouts and design which were “clear and well planned.”

The creative theme “*Defined*” was developed from all the “bits and pieces of time that made up high school: this is how we were defined.” The judges commented the theme was “very clever,” in how it was “carried out . . . sort of like a teaching tool (the definitions) – which are directly related back to education. Very clever.”

*Felidae* earned near perfect scores in the areas of Overall Concept, Coverage, Writing and Design.

**Emily Burke**, now a freshman at University of Maryland, College Park was the Editor-in-Chief of the Gold Medal winning yearbook.

**Adrienne DelCotto** is in her third year as *Felidae* Advisor. *Felidae* has won a number of awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association and The National Scholastic Press Association over the past ten years.



## Paint Branch Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit® Scholarship Program

The principal, Jeanette Dixon, of Paint Branch High School, announced recently that **Lishan Amde, Robert T. Argue, Arpan Duttaroy, Kyle B. MacNamara, Nicholas A. Schmedding,** and **Sanata R. Sy-Sahande** have been named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2008 competition for Merit Scholarship Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“The young people being named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program are distinguished by their strong academic performance in this rigorous competition,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “Our nation’s pursuit of educational excellence can be furthered by publicly honoring these outstanding students and by acknowledging the important role schools play for fostering their development. We hope that this recognition will contribute to their educational opportunities and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential.”

**Brian E. Eichenlaub**  
Signature Coordinator  
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Paint Branch High School  
2007-2008 PTSA Membership Form



*It's never too late to join!*

Membership is traditionally the PTSA's primary fundraiser. For each Membership of \$15 we pay fees that total \$4 to the National, State, and County PTA Organizations. Donation dollars are used only for PBHS PTSA programs. We recommend at least one Membership per family (Membership is required to vote) and will gladly accept and appreciate any additional donations. Joining the PTSA is the only way to get a Student Directory.

**Membership Dues and Donations are Tax Deductible**

**Individual Membership: \$15 for the first adult, \$10 for additional adult member, \$7.50 for each student/staff member.**

**Name(s) - Please Print.**

_____	Parent
_____	Parent
_____	Student(s), Grade(s) _____
_____	Staff

Total Individual Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation to PTSA (100% goes to PBHS)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*For every \$15 donation, your family will receive a burgundy magnet panther paw to display on your car.* **Total Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Paint Branch High School PTSA  
14121 Old Columbia Pike  
Burtonsville, MD 20866



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## PBHS Calendar

### November

- 20 PTSA General Membership Meeting—7 pm—Media Center  
*(childcare provided)*
- 21 Staff Popcorn Day—Sponsored by the PTSA

### December

- 04 Music Booster Meeting
- 13 Choral, Band & Orchestra Winter Concert—7pm Auditorium
- 24—25 Christmas Holiday—No School for Teachers and Students
- 26—31 Winter Break -No School for Teachers and Students

### January

- 01 New Year's Holiday—No School for Teachers and Students
- 02 Winter Breaks Ends—Welcome back Teachers and Students

***Your PTSA dues and donations pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter. Please support the PTSA!***