



Principal's Corner

"Time keeps on slippin, slippin, slippin into the future." For most of us, those song lyrics are a blast from the past, but they seem to become truer with every day that passes. We are already into the middle of February, which brings about the need to make plans for the final trimester and with it next school year. For seniors, it is also time to finalize plans for college and look forward to graduation (please note the senior section on the back page).

Oriole Week was a great success this year. The student body seemed to enjoy the events throughout the week, which culminated with a very enthusiastic assembly and a basketball game that brought back memories of the old days with a packed gym that was positively loud. I hope this positive enthusiasm can be carried throughout the remainder of the school year.

The students have some serious test days coming up. Final exams will be held on March 4 and 5 and the junior class will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam on March 9, 10, and 11. Each of the testing dates are extremely important for your student's future success, so please plan around the dates for activities (i.e. doctor appointments, family trips, etc.) that take your student away from school.

As we look ahead to the 2010-2011 school year, Quincy High School may be changing our daily schedule to a form of the six period day. The change would allow for two semesters with six classes each day. Most core classes would last for two semesters (i.e. Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B). The rationale for this change comes strictly from a financial need as we have had to cut many of our elective courses that are necessary to run a complete trimester schedule. We will be finalizing the decision to change our schedule during the next month.

Enjoy the rest of your winter.

David Spalding

Spring Picture Day

Classic Portraits will be at Quincy High School on Tuesday, March 16 to take spring pictures. Information will be given to students in advance of the picture date.

Final Exam Schedule

March 4, 2010

1 st Period	8:00-9:00
2 nd Period	9:05-9:55
3rd Period-EXAM	10:00-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:00
Seminar	12:00-12:25
4 th Period	12:30-1:10
5th Period-EXAM	1:15-2:45

March 5, 2010

1st Period-EXAM	8:00-9:30
Seminar	9:35-9:55
2nd Period-EXAM	10:00-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:00
Seminar	12:00-1:10
4th Period-EXAM	1:15-2:45

Michigan Merit Exam

The Junior Class will be completing the Michigan Merit Exam on March 9, 10, and 11. The exam consists of three different tests: ACT, Work Keys, and MME. Most juniors will take the three tests at the Dearth Center in Coldwater. Students will be bussed to and from the Dearth Center. If a junior has afternoon BACC, they will be bussed to the center. Lunches will be provided at the conclusion of each testing session, as the testing periods will not allow students to return in time for lunch. The testing schedule will be as follows:

	Test	Leave QHS	Return
March 9	ACT	8:05	1:30
March 10	Work Keys	8:05	12:30
March 11	MME	8:05	12:30

It is extremely important that students prepare for the test by getting a good night's rest and eating a well balanced breakfast. Our hope is that each student will give their best effort to see where this will lead to their future education.

Senior Section

June 6 is fast approaching, and with it brings the joys, sorrows, nervousness, and anticipation of the next phase of life for our seniors. Whether your senior is heading to a 4-year college, community college, tech school, military, or straight into the job market, these last days of high school are key in preparing for the next step. If college or trade school is in your sites, then applications should already be completed. If applications have not been completed, please stop by our counseling office as soon as possible, to get your application and any assistance you need.

Below is a list of dates of activities and deadlines that are coming up this spring:

March 1	FAFSA Forms Due
March 8	Branch County Foundation Scholarship Forms Due
March 18	7:00 p.m. Senior Girls Tea
May 28	Last Day for Seniors 11:15 a.m. Indoor Graduation Practice
June 2	7:00 p.m. Senior Honors Night
June 4	8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Graduation Practice
June 6	2:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremony

Preparing for these upcoming events will make this very special time become much more of a celebration. Procrastination will make it seem like work. If you have questions concerning the end of the year activities, please call the high school office.

Spring Sports Sign-Up

Spring sports sign up meetings will be held during seminar on Tuesday, February 23. Spring sports offer a fantastic opportunity for many to be involved with a team. Quincy High School offers softball, soccer, and track for girls and baseball, golf, and track for boys in the spring. Physicals must be turned in to the athletic office prior to trying out for a team.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is a nationwide organization and consists of many chapters in high schools across the United States. N.H.S. is active in service activities in both the community and the school. The four pillars of the N.H.S. are leadership, scholarship, service, and character. It is both an honor and a privilege to be a member of the National Honor Society, as being a member represents having high standards each of the areas represented by the four pillars.

The Quincy High School Chapter of the National Honor Society invites qualified students to apply following the second trimester. Applications will be sent home to sophomores, juniors and seniors whose cumulative grade point average is 3.5 or higher. Students must fill out the application and return it by the due date in order to be considered for membership. Acceptance into N.H.S. is based on scholarship, character, leadership and community service.

It is our hope that parents would encourage their eligible students to apply to become a member of the Quincy Chapter of the National Honor Society. This is an area that we would like to see tremendous growth in student participation.

Big 8 Academic All-League Team

Each year, the principals of the Big 8 Conference select 15 students to be members of the Big 8 Academic All-League team. The students are selected through their academic achievement using GPA and ACT scores (50% each). The Big 8 uses the same formula to establish the senior scholars-page 16 of the student handbook. This year, two of our Quincy High School students have been selected as representatives on the team: Rachel Keeton and Tyler Lofton.

Congratulations Tyler and Rachel!

Have You got a New Cell Phone?

With changes in cell phone companies, better rates, and parents dropping land-lines, we are finding that our contact information is not always correct. Please help us by providing updated information if you change addresses, phone numbers (cell or land lines) or other contact information.