



PRESTON PARENT BULLETIN

April 2024



We hope you enjoyed the special JOYS OF EASTER!
And to all mothers, grandmothers, and guardians,
best wishes for a **Happy Mother's Day!**

Parent Association News

Big Thanks

Our gratitude goes out to all who helped with Roarin' 20s Card Party on Saturday, March 16th. It was a full house & extremely successful thanks to all the parents, faculty, and staff who participated, volunteered, or made a donation to ensure the success of this venture. Special thanks to all volunteers (students, faculty & staff and parents) who helped either with wrapping over 300 gifts, securing donations from local vendors, sending in gift donations or money trees, setting up the day before, assisting the night of or taking chances to win the night of. Thanks to your help, we raised over \$24,000!

Alumnae Reunion

Our Alumnae Reunion will take place on Saturday, April 27th in celebration of classes ending in 4's and 9's. Mass begins at 11am, followed by a brief ceremony and lunch catered by Posto 22. If you are an alumna or know someone who is, please share

this with them and consider joining us! Follow this link to purchase tickets:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/WT11gs9s>

Annual Preston Golf Classic

Our Annual Golf Classic will take place at Pelham Bay/Split Rock Golf Course on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Grab your buddies and your clubs and join us for a fun day while helping us raise much needed funds for our school & honor Mr. Donald Gallant, longtime PHS contractor. If you would like to join us for a few rounds or become a sponsor as we honor him at the luncheon, [click this link](#) or contact Mrs. Cristina Fragale at cfragale@prestonhs.org or (718)863-9134 ext 132 with any questions. We hope to see you on the green!

Next and Last Parent Auxiliary Meeting for 2023-2024 School Year

On Tuesday May 14th at 6:30 p.m. we will be holding our final PA meeting of the school year in person in Room 100. Please join us!

PRESTON HAPPENING

- Our Principal, Ms. Connolly, and the administrative team met with the Senior class to discuss graduation and prom night on March 22nd. An abbreviated graduation calendar with important information was distributed to the seniors at this meeting. Please ask your senior daughter to share this information with you if she has not already done so. Parent Letters confirming important graduation dates were mailed out on March 1st and then sent via email on April 9th.

Mr. Irizarry led Preston's first-ever grade-level lip sync competition, with the sophomore class clinching victory, as captured in the attached picture. With a crowd of about 100 attendees, the event was met with resounding enthusiasm from both participants and spectators. The competition promises to become a beloved tradition. As an added bonus, the winning class received trophies and earned a well-deserved dress-down day. The party did not stop there. Participants of the competition later celebrated an after-school party for this amazing night. Performers and crew

members enjoyed vanilla and chocolate ice cream from Uncle Louie G's, medals for participant accomplishments, and a viewing of each performance from the night of the show. With a very successful party and event, Preston looks to expand this event even further next year with an even larger attendance!



- On Friday, April 12th, Preston High School held its annual Ring Night. This night symbolizes the juniors impending transition to senior year and becoming the leaders of the student body. Students entered our “gymnasium,” decorated with balloons and the music to “Night Changes”, by One Direction. Rachel-Mari Gamilo sang a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Mr. Martinez led everyone in prayer. After a welcoming speech given by Ms Connolly, the rings were blessed and presented to our excited Juniors. Michelle Junkovi, the Junior Class President, provided a short but sweet introduction to our keynote speaker, History teacher, Ms. Wolovich, who was specifically chosen by the junior class. Ms. Wolovich stressed the importance of Growth.



- On April 12, Bishop Edmund Whalen confirmed six students at Preston High School's Easter Liturgy: Scarlett Agosto, Ariella Burgos, Alexis Gentolia, Cheyenne Huggins, Olivia Tucci, and Valeny Ventura. For the third year in a row, Preston has been offering a Sacramental Preparation Program. To date, 22 students have completed their Catholic Sacraments of Initiation in this Program.



- The Junior class had a retreat on March 18th with a theme of “Unity in Diversity”. Juniors had an opportunity to reconnect with themselves, each other and God through a variety of activities and games. They prayed together, read from the scriptures and reflected about the ways they can build greater unity in their class while recognizing their differences and similarities, uniqueness and value. Juniors had so much fun building unity through dancing and singing together during lunch. To acknowledge their connection to the wider community, Juniors created little “Blessings Bags” for the less fortunate and poor at the end of the retreat.



The NHS leadership team, including President Grace Uka, '24, Vice President Olivia Cifu, '24, Treasurer Samantha Aull, '24, Secretary Katherine Chambers, '24, Junior Vice President Janelle Murray, '25 spoke on the four pillars of the National Honor Society--Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service--and welcomed the membership of their peers into the society. Congratulations to all of the newly inducted members from the Class of 2025 and 2026 and their families.

- Members of the Preston community and their families came together on April 11th to celebrate the induction of new Sophomore and Junior members into the Msgr. Thomas Preston Chapter of the National Honor Society and to the World Languages Honor Societies. After the ceremony, new inductees enjoyed light refreshments in the cafeteria with their families.



Congratulations to...

- 😊 To the new NHS officers: President Janelle Murray; Vice President Adrianah Distant; Secretary Perla Perez; Treasurer Michelle Junkovic and Junior Vice President Lorelei Woodruff.
- 😊 Leah Savarese, Preston's second winner of the 2024 Programma Ponte Scholarship, which covers the cost to study and attend cultural events in Pisa, Italy this coming July. Leah will join Danielle DeMattia in Pisa.
- 😊 All Students named to the **Honor Roll and Commended Achievement List** for Q3. We are very proud of your diligence and achievement. Brava, Brava!

See upcoming Calendar Events on the next page.

Upcoming Calendar Events

In preparation for finals and year end, no further co-curricular activities are permitted after May 4th.

Thursday, April 18	Opening Night – Preston Players Presents <i>Grease</i> , 7:30pm	Thursday, May 9	Ascension Thursday Liturgy
Friday, April 19	Career Day Preston Players Presents <i>Grease</i> , 7:30pm	Thursday, May 9	Annual Golf Outing at Split Rock Golf Club
Saturday, April 20	Preston Players Presents <i>Grease</i> , 7:30pm	Friday, May 10	AP U.S. History Exam AP Art Portfolios due
Sunday, April 21	Preston Players Presents <i>Grease</i> , 2:00pm	Sunday, May 12	Happy Mother's Day
Monday, April 22	Senior Picture in gown, a.m. N.E.H.S Induction Ceremony & Poetry on the Porch, 3pm - 5pm	Monday, May 13	AP Calculus exam Junior Informal Portraits 4 th Qtr. Interim grades released at 5pm
Wednesday, April 24	Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral	Tuesday, May 14	AP English Language & Comp. exam. Junior Informal Portraits P.A. Meeting, 6:30pm
Thursday, April 25	ITC Spring party for PCC Seniors Run program	Wednesday, May 15	Mini Open House, 6:30pm
Friday, April 26	9 th Graders Retreat Sports Night, 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 16	AP Biology Exam Leadership Assembly
Saturday, April 27	Alumnae Reunion (4's & 9's)	Friday, May 17	Last day of classes for Seniors Student Council Passing of the Gavel & Leadership assembly Sr. Locker Clean-out & debts settled.
Monday, April 29	Sr. Picture (Rain Date)	Monday, May 20	Senior Exams Junior Informals rain date
Tuesday, April 30	Big 4 Speeches, ext. HR	Tuesday, May 21	Senior Exams Junior Informals rain date Academic Honors Convocation, 7PM
Wednesday, May 1	Senior Thank You Breakfast	Wednesday, May 22	Senior Exams
Thursday, May 2	Elections Close LOC Extravaganza Multi-Cultural event, 3-5 pm	Thursday, May 23	1:16pm early dismissal Senior Prom @ Mulinos Lake Isle
Friday, May 3	Cinco de Mayo event 3-5pm Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, 3pm	Friday, May 24	School Closed
Monday, May 6	May Crowning and Mother's/Father's Day Tributes	Monday, May 27	Memorial Day –School Closed No Classes in Session
Wednesday, May 8	AP English Lit & Comp. Exam Sports Information Night for incoming Freshman, 6pm		