

March 2020

# PAA NEWS



## Important Dates

- TechFest March 21
- BBP One Acts March 26 & 27
- PTSO Gift Auction April 4
- Early dismissal (1/2 day) for students on April 9
- School is closed April 10-17
- Junior Actor Showcase April 23 & Senior Actor Showcase April 24
- Vocal Showcase-May 1
- Dance Showcase-May 8
- Underclassman Showcases-May 12 (Vocal & Dance) & 14 (Acting)
- BBP Putnam Spelling Bee-May 20-22

## TESTING DATES

- **Midterms-April 6 & 7**
- **Final Exams-June 17 & 18**
- **AP Exams-** AP Calc- May 5, AP Lit- May 6, AP Physics May 7, AP Lang- May 13
- **11th Grade Science Exam-May 26 & 27**
- **NJSLA ELA -May 29**

## **Welcome New Audio Instructor, Mr. Timothy Panella!**

Mr. Panella has a degree in Business Management with a concentration in Audio Engineering from Five Towns College. He has ten years experience as an Audio Engineer and is also currently the head engineer at Lakehouse Studios in Asbury Park.



## **Seniors and Senior Parents, Save the Dates!\***

- Senior Recognition and Award Ceremony-June 11 at OCC Grunin Center
- Graduation- June 19 at OCC Grunin Center

\*always subject to change



**Welcome new  
faculty member  
Nick Castellano!**

## **Gia Prima Studio Theater**

Our Performing Arts Academy Black Box will officially be called the Gia Prima Studio Theater. Gia Prima was a singer, artist, and devotee of fine arts. She was the widow of the famous jazz musician, singer, and composer Louis Prima, who is most famous for writing "Sing, Sing, Sing." The Gia Prima Foundation makes charitable donations to causes that support and encourage an appreciation for American popular music and jazz performance, as well as the fine arts.



## **Reminders**

- Math and English Labs are open!
- PAA PTSO Spring Apparel Sale is open March 2-16. Please visit the on-line store at [Dependabiliteesnj.com](http://Dependabiliteesnj.com) to place your order.
- NO student should be using cell phones or wearing ear buds in the classroom.
- Dress code will be enforced! No midriffs, exposed bras, or head coverings. Shorts should be appropriate length for full coverage. Shoes need to have backs. Students violating dress code will be given a discipline write-up.



## **Welcome new faculty member Christine Smith!**

Christine has been teaching with OCVTS since 2009, starting as an Applied English Instructor in the Toms River and Brick shared-time centers. She earned her Teacher of English and Teacher of Students with Disabilities certifications at Georgian Court University and previously earned a B.A. in Political Science and Journalism at the University of Delaware. She is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Creative Writing and Literature for Educators at Fairleigh Dickinson

## Let's Do Lunch!

On or about March 17, freshman and sophomore students will begin eating lunch at the HPEC building next to PAA. Students eating at the HPEC will need to bring a ready to eat lunch as there will be no refrigerators or microwaves. On Fridays, underclassman students will be given the option to eat at the HPEC or the Student Center at OCC.

## From the desk of...

**Mrs. Lyons Meyer**-The Spanish Department is taking a field trip on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to El Familiar, Toms River.

**Mr. Bollinger**-Senior Actors are going to NYC to see Jagged Little Pill on March 11!

**Mrs. Stavros**-PAA Yearbooks are on sale for \$78. You can order online @ [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com), code #13626. We have a limited number – please buy before they are gone. Yearbook is always in need of school function pictures – please send to [ocvtspaayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ocvtspaayearbook@gmail.com).

**Mrs. Bourke**-Dance Club starts March 26<sup>th</sup> after school from 2:00-4:00 Every Thursday! All are welcome to join! There will be an interest meeting during lunch on March 19<sup>th</sup> where students can get a schedule and sign up. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to choreograph! The tentative Date for Dessert Cabaret is June 4<sup>th</sup>

# Congratulations to the cast and crew of Le- gally Blonde!!!

Your hard work, dedication, and talent made  
us so proud! “Omigod you guys,” you did it!



## Counselor's Corner

By: Mrs. Stout and Mrs. Murphy

“The School Counselors, in collaboration with the Ocean County College Department of Academic Success, met with juniors this week to evaluate their individual progression toward attaining the Associates Degree. In the coming weeks, we will plan to meet with sophomores who are also planning to complete the program requirements in their PAA major for the Associates Degree to help determine the specific credits they need to earn to meet that goal.

It is extremely important that OCC Early College students access the Welcome Letter they received upon registering for their first OCC course which included their OCC Student ID#. Getting familiar with the Ocean Connect account enables students/parents to view their OCC transcript, view and pay their bill as well as many other informational topics.”

### **From Mrs. Shoenberger for Science!**

For the scientific method unit in biology, Miss Shoenberger's students have been designing their own inquiry investigations on mealworm behaviors. The first step of the scientific method is to carefully observe and pose a question. To conquer this step, the students first observed the mealworms and performed measurements on them using stereoscopes, followed by additional background research. They were all amazed to discover that mealworms are actually beetle larvae that can be found across the world infesting stores of grains and even supplies of dog and cat food. They've even been found infesting styrofoam warehouses. However, these mealworms are not just pests, but rather serve as an important part of the food chain since they are preyed upon by birds, reptiles, and even humans in some parts of the world! From here, the students collaborated with their group members to pose their own questions that can be answered through a controlled experimental set-up. One group of students will be investigating if mealworms prefer damp or dry, warm or cold oatmeal, while another group is investigating whether the mealworms prefer Styrofoam, dog food, cat food, or oatmeal. The groups are working diligently on designing their own procedures and data tables so that they can draw conclusions and share their findings with other student scientists. What claims will they be able to make? What explanations will they pose for their findings?? Stay tuned for April's newsletter!



**Annie Sacks is the WOBM Student of the Week!**

**Congratulations Annie!**

<https://wobm.com/annie-sacks-is-our-student-of-the-week/>



# HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Compiled by Karen Haber, MSN, RN, CSN-NJ

## THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY WANTS YOU



Vaping is Big Tobacco's newest hook.

Lots of flavors! Cool gear! There's a reason why tobacco giant Altria invested \$12.8 billion in Juul. It's a more convenient way to get nicotine. And it has the appearance of being safer.

## VAPING IS NOT SO SAFE

Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ is working with NJ Youth through the Youth Tobacco Action Groups - a prevention and cessation program for youth 13-18. Each county in NJ has a county youth tobacco action group. These groups are working to decrease youth tobacco use and initiation. For more information visit [vapefactsnj.com](http://vapefactsnj.com)

## Happy National Nutrition Month®

The theme for National Nutrition Month® 2020 is *Eat Right, Bite by Bite*. The theme and its accompanying graphic echo retro campaigns of the 1970s and '80s that are popular again. They are designed to be fun, accessible, positive and kid-friendly, and to include and be adaptable to all eating patterns and cultures.

### EAT RIGHT



## BITE BY BITE

National Nutrition Month®  
March 2020

 Academy of Nutrition  
and Dietetics

**The same amount of ENERGY IN (calories consumed) and ENERGY OUT (calories burned) over time = weight stays the same**

**More IN than OUT over time = weight gain**  
**More OUT than IN over time = weight loss**

- Cook smart
- Eat smaller portions and avoid portion distortion.
- Make better choices when you eat out
- Know your calories

**Alumni Sarah Osman wrote an amazing review of Legally Blonde that was published on [broadwayworld.com](http://broadwayworld.com). Thank you Sarah!**

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/new-jersey/article/BWW-Review-Student-Stars-OCVTS-Performing-Arts-Academys-LEGALLY-BLONDE-at-The-Strand-20200227>

# TECHFEST

## THE WRECKS

## TICKETS \$20

LEX  
MUSIC ACADEMY  
OLIVIA BEC  
SHOOBIES  
4TH DAY  
BRETT CAMERON  
MADHAVI DEVI  
CHILL SMITH  
JUDO CHOP  
SKYELINE  
MALIBU  
UNJUST PLUTO  
BILL, NICK, BOB & CHICK  
COLD WEATHER COMPANY  
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES  
B. WOOD & THE BONES



### SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2020

2 STAGES // 20 BANDS // DOORS 12PM • BANDS 1PM  
BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH // 111 DRUM POINT ROAD BRICK NJ

# DANCE CLUB

## IS HERE AGAIN!

THE DANCE CLUB INTEREST  
MEETING IS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>  
DURING LUNCH IN THE DANCE STUDIO



DANCE CLUB WILL MEET EVERY  
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
FROM 2:00-4:00  
STARTING MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

SEE MRS. BOURKE  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS! 😊

## CHOREOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

DANCE CLUB is in need of Junior/Senior  
Choreographers who are:

- Creative
- Reliable
- Positive/Outgoing
- Organized

If you are interested in choreographing a piece for this year's dance club you MUST fill out a "Choreography Submission Form" (available in the Dance Studio) and submit it to Mrs. Bourke by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
THEN, you will audition your piece during lunch at the interest meeting on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

**No ideas will be accepted after March 13th!**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**



Please join us for the  
Performing Arts Academy Annual Gift Auction  
“**Lights, Camera, Action**”



Saturday, April 4, 2020  
6:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Eagle Ridge Country Club  
2 Augusta Boulevard  
Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Tickets Are On Sale NOW!**  
\$45 per person

Pre-sale Ticket Bundles - \$35 (\$40 on the night of the auction)  
Registration due March 15, 2020, Questions? Email [paagiftauction@gmail.com](mailto:paagiftauction@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ # Pre-sale Ticket Bundles: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest names and seating requests should be indicated on the back of this form.

**Dinner Choices**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken over Pasta Primavera # \_\_\_\_\_ Tilapia Francaise

Please complete and return the above form along with a check made payable to:

**Performing Arts Academy PTSO**

**c/o Trish Schuch**

**564 Michelle Place, Brick, NJ 08723**

## Dance, Dance Dance

The week of February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> the dance department was visited by Heather Favretto of Pilobolus Dance Company. She set a piece on the sophomore dancers for their end of year showcase. Below is a picture of her with the junior dancers.

*HEATHER FAVRETTO grew up in New Jersey and started dancing at a very young age. She went on to receive her BFA from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where she serves on faculty when not living out of a suitcase. After school, she created and performed her own work with Glitterati all over NJ and NYC, while dancing for Douglas Dunn and Dancers, Naganuma Dance, and the Cleo Mack Dance Project. In 2010 she joined Pilobolus; in addition to creating and performing repertory, she has had the pleasure of working on numerous special projects including live performances on NBC's The Today Show, and The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. Pilobolus has provided Heather with the opportunity to share her love of dance with diverse communities all over the globe. She is currently the Dance Captain of Pilobolus's repertory company.*

