

## March Faculty Report to PTSA

The Third Marking Period **5 week interim** closes on Thursday, March 7.

### **The Robotics competition in Montreal went very well.**

At the end of the weekend, the PHS Robotics team earned 2 awards; the Imagery Award, and we were also the 2nd-placed finalist. The imagery award is based on positive teamwork and attitude. The best part was the semi-finals, when we upset the #2-seeded alliance. Here's a link, in case you want to view the team: <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/389090467?t=07h53m40s>

The next Robotics competition is at RIT on the 14th-16th, and we're looking forward to making some improvements to the robot and seeing what we can accomplish there!

### **Library**

The PHS Library had its first ever Pop Up Library the Friday before break. A curated collection of books were placed on a cart and taken to the Café, Commons, and Lobby for students and staff to check out. A total of 11 people took advantage of this new service! We look forward to repeating the fun before the April break.

### **Counseling**

You can share an update about course selection for the 19-20 school year.....

- Prior to February Recess school counselors met with all students (grades 8 – 11) to determine course selections for next year
- Families should have received a letter over the break with a list of course selections. Changes need to occur by Friday, March 8. After that point, master schedule development will begin and be created based on student requests.

Lots of scholarships available for seniors all located in Scholarship List in Naviance!

- All Penfield School PTAs offer scholarship – HH, IL, Scribner, Cobbles, Bay Trail, PHS (SEPTA and PTA)
- The Penfield Education Foundation has a general scholarship application for over 30 awards
- Urban Suburban Scholarship available and Urban League Scholarships

### **LOTE**

Parents, are you interested in volunteering at Cobbles for our upcoming LOTE program,

Dates for LOTE at Cobbles:

March 19, 26 and April 2 and 9 from 3:25-4:20

Contact: Kim Pearlman if you are interested in volunteering ... she is the coordinator on the Cobbles end 😊

### **College Essay Boot Camp**

Parents of juniors – Keep an eye out for an e-mail regarding College Essay Boot Camp. The English department offers College essay writing Camp during July. Each session is 3 days, 2 ½ hour session each day. The e- mail will include dates, cost, and registration information.

*March*  
Rotary Oratorical Competition  
Jasmine Kiley + Jessica Dawson tied for 4th place in Monroe County

**The PHS Drama Club will be presenting Fiddler on the Roof** – March 21 – 24. There will be performances Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and a matinee on Saturday. There is a performance on Friday even though there is no school that day.

Robotics Team performed very well in Montreal.

**The PHS Mock Trial Team** won round I and Round II of competition. They will compete against Mercy in Round 3 on Wednesday night.