



**Putnam Valley High School  
Parent Newsletter  
April 2008**

**Summary of areas of Progress, Events, Programs, Successes**

**Community Service—**

A recommendation from the Building Steering Committee's sub-committee on Community Service Learning as a requirement for graduation was presented to the entire faculty for their feedback. The sub-committee will be meeting to assess the information that was submitted back from the faculty.

**Events—**

**Theatreworks'** spring musical, *West Side Story*, was performed on April 11, 12, and 13. Area senior citizens (over 120 people) were treated to a performance on Thursday afternoon followed by a dinner hosted by the **Make A Difference Club**. It was an absolutely wonderful performance. All three shows were sold out!

The **Putnam County Youth Bureau** honored area students at a recognition dinner on Friday, April 11, PVHS senior, **Kerri LoPuzzo**, was one of the honorees.

A **senior seminar** was held on April 17. The topic was Eating Disorders.

**Senior and junior prom** tickets are currently on sale. The senior prom is scheduled for May 22 at the Surf Club in New Rochelle. The junior prom will take place on May 16 at the Officers Club at West Point.

The **Student Government** is sponsoring a **trip to Great Adventure on Saturday, May 10**. The trip is open to all students. Information is being distributed on Friday, April 11; tickets will be sold during the week of April 14.

**Academic Updates**

**Shannon Brown** has been selected as a Ciba Foundation **2008 High School Science Award** winner. Shannon will be recognized at a ceremony in May at the Ciba headquarters.

The PVHS **Mock Trial** team (Mr. Sean Gilroy, Advisor) defeated Carmel High School on Tuesday, March 18 to become the **Putnam County champions**. The team will compete in the regional competition in May. Putnam Valley Town Supervisor, Robert Tendy, volunteered many hours of his time acting as the legal advisor to the team.



### **Guidance Department Activities**

- The counselors have completed the course selection process and met with all students individually.
- The counselors have begun meeting individually with juniors and their families to talk about post-secondary planning.
- The counselors will be attending CSE annual reviews for their classified students, including incoming 9th graders.
- The Guidance Department is sponsoring a college planning night on April 16th. Representatives from Dartmouth College, Siena College, and SUNY Cortland will discuss the college application and selection process. Parents of grades nine through 11 students have received information about this meeting.

### **Progress Update on Major Initiatives/Technology**

Technology teacher, Keith Fiore, continues to meet with staff members to provide technology staff development.

Additional laptops have been provided to seniors in mixed classes to assist them with their course work.

## Class of 2008 College Acceptances as of April 11, 2008

Adelphi University [2]	James Madison University	SUNY Albany [5]
Albertus Magnus College	John Jay College [2]	SUNY Binghamton [3]
Albright College	Johns Hopkins University	SUNY Cortland
Alfred University	Johnson & Wales	SUNY Delhi [2]
Allegheny College	Juniata College	SUNY Geneseo [3]
Art Institute of Pittsburgh	Lehman College	SUNY New Paltz [3]
Castleton State College	Lynchburg College	SUNY New York Institute of Tech.
Christopher Newport College	Lynn University	SUNY Oneonta [2]
Clark University	Manhattan College [5]	SUNY Oswego [2]
Clarkson University	Marist College	SUNY Plattsburgh [4]
College of Mount St. Vincent [2]	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY Potsdam [2]
College of St. Catherine	Mercy College [2]	SUNY Stony Brook [2]
College of St. Rose [6]	Merrimack College	SUNY University at Buffalo
College of the Holy Cross	Mount Saint Mary College [6]	The College of New Rochelle
College of Westchester	Nascar Technical Institute	Tompkins Cortland Com. College
Concordia College	Northeastern University [2]	Towson University
Connecticut College	Norwich University	University of Colorado-Boulder
Cornell University	Old Dominion College	University of Connecticut
Culinary Institute of America	Pace University [3]	University of Delaware
Curry College	Paul Smith's College	University of Hartford [9]
CW Post [2]	Penn State	University of Maine
Dominican College [2]	Providence University	University of Mary Washington
East Carolina University	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Emmanuel College	Rensselaer Polytech. Instit.	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Fairfield University	Rider University	University of New Haven [4]
Fairleigh Dickenson Univ.	Rochester Instit. of Tech.[2]	University of Pittsburgh-Titusville
Florida Institute of Technology	Sacred Heart University [6]	University of Vermont
Fordham University [2]	Salisbury University	Valparaiso University
FullSail College	Siena College [3]	Virginia Polytech. Institute and State
George Washington Univ. [2]	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
Georgia Tech	Southern Wesleyan University	Washington College [2]
Goucher College	Springfield College	Wentworth Institute
Hamilton College	St. Catherine's	Western Connecticut State College [2]
Hartwick College [2]	St. John's University [6]	Western New England College [3]
Hofstra University [2]	St. Josephs' College	Wilkes University
Iona College	St. Thomas Aquinas [2]	
Ithaca College	Suffolk University	