



# PROVISO WEST

Proviso West High School Parent Newsletter

December 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Happy Holidays! The development of the Proviso West Vision 2020 Transformation Plan is progressing very well due to the work of our instructional leadership and project incubator teams. Using the lens of 21<sup>st</sup> century learner skills, faculty and students have participated in the learning visit or research phase of plan development. Team members have engaged in meaningful dialogue with other professionals on how to truly empower students for their college or career of choice.

- *Instructional Leadership Team* – Will visit Ida B. Wells School in Chicago on December 13 to learn about their On-Track Program and Student Success Team.
- *Technology Team* – Participated in a presentation by Apple Computer on November 21 to learn about instructional use of the iPad. The team will visit East Leyden High School on January 27 to observe the use of Google Chromebooks and how technology supports teaching and learning.
- *Instructional Methods Team* – Will visit Morton East High School on December 7 to research implementation of competency based grading and student resource centers.
- *Social Emotional Learning Team* – Recently visited Oswego High School to review their procedures for behavioral supports and social emotional instruction.

Parents are welcome to offer input on the transformation process by completing the Vision 2020 Parent Survey. Information will be sent about the survey January.

On behalf of the staff at Proviso West, we wish you the happiest of holiday seasons. Winter break is December 22 - January 4.

Looking forward,

Oscar Hawthorne  
Principal

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*“To prepare our youth for their college or career choice, every Proviso West student will successfully complete at least one Advanced Credit or Dual Credit course prior to graduation”*

*Proposed School Target  
Vision 2020 Transformation Plan*

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## Students Will Show ID to Enter School

In an effort to increase student safety at Proviso West, students will be required to show their school ID when they enter the building for school prior to 1st period and any-time during the school day.

PWHS students without a school ID will be issued a temporary or replacement. This will be in effect when students return

### Madrigal Singers to Host 42nd Madrigal Dinner

Proviso West High School was the scene of lords and ladies, court jesters, and royalty at the 42nd annual Madrigal Singers Dinner Fine Arts Fest on December 10 at Proviso West High School.

The shows were a fundraiser for the Proviso East and Proviso West choral music departments that reenact a 15th-century royal court. Guests were treated to music, dance, and drama in the Proviso West Little Theater followed by a three-course meal and raffle prizes in the "Royal Dining Hall." During this time, those in attendance were entertained with Madrigal-style harmonies, dances, comedic and dramatic sketches, and traditional holiday vocal music.

District 209 has a long and rich tradition of outstanding Madrigal performances. Special guests for this year's show were Proviso Interpretative Praise, or P.I.P., with sponsor and Proviso West alumna, Ms. Kristina Denton, and "ConQuest" featuring Mr. Clarence Williams, musical director and Proviso West alumnus.



## Semester 1

### Final Exams

Final exams are scheduled for December 19 -21. The daily schedule of exams are posted throughout the building for students to reference and copy as needed. It is important for students and parents to remember:

- Monday, December 19 is not a late start day. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m.
- Final exams start at 7:50 a.m. on all final exam days.
- On December 20 and 21 students will be dismissed at 12:00pm



Articulation Meeting with Foundation Schools at Proviso West on December 8

### District 209 to Host Town Hall Meetings in Villages

The Proviso Township High Schools District 209 Board of Education and Dr. Jesse J. Rodríguez, Superintendent for District 209, has been hosting town hall meetings throughout the year and we will be continuing in 2017.

The town hall meetings, which will each take place between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., are an opportunity for parents and community members in each village to meet with Board members and Dr. Rodríguez, ask questions, and learn more about the direction of District 209.

The next town hall meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 12, 2017 – Berkeley Public Library
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – Forest Park Village Hall

All meetings will be in English and Spanish. In addition, more meetings in more villages are planned for the second semester.

## Holiday Basketball Tournament

Tickets for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament are on sale online at: [www.provisoht.com](http://www.provisoht.com)

The tournament will be played on December 27, 28, 29 and 30 in the Proviso West Main Gymnasium.

There are 8 sessions and 28 games. Season tickets are priced at \$60 for the 28 games. 16 of the top ranked high school basketball teams are participating again this year. Tickets for individual dates will go on sale at Proviso West during December on two dates to be announced.

## School Shirts with Panther Logo for Sale

Red polo shirts with the panther logo are available for purchase in the PWHS Business Office for \$10.00. Students are required to wear red polo shirts with their uniform.

**It's a great day to be a Panther!**

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