

Poland Regional High School Board Newsletter

March 2018

Congratulations Sam Stone, Valedictorian
Congratulations Rachel Kuklinski, Salutatorian
Congratulations Bailee Kinney, Principal's Award Honoree
Congratulations Emma Galipeau-Eldridge, National Merit Scholarship Award Finalist

Staffing

Don King will remain on partial medical leave for the time being so to ensure that athletic and co-curricular events continue as planned, Tyler Tracy will serve as an assistant to the Co-Curricular Director. Tyler is well known and respected in the community and has a strong working relationship with Don, so providing administrative support should go smoothly. Shawn, Jess, Patrick and I were able to absorb Don's duties for the last weeks of the winter sports schedule, but we need a long-term solution. I will be hiring a long term substitute for Tyler Tracy. We will revisit the timeline of this arrangement throughout the spring.

Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development

Professional development in February and March is focused on curriculum development, improving assessment practices and continuing our training of teachers in restorative practices. Our faculty book study, *Seven Strategies of Assessment for Learning*, has been going well and faculty are beginning to implement some new practices in their classrooms. The March workshop day will have time for curriculum writing and new assessment learning.

Facilities

New lighting in the auditorium is being scheduled. This, along with new lights in the high school and middle school gyms, will significantly improve visibility as well as help with energy conservation.

Events

March 15 th	Student Led Conferences, Financial Aid Night
March 14 th -16 th	Grand Turismo
March 16 th	Workshop day
March 19 th	Pitchers and catchers begin for spring sports
March 21 st /28 th	HS/MS Band and Chorus concert
March 22 nd	8 th grade parent night
March 28 th	All spring sports begin
April 10 th	SAT day