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**PHS BASEBALL
FACILITY GETS
A FACELIFT!**

A very big THANK YOU goes out to Lou Ann Click and several other members of her church, the Portland United Methodist Church. They volunteered their time and efforts to paint the baseball field press box and dugouts in what is a community wide volunteer effort. All of the time is very appreciated and the baseball facility looks great! Thanks again!

**NEW RAIDER
BIRD ON THE
WAY**

Progress continues on the development of our new Raider Bird mascot. The bird we have used most recently was challenged by Ball State U. last fall since they have the trademark on it. We were forced to develop a new mascot. The process has turned out to be a fun one as we are making the best of it with the help of PHS grad Rex Rainey. We will have the new mascot complete and ready for use by the fall. It will still be a cardinal bird—a mascot, incidentally that was first used in the late 60s since our school colors are CARDINAL red and white when the original “Red Raider” - an Native American on horseback with a spear - was replaced.

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What a Winter!

In what has become the norm for PHS, the 2009-10 winter season proved to be yet another outstanding one as championships were won and records were broken once again.

Girls Basketball won the league title again, the district title - its fourth in a row, and won the regional title advancing all the way to the state semi-finals at Breslin, the 2nd time in 3 years.

Also, our wrestlers won the district title and the regional title for the first time in thirteen years advancing to the 1/4 finals. Coach Sandborn was named Regional Coach of the Year. Congrats to all!



Our wrestling team raises the district championship trophy (top) and opening tip at Breslin

THE LAST DECADE HAS BEEN A GOOD ONE FOR PHS ATHLETICS

The storied history of Portland High School Athletics goes back many years. When looking back, one will find that PHS has a very strong tradition of success and, almost across the board, has proven it is a force to be reckoned with—especially over the last

decade. Starting with the post WWII era, 1947 to be exact, PHS has won 35 MHSAA championships - district or regional. *Nineteen*, over HALF of those, have been won in the last ten years. These championships go along with 85 league championships in the same span, 23

of them, or over a quarter, in the last ten years. All of this with the spring left to go! Success has not been hard to come by for PHS Athletics and especially when considering the success of the last decade, the future looks even brighter.

NEW LEAGUE ALIGNMENT FOR CAAC STARTING IN FALL OF 2011

By CAAC Constitution, every four years our 26 school league looks at realignment so as to ensure that most schools remain in divisions that allow most to be competitive and have their students competing in safe and fair environments. "Most" since no alignment will be perfect and make every member of all 26 school districts and communities happy when one considers ability to compete, geographic location for travel concerns, and school sizes. The policy calls for first aligning schools from top to bottom according to size only then schools can opt up to bigger divisions as long as a school in said bigger division agrees to change spots. (No school can bump DOWN to a smaller division unless it happens as a part of the opt UP process just described). The alignment created when this process was used in March was voted down by the 26 schools in the April monthly meeting of principals and ADs and the proposal below was passed as an alternate. THE ALIGNMENT YOU SEE BELOW IS OFFICIAL AND WILL BE THE CAAC STARTING IN THE FALL OF 2011. You will note, Portland's White Division will remain the same. The only notable change is that while we will still fill our schedules with other schools from the other divisions of the CAAC, these "crossover" games are no longer mandatory.

CAAC Realignment Proposal

4/12/10

Blue (8) (Enrollment Range = 1153)

Holt	1909
Grand Ledge	1685
Jackson	1627
Everett	1392
Okemos	1356
Eastern	1278
East Lansing	1114
Sexton^	756

Advantages: Fairly equal enrollment ranges
Emphasis on geographics/travel
Reduces crossover concerns

Disadvantages: Football scheduling (4 or 5 games)
More non-conference games needed

Red (6) – North (Enrollment Range = 174)

St. Johns	1081
Owosso	1043
Ionia	929
Fowlerville	928
DeWitt	913
Haslett	907

Gold (6) – South (Enrollment Range = 161 excluding Lumen)

Waverly	1039
Mason	990
Eaton Rapids	945
Jackson NW	931
Charlotte	878
Lumen*	

White (6) (Enrollment Range = 253)

Corunna*	763
Lakewood	680
Williamston	670
Portland	603
Lansing Catholic	524
Perry	510

^Opt Up

*Opt Down

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

- John Wooden