Prairie Heights High School Receives a Four Star Rating

Prairie Heights High School was all named a Four Star School for the 2016-2017 school year by the Indiana Department of Education.

Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction said in a February news release that “receiving designation as a Four Star School signifies a pursuit of academic excellence among students, educators, and the administration”.

Prairie Heights High School was among a list of just 238 Indiana Schools. The Four Star School Award has been in existence for 30 years. To receive Four Star designation, a school must receive an “A” on the state’s A-F accountability system, have excellent ISTEP pass rates, carry an overall high graduation rate, and show success in closing achievement gaps.

Art Department has Success at Two Exhibitions

The art department has been very active this winter, participating recently in two Art Exhibitions.
Prairie Heights was well represented in the Scholastic Arts Exhibition at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art which ran from Feb. 10 through April 8. This is a National Event with over 3000 entries in our Region. Taylor Stukey and Taylor Avila were awarded Silver Keys and Simon Egly and Audrey Hornett received Honorable Mention for their artwork.

In March, 10 students exhibited their work in the University of St. Francis High School Student Show. Zoe Chin had the ultimate honor of having her Self-Portrait selected as "Best of Show." Other students with artwork present are Kim DeMott, Lindsey Scheidler, Audrey Hornett, Bristol Bailer, Larissa Rigsby, Katie Papai, Kyler Hall, Amy German and Sue Lim.

Going forward Prairie Heights will be participating in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition and The High School County Art Show in May.

You can view art work on our Facebook Page, Prairie Heights Art.
FFA Competes in District 3 FFA Leadership Contest

The Prairie Heights FFA competed in the annual District 3 FFA Leadership contest on Friday, March 9 at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne. Prairie Heights Senior High FFA members competed in 23 different contests that night and Middle school members competed in three different events. Fifteen different schools from the northeast corner of the state participated in the events that evening. Prairie Heights FFA members finished 1st in the following events: Ag Mechanics demonstration – Brady Henderson and David Murley; Plant and Soil Science Demonstration – Maddie Newby and Lily Vondran; Discovery Degree Plant and Soil Science Demonstration – Colton Penick and Gavin Roberts; Talent – Sarah Hoover; Traditional Scrapbook – headed by Mallori McGraw; and the Chapter Exhibit which was completed by many members. 2nd place finishes were awarded to Amelia Johnston in the Creed contest and Blake Kain in Freshman Extemporaneous Public Speaking. 3rd place finishes were achieved by: Amelia Johnston and Collin Keeslar in the Ag Business Management Demonstration; Maddie Clingan in Freshman Public Speaking; Lizzie Howald who prepared the chapters Multimedia Scrapbook. The Prairie Heights FFA chapter ended the evening in 2nd place overall to the Dekalb FFA Chapter.

Indiana Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency

We are excited to announce that Prairie Heights has decided to participate in the State’s Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency program. By participating, students will have the opportunity to earn the extra distinction upon graduation. There are several requirements to be eligible, including passing the English/Language Arts Grade 10 graduation qualifying exam. To earn the distinction, a student must pass an approved assessment in the world language at an Intermediate High level of proficiency. Spanish students here at PHHS will have the opportunity to take the assessment this Spring.