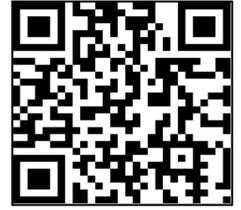


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PR Mini Thon 2019

Successful Event Raises Over \$24,000

CAMERON PERKINS STAFF REPORTER

This past Saturday, April 6th was the annual Mini-THON at PR. The event was held in the main gymnasium with Kan Jam, cornhole, and zumba activities throughout the night. Students wore bright tie dye t-shirts that served as the ticket to enter the dance.

Mini-THON started teaching the students the line dance which is performed at the start of every hour. Following the line dance was zumba. It was an intense thirty minute workout led by a zumba instructor on the stage. It was a great way to get energized before the rest of the night.

For the next two hours, students could walk to the other gymnasiums to play minute-to-win-it games or do karaoke. There were also many areas set up to take pictures, eat, or just have fun with friends. Additionally, wing eating and whip cream eating competitions were held, as well as a Kan Jam tournament.

Later in the night, the band Vertical 48 played several of their old songs, as well as some new projects that will be included in the album that they are working on. The band's music got everyone prepared for the Rave.

The Rave is the huge dance that takes place at the end of Mini-Thon. The students that helped organize the event brought buckets around as their last chance to collect as much money as possible. At the end of the Rave, the students held up signs revealing that \$24,005.54 had been raised. The money goes to Four Diamonds who help families pay for all the expenses that come with childhood cancer. Overall, the night was a fun experience for students that are supporting Four Diamonds to help a good cause.



When Will Warm Weather Come?

I just want it to be summer

ABBY MORELAND STAFF REPORTER

The past few weeks students have been talking a lot about fourth quarter and all the hard work so far, but have you thought about the one good thing about fourth quarter? Two words: warm weather. We all get sick of the cold at some point, right? I know I do. With it now being April, the warm weather starts to roll in, and I think that most of us can't wait. Boys will be able to wear shorts again, girls will be able to wear sandals, and we will all be getting in ready for school to be out, and summer to roll in.

When all your teachers start to tell you the end of the year plan and tell you that you only have one or two more lessons, you get excited and really feel that summer vibe coming on.

And yes, people like the cold, but aren't we done with winter? I mean it is the beginning of April and we still are wearing long sleeves.

April brings rain which means even if the warm weather starts to come, it won't be sunny for a while. Luckily we only have a few more weeks of April and then at last, May will be the month we've all been waiting for.

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Ranking the Breaks in the School Year

Some days off are better than others
AIDAN PAVLICK STAFF REPORTER

The school year can be a grind. Anyone who has gone to school knows that the weeks seem to repeat themselves, as if you are trapped in a Groundhog Day time loop. The repetitiveness of the school schedule, though it can provide comfort and security, can also lead to a lot of boredom, especially heading through the dog days of January and February. But when you're ready to give up, a day or a few days off school are a lifesaver. While all breaks from school are great, some are better than others. I'm going to rank the breaks in the school year. For the rankings, I will be going by the length of the break, the timing of the break, and what the break is for.

1. **Winter Break-** By far the most looked forward to break, the Christmas/Holiday break is the big one. Getting off for the longest amount of days, seeing family, and coming right at the beginning of winter all factor in to make this break the best of the best.
2. **Spring Break-** The last long break of the year is always a good way to refresh for the final fourth quarter push towards summer. This year's spring break is especially long at 10 days, but most years it usually lasts about 4 or 5 days, depending on how many snow days there were that year. Also there is the added bonus of the weather starting to get warmer and the ability to enjoy the first weeks of spring outdoors.
3. **Thanksgiving Break-** While many people might consider this to be the second best break, the length of this year's spring break gave it the slight edge. Thanksgiving break is one of the best times of the year. First off, you get Thanksgiving, and all the great food that comes with it, as well as black Friday for those who love shopping. Second, Thanksgiving break is the kick off of the Christmas season, and gives you a nice, usually 5 day break before the winter break.
4. **Memorial Day-** While only a three day weekend, Memorial Day is the beginning of summer. Pools open, the weather is always beautiful, and the end of the school year is right around the corner. The one downside is that usually finals are coming up, but otherwise it's a great time to sit by the pool and prepare for the summer ahead.
5. **Parent Teacher Conference Break+End of 1st Quarter Break-** These breaks always occur super close to each other, usually coming a week apart, so it just makes sense to combine them. With three and half days off for parent teacher conferences and another day off for the end of the 1st quarter, this short break is a good way to relax with two- three day weekends in a row.
6. **Martin Luther King Jr. Day/End of Quarter 2 Break-** This break comes in January, a few weeks after winter break ends. It's nice to have another day off in January, but overall just an okay break, and isn't really a break that is too looked forward to. The only upside is that it comes after midterm week, and provides a much needed rest after a rough stretch of days.
7. **February Break-** A day off in February. Not much else about it other than it's nice to not have to go to school.

Why Fourth Quarter is the Absolute Worst

MAGGIE ALLWEIN STAFF REPORTER

Okay, here's the thing. During the fourth quarter, we ALL know what our main goal is: to make it through the final months of the school year without breaking down completely. School is a LOT of work and that is just the facts. Keeping up with homework can be extremely difficult, especially if you do an after school activity. Trying to stay in the game through fourth quarter is SO hard, dreaming about warmer days and sun. I get it, and everyone else does.

But, if I am being honest, fourth quarter might just be the most important quarter of a year. We take finals at the end of this quarter, and you got to stay in it during class to get decent grades. Spring sports start including track, softball, tennis, and baseball. Practices take over your life, meanwhile teachers are trying to cram in grades at the last minute.

Not only this, but everything is harder as the year goes on, so fourth quarter is the maximum difficulty. This year with how long our spring break is, we are all going to come back, forgetting all taught material before we left.

Overall, fourth quarter is going to be hard to get through. Will I come out successful? Only time will tell.

Fourth Quarter Love

ALEXA DEZELAN STAFF REPORTER

As the last two months of school are quickly passing us by, some of us are just waiting for the last day of school to be here. To be realistic, we really only have about one month left of learning and then studying for finals. Also, the week off for spring break makes the rest of the year go by even faster.

Working hard the last few quarters makes the fourth one feel like a drag. Senioritis not only affects the seniors, but spreads throughout the whole school. The days and weeks feel longer as the days actually quickly pass us by.

I know some people would argue and say that these nine weeks need to hurry up, and I agree and disagree though. We are only in high school once and then it's all over so fast. Fourth quarter goes as fast as the wind is outside. The seniors are graduating, there's still time to bring up your grades and still time to make new friends. This time of year when finals come around, everyone comes together and works closely to help each other succeed.

The itch for it to be the last day of summer is definitely happening but we should appreciate these days.

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