

Publications provides a unique and beneficial atmosphere of student-led learning" - Ella Litchfield '21

Spreading Positivity

At the beginning of the school year, Spartan Assembly placed an emphasis on mental health awareness. They hung up positive messages throughout hallways and in the restrooms. Additionally, Spartan Assembly members wrote teachers personalized notes.



Prize Publications

At this year's statewide conference, Pleasant Valley Publications won Yearbook of the Year for the first time ever. Ella Litchfield is on her second year as the Yearbook Editor-in-Chief. PV was also awarded All Iowa News Team of the Year for the Spartan Shield. Senior Alyce Brown is the Editor-in-Chief for the Spartan Shield.



Executive Team

Spartan Assembly's executive team consists of five students. This year it comprised of juniors Will Fairman, Aayusha Adhikari, and Allisa Pandit as well as seniors Ingrid Hofmann and Ramya Subramaniam (not pictured).



"Spartan Assembly is a fulfilling experience for all members because of its ability to empower the leaders in PVHS to make a difference within our school and community."(Ramya Subramaniam '21)

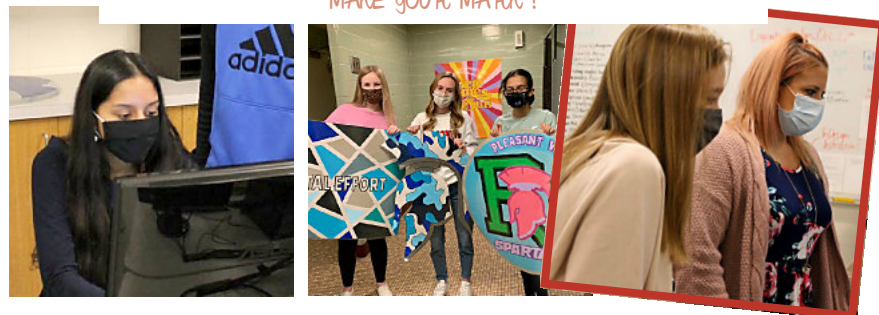


THIS SPARTAN IS UNBELIEVABLE

Senior Ingrid Hofmann is not only on the executive team of Spartan Assembly, but also is the Editor-in-Chief of the Spartan Shield Online News site. Ingrid earned several individual awards at the Iowa High School Press Association conference including 3rd place writing/personality profile, 3rd place sports action photo, and 3rd place story/student life (out of school related). "I am immensely proud of our journalism program and all of the hard work that former members put forth into making the publications, and younger journalists, what they are today. Although it is always a reward to be a member of such an esteemed program filled with countless talented people, it is extremely gratifying to see all of our efforts turned into tangible results. Thanks to the dedicated staff and our devoted adviser, the program just continues to get better," Ingrid reflects.



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Publications and Spartan Assembly lead and provide information for the student body

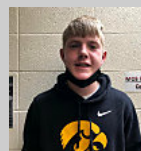
PUBLICATIONS is a truly unique class in which students produce the Spartan Shield print newspaper as well as the yearbook. Under the guidance of journalism teacher and publications adviser Mrs. Dyer, publications runs as a student centered class. This means that students are responsible for all aspects of both publications. Students write articles, arrange their respective sections, take pictures of important events, and more. The Spartan Shield has monthly issues that cover a wide range of topics with unique cover stories for every issue. The Spartan Shield is also published as an online newspaper and functions as a separate entity. Both the yearbook and the Spartan Shield consistently rank among the best publications in Iowa. Alyce Brown is a senior at PV and Editor-in-Chief for the print Shield. "Being a part of publications has been a great learning experience for me. I've definitely gained a greater appreciation for journalism which I will continue throughout college," she said.

SPARTAN ASSEMBLY is the committee that organizes many of PV's most important functions such as the Mr. PV competition, school assemblies, Homecoming ceremonies, and more. This year, Spartan Assembly has not been able to carry out many of its typical activities, but they have adapted to still contribute positively to the community. For instance, they continued to spread mental health awareness during September and even held a socially distanced blood drive. Spartan Assembly is advised by Mr. Miller and Ms. Hart. Aayusha Adhikari is a junior at PV and an Executive Member of Spartan Assembly. "Spartan Assembly is truly like a family to me, and I am so thankful to have been a part of it for the past 3 years. The people on this council are truly some of the best people around, and it is so exciting to see all of the monumental things we can do to better our school and community," she said.

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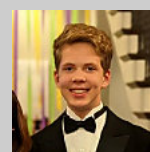
The spirit of these Spartans is **UN**breakable. Here's how they showed their resilience amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"Everyone went through changes and bettered themselves over quarantine so it was refreshing."
William Gorman, 24



"I missed seeing my family and especially my grandparents so facetime was my best friend."
David Gorsline, 24

"The pandemic has given me an opportunity to bond and spend more time with my family."
Sophia Goumas, 24



"Quarantine has made my family so close because of all the time we spent together."
Cole Halupnik, 24



Continuing to help the community Even though the student hunger drive is canceled, Spartan assembly members are still trying to benefit the community by collecting non-perishable food, donating money, and making Thanksgiving boxes for Pleasant Valley families.



Blood Drive Spartan Assembly hosted its first socially distanced blood drive on October 9th. Special precautions were taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved. "There were many roadblocks and barriers that stood in the way of us having the same success as previous years. However, many generous students realized blood is in need now more than ever, and they faced the challenge head on." says junior Will Fairman.

SOMETHING UNEXPECTED

This year's Student Hunger drive had to be greatly modified due to the pandemic, with no actual whole school can collection, but Assembly members still participated by doing their part to collect cans in small ways through events like trick-or-treating for food donations.

