

*Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:*

**Vision:**

*Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships*

**Mission:**

*Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community*

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. Scheduling for the next school year begins on Monday, starting with the future senior class. Each day in descending order the classes will register for classes using Skyward's "arena scheduling" feature.
- b. The block schedule offers many opportunities for students, but it comes at a cost to course availability. Therefore, in an effort to increase participation in band by making it available at another time, the concept of a "zero hour" will be tried for next school year. PHS band will be offered before the start of the regular school day for terms 1 and 2.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. The ACT was administered on Tuesday, March 3. This day was orchestrated by PHS counselor, Emily Krystowiak. She brought the team together with every detail being planned starting with breakfast being cooked for the kids beginning at 7 am. Thanks also to Matt Sherwood for working with Emily to ensure our students with IEPs in place had testing accommodations to meet their needs. The tests were securely shipped back on Wednesday via a special pick up by FEDEX.

We are hailing the day as a success in teamwork. A special thanks to Crossroads Church for again hosting the test.

- b. Another “Coffee Talk” was held yesterday morning. The featured students were Ruth Durrant, who showcased her national winning rabbits and explained rabbitry to us, and Evan Dammann, Cade Weidman, and Eli Fox who discussed how the CTE classes have helped them transform to better public speakers. We are hoping we can increase community participation in this event each month since the purpose of the Coffee Talk event is to showcase our students and their accomplishments and learning. Our community participation has numbered 6 - 8 people both times. Emily Krystowiak and myself are working out details to improve community participation.
- c. Tuesday was also the day Heather Friday and I were able to formally announce our Crystal Apple Winners sponsored by the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce (MACCI). An assembly was held at 1:15 for grades 6 - 12 to surprise this year’s winners. Of the 24 teachers who went forward for final interviews, only 4 teachers were final winners. Pittsville had two of those teachers; Ty Natzke who teaches middle school English Language Arts (ELA), and Chauncey Jones, who teaches ELA for grades 9 - 12. Heather and I were able to pull off the surprise and had both winners’ significant others hiding behind the stage curtain. The students were beyond excited as each teacher was surprised when their name was called to the stage, and their significant others emerged from behind the curtain. We also took this opportunity to give a nod to Mark Denniston who won

this distinction a few years ago. The MACCI recognition dinner will be held  
Wednesday April 29 at Hotel Marshfield.

3. Looking Ahead:

- a. Empty Bowls will be held Tuesday from 4 - 6:30pm.
- b. Beauty and the Beast, Jr performance will begin Thursday March 12.
- c. The next Coffee Talk is April 2.