

# Pittsville School District News

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

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## FOURTH QUARTER, 2012-13

**From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds . . .**

Another school year is behind us, it always amazes me how quickly each year seems to pass by. Each school year does bring some challenges, but to witness the many positive activities and opportunities which provide our students with such a great education here provides the incentive to for our staff to always work through those challenges. The residents of the Pittsville School District can be very proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments and efforts this year. Our students have represented our District communities in an excellent manner in all of their achievements. I have received many e-mails and notes throughout the year, explaining how impressed our many visitors have been with our students and school buildings. Thank you to all students for their efforts and for representing our schools and community so well all year long!

I would also like to thank the Pittsville School District residents for all that you have done to support our students and schools throughout the year. Our students have been able to attend school in excellent facilities, and are provided a quality educational experience due to this support. Because of your continued support, the students have the opportunity to experience a wide range of academic and co-curricular programming which will give them the 21st Century skills they need to be successful. Thank You!

Of course this success could not happen without a quality school staff. We have excellent teachers, school aides, administrative support personnel, custodians, and foods service cooks and assistants. The District employees all work together to provide a quality educational experience for our children. I extend my heart felt thank you to all of the Pittsville Educational and support team for another great school year. Also, I would like to recognize and congratulate those School District staff members who have reached the following milestones in years of dedicated service to the School District of Pittsville:

Nancy Brux	30 years
Bob Piotrowski	25 years
Todd Sanken	20 years
Wanda Neve	20 years
Londa Kuehn	15 years
Aneva Peterson	15 years
Bill Urban	15 years
Gina Zickert	15 years
Dan Bornbach	10 years
Dan Hoffa	10 years
Kris Doering	10 years
Doug Schultz	10 years
Julia Backus	5 years
Cheryl Ashbeck	5 years

In other notes, the School District will again be a busy place this summer with another wide range of educational enrichment activities during this summer school programming. We also have a number of maintenance projects scheduled for the summer. The cabinet and plumbing work in the high school biology room, enclosing the football bleacher areas for confined storage, gym floor cleaning and recoating are just a few of the yearly projects that will occur to maintain our facilities. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## *Congratulations to the Class of 2013.*

*We wish you the best of  
luck in your future  
endeavors.*



On Saturday, June 1, the School Districts of Mercer and Pittsville will be meeting with five officials from the People's Republic of China to create two American Schools in China. The schools will be located in Shanghai and in Tianjin and may serve up to twelve hundred (1200) Chinese students. These students will be following a curriculum that is identical to the curriculums offered at Mercer and Pittsville. Mercer School Superintendent Erik Torkelson and Pittsville Superintendent Terry Reynolds have already developed a course catalog and calendar for the school and will work with the Satellite Education Program (SEP) to recruit and hire approximately sixty (60) teachers licensed by the State of Wisconsin to travel to China and work in these schools. Students from China participating in this program will receive a high school diploma from the respective school and have the opportunity to apply directly to the UW System, which would assist the UW system in student enrollment numbers.

Representatives from China as follows: Chris Foos, USA Director of SEP, Gao Pei Tian, Chinese Director of SEP, Jiang Zhi Zhe, Professor at East China Normal University and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Yang Zheng Ling, Office Director of SEP, and Yang Zhi Xin-Vice President of Si Li Educational Center, Tiajin will meet in Madison on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with Mr. Richard Vought, SEP Consultant, Mr. Torkelson, Mr. Reynolds, and members of their Schools Boards to discuss contracts and the implementation of this program in August of 2013. Both Superintendents feel this is a great opportunity for their districts in creating relationships with people in China and will benefit the educational programs in their districts. In addition it will provide employment opportunities for Wisconsin certified teachers and this program will undoubtedly be helpful for assisting with cultural diversity within the UW system. Both superintendents are adamant of their desire to create a quality education for the students of their respective satellite schools so these students will be academically prepared to be successful in American colleges.

Please complete and return this form to the School District of Pittsville's Administration Office, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 2, Pittsville, WI 54466. We are asking that this form be completed by anyone who has moved into the Pittsville School District or has a new addition to their family.

Telephone: (      )      Township or Municipality:

LIST ALL RESIDENT CHILDREN **NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT** (less than 21 years old).

	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>M/F</u>
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

**Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Zdun at 715-884-6694.**

# PHS News



With the school year ending, I look back to the flurry of activities and events that have happened since the last newsletter, many of which you will read about in this publication. We had Solo & Ensemble, competitions in baseball, softball, track, Science Olympiad, FBLA, forensics, and welding. We had our final concert of the year, prom, and wonderful Earth Day cleanup and celebration (although it came closer to summer than spring....). It was a fantastic, busy time at PHS.



Most importantly, we celebrated the graduation of more than 50 seniors! We sent them down the road to the rest of their lives with a pretty special accomplishment; the achievement of graduating from high school. Whether they are going on to school, work, or the military, they are turning the page on a new chapter in their lives. The parents of these graduates should be very proud; they played a significant role in their success. How exciting for them and their families!

Looking forward to next year, we have greatly expanded our quest to excel at 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. We have more students than ever before taking classes at other schools while comfortably working out of our Distance Learning Lab, as well as a record number of students taking Wisconsin Virtual School classes on-line. This significantly increases the variety of classes we offer from PHS, and gives a wealth of opportunity to our students which will make them much more competitive in the global community they will soon enter. We are also offering several new in-house Advanced Placement classes, including European History, Psychology, and US History. These classes offer the chance to earn college credit while in high school, as do the new classes we have articulated with UW-Wood and MSTC.

I hope the summer is warm and relaxing for you and your family and we all find ourselves refreshed and renewed as the 2013-2014 school year draws near.

Mr. Weddig  
High School Principal

**High School Office Summer Hours**  
**7:30 am - 3:30 pm, Monday – Friday until June 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Dual Credit English 102 Offered at Pittsville High School

Students in classrooms across Central Wisconsin are earning college credits without leaving their high school through dual enrollment courses with the University of Wisconsin-Marshfield/Wood County. In dual enrollment courses, students earn credits towards their high school requirements while also earning college credits that transfer to any institution accepting UW credits. Classes are taught on location by high school teachers, rather than students leaving the building for instruction. This increases the number of students who graduate from high school ready for college and careers, while making their higher education more affordable as dual credits are half the cost of full college credits.

In Pittsville, English teacher Sarah Freedlund taught a dual enrollment English course for the first time. "Bringing this type of course to a small school like Pittsville is a very positive thing," Freedlund said. In order to instruct a college course, each teacher must be approved by the UW Colleges department. Once approved, Freedlund worked with English Professor Julie Tharp to prepare for the class. Together they coordinated curriculum and the syllabus, and Tharp acted as a mentor and sounding board throughout the semester as questions arose.

Taking a dual enrollment course requires a higher commitment from students as they must take a placement test first. Once they test in, class time is similar to a college-setting with discussions and review sessions. Junior Cierra Coyle enjoyed knowing she had a set deadline similar to what she would see in a university. Coyle said, "I've been recommending it to other students. I enjoyed the independence we had, and I am looking forward to college. As a student, this was an affordable option."

Teaching the curriculum for the first time was challenging as Freedlund taught two separate classes at the same time, but in the end found the improvement in student writing worth the extra effort. Freedlund explained, "I've had some of these students for three years. They mastered diction, putting words together and basic mechanics, but this course really improving their writing. Now they can easily integrate quotations, MLA references, balance sources and clearly articulate their opinions and flesh out ideas."

UW-Marshfield/Wood County can coordinate dual enrollment courses in nearly any topic, though the most common are English and math. Students interested in the dual credit option should contact Mrs. Backaus or Ms. Freedlund at Pittsville High School for more information.



PHS Students who took Ms. Freedlund's Dual Credit Written Communications were seniors: Shelby Clark, Ashley Robus, Shianne Rasmussen; juniors: Miranda Coulthard, Jenna Ginter, Brianna Ziemendorf, Cierra Coyle; and sophomore Aileen Ida.



**Congratulations to Mr. Shane Lilly who is the PHS representative for the Crystal Apple Award for 2013-14.**



## Counselor's Corner: 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter, Julia Backaus, 7-12 School Counselor

**What can I do this summer? Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!** One of the most common questions I hear from both students and parents is, "How can I (or my student) win scholarships my (his/her) senior year?" My answer very simply is volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! Most scholarship committees follow the "ACE rule" (Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Extra Curricular Involvement) when selecting their recipients. As I tell students, in this current day and age, it is not enough to simply get good grades and be involved in a few clubs and/or sports. While those aspects are certainly good and looked upon favorably, what tends to set the winners of multiple scholarships apart from those who only receive one or two is the amount of "genuine" community service they have done over the course of their high school career. To be counted as high school community service, students can start volunteering as early as the summer before their freshmen year. Community service can typically be any service done for another person (non-relative) or agency that is not compensated monetarily or by other means. A great place to start at when looking for places to volunteer is the United Way of Inner Wisconsin which looks to match volunteers with local places/events in need of help; for more information visit their website at [www.uwivw.org](http://www.uwivw.org) and click on volunteer or call Angie Loucks at 715-421-0390. Enjoy your summer and happy volunteering! ☺

### Important Reminders for the Class of 2013:

1. **Request your final transcripts through Docufide:** All students attending a post-secondary institution will need to submit their final transcripts through Docufide, our online transcript service. (Please see the link off the high school home page to get started with this process.) Please remember to do this sooner than later as your acceptance to your school is still considered "conditional" until they receive your final high school transcripts.
2. **Complete your FAFSA ASAP:** If you have not already done so, please complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible so you are eligible for more aid. Your 2012 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
3. **UW Placement Tests Registration:** Seniors attending a UW next fall are asked to take placement tests to determine what classes they should be placed in. Placement tests are administered March-July at numerous UW locations; students can register online at <http://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html>
4. **BEST WISHES AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE ☺**

**Important Reminder for Juniors Class of 2014:** Planning to attend a WI Technical College after high school? Apply Now! Many of the WI technical colleges (MSTC, NTC, etc.) accept applications from students at the end of their junior year. Applying early is highly recommended especially if a student is applying to a program that typically has a wait list (health care programs, welding, etc.) Please check the application process information on the specific technical school website for more information.

Early Fall ACT Date and Registration Deadline: Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

a) Test Date: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013—Registration Deadline: Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013



# Class of 2013



After they received their diplomas and were granted the rights and privileges of their degrees, the graduating seniors moved their tassels from right to left to signify their new PHS alumni status.

**On May 25<sup>th</sup>, PHS graduated 50 students representing the Class of 2013. The PHS faculty and staff want to congratulate all of our seniors and wish them the very best as they begin this next chapter in life.**



Jared Fox kept his audience in a state of smiles as he spoke to his fellow graduates as their Class President.



Megan Piotrowski scans the crowd as she begins to give her Salutatorian address.



Hope Moos addresses the Class of 2013 during her Valedictorian speech.

Pictures of students receiving their diplomas as well as other graduation ceremony events, courtesy of Mrs. Jenny Jackson, are located in the Student: 2013: 2013 Graduation Pictures File on the school network. Graduated seniors will have access to these photos through their school accounts until the end of the school year.



**The top 10% of the Class of 2013:**  
(FR: L-R) Kayla Pierce and Hope Moos (BR: L-R) Megan Piotrowski, Trail Pierce, and Nathan Amundson



## 2013 PHS Scholarship Winners

The PHS Awards Ceremony was held Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Over the course of the evening, 26 members of the Class of 2013 were awarded with 92 individual scholarships at a cash value of over \$220,000! The faculty and staff at PHS would like to congratulate this year's scholarship winners on their accomplishments. We are very proud of these students and wish them all the best in their future academic pursuits.



Salutatorian Megan Piotrowski gives her father Bob Piotrowski a warm embrace as she accepts the Alex Piotrowski Memorial Scholarship in honor of her late grandfather; Grandmother Gerry Piotrowski smiles from behind as she takes in the moment as well.



Ed Kleinhenz, Jared Fox, and Eric Hahn are congratulated by Athletic Director, Todd Sanken, as they accept the Joy and Ronnie Zieher Memorial Wrestling Scholarship.



Dani Faber smiles as she presents Christine Sturgis with one of two of the first ever Cutler Cranberry Foundation Scholarships valued at \$2,000.



Valedictorian Hope Moos smiles for the camera after accepting one of two scholarships she will receive to attend UW-Stevens Point next fall.



Jeremy Redmond extends a hand to Sawyer Ladick as he presents him with one of the 2013 Pittsville Maryheart Knights of Columbus Scholarships.



Row 1: Pictured from left to right: Megan Christiansen, Marissa Ogurek, Megan Piotrowski, Christine Sturgis, Sawyer Ladick, Andy Fox, Jared Fox, Ed Kleinhenz, Scott Worlund, Eric Hahn, Gabe Hautala, Angela Rahm, Sydney Freedlund, Tasha Vogel, Kayla Pierce, Morgan Reno, Ashley Larson, and Hope Moos

Row 2: Pictured from left to right: Marissa Ortner, Sam Solatycki, Nathan Potter, Olie Voight, Brad Brux, Trail Pierce, Nathan Amundson, and Nick Krohn



### Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Aladdin and His Magic Lamp"

June 24-June 29

A week-long workshop for area children ages 7 and older. The week will conclude with two performances of this all-time classic. **YOU** could be a star!

Sponsored in part by: Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc., Chasteen Agency, Pittsville Schools, Be Hip, Gerald & Rhonda Minor, Pittsville Homes, The Flower Shop, Heuer Brothers Construction.

Auditions: Monday, June 22, 1:00 pm

Show times: Friday, June 28, 7:30 pm  
Saturday, June 29, 2:00 pm

Tickets: Adult \$5 Student \$3



## PTO Corner . .

In March, we sponsored a meal for the Solo Ensemble that was hosted in Pittsville. In April, we held spring photos. In May, we thanked the teachers with gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week, held the BOGO Book Fair, sponsored the blow up slide, photo booth and a basket for the carnival and sponsored two scholarships.

Pittsville PTO would like to thank our volunteers and donors for the 2012-2013 school year. We were able to do many things throughout the school year. Our Little Caesars fundraiser brought in just over \$5000, Cookbooks brought in almost \$1500, Milk Caps brought in about \$850 and our Scholastic book fairs earned almost \$2000 in Scholastic Dollars. This money was used to fund many things throughout the school including those mentioned above as well as bussing for field trips, Open House, Health Night, classroom supplies, refreshments for parent receptions, PBIS and AR rewards, classroom supplies, playground equipment, and teacher wish list items. The Scholastic Dollars are used to build our elementary school library as well as classroom libraries.

Thank you again for your continued support to help us support our staff and students. Have a safe and wonderful summer. We look forward to working with you in the 2013-2014 school year.

**Please note - Morning Glory will be discontinuing their Kids, Caps, and Cash cap program. You may save participating codes throughout the summer and turn them in when we return to school next fall.**



# Elementary News

*There are a number of exciting opportunities coming up for Fall 2013 at Pittsville Elementary:*

*Because we have a small group of kindergartners coming in fall, Mr. Sanken will join our 5th grade team and be a classroom teacher of English and Social Studies!*

*6th and 7th graders will experience Art with Ms. Doering, Careers/Guidance with Ms. Raygo, Integrated Technology with Ms. Young, and an Independent Study class with a classroom teacher. This will occur 3rd hour for 7th grade and 6th hour for 6th grade. During 4th hour, 8th grade will have the same experience but with Ms. Krystowiak (rather than Ms. Raygo) who is Mrs. Backaus' long term sub next year. 7th and 8th graders will also have a 1:1 experience with a Chromebook they will each use for classes throughout the 2013-14 school year.*

*We are very fortunate to have new grade level brochures that will be sent home with students' report cards and indicate supplies needed for next year amongst other things. You can also find the brochures on our Elementary School website. I'd like to thank all of our teachers and staff for their dedication to the safety and education of ALL students in our building. It has been an outstanding year!*

*We wish all of our families a safe and healthy summer break!*

*Respectfully,  
Mrs. Fischer and Staff*

## **Elementary School Office Summer Hours**

**7:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday - Friday until June 14**

**7:30-11:30 am, Monday - Friday, June 17-21, 27-28**

## **LOOPING CLASSROOM**

The students in the looping classroom celebrated their learning this year by sharing portfolios with their parents. Portfolios were full of reading, writing, and thematic work samples that displayed student progress throughout the course of the year. It was easy to see the pride in the students' faces as they shared their work, along with their parents! Way to go Looping students!

On May 15, the elementary school held its monthly Golden Awards assembly. One surprise for the students was the teachers doing a PBIS dance called "Behavin' and I Know It." The assembly included the Junior High performing several musical pieces by the Band and Choir from their May 14 Spring Concert.



The Elementary School's efforts with extending PBIS has grown immensely this year. The 4K-8 students were involved in two experiences where they rotated through stations that helped them practice school wide expectations of behaviors. Positive behavior is reinforced daily by all teachers and the overall rate of office discipline behaviors has significantly dropped.

PBIS ties in significantly with our monthly civics assemblies, as PBIS is all about learning how to get along with others as a good citizen in society. Our 8th graders have been our school leaders in speaking about US or Pittsville history at these assemblies which assists them in developing their citizenship readiness. The 8th graders have done an admirable job in setting an example of what the school expectation for citizenship is all about. Best of luck to all of our 8th graders as they start their new journey into High School!



**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** is Early Release Day - June 7. Students will be involved in Field Day with an awards assembly and flag lowering ceremony. Dismissal will be 12:30 p.m.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the lost and found table in the front lobby area. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities if not claimed by June 14<sup>th</sup>.





## Carnival--The Return!

Thank you to everyone who came out, donated or participated in the 2013 Carnival. We had a great turn out and raised a good deal of money that will be put towards new playground equipment.

The silent auction baskets were amazing as was all the great food and donated cakes! A special thank you to all of the 8th graders who helped with booths, Talent Show, CakeWalk and ticket sales. It was an amazing way to celebrate Pittsville Elementary's 50th birthday!

### A NOTE FROM THE PES HEALTH OFFICE

Please pick up your child's leftover medication from the Health Office by June 14. If this is not possible, you may arrange to have another responsible adult, who is not a student, do so by providing a written note with your signature, the name of the adult and permission for us to give the leftover medication to him or her. After June 14, any remaining medication will be destroyed. Thank you for your cooperation!

Julie Schooley  
School Health Coordinator



Kindergarten children are pictured looking at cakes that their schoolmates made to be used for the school's carnival. The children were able to vote for their favorite one. People were able to win them at the cake walk during the School's carnival on May 10th.

## Elementary Summer School

*Dear Families,*

*Summer school will be available for students the week of June 17 and the week of July 8 from 8-10:50 am. All but two classes will be held in the School Forest with an environmental education theme. In case of bad weather, classes will be held at the high school.*

*Students can be dropped off at the school forest at 8:00 am or classes that meet there and can be picked up by parents at 10:50 am at the school forest. They can also be dropped off at the elementary school where a shuttle bus will take them to the school forest and return them to the elementary school for parent pick up at 10:50 am.*

*Session I classes meet from 8-9:20 am with Session II classes meeting from 9:30-10:50 am.*

*Please call the school office if you have more questions.*



### CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

Mrs. Londa Kuehn is the Pittsville Elementary representative for the Crystal Apple Award for 2013-14. Mrs. Kuehn was chosen by her students for her dedication and passion for spreading the joy of learning. Mrs. Kuehn will be honored for her achievement in Fall of 2013 at the Crystal Apple banquet.

### BeHIP Summer Dance Program

Please send your registration to [behipdance@hotmail.com](mailto:behipdance@hotmail.com). The following classes are available this year: Ballet I (9:00-9:30 am for ages 3-4), Ballet I (9:30-10:00 am for ages 3-4), Ballet 2 (10:00-10:30 am for ages 5-7), Jazz I (10:30-11:00 am for ages 5-10), Tap I (11:00-11:30 am for ages 5-10), Ballet 3 (11:30-12:00 for ages 8-10), Jazz 2 (12:00-12:30 pm for ages 8-10), Hip Hop I (12:30-1:00 pm for ages 8-10), Hip Hop 2 (1:30-2:00 pm for ages 11 and up), Ballet 4 (2:00-2:30 pm for ages 11 and up), Jazz 3 (2:30-3:00 for ages 11 and up), Tap 2 (3:00-3:30 pm for ages 11 and up), Boys only dance (3:30-4:00 for ages 5 and up).

## Music Department

The school year wrapped up with a flurry of activities in the music department. The High School Concert in April featured our band and choir, as well as honored our graduating seniors: Nathan Amundson, Megan Christiansen, Jamie Dietz, Stephanie Kumm, Marita Mitchell, Hope Moos, Marissa Ortner, Megan Piotrowski, Angela Rahm, Shianne Rasmussen, Ashley Steele and Olie Voight. Congratulations, graduates!

A number of students competed at State Solo and Ensemble in early May. Congratulations to the following students on earning a third place rating: Haley Kumm, Cheyenne Meyer, and Brittany Schwanebeck. Earning a second place rating: Jamie Dietz (4), Megan Piotrowski (3), Angela Rahm (3), Brooke Zdun (2), Sophia Schwanebeck, Marissa Ortner (2), Nathan Amundson, Calvin Amundson, Olie Voight, Stephanie Kumm, Miranda Coulthard, Austin John, Walter Harris, Hannah Downs, Cheyenne Meyer, Katie Delaney, Kayla Ignatowski, Haley Kumm, Cheryl Soetebier, Miranda Ortner, Cedric Neve, Colton Ortner, Jack Zdun, and Kayla Larson. And earning a first place rating: Megan Piotrowski (4), Brooke Zdun (4), Daniel Piotrowski, Angela Rahm (2), Aileen Ida, and Jack Zdun. Special thanks to Bob Piotrowski for driving the bus, and to Shauna Rahm for all of her wonderful work accompanying!

The Junior High Band, Junior High Choir, Sixth Grade Band, and Sixth Grade Choir held their spring concert in Mid-May. One of the highlights of the experience was being able to work with clinicians that morning on our performance techniques. Special thanks to Jeanne Olson (band) and Jerry Osowski (choir), both from Wisconsin Rapids, who were able to come in and offer us some amazing advice! The groups also performed at an all school assembly, where the rest of the student body was able to see what our music students have been working on. Special congratulations go to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

Music Honor Society Induction took place last week. Congratulations to the following Junior High Tri-M members: Laney Garrels, Cody Havlik, Amanda Ortner, Jenna Rasmussen, Jessie Rasmussen, Harlie Utegaard, Hunter Wilke, Isis Ignatowski, Heather Schubert, Kacey Soetebier, Deanna Borgman, Ruby Dietz, Jessica Fuller, and Sierra Steder. The following students were named to the Senior Chapter: Marti Dietz, Katie Hardinger, Kayla Larson, Alissa Korslin, Colton Ortner, Cedric Neve, Tiffany Snook, Cheryl Soetebier, Lindsey Winterhack, Brooke Zdun, Jack Zdun, William Darr, Aileen Ida, Haley Kumm, Hannah Downs, Austin John, Sophia Schwanebeck, Nathan Amundson, Megan Christiansen, Jamie Dietz, Hope Moos, Marissa Ortner, Megan Piotrowski, Angela Rahm, Ashley Steele, and Olie Voight. Cody Havlik and Megan Piotrowski were named President of their respective chapters, and Ruby Dietz and Hannah Downs were named secretary of their respective chapters. Congratulations to all our scholar-musicians!

Senior Concert featured a number of our graduating music students and other senior performers. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work on making this event a great experience!

Special thanks go to Sarah Freedlund – we could not have made all of our concerts and events happen without your expertise and willingness to help out! Thank you also to Margaret Gronski for your selfless support and time this year – you helped us to keep the program going! We also thank our Music Boosters and Music Parents for all their help in putting together concerts and especially Solo and Ensemble. We appreciate your support more than you know! Any parents interested in joining the Music Boosters next year should contact Ms. Pearse – we would love to see you at our future meetings!

Mr. Losiewicz and Ms. Pearse would like to wish all of the music students a safe and happy summer. Graduating seniors, we are especially proud of your dedication, passion, talent, and hard work that you have done for the music department. We will surely miss you next year, and know that you will always have a place in the Pittsville Music Department!

## Library News...

### eBooks for Summer Reading!

The Pittsville Schools can now offer books in electronic form for check out, even in the summer. There are 52 eBooks at the Elementary School and 51 at the High School with more to be added soon. Most of these books were purchased from the Mackin Book Company and can be accessed directly from their webpage at [MackinVia.com](http://MackinVia.com). From this page you get to the Pittsville School's titles by typing in 'Pittsville' and then select either the Elementary School or the High School. The User ID is [Pittsville](#) or [Pittsvillehs](#) and the password is [panthers](#) for both of them. You will then see the titles we own. If you see a book you would like to read you can just click "open book" to read it online. To check books out, save favorites, take notes on the books, and to make use of other features of the software, you will have to create a 'backpack' for yourself. Many students did this in library class this month, but if your child didn't, this is what you do.

Click on the backpack icon and select any of the buttons you see there. A window will open saying you have to log in or register. Select 'register' and you will be directed to create a username and password. (It asks for an email address, but that is not necessary.) It is recommended that you use your school student login and lunch number so they are easy to remember.



That is it. There are free apps to load the Mackin Reader on many devices so you can always have a book with you this summer!

We also have some titles that were purchased from the Follett Book Company. These ebooks can be accessed directly from our Destiny Library Catalog. Go to the Pittsville District homepage and look for the link to 'Destiny Library Services' on the left. Click on either Elementary or High School and you can search for ebooks under Material Type on the search screen. To check these books out you will have to log in to your Destiny user account (School user name and lunch number, without any zeros in front.)

Please understand that these ebooks are only for the use of our families. We cannot post the passwords on the website because our agreement with the book companies is that we will only make these books available to our students. Help us honor our legal responsibility by not sharing this access information with anyone outside our district.

Please contact Mrs. Young if you have any questions or problems with our ebooks. Call at school or email at [youngglo@pittsville.k12.wi.us](mailto:youngglo@pittsville.k12.wi.us)





## FBLA Competes at State, Earns Trip to Nationals

The Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells played host to thousands of Wisconsin's Future Business Leaders on April 14-16. Twenty-two Pittsville High School students and Advisor Jenny Jackson were among those in attendance at the annual State Leadership Conference. Students were busy prepping and competing in their competitive events, but also managed to find time for a little fun in the waterpark and networking with students from schools across the state.

Our local chapter was well represented and turned in some fine results in their events, one group and one individual doing so well that they earned a trip to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. The conference was also the end to a very busy year of FBLA for Senior Sam Solatycki who has served as a state officer for the 2012-2013 school year. Sam represented the State Leadership Team and Region II as its Vice President at the Opening Session, Voting Session, and the Awards of Excellence program that concluded the conference. Sam has represented Pittsville well as a state officer and leader for FBLA this past year, congratulations on a fantastic career in FBLA.

As a chapter the group did very well finishing in 27<sup>th</sup> place out of 178 schools that brought competitors. Students earning spots in the top ten of their events were: Christine Sturgis 10<sup>th</sup> place in Business Procedures, Marissa Ortnier 8<sup>th</sup> place in Hospitality Management, Marissa Ogurek 6<sup>th</sup> place in Business Communication, and narrowly missing a spot at Nationals and finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Jesse Poppy and Jack Zdun in Network Design. Qualifying for the National Leadership Conference were Sam Solatycki who finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in Hospitality Management and earning a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish were Jenna Sanken, Audrey Meis, and Morgan Frost in Web Site Design. Judges felt that their website and presentation were the best in the state scoring them 276.66 points out of a possible 300. Other students who competed at state were: Megan Christiansen and Tristin Shaw in Business Financial Plan; Miranda Coulthard in Word Processing II; Breanna Kumm in Community Service Project; Colton Ortnier in Computer Problem Solving; Tiffany Snook, Lindsey Winterhack, and Brooke Zdun in Business Presentation; Adam Sturgis in Sports Management; Brad Wesely and Alex Williamson served as voting delegates and Anthony Marten was our delegate-at-large.

Jenna, Audrey, and Morgan will be busy updating and finalizing their website in the next few weeks before submitting it for evaluation by a national panel of judges prior to the conference. At Nationals they will present their website to a panel of judges and Sam will take an examination with the hopes of representing Wisconsin at the Awards of Excellence program by earning a spot in the top ten. The National Leadership Conference will be in Anaheim, California from June 27-July 1 where the group will not only compete but will also be able to attend workshop, state meetings, campaign rallies, and take part in trips to Disneyland, Universal Studios, or tour Hollywood. Congratulations on a wonderful State Leadership Conference Pittsville FBLA!



High School students from the Gourmet Foods class working with 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to learn math skills.

## PHS Ecology II Class

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Steward's Ecology II class visited the Beaver Creek Reserve located outside of Fall Creek to band birds. A total of five birds were netted, data collected, and banded during our visit: three American Goldfinches and two Black-capped Chickadees. Jake Wipfli holds an American Goldfinch who just received an identification band on its leg. Jake is about to be set the bird free after all of the data: age, sex, wing measurements, etc. have been documented as Gabe Hautala looks on. Other activities during the field trip were foraging for edible plants, identifying and eating wild edibles found in our area, Geo tracking using GPS receivers, and exploring the numerous animals on display at the reserve. The visit allowed the students to complete the final aspects of our unit of study, Birds and Habitat Loss while expanding on other areas previously covered and discussed in class. It was a great learning experience for all students in the class.







## Pittsville FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast

Saturday, June 22 at 7:00-11:00 a.m.

Joe and Marce Ortner, Dan and Lori Ortner Farm  
6608 Highway A, Pittsville

*Bring your friends and family and help celebrate June Dairy Month with the Pittsville FFA and FFA Alumni.*

## SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please check  
[www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us)  
and click on Athletics for  
the most current and  
accurate information.

## Athletic Director News....

Hi Everyone. What a spring it has been in the athletic department this year. The weather was not conducive with outdoor sports and the student athletes missed out on a large portion of their respective seasons.

It was frustrating for me, the athletes, coaches, parents and fans. I would like to thank everyone for their patience throughout this difficult season. I'm sure that many of you are tired of getting the instant alert messages from me, but it is our best form of mass communication when changes do occur. If you are not receiving messages and you would like to be included, please contact your child's school office and ask for assistance in setting up your Skyward account.

This season our student athletes did accomplish some great achievements. I would like to recognize the following students on their Marawood South All-Conference awards.

### Softball

Jenna Sanken – First Team All-Conference  
Tristan Shaw – Honorable Mention All-Conference  
Carly Solatycki – Honorable Mention All-Conference

### Baseball

Sawyer Ladick - First Team All-Conference  
Andy Fox - First Team All-Conference  
Nathan Dupee - First Team All-Conference  
Jared Fox – Second Team All-Conference  
Olie Voight – Honorable Mention All-Conference  
Jake Wipfli - Honorable Mention All-Conference

### Track

Marissa Ortner – Second Team – Low Hurdles  
Jake Allind, Alec Kolar, Kyle Kolar, Dylan Grossbier – Second Team All-Conference  
1600m Relay  
Pau Secall, Eddie Kleinhenz, Dylan Grossbier, Kyle Kolar – First Team All-Conference  
3200m Relay

Congratulations to all of these student athletes.

It is also exciting news that two of our Track relay teams have qualified for the State Track meet in La Crosse on May 31 and June 1, 2013. The 1600m relay team of Marissa Ortner, Miranda Ortner, Alissa Korslin, Taylor Pralle, Brittany Schwanebeck, and Jenna Hughes and the 3200m relay team of Ed Kleinhenz, Nathan Potter, Dylan Grossbier, Kyle Kolar, Alec Kolar and Jesse Poppy will be representing Pittsville Schools at this exciting event under the supervision of Head Coach Rick Winters and Assistant Coach Kevin Korslin. Congratulations athletes and coaches.

Looking to next year's athletics, we are planning our ALL Sports parent meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pittsville Auditorium. At this meeting we will discuss any new rules in the Athletic Handbook and fill out the necessary athletic paperwork for the 2013-14 school year. It is strongly encouraged that parents and athletes attend this meeting to take care of paperwork before the seasons begin. Students that do have all paperwork completed will not be allowed to participate in practices.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for a great 2012-2013 school year. The seniors will be greatly missed next year, but I look forward to another great year in Pittsville Panther Athletics.

Todd Sanken  
Kindergarten Teacher/Athletic Director



The Horticulture and Landscape Design Class show off the product of their toil. Over 300 baskets were sold in three days to the community. The students took great pride in their flowers.

## GANNET Academic All-Stars Announced

This past April, Gannett media honored local seniors from area high schools recognizing them for academic, civic, and volunteer accomplishments. Area schools nominated candidates and of the 45 students nominated, 12 were selected to be a part of the inaugural Academic All-Star Team.

The efforts of these young people were recognized at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point with a dinner and speakers describing the achievements of the students. It was an evening in which many participants agreed that it was nice to focus on academic success much like athletic success in the papers.

Pittsville's nominee was one of the 12 selected to be part of this group of outstanding students. Congratulations to Megan Piotrowski as she helped represent the "Home of the Panther Pride!"



Face The World's academic exchange program is designed to provide excellent educational opportunities and an intensive cross-cultural experience to select international students (ages 15-18) that will expand their normal scope of world understanding.

We want our families to treat our students as they would one of their own children. These students become like one of your own and it will be something that you enjoy doing year after year. Our students come to the U.S. with their own insurance and personal spending money.

My name is David Fiala, I am the community representative for central Wisconsin. My family has hosted exchange students for the past four years. I would love to answer any questions you may have about hosting. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at: 715-213-8730 or [dfiala11@yahoo.com](mailto:dfiala11@yahoo.com)



## Outdoor Classroom Progress

The Pittsville Building and Construction class has been busy working to complete the outdoor classroom in preparation for Summer School, which will be taught primarily using the new building. Work this spring has been difficult due to cold and rainy weather, but students have enjoyed the challenge of completing the roof. The Technology Education Department will also be running a Building and Construction Course for high school students the first five weeks of summer to continue working on school forest building projects. For more information on the summer course or if you are interested in helping with current or future school forest building projects please contact Stephen Hadfield, Technology Education Instructor, at 715-884-6412 ext. 310 or e-mail [hadfiste@pittsville.k12.wi.us](mailto:hadfiste@pittsville.k12.wi.us)



PHS Building and Construction students installing rafters.

## PHS Manufacturing

Current manufacturing has evolved far beyond from assembly lines and semi-skilled factory workers. Manufacturing in the 21st Century requires highly-skilled workers who can operate high-tech machinery. At PHS students are gaining those skills. The PHS manufacturing class formed a small business in which they designed, marketed, and manufactured a variety of items using Computer Numerated Control (CNC) machinery. Including: fire rings, signs, folding stools, and plaques.



## Through the Decades at PHS, By Aileen Ida for The History Club

Over the many decades in which Pittsville High School has helped to brighten the future of past and present generations much has changed, yet much has stayed the same. The differences between the past three decades and today may be shocking, but remind us just how far PHS has come and will go.

In the year 1983 the world was experiencing such profound moments as Michael Jackson's first "moonwalk" and the final airing of the popular television series *M\*A\*S\*H*. In Pittsville, the senior class was "kindling the light of destiny" – as their motto stated – and making history with their rather voluminous hairdos. The senior class included 69 students, with Valedictorian **Kristi Keller** and Class President **Jay Wilke**. An interesting club of the day was "Library Club" which contained a whopping 17 students, other clubs such as National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America were just as popular in 1983 as they are today. A favorite part of everyone's senior year is "Senior Mosts"; in '83 **Donna Schulz** and **Jeff Gronski** were voted Best Figure, **Kelly Minor** and **Alan Behselich** were voted Best Sense of Humor, and **Laurel Rayburn** and **Greg Neve** were voted Best Athletes.

The year 1993 welcomed a new era of politics when Bill Clinton was inaugurated as the 42<sup>nd</sup> president of the United States of America. The '93 senior class watched this transition, but only when not busy participating in sports, clubs, or getting stuck at random establishments on Thanksgiving Day. Class President, **Cory Steffek**, and Valedictorian, **David Adams**, were just a small part of the 52 person class. In sports, **Dan Denniston** broke the previous record for most points scored in a single basketball game (47) with an amazing score of 50 points in one game. Also in 1993, Coach **Bruce Rademan's** baseball team finished second in the conference, and won a regional championship before finishing their season in the sectional finals. This team was led by co-captains **Rob Rademan** and **Aric Thoreson** along with seniors **Brad Kremer**, **Jason Krueger**, and **Chad Parker**.

The class of 2003 graduated into a world filled with turmoil, and the beginning stages of the Afghanistan war. But, in Pittsville, the senior class was providing a "guiding light" for those around them. Class president, **Tara Kremer**, and Valedictorian, **Derek Miner**, helped show the way for their classmates and underclassmen. An inspiring class motto, "Behind you are the shadows of what we might have been, and ahead - the images of what we hope to be," helped these students to lead the way. A trip to Spain taught many students that Senora's directional abilities might be a bit lacking, but many great memories were made, none the less. Drama club put on an interesting musical called *Ducktails and Bobby Socks* (the name says it all). Wrestlers, **Paul Greene**, **Jake Hahn**, and **Ben Winters** all went to state for wrestling and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively.

This year, 2013, the graduating class of 54 will enter into a world worried about financial and diplomatic stability on a tumultuous planet, but these bright seniors will make their mark for sure. Class President **Jared Fox** and Valedictorian **Hope Moos** have helped lead this class and will continue to lead their community in the coming years. The underclassmen and the community as a whole will strongly feel the loss of the seniors who will be moving on, both figuratively and literally, but best of luck is wished to all seniors in any and all future endeavors.

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