



# Pittsville School District Newsletter

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



## From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

What a great time of the year! If you haven't had the opportunity to take in a high school sporting event, it's not too late. It is great entertainment and highly enjoyable watching our kids grow, compete, and learn outside of the classroom.

Athletics is a great way to experience many of life's lessons in a structured environment. The high school winter season is barely a third over with boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and wrestling just getting warmed up for post-holiday competition. We finished up junior high boys' basketball before Christmas break and have started junior high girls' basketball. The junior high wrestlers started in November and will continue through the traditional wrestling season; we welcome any student who is interested in learning to compete, even after the season has started.

We just finished our winter and Christmas concerts for 4K-12. Parent and family participation was high. So high, it was standing room only at several of the performances. The 4K Family Activity and Christmas Program was about as cute as any program I have seen. I may be biased, but our kids are the best! The Elementary Christmas Music Program featured each class and some very talented individual students on the piano and singing solos. Our music instruction team and students have been working hard and it showed. Beginning band is always a challenge, but if you had the opportunity to hear the seventh, eighth, and high school band, the growth and talent progression is amazing. Thank you to Miss Batterman (Band and General Music) and Miss Barribeau (Choral and General Music) for your work with our young musicians and performers. It makes this time of year more personal and special for so many in our community.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.** We are planning to implement a six (6) week K-12 Summer School program with the premise of building a flexible schedule for kids, families, and teachers; offering a wide variety of courses. Summer School would begin June 5 and end July 20 with the entire week of July 3 off. Most courses will run Monday through Thursday in the morning. Some courses will be a week (week: Monday - Thursday) while others may be all six weeks. The schedule options will be available to students early spring. More information to follow in the coming months.

Our best, for their best!

## Open Enrollment in WI Public Schools

The open enrollment application period for the 2017-2018 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2017. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

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## SECOND QUARTER, 2016-2017

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### Panther Community Fitness Center Committee

The district is looking for 2-3 community members to volunteer to be on the Panther Community Fitness Center Committee which will be made available for all district residents. We are planning to open our newly equipped facilities for community use within the next year. The committee will establish membership criteria, hours, dues, staffing, maintenance, and short/long term goals.

If you are interested please call 715-884-6694. We will schedule our first meeting near the end of January, when our committee is filled.

#### Superintendent

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#### Senior High Principal

Mr. Weddig ..... 715-884-6412

#### Elementary Principal

Mrs. Friday..... 715-884-2517

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## SKYWARD

**Family Access** is a free web-based application that gives parents and guardians online access to their child's grades, assignments, attendance, schedule, emergency information, and more! This access is made possible through our student information system, Skyward Family Access. Please contact your school's office for Family Access login names and passwords.

**SchoolMessenger** allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to employees, parents, and students. It can provide you with information through telephone or cell phone, e-mail, and/or text message. We will be using the system to let families know about emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events.

**Skylert** works through Skyward's Family Access to provide you with the means to manage your contact sources and choose how you will be contacted for a variety of purposes. To check and update your Skylert contact information, go to our district home page at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us). Hover your mouse over 'Skyward' on the left side bar, click on the 'Family & Student Access' link from the pop-up menu, and login to your Family Access account. Click on the **Skylert** option listed on the left hand side. Click **Edit** to make changes to the information or to change your preference of notification delivery. You can add and remove checkmarks as you wish for the various types of contact calls, emails, or SMS text messages. Even though you may have checked phone numbers to receive SMS text messages, you must also 'opt in' to receive the services for each number.

If you do not know your Family Access login information or if you need more assistance with this issue, please contact your child's school: High School 715-884-6412; Elementary School 715-884-2517.

## 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							
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**The 1st Inclement Weather Day will not be made up by students or staff. All cancelled school days beyond the first will be made up on days scheduled by the district.**

HOL Holiday - No School	PT Parent-Teacher Conference
INS Teacher Inservice - No School	I End of Quarter
NS No School	VAC Vacation - No School

<b>INSERVICE - No School</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Aug 21-24, 28-31	Teacher Inservice	Sep 4	Labor Day
	Open House (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)	Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 3	Teacher Inservice	Dec 25-Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 19	Teacher Inservice	Feb 23	No School
Mar 23	Teacher Inservice	Mar 30-Apr 3	Spring Break
May 29, 30	Teacher Inservice	May 28	Memorial Day
<b>PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</b>		<b>QUARTERS</b>	
Oct 12	4:00-7:30 pm	1st Quarter	Sep 5-Nov 2
Oct 17	4:00-7:30 pm	2nd Quarter	Nov 6-Jan 18
<b>Inclement Weather Make Up Days:</b>		3rd Quarter	Jan 22-Mar 22
	May 29, May 30	4th Quarter	Mar 26-May 25

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - September 5**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - May 25**

Approved: 12/12/2016

## CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS, EARLY DISMISSAL

If weather conditions are such that you think the school schedule may be interrupted, please listen to one of the radio stations listed below. Notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals due to inclement weather will also be made through the Pittsville School District's School Messenger alert system. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision available on those days.

**WOFM**  
**WGLX**  
**WIFC**  
**WOSQ**

**94.7 FM**  
**103.3 FM**  
**95.5 FM**  
**92.3 FM**

**WSAW**  
**WAOW**  
**WEAU**

**TV-7**  
**TV-9**  
**TV-13**

# Food Service News

**BREAKFAST.** The **High School** is serving breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class. The **Elementary School** is serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria. Grades 4Kgn-3<sup>rd</sup> will be issued a breakfast card in the classroom to be turned in at the breakfast line. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will punch in their lunch numbers before going through the lines. School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when students are running late or parents have to be at work early. The cost is only \$1.00. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch receive free breakfast.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVENIENT.** Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. If their child's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card (*NOTE: your credit card will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment*). Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

- Visit our district website [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us)
- From the left side menu click on **Skyward > Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Select "**Food Service**" from "General Information" menu on the left
- View Balance and select "**Make Online Payment**"
- Enter payment amount and select "**Pay with RevTrak**"
- Verify payment amount and select "**Go to Checkout**"
- If a new customer, select "**I am a new customer**" and enter your email address. If a returning customer select "**I am a returning customer.**"

**FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS.** Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. To apply, complete a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Use one application for all students in your household. Be sure to fill out all required information and return the application to Joe Dostal, Food Service Director, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466. The free or reduced lunch program not only benefits families but it also helps your school. Your application is completely confidential. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, the applications are available online at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us) and in

**DOUBLE UP.** For an additional charge to your families lunch account, your student will be able to purchase a second entrée, just the entrée, or go through the salad bar to complement a lunch from home. Students that qualify for free meals may also participate in the "DOUBLE UP" promotion as long as money is in their family account.

You can monitor your family account online through Skyward Family Access at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us). If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517 or [dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us](mailto:dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us).

**Breakfast & Lunch menus are  
available on the district website  
at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us)**

## LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly through the Pittsville School District's SchoolMessenger alert system. The notice explains that your family food service funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

If a family account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out stating if the amount due is not paid in three working days, your children will no longer be able to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. If no money is received, a note will go home explaining the account is closed and Pittsville Schools will no longer be providing breakfast, lunch, or milk. It is then the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a lunch from home. Once money is added, your children may again participate in the school's food service programs.

Here are a few tips to insure your family food service account is up-to-date and in good standing.

- Check with your answering machines and email to see if your family received an alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible.
- When sending in a payment, please include your family name and amount sent.

## 2016-2017 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.25
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.70
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.20
Adult Lunch	\$3.85
Reduced Lunch	\$ .40
Milk	\$ .30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00





# PHS News

As we enter Term 3, the high school staff and students are moving toward a very busy and important part of our school year. Final exams for Term 2 are just ahead (January 12th), seniors are getting ready for their post-high school lives and students in grades 8 - 11 are looking towards registering for next year. Juniors are also making final preparations for the important ACT test coming up at the end of February. Looking back at recent events, we just held our Semester 1 Forum, as well as participating in an "armed intruder drill", both of which were very successful.

Our Semester 1 Forum had a theme of "World Cultures." In the morning, students worked on critical readings regarding a diversity of cultures from around the globe. The afternoon was a time of immersion through a world fair and participation in new and interesting activities and games from Norwegian, Hmong, Filipino, Indian, and Native American cultures, among others. I would like to thank all the members of the community and staff who put their time and expertise into making this a rich learning experience for our students.

We also worked with local and county law enforcement to hold the armed intruder drill. We started with a presentation from the officers on how to react in a time of crisis such as when there is an armed intruder on campus. This was followed by some simulations to practice the options of barricading, fleeing, and/or fighting. It was a very successful afternoon, and I know it will help us stay safe if we ever have to face such a terrible event.

Student registration is beginning which means students will be working closely with their advisors to choose classes for next year, based on their aptitude and their interests after high school. Please work closely with your children to help them make sure they make the best choices to ensure their success. We will be hosting our annual "Your Future is Now Night" on February 1st at 6 pm for 8th and 10th grade parents (your children are welcome, too!). This event will provide some insights into starting high school and making the best choices after high school. Students whose parents attend will be in the first group to register during the second week of February.

Finally, the ACT exams will be held on February 28th for all juniors. Make-up for this mandatory state test will be during spring break, so it is essential that your child be here for this assessment. The ACT will determine which technical college programs they are eligible to enroll in, or which universities will accept them. We will be preparing the students for the exam through many activities during January and February. Your support of these activities will go a long way toward helping them achieve at their highest level on the ACT.

Again, this is a very busy and important time for the students at PHS. Please talk to your children about these important events that they have and will participate in. They will welcome your wise input (and you might be amazed at their insights into their own futures)!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

## PHS CTE NIGHT

Tues. Jan 31, 5-8pm  
PSD Lobby

- Learn about course offerings
- Hands-on Activities
- Meet CTE Staff
- Fun for all ages

## PHS Competes at Math League

On November 10, twelve Pittsville high school students traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to participate in the first meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has 3 categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. Forty-nine different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition.

The four students who represented Pittsville School District in the Geometry category were Trayson Ortnier, Drew Brattlie, Evan Roberts, and Paeton Scholzen. Henry Myers, Hanna Tarazi Baron, Matthew Grossman, and Leah Kumm took the challenging Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Teodora Gruijic, Tyler Carlson, Brett Peters, and Josh Zogleman. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were about 44 students taking each test. For Geometry, Trayson placed in the top ten in 7<sup>th</sup> place. In the Algebra category, Henry Myers placed in the top half with 16<sup>th</sup> place. The Advanced category is always a challenging test and this year Teodora placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Josh placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of 44 students. The next competition is January 25<sup>th</sup> and the final competition is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all participants! Good luck on January 25<sup>th</sup>.





### Vet and Small Animal Science Class

Brooke Darr and Kara Peterson recently brought their Saint Bernard dogs into the Vet and Small Animal Science Class. Both Brooke and Kara researched the history of their dogs and reported their findings to the class. For instance, Saint Bernard's were brought to Switzerland by the Roman Army.

### Human Anatomy & Physiology

Mr. Steward's Human Anatomy & Physiology students are currently studying the cardiovascular system. As part of their course of study, learning about the flow of blood through the heart and body takes on a whole new concept as students literally walk through the human heart. First, all structures and anatomical features that make up the human heart were covered in class with the students. Then, over the course of two days, students drew the human heart and all of its internal structures.

The heart drawing included all of the veins and arteries entering and leaving the heart, the left and right atriums and ventricles, along with all of the valves that assist in regulating blood flow. Once completed, the students were quizzed on identifying the heart structures as they walk through the heart demonstrating the flow of blood. Students walked from vein to atrium, past valve to ventricles, to arteries to the lungs and back to the heart where it enters the atrium to ventricle and finally making their way out of the heart to the rest of the body.

Students enjoy learning about the human heart and how it functions to provide the body with vital oxygen while removing cellular waste.



### Pittsville FFA

For the past 5 years, members have surprised our elderly community with fruit for Christmas. FFA members Austin Fox, Cole Robus, and Emma Robus delivering fruit to Nancy Nye residents



### HS Biology News

On December 21, twenty-two students from Mr. Steward's 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Biology Class visited the Pittsville School Forest to complete a site survey while snowshoeing through the fresh snow. Walking along the trails, students learned about tree species, tree densities, topography of the school forest, the flood plains and the process of selective harvesting of trees in a forest. A stop at the school forest shelter was also incorporated into the visit. A discussion on the harvest, construction and erecting of the building was covered and discussed.





# Warm Winter Wishes from the Elementary School!

Dear Families,

As we are transitioning into second semester, the staff and students are settling into their learning routines. It's amazing to see how much growth the students have already made this year!

Our school-wide RTI (Response to Intervention) time, known to the students and staff as WIN time (What I Need), is off and running! Every grade from K-8 has WIN time. This is a period in the students' learning day where everyone is working on skills to increase their own knowledge and skills. Teachers collaborate and discuss student data from various assessments to determine every child's need. What a wonderful way for children to feel successful each day!

On behalf of all the students and staff here, we'd like to say how much we appreciate the support from the community with our Christmas Shop. We are so grateful for everyone who donated to the Christmas Shop. It provided the opportunity for our students to purchase gifts for their family members at a low cost, while helping the local food pantry. This year, we had volunteers help our little shoppers pick out the perfect gift for their special family member! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and community members who volunteered their time. We would not have had the success we did without your time and hard work. We are excited to announce we raised \$1000 to donate to the local food pantry, PANS. We are even more excited to announce there was an anonymous donor who matched the dollar amount we raised! We were able to give PANS \$2000 this holiday season! Thank you to everyone who made this year's Christmas Shop a success!

I would like to recognize Ms. Batterman, Ms. Barribeau, and all the students who sang and played instruments during the holiday concerts. You all did a wonderful job! Thank you for putting us all in the holiday spirit with your tunes, dancing, and sparkle up on the stage! A special recognition goes to our 5th graders - great job on your first official band/choir concert!

We also celebrate the success of our elementary school play, Snow Queen. Congratulations to Ms. Van Haren, Mrs. Garrels, and all the young actors and actresses for a job well done. Thank you to everyone who donated props, made costumes, and helped with our play! I can only imagine what next year will bring!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy your time with your family. We look forward to starting the new year together! Be thinking of your New Year's Resolution! January is a great time to set goals and challenge yourself to something new!

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday, PK-8 Principal



## Child Development Days Screening

Pittsville Public Schools

Thursday, February 16th from 9:30-6:30 pm

The screening will take place at the Pittsville Community Center located at 5291 Third Avenue, Pittsville. The screening is for any child who will be turning 3 years old on or before June 1, 2017 through age 5 and reside in the Pittsville School District. Children who currently attend the Early Childhood or 4K programs do not need to be screened. During the screening, parents will complete a survey while children play with others and interact with school staff. The screening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about their child's growth and development.

Please call the Pittsville Elementary office at 715-884-2517 to register your child for Child Development Days Screening.

Registration for 4K will be online. Follow the link on the Elementary website which will be open beginning February 1, 2017. Please call the Pittsville Elementary office at 715-884-2517 to register for Child Development Days.



## KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION, *Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Petersen*

Throughout the week before Christmas, the kindergarten children focused on the text of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. The children worked on the vocabulary words from the story including: conductor, steam, wilderness, harness, peak, and flicker. The children worked on a story sequencing activity, they also used picture clues to write sentences, and completed a listen and draw writing activity focusing on two of the vocabulary words. This week the Essential Question was: How do the pictures in the text help me tell the story? Our culminating activity was to watch the *Polar Express* Movie together for our party and wear pajamas to school!

To start out the new year, the kindergarten students will be learning about what it means to be a good friend and the meaning of peace. The children are learning that peace has many definitions. Peace can mean: having things they need to live, having family and friends, respecting others' differences, learning how to use words to solve problems, and others. The students are learning who Martin Luther King, Jr. was and how he strived for peace.

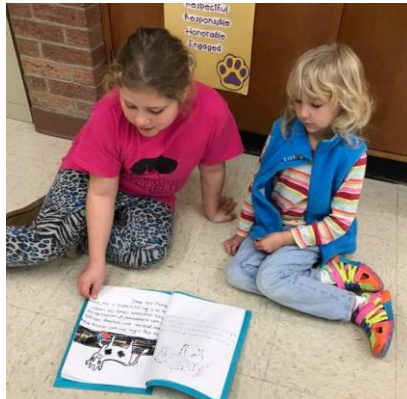
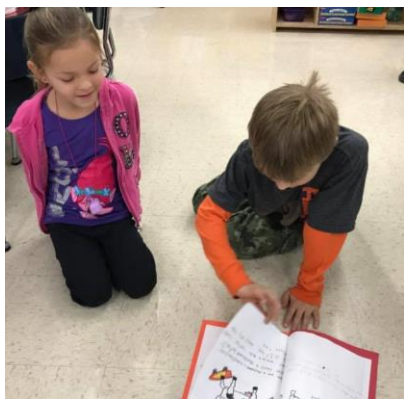
As this semester ends, the children are showing us the growth they have made in literacy and writing skills. The children will be assessed with the PALS screening test in early January and will also have their second writing assessment.

We are projecting the 100th Day of School to be on February 2nd. The kindergartners will be celebrating this special event and are hoping to receive 100 pieces of mail in our classrooms. If you would like to be a part of this, we would love to hear from you. Please send a note to the Pittsville Kindergarten Class at 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466.



## 1st Grade News

We are studying nonfiction text and nonfiction text features. We have learned to write an "All About" animal research book. Each student did research on an animal of their choice. They did this by reading books, researching online, and discussing in whole group. The students wrote down key details, made diagrams, and summarized the information about their animal. Additionally, they created a table of contents. Finally, the first grade classes published the reports and shared them with their peers.





## Academic and Career Planning

When speaking to parents and reminiscing about their school days, we at school hear "They never prepared us for life after graduation" or "We didn't receive any planning information". Well, we hope that times like these are coming to an end. The 21st century is ever changing, more so than when we were kids and those reasons hopefully are becoming as obsolete as some of the technology that was used back in the day. Which brings us to today and what we are doing about those exact phrases here in the Pittsville School District.

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) has held a place within these school walls since obsolete technology was introduced. It has ebbed and flowed at various times and stages, but more so now than ever it is present within multiple realms of our school education. Whether it be from career searches in junior high to resume writing in high school English, measures are being taken to make sure that students here are receiving proper information and training so they are the most informed and prepared for upon graduation.

All learning does not happen within the school walls. Learning happens at home and in our communities and that is as equally important. A combination of school, home, and community provides an excellent environment for students to achieve their full potential. This is excellent news, because this is what has already been happening and what we hope will continue to flourish as Academic & Career Planning takes a bigger role.

ACP is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills.

Starting in the 2017-18 school year, all students in grades 6-12 will be required by the state of Wisconsin to participate in ACP activities. Luckily for our students, this is something they have already been working on. Starting this year, students in grades 6-12 have been using Career Cruising to take assessments to learn about skills and abilities, search for careers and colleges, and find out information on financial aid. All parents can be given access to a parent portal to follow what their child has been doing. If you'd like more information or have questions, please contact either Ashley Raygo (6 & 7) or Emily Krystowiak (8-12).

## Business Education

The 8th grade entrepreneurship class created a business called Mugs n' Stuff. The class was expected to write a resume, which would then get them into one of the five different departments: accounting, marketing, manufacturing, packaging, or designing.

Over the course of nine weeks, the class sold over \$2,000 in custom mugs, mug trees, and mug racks. In total, the class profited over \$750. The student employees were not just working for nothing, with all the time that they spent working for the company they will receive custom money designed by the accounting team. This money will be spent on an auction that will be held on the last day of the term.

## English Department Activities

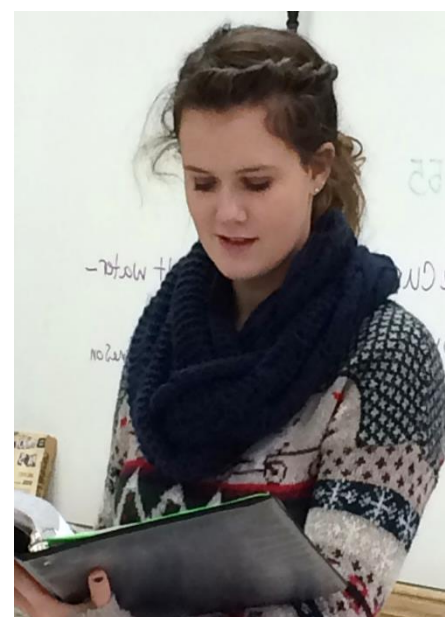
Students in Ms. Freedlund's Composition II, English 9 Honors, and AP Language and Composition shared two assignments recently. The first assignment was an essay contest sponsored by the Fleet Reserve (Retired Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines). This year's prompt proved to be more difficult than some years, "What Memorial Day means to me". In 350 words or less, student writers from grades 9-12 wrote about the national holiday, and how it differs from Veterans Day. Winners of this completion can win \$100 locally.

The second assignment was an oral history project sponsored by StoryCorps called the Great Thanksgiving Listen. The Great Thanksgiving Listen works in conjunction with NPR and the Library of Congress to record oral history. Students are asked to interview an older relative or neighbor about what life was like when they were younger.

We heard stories of the innovative way to protect your knees when you were roller skating (Kotex pads), April Fool's jokes on a husband (replaced his cash with Monopoly money), and selling the family car to pay the bills when the husband was overseas serving in the military. Other topics covered were how couples met: blind date, running into the girl's car on purpose, and pulling a girl's hair in class to get her attention. Some families used creative ways to name their children (all had the same middle name), how one relative started a fire that almost burned the school down, and meeting famous people like Roy Rogers. Relatives described learning to drive a stick, starting a bar fight, and teaching family members to yodel. Several students brought in photographs of their family. We heard stories that were funny, entertaining, and even sad. One student even brought in her relative's Purple Heart.



**6th Grade Science** Studying about the periodic table and properties of elements in Mrs. Kumm's science class, each sixth grade student investigated an element and then designed a shirt with that information on it.





## Counselor's Corner: 2nd Quarter - Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

**Seniors:** Please continue to work on **scholarships** and stay tuned for the local scholarships which will be posted by the end of January. Most local scholarships are due Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, but some are due sooner. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college. Applications have been available online since October 1, 2016 at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.) If help is needed to fill out this form, please head to North Central Technical College on Saturday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. Just by attending, students can be entered to win a drawing for a scholarship!

**Juniors:** If you are planning to **register for the ACT** this spring, please make sure you register online before the registration date ends to avoid paying a late fee. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the "Testing" tab.) Spring test dates include:

- Test Date: February 11, 2017 - Registration Deadline: January 13, 2017
- Test Date: April 8, 2017 - Registration Deadline: March 3, 2017
- Test Date: June 10, 2017 - Registration Deadline: May 5, 2017

As a reminder, the state required ACT will be offered at school on February 28 & March 1, 2017. This test can be used for college and technical school entrance. Students must indicate their four choices at the time of the test. If students miss one of both of the required test dates, make up is mandatory during spring break on the mornings of March 21 and 22.

**Sophomores, Freshmen, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** As we head into the registration for next year, please make sure you are taking time to plan out your courses based on what is best for your future. To assist in this process, sophomores and 8<sup>th</sup> graders should attend "Your Future is Now Night" on **February 1 at 6:00 pm** at the high school. This evening is designed for students to look ahead to their beginning and final years of high school and taking the proper classes that will help them achieve success. Those students whose parents attend this evening, will be able to register first amongst their classmates on their designated registration date. In addition to this, during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> term, freshmen and sophomore **individual planning conferences** will be held to discuss current high school goals and future plans. During these meetings, students are also encouraged to look for ways to **volunteer** in their free time and over the summer to begin building a strong scholarship résumé. Students are reminded to continue their career and post-secondary exploration and planning by using their Career Cruising accounts.

Please feel free to contact Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 Counselor, if you have questions about any of the information provided at 715-884-5223 or [krystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us](mailto:krystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us).

### First Semester Forum: World Cultures

PHS Student Council, with help from Police Chief Zawislán, delivered fruit baskets to people in town.





## HS Phy Ed Department

As we approach the end of the semester, the students are in the middle of their Pickleball doubles tournament. The students have learned correct scoring, serving procedures, and the rules of Pickleball. Competition heats up as the championship games approach. Winners of the tournament receive a Gatorade, their championship bracket, and pride. The students will be finishing the semester with 2-on-2 small court volleyball.



## School Census

Please contact the District Office at 715-884-6694 if you recently had a baby, adopted a child, moved into the district, and/or changed your address.

## Community Walkers

Pittsville Elementary School will be open for walking every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Please use Entrance A.

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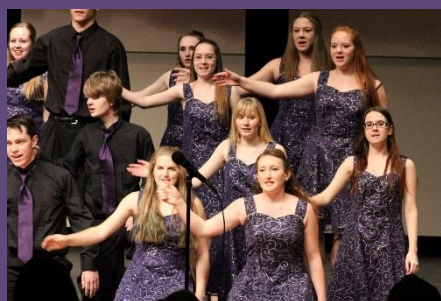
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## Pottery Group

The 2016-2017 Pottery Group is gearing up for another great Empty Bowls event March 14, 2017 to sponsor P.A.N.S. (Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf). The group is hoping to throw an additional 300 – 400 bowls in January alone! This year the bowls are even bigger! As the students perfect their skills, we encourage them to throw new forms, giving you a larger variety to select from on Match 14<sup>th</sup>. Come early to get the first choice of a few featured items – bread bowls, cheese trays, goblets, vases, mugs, teapots, etc.



## PHS Winter Concert



Our junior high singers went into each of the classrooms to share their voices!





**Through the Decades at PHS: Winter Sports Edition** *From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Ryan Zickert, Hunter Grimm, Karl Durrant, Cody Havlik, Trayson Ortnier, Drew Bratlie, Rebecca Sturgis, Jenna Rasmussen, Colleen Lassa, Jessie Rasmussen, Hailey Grant, Victoria Derkez, Greg Hoffman, Will Carter, Sean Updike and Messrs Piotrowski and Downs for The History Club.*

**1976-1977.** Boys Basketball - The 76-77 Hoops team were coached by Noel Denniston and his assistant Charles Soper and were led by John "Freak" Freedlund, Peter and Paul Yetter, Ed Hendrickson, "Hot" Rod Yetter, Dave Elwood, Mark Horn, Dan "Dr. M" Mundt, Bill Ziemendorf, Dave "Dude" Olds, Mark Kleifgen, and Mark "Kel" Keller. Girls Basketball - Seniors Dawn Orgel, Beua Bowden, Carmen Heggelund, and Deb Schwanebeck lead the way for the girls' basketball team. Rounding out Coach Dankemeyer's team were Cheryl Hiles, Peg Krueger, Cheryl Roder, Nan Brooks, and Lynn Brice. Wrestling - The '77 wrestling team, led by Coaches Jerry Hahn and Paul Konichek, sported an 8-4 dual record and earned 3rd in the Marawood Conference. The seniors on the team were Tom (Cow) Zdun, Lloyd Dickson, and Bill (Buttons) Hiles. The Co-captains Dan Hahn and Dan Dexter went to sectionals and Dan made it on to state. Individual Marawood Conference champions were Lloyd Dickson and Dan Hahn.

**1986-1987.** Boys Basketball - In 1986-87, the head coach was Noel Denniston. The team's Co-Captains were Rob Wolfe, and Todd Huff. The team had seven seniors including Rob Wolfe, Todd Huff, Richard Frost, Shane Lilly, Barry Fisher, Dan Kumm, and Brian Fischer. Their record including playoffs was 12-8. Girls Basketball - The girls' basketball team had five seniors on their team. They were Joelle Giarrusso, Teri Horn, Andi Wolf, and the senior Co-Captains were Loni Graf and Kelly Orgel. Other team members were Beth Martin, Kari LaSee, Debbie Neve, and Donna Drechsler. Their record was 19-5 that year. The varsity team was coached by Don Neve and was assisted by Nancy Stoffel. Wrestling - The 1987 wrestling team with a 6-5-1 dual record was coached by Jerry Hahn and assisted by Mike Brogan. The seniors were Chad Crary, Mike Cullen, Dennis Kissner, Dan Skon, and Jack Wilke. Matt Hanutke (undefeated and his 1st of 4 state titles) at 98 lbs. and Dan Skon at 185 lbs. wrestled their way to state individual titles.

**1996-1997.** Boys Basketball - The 1996-97 boys basketball team was led by head coach Jeff Schlender. The Panthers were tied for fifth in the conference. In the post-season, they beat Neillsville, but lost to Marathon in the second round. The senior captains were David Houston and David Fieber. Their overall record was 9-13. Girls Basketball - The 1996-97 girls basketball team was coached by Don Neve. They finished fourth in the conference. They won their first regional game against Neillsville, but lost the next round against Marathon. The senior captains included: Jackie Masepohl, Jenny Heuer, and Jill Rademan. Their record was 11-11. Wrestling - The 1996-97 wrestling team was coached by Mike Brogan. Brad Martin was State champion and Jeremy Klevene was a state qualifier. The seniors were Tandy Garvin, Luke Randall, Ryan Wayerski, Jesse Krueger, and Jesse Schiller.

**2006-2007.** Boys Basketball - The coaches for boys basketball of 2007 were Coach D. Hoffa, Coach D Rayburn, Coach S Lilly, Coach W Wegner. The seniors for that year were, J. Rayburn, C. Wesley, T. Wegner, B. Wright, R. Quinnell, P. Petersen. Their team record was 16-4. They were the conference champions. Girls Basketball - The 2007 girls' basketball had another stellar year under Head Coach Mark Denniston. Seniors for the team included Rachael John, Janine Wagner, Laura Palmer, Jackie Steele, Britt Zieher, Mackenzie Hautala. The team's record was 14-2. This was their fifth consecutive year winning the conference, but the season ended at the first sectional game. Wrestling - Coach Dan Hahn earned his 100th win this season as the coach of the Panther squad. It was a very successful season as they earned a second straight trip to the team state tournament and had an overall team record of 24-7. Getting to the team state tourney was impressive as they edged Edgar for the second year in a row in Regionals after losing to Edgar in the first four duals with the Wildcats. The 2nd place conference team managed to put through 3 wrestlers to the individual tournament as Scott Federwitz (placed 6th), Bryan Haumschild, and Sam Winters (placed 4th). Sam also set a team record with 47 wins this season out of 54 matches. Overall, an excellent season to remember.

## PTO Corner

Happy New Year from PTO! Thank you for a great fall semester and we look forward to working with you again this spring to provide some great opportunities for our students.

October was a busy month for the PTO and its many parent volunteers. **Thank you so much to our volunteers to make our busy October such a successful month! We couldn't have done it without you!!** We held the Scholastic book fair, Little Caesars pizza/no pizza sale and provided meals to the teachers during parent teacher conferences. Thank you to our volunteers for working at the book fair, we are able to earn over two thousand Scholastic dollars to purchase more books for the school. Thank you to everyone who donated a food item to the teacher meals. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide these meals without any use of PTO funds. Thanks to everyone for your support in the Little Caesars pizza/no pizza sale. This year, the Little Caesar's and No Pizza fundraiser was able to raise \$6,400 for our school. We gave away over 100 prizes during our assembly.

We are looking to possibly start a new fundraiser for next year in place of Little Caesars, as well as a new face to head our major fundraiser for the year. In the coming months, please look for a short survey to come home so we can do a fundraiser that works for our school.

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