



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

As long as I am involved in education, I will marvel at the pace of our young people to learn and grow. Thanks to our K-12 District Art Show, all of our visitors and guests have been able to enjoy the talents of our young artists every time they enter and leave our common areas near the varsity gym. The District Art Show, Empty Bowls (over 800 hand thrown ceramic bowls were created by our staff and students), Learning Fair, and STEM Academy programs

and presentations were officially held on March 14. The commons and gym areas in the district building were alive with student inspired works. Mrs. Kris Doering has been running the district art show for the past ten years and this will be the fourth year she has run the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Pittsville Area Neighborhood Shelf, PANS. Mrs. Doering has done a commendable job of bringing out our students creativity as they grow their talents and provide valuable community service for our local food bank.

Summer school course booklets are near completion. Mrs. Friday and the summer school staff have put together a very comprehensive and flexible schedule which includes over 20 course options. Mrs. Pelot has arranged for summer swimming lessons in Granton again this year and we will be offering DNR certified Hunter safety. Sign up for summer school will begin within the next few weeks, stay tuned!

Panther Community Fitness Center Committee Notes: Many of you are aware the district was awarded a federal PEP Grant to improve student access to modern physical fitness equipment and programming. Through the grant, the district has implemented new student fitness programs and provided state of the art exercise equipment and has the option of opening the facilities to our residents. The committee is asking each household to complete a short survey. There will be a user fee which will primarily fund the supervision, maintenance, and replacement of equipment as it reaches the end of its useable lifecycle. Please visit the District Home page at: www.pittsville.k12.us and click on the link to complete the survey online. If you do not have internet access you may complete a paper copy included in this publication and drop it off at any of the school offices or the Pittsville City Hall.

I enjoy spending time around your children and our staff. A few weeks ago, I was invited to read to our second grade classes, recognizing Dr. Seuss's birthday. I need to improve my animal sounds, but everything went well as the kids helped and they were really very good at them. I continue to be impressed with the how well our kids get along, listen, and come ready to learn. Everyone would like to believe their child goes to a nurturing school, I am affirming, your child does.

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>.

THIRD QUARTER, 2016-2017

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School District of Pittsville NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SECTION 120.06(8)(C), WIS. STATS.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3

Connie Potter

Mandy Hoogesteger

Amy L. Bartlett

Melissa Marti

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Jane Wesely, Clerk

The Pittsville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

Panther Community Fitness Center Survey

Please complete the survey before March 30. Paper copies can be dropped off at the Pittsville District Office or Pittsville City Hall. OR you can complete the survey online at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Complete only one survey per adult. Thank you!

If we offer public access to the Panther Community Fitness Center, would you be interested in using the facilities?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

The average individual fitness facility annual fee in the Wisconsin Rapids/Marshfield area is \$456.00. Would you be willing to pay a \$180.00 (\$15.00/month) annual fee for access to the Panther Community Fitness Center?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other _____

Would you be interested in a couples rate?

- ☐ Not applicable ☐ Double the individual rate ☐ Double the individual rate with a one month discount
☐ Other _____

Do you have a college student who would be interested in a College Student Membership?

- ☐ Not applicable ☐ \$25.00 / Summer ☐ \$75.00 / Year

Would you be interested in a Senior (62+) Membership?

- ☐ Not applicable ☐ 50% cost of individual or couples rate ☐ Other _____

Hours of operation when school is in session (regular school year and summer school). Select one time range per time of day.

- | Before School (M-F) | After School (M-F) | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 am to 7:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 am to 10:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:30 am to 7:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am to 11:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No morning hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested |

Hours of operation when school is not in session (spring break, winter break, summer break).

Follow same hours of operation when school in in session.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Suggestions _____

Would you be interested in working 5-8 hours per week at the Panther Community Fitness Center?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Age: _____ Email Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Other Comments: _____

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-3rd will be issued a breakfast card in the classroom to be turned in at the breakfast line. Grades 4th-8th 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
- 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 and in your school offices.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517 or dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

**Breakfast & Lunch menus are
available on the district website
at 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

Often we think of January and February as the “doldrums” of the school year. Well, those days are behind us, and things are getting exceptionally busy here at PHS. We have competitions for our clubs, musical events, and new sports seasons to look forward to. Hang on; here we go into the final stretch of the school year!

We recently finished the ACT tests, which were also given to all of the Juniors in the state of Wisconsin. For two days, we shut down the school in the morning as an ACT Sanctioned Test Site. On the first day, the staff even came in before the sun was up to cook the students’ breakfast to show their support, and get them off to a positive start. The students did a great job of doing their best on the exam, and I am sure it will be reflected in their scores. This was truly a team effort! Their ACT scores will be used for college entrance, program admittance into technical colleges, and for scholarships. The testing will be repeated for the 9th and 10th graders in late April when they take the Aspire Exams, which will prepare them for the ACT that is in their future.

Registration for classes for next year is nearly completed. This is a joint effort between students, their advisors, and parents. And a special thanks to Emily Krystowiak and Pam Kumm for the countless hours they put into making this process work as smoothly as it does. Thanks as well to all the parents for all of the time you have put in looking at course handbooks, scheduling matrices, and talking with your children about their future plans. It is never too early to plan for our students’ lives after high school!

Final Exams will be held on March 17th (which was originally an in-service day for teachers, but will be a student-contact day due to the snow day last month). Please check Skyward often to monitor your child’s progress, and encourage him or her to do their very best as they finish Term 3. We look forward to beginning Term 4 with high expectations and a positive outlook on the future!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal



CTE Updates

Career and Technical Education Month, or CTE Month, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. To kick off CTE Month PHS hosted its first ever CTE Night. Students, parents, and community members were able to visit with CTE teachers, learn about Technical Colleges, and participate in hands-on activities. Thank you to all that were able to attend and participate.

Spanish News....

Five Spanish students from PHS are preparing to fly to Guatemala for an unforgettable experience. Students will be spending their spring break staying with host families in Guatemala. Guatemala is a country that is rich in culture. Students will have the opportunity to barter in markets, zipline, tour Mayan ruins in the jungle, and hike on a volcano. Watch the school Facebook page for pictures of the adventures to come!

PHS Students Work with Mid State Technical College to Learn About Engineering

A group of about 15 students from Pittsville traveled to Mid-State where they were shown more about the Electrical, Civil and Instrumental Engineering and Renewable Energy programs during their E-day program. During some of these sessions, our students were able to help generate power to run a blender and produce smoothies for the class. They toured the Renewable Energy Program facilities and handled surveying equipment, in addition to touring The MIKE (Manufacturing, Innovation, Knowledge, Experience), their new mobile manufacturing lab.

The emphasis to learn about engineering and the opportunities in this field is important to our students because currently Mid State has more requests for students trained in these fields than they have students entering the programs. Salaries are good and there is a high demand for individuals trained in these areas. Engineering, as a two year degree is a great option for our students and allows them to experience the work and then choose whether to continue on to higher degrees.



FCCLA (Future Community, Careers, Leaders of America) competed at Regionals on February 21st. 11 students will be moving onto State Competition on April 3-5th at the Kalahari Resort.

Gold: Morgan Masanz, Lydia Sanken, Sarah Downs, Laney Garrels, Skye Klein

Silver: Jessie Rasmussen, Kaitlyn Potts, Miranda Sturgis, Martina Schulz, Matthew Carlson, Josh Zogleman

Bronze: Amanda Ortnier, Amanda Piotrowski, Tara Minor, Alex Delaney, Tara Free, Rebecca Sturgis, Jenna Rasmussen



Ski/Snowboard Club News

The Ski/Board Club had a great year so far. We enjoyed a December day at Bruce Mound. We taught several kids to ski and snowboard, even a couple of adults! Our high school weekend trip went to Big Powderhorn. The weather was pretty warm and even rained while we were there, but that did not stop anyone from skiing and snowboarding. We also took trips to Cascade Mountain and Granite Peak. We have a new Facebook page where you can see pictures of our trips. We hope to take a couple more trips to Granite Peak if anyone is interested in coming along. The season is not over yet!





Elementary School News

Happy Spring!

I bet you are as excited for spring weather to arrive as I am! This is another favorite time of the year for me - the time we celebrate reading! Dr. Seuss sure brings books to life!

The week of February 27th-March 3rd, the students and staff celebrated Reading Across America. There were fun dress up days, fun morning announcements, and trivia questions - with a chance of winning! There was even a visit from The Cat in the Hat! Not only do we celebrate reading at school, we celebrate books at home too! This is a great reminder to keep reading at home, even as the weather continues to get warmer.

On February 28th, Pittsville Elementary School welcomed a special guest speaker, Ms. Lynda Blackmon Lowery. At age 15, Ms. Lowery was the youngest person to march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. She shared her story and voice with our students in grades 4-8. She also signed a copy of her book that will be placed in our school library. What an honor to have a story from history told from Ms. Lowery herself.

On March 14, 2017, we celebrated our spring event where our students' artwork is shown in the Art Show, students participated in STEM activities in the varsity gym, students worked alone or with a partner to share their topics of interest in the Learning Fair, and our families and friends enjoyed soup during our Empty Bowls event. The Pottery Group and Mrs. Doering did a wonderful job this year at creating various bowls for others to purchase during Empty Bowls. A special thank you to all the staff who made all these events possible and a special thank you to the local businesses for your generous donations.

Each spring, we participate in state testing. Students in Grades 3-8 are administered the Forward Exam. Each grade level takes the ELA and Math assessments and our 4th and 8th graders are administered the social studies and science assessments as well. Our school testing window is April 3-27, 2017. Please contact your child's teacher for exact testing dates, if desired.

With the expanding summer school program, I am really excited for all these learning opportunities for our students! We will be sending home one summer school booklet per family with all the choices for your children. Watch for it coming home soon!

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday

4th & 5th Graders are on the "Write" Track! *By Mr. Pascoe*

We had an increased focus on narrative writing for the third quarter. Fourth and fifth graders had a chance to interview students from the grade level below them to gain insight into the challenges the younger students anticipate facing the next year. The older students then took those challenges along with other challenges they encountered this year and created a "How to Survive the Next Grade" series of short stories. The older kids will be wrapping up their stories by the end of the third quarter so they can share their digital storybooks with their younger partners.

Looking ahead at the fourth quarter, we will turn our focus towards writing about history. The students will be presented with a choice menu of topics and formats to pick from. With the wide variety of options and directions, there is bound to be something for everybody to become an expert on.

Students in **8th grade Earth Science** have been studying the erosional forces of water. They were able to work with an erosion table to recreate how water moves sediment of varying sizes. Students created dams using rocks and sand and varied amounts of water in determining erosional forces.



Congratulation to Pittsville Elementary School on becoming a Kindness Certified School! During the week of January 23-27, we participated in The Great Kindness Challenge along with 15,056 other schools in 91 countries for a total of 10,493,866 participants worldwide. At Pittsville Elementary School, we had 19 staff members and 216 students participate and we completed 3,758 acts of kindness. We also had a goal to raise \$50 to help build a school and peace center for students in Pakistan. We surpassed our goal and raised \$241.12. Thank you to everyone who donated!

4K Open House

The 4K classroom will be open Friday, May 5 for incoming 4 year-old kindergarten students (and their parents) for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a time for your child to become acquainted with his/her teachers as well as orientated to their new classroom and the school at large. Come on in anytime between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. (There will be a Skyward Demonstration for parents at 9:00 a.m.) Wear your best smile and be ready for a picture!

Please also remember to bring an original or certified birth certificate for registration purposes.

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

The Kindergarten classes are learning about community helpers this month. The children were able to travel to Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids to tour a pediatric room and they participated in lessons about their body. Students were shown proper hand washing techniques, learned about germs, listened to their heartbeat, and saw various instruments that doctors and nurses use in their jobs. The human skeleton was used to teach the children about how many bones are in their bodies, as well as to identify and compare a bone to its x-ray picture. We would like to thank the hospital auxiliary for providing the bus transportation fees for our trip.

The children also learned about the Post Office. Carmen Kumm, a U.S. postal employee, shared with the students her duties at her job and brought examples of flats, bags, and boxes that are utilized in the mail room. She also spoke about the routes that the mail carriers have outside of the city limits. The children learned about things available for purchase at the post office, such as stamps, flat rate boxes, and special collector coins.

Our students also learned about Dental Health and we were fortunate to have Dr. John visit our classrooms and speak to the children about taking care of their teeth, so that they last them a lifetime. Children were able to model how to brush and floss their teeth using very large scale toothbrushes and floss (rope). The children shared ways they use their teeth and how to keep them healthy. A special thank you to Dr. John for providing our student with dental supplies for good hygiene.

We look forward to an upcoming visit with Officer Duerr from the Pittsville Police Department. He will be talking to the children about his job and the important role that he has in helping others each day. The children have viewed a DVD from The Safe Side that addressed keeping themselves safe in many different locations and situations. (Dealing with Stranger Danger)



1st Grade News

Our 1st Graders went to visit Mrs. Kumm's 7th Grade Science Class to learn about matter. The 7th Grade students had examples of solids, liquids, and gases to share with our students. We did a sorting and writing activity, some experiments, sang a few songs, and read through an activity book that was given to each child. We had a great time learning about the states of matter!



"A Walk in Their Shoes"

Through the generosity of numerous businesses, organizations, and private individuals, Colin Hansen from the Edgar School District has been able for the past 10 years bringing speakers to central Wisconsin who have had a hand in shaping our country. The program titled "A Walk in Their Shoes" was organized so that students in the area could learn of experiences from people right in their school. This year Lynda Blackmon Lowery, author of *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom, My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* was able to bring her story to students at Pittsville Elementary on February 28. Mrs. Lowery grew up in Selma, Alabama in the early 60s where she became part of the civil rights movement with other children and teenagers. Lowery along with other marchers practiced the belief of "steady, loving confrontation," as presented to them by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lowery marched on "Bloody Sunday" and "Turn Around Tuesday." Even though the marchers were nonviolent, Lowery was beaten and injured on the Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965 and received 32 stitches in her head. She was also jailed 11 times. This didn't stop Lowery, as she went on to be one of the 300 allowed participants in the Selma to Montgomery March. She was the youngest marcher at 14 that made it every step of the way with bandages still on her head.

Lowery spoke to Pittsville 4th - 8th graders and Nekoosa's 7th-8th graders. She spent extra time with individual grades of 4th, 5th, & 6th sharing even more of her story with them. She challenged each student to be a "Future History Maker," in Pittsville!





Youth Art Month State Capitol Celebration

Rebecca Sturgis, Wyatt Rademan and Erica Fox will have artwork exhibited at the capital in Madison for Youth Art Month. Rebecca rendered a charcoal drawing of a horse on light blue paper. Wyatt created a two layer print. The background is a print of the American flag. Over the background is the head of an eagle. The piece is titled "Freedom". Erica's print consist of a geometric background with an expressive cat printed on top. Her piece is titled "Happiness".



Statewide Exhibit: Opens March 18-31 at the State Capitol Building in Madison.

Statewide Celebration and Ceremony: March 31 at the State Capitol in Madison from 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

Pottery Throw Project – Year IV

The Pottery Throwing Group consisted of students from grades 6-12 that meet weekly after school for three hours and one Saturday a month, throwing 800 bowls to help our local food pantry. Thank you Emma McLaughlin, Jared Peters, Maria Esser, Ethan Hanutke, Caitlyn Fox, Maysen Gray, Landon Losievski, Trace Wilke, Rebekah Downs, Tyler Hanutke, Ruth Durrant, Bengamin Losievski, Andrew Losievski, , and Joey Redmond for their endless hours of throwing ceramic bowls to make the Empty Bowls Event possible.



Top thrower was Ethan Hanutke with 125 bowls.

Mrs. Doering would like to extend a personal thank you to Dave Lyons (local potter), Mary Lou Masanz, Nancy Esser, and Nicole Hanutke (parents), for their endless hours assisting with the pottery throwing group. They helped teach, throw, trim, glaze and most of all HELPED clean up the room after class!



Pittsville K – 12 Student Art Show, Mrs. Doering, Art Teacher

Many thanks to everyone who attended the K – 12 Student Art Show. The students enjoyed sharing their work with you. I am always reminded how important the show is to the students when I hear them shout out "There is mine!" or when they ask me to drop everything to hang up their painting because they finished it in time to be in the show!

Congratulation students for a great show this year! Special thanks to Rebecca Sturgis, Ana Klein, Maria Esser, Julia Redmond, Morgan Geer, Emily Carlson, Gunner Carlson, and Nancy Esser for helping with hanging the art show.

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. 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.

Counselor's Corner: 3rd Quarter - Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Greetings to All! I hope this article finds you well and looking forward to spring...finally! ☺ Please take a minute to read the follow important reminders for students this spring. As always, if you have any questions about any of the information provided, please feel free to contact me at any time!

SENIORS:

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 PM, Auditorium will be *Awards Night* in the auditorium.

Graduation: Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium (Senior Breakfast will be held prior at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria; all seniors must report to the LMC by 9:00 AM)

Paying for school: Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! As most of you know, most local scholarships are due Monday, April 3rd, but some are due before spring break. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2016-2017 Scholarships and Contests) under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college; your 2015 taxes will be used for applying.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.)

Next Steps for post-secondary: 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>. (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the "University of Wisconsin Information" tab.) Additionally, most schools require a **housing deposit** of some form this spring yet to secure a spot in the dorms; please make sure you have completed this step to guarantee yourself a spot with university housing next fall.

JUNIORS:

Spring Campus Visits: Spring is great time for juniors to visit prospective campuses to get the "real feel" for campus life with classes still in session. Many colleges provide students and parents the opportunity to experience this together through their *Preview Days* programs.

Summer/Early Fall ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines: Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the "Testing" tab.)

- Test Date: April 8, 2017—Registration Deadline: March 3, 2017
- Test Date: June 10, 2017—Registration Deadline: May 5, 2017
- Test Date: September 9, 2017—Registration Deadline: August 4, 2017

Apply Early: Students who plan to attend *Mid State Technical College* after graduating can apply as early as 2nd semester of their junior year. This is a very smart thing to do as some programs fill up quickly (WELDING, NURSING, etc.) and applying early decreases the chance of being put on a wait list. Students need to take the **Accuplacer** or the ACT as part of the admissions process; the Accuplacer must now be taken at MSTC, the ACT needs to be taken at an official ACT testing site.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN:

Sophomore Meetings: Sophomores will be completing their spring meetings in March and April. Be sure to touch base with them to see what they discussed. The 20 minute meetings are very beneficial both academically and personally. Sophomore students are encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities so as to help them and the community they live in! Also, the sophomore class will be taking a trip to MSTC in Stevens Point on March 10th to learn information about their programs that are offered. This is a hands on experience for students to see what kind of great jobs are available with a technical college degree.

Freshmen Spring Meetings: All freshmen are asked to meet with Mrs. Krystowiak 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 account and participating in a job shadow experience*. Freshmen meetings will begin after spring break until the conclusion of the year.

8TH GRADERS:

In the next month, the 8th grade will presented to on facts about depression and suicide. In addition to this, students will able to be screened if they chose to do so. This is a great opportunity for students to both learn about and do a check-in on their mental health.

SPRING FIELD TRIP: The "**Reality Store**" field trip is a real life budgeting simulation event that will be hosted at Marshfield Middle School by MACCI on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. This will be a very memorable and useful opportunity for all those who attend. Please be sure to touch base with your student in regards to the job they held as well as how they spent their money.

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.

Career Cruising Grades 6-12

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by students to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Students in grades 6-8 work on Career Cruising during What I Need (WIN) time once per month with his or her advisor and during careers class in 7th and 8th grade. Students in grades 6-8 have already used Career Cruising this year to match their interests with possible career choices, review the 16 career clusters, and complete assessments and inventories to learn more about themselves. Students in grades 10-12 have used the career matchmaker as well as the college matchmaker to look into careers and fields of study. These have been saved to their profiles for quick look-up and future viewing. Please ask your student to show you their account and see what they can tell you about what they have learned. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the internet. Features of the program include:

ASSESSMENTS. World renowned assessment tools to help your child identify his or her career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles

CAREER PROFILES. Thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and related college programs

MULTIMEDIA INTERVIEWS. Interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles

COLLEGE/ FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION. Comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help your child find the right college and the right scholarships.

EMPLOYMENT GUIDE. Advice for all stages of the job search process, including developing a job search plan, networking, writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews, and adjusting to a new job

MY PLAN. An online portfolio where your child can develop and reflect on his or her academic, personal, and career exploration activities, and make plans for the future

RESUME BUILDER. Integrated with the My Plan tool to help your child create, format, and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

PARENT PORTAL. Allows you to view the information your child has stored in his or her Plan, learn more about the careers and schools that your child is interested in, and communicate with your child's career advisor

Notes from the Music Department

Soon the 4th graders will have the opportunity to test try instruments for 5th grade beginner band. All parents of current 4th are invited to attend a **parent meeting on April 12, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 pm** in the band room to discuss the different aspects of band including instrument testing, instrument rental policies, summer lesson opportunities, and what to expect as a parent of a potential band student. Parents of any student interested in joining band next year are welcome to attend. I look forward to meeting you all.

Students from area schools will participate in a Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) sanctioned Choir Concert Festival hosted on Thursday, April 6 and Band Concert Festival on Thursday, April 20 in the Pittville Auditorium. During the festival, which is free and open to the public, students will perform as a large ensemble before an adjudicator. The Music Department is searching for volunteers door monitors for either of the dates. Please contact music boosters if you are willing to help; search Pittsville Performing Arts on Facebook or contact music booster president Diana Coulthard at dicoulthard@yahoo.com.

WSMA music festivals annually attract thousands of students from middle, junior high and high schools throughout Wisconsin. The festival will draw student from a number of area schools, including Stratford Middle and High School, Spencer Middle and High School, and Pittsville Middle and High School. A more comprehensive schedule will be available in April.

The Pittsville Music Department sent 32 events to perform at District Solo Ensemble on February 17 at Assumption High School. Students worked hard to prepare and perform vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios and small ensembles before an adjudicator. A special congratulations goes out to two students who received a star rating on their solos and will be performing at State Solo Ensemble in May: Elizabeth Schulz and Adrienne Week.

A special "Thank You" to all who attended or donated a basket to the High School Pops Concert. It was a well-attended, lovely evening. Thank you for your continued support of the Pittsville Band and Choir!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS:

Thursday, April 6	Choir Concert Festival
Wednesday, April 12	Beginning Band Parent Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 20	Band Concert Festival
Monday, May 15	5th and 6th Grade Music Concert @ 6:00 pm
Sunday, May 21	7th and 8th Grade Music Concert @ 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 21	High School Spring Concert @ 7:00 pm



SubDistrict at Assumption, February 20th



SubDistrict at Plainfield/TriCounty, February

PHS Forensics

Although PHS Forensics is a bit smaller this year, the team is excited to be gearing up for the three month run to state. The 31 member team has been busy. We hosted our annual Practice Festival on February 6, attended SubDistrict at Assumption High on February 20, and Ms. Brown and Mrs. Downs drove 12 members of the team to a second SubDistrict at Plainfield/Tri-County on February 27 so members of our team could participate in both FCCLA and Forensics. (Now that is Team Work!)

On March 5, Forensics and Drama Club members will be attending *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove, and District 5 Forensics on March 11. State Forensics is April 21-22. As Ms. Freedlund always says, "Speak Well!"

Check out Pittsville High School, Pittsville Elementary School, and Pittsville School District on Social Media!!!



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.

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WGLX

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103.3 FM

WIFC
WAOW

95.5 FM
TV-9

WEAU
WSAW

TV-13
TV-7

Through the Decades at PHS: Prom and Graduation Edition

Contributors: Messrs Downs and Piotrowski for The History Club. From the pages of Ho Ang Ho.

As we escape the clutches of winter and look forward to the spring we take a look at memories of the Junior Prom and Graduation.

Prom. Prom has been known to stir a variety of feelings and memories. Themes and members of past Prom Courts at Pittsville High School included... "On the Edge of a Dream" was the theme for the 1987 Prom. Members of the court included Julie Frost escorted by Tom Hanutke, Steph Pliner escorted by Fred Grubofski, Linda Weinfurter escorted by Jeff Hanutke, Debbie Neve escorted by Mike Nanstad, Kari Lasee escorted by Troy Zickert, Jeanne Itzen escorted by Chris Jensen, and Queen Michelle Jepson escorted by King Troy Robus.

The theme for the 1997 prom was "A Moment in Time". The Junior Prom saw many who dressed up in their finest as they danced to the theme song "Open Arms." Members of the court were Mini-Queen Carrie Lippert escorted by Mini-King Brent Seebruck. Members of the court were Kim Soper escorted by Scott Sojka, Marie Guden escorted by Matt Darr, Alicia Guden escorted by Dustin Grutzik, Bobbi Jo Cullen escorted by Chad Cournoyer, Cindi Christian escorted by Brad Marten, Jolene Sojka escorted by Tim Moore and Rhonda Wayerski escorted by Dan Grossman. The 1996 Queen Stacey Herzberg crowned Kim Soper as the 1997 Queen. The 1996 King Doug Mundt crowned Matt Darr as the 1996 Prom King. All in all, a wonderful evening.

The theme of the 2007 Prom was "A Night at the Roxbury". The Court was comprised of Hayli Barber escorted by Bobby Ostrowski, Stacey Halama escorted by Jordan Wilke, Stephanie Quinnell escorted by Wes Fox, Mariah Guden escorted by Chase O'Keefe, Mackenzie Hautala escorted by Zach Heuer, Kelli Hughes escorted by Craig Mews, Madeline Meis escorted by Zach Copeland, Rachel John escorted by Jared Hahn, and Andrea Virsnieks escorted by Sam Winters. The 2006 Queen Laura Palmer crowned 2007 Queen Stephanie Quinnell and 2006 King Frankie Barber crowned Bobby Ostrowski 2007 King.

Graduation. On Sunday the 7th of June the class of 1987 held its Graduation ceremony. The class motto was "Special times and special places, special friends together; the moments pass so quickly, but the memories last forever". Class leaders offering their sage advice included Valedictorian Kelly Houston, Salutatorians Richard Frost and Liesl Swansen, and Class President Joelle Giarrusso.

May 25, 1997 marked the last day as Pittsville students as the class of 1997 graduated. The class motto was "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and I will leave a trail." Recognized as the top of the class were Stacey Herzberg, Nikki Romens, Jacki Masephol, Nicole Dallman, Kris Sutton, Angie Claeys, and Kim Fisher. Presenting words of advice and wisdom were Class President Doug Mundt, Jr., Salutatorian Jacquelyn Masephol and Valedictorian Angela Claeys.

A mere decade ago the class of 2007 received their sheepskin in a Graduation Ceremony held on the 26th of May, 2007. The class motto was "As each of us follows our path in life we will remember these years. We will remember our friends, the laughter, and the pain. Our smiles reflect the memories locked deep in our hearts. Future dreams shine like the bright stars against distant nights. We have grown so much, and yet, will grow forever". Class sages included Valedictorians Brittany Zieher. Class Salutatorians were Anna Shute and Laura Palmer.

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.

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 you

Check out our district website at

www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
for the most current sports schedules!!

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

PTO Corner

Our most sincere thanks to parents and community members for your continued support of the PTO and PTO sponsored activities. We could not do it without you!!

We just held our collection challenge where we had classrooms bring in at least 100 items including Box Tops for Education, Campbell's soup labels, milk caps and Coke points in order to earn an extra recess. Thank you to everyone who collected-keep it up!! A very special thank you goes out to all our volunteers who helped count and turn in all of these items.

Don't forget about our Scrip program! Need a gift card? Want to shop with a gift card for groceries or normal day to day purchases? Scrip is the way to go. You can purchase a gift card through the PTO at face value and the scrip program donates a % of sales back to the PTO. Drop your order off in the school office, send it in with your child or place it in the scrip box any day. Check out the PTO page for more information.

We have a few events left this year that we hope you all can be a part of. McTeachers night will be at the Wisconsin Rapids McDonalds on March 28th from 4 to 7pm. Come enjoy dinner with your family while the teachers of Pittsville serve you. 10% of all sales from 4 to 7 will be donated to the PTO. As well any student that comes that night will be entered into a drawing for some great new books. We will also be having spring pictures on April 6th. During the day, students that bring in their order form and money will have their pictures taken in the morning. That evening from 4:30 to 7pm, families can sign up to have family photos taken as well. The Buy One Get One Book fair will be May 10th -12th. Exact hours will be posted soon but we will be open during the Bike Rodeo to be held on May 12th after school. We are looking for volunteers to come and work during school hours so the kids can pick out their favorite summer reading materials. More information for all these events will be sent home with kids later this month.

We are looking into changing our major fundraiser for next year. We currently have been doing a Little Caesars fund raiser along with a no pizza sale. We are also looking for a new person to head our major fund raiser. As well we will be looking for a new Vice President for next year. If you are interested in helping out the PTO in any way please let get in contact with us at pto@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

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