



EXPECTING EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY FROM ALL, DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE STUDENTS, STRENGTHENED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

State ACT scores were released a few weeks ago and if you have not heard, Pittsville had the highest score of our current 21 school Central Wisconsin Conference and second highest among the 23 districts in Central Wisconsin. In addition, the district scores on the School Report Cards all went up; Elementary and District Exceeding Expectations, and the HS Meeting Expectations and making a significant 2.3 point increase. It is nice to have done well, but well-rounded minds know a school is much more than a score on the ACT or State Report Card. The “real” connection is how the kids feel about their education and what the staff is willing to do for our students to be successful now and in the future. This is one way we make our students the most important part of the Pittsville learning experience.



There will be future listening sessions this school year for various groups to establish core values specific to our community. Please consider volunteering to share your thoughts during this process. Listening session dates and times will be posted in the Pittsville Record and on our District web page.

Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Zdun, and I had the privilege of working with a small representative group of high school students a few weeks ago to gain insight on their perspectives of the Pittsville educational community. I was as proud of our students as I would have been of my own children. They were mature beyond their years and it was clear they put considerable thought into the conversation topics. This is a result of parents and other significant adults engaging their kids, setting expectations, and following through. One word, IMPRESSIVE.

Our fall Panther Teams finished strong in the Central Wisconsin Conference. Football earned an 8-1 regular season record, Volleyball earned a third place conference finish with a 5-2 record, and the Cross Country teams increased participation and competed well. The Pep Band will continue to impress. If you can get to some winter events early, you will enjoy the charged atmosphere our Pep Band helps create during pre-game. The Musical “Emma” was performed on October 28 and 29, directed by Sarah Freedlund and Jodi Rueth. The performance provided high entertainment value for the audience and proved to be an excellent experience for the students.

Decisions to cancel school due to winter weather conditions are based on two main things, the best information available at the time and the safety of all 600 students 4K-12. We do our best to avoid dangers created when parents cannot get home from work before their young children are dropped off. I appreciate your patience and understanding related to school cancelations for poor winter conditions. Notification sites are listed in this publication.

“The current score may be important, but how you get to the finish line is what makes it memorable.”

Our best for their best.
Rodney Figueroa

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MEET THE NEW STAFF

My name is **Mr. Mike Davis**. I'm new to the district and to the area, having moved here from my hometown of Janesville. I attended UW-Madison as an undergraduate and returned to school to get my teaching license in English and ESL from Edgewood College. In addition to teaching here, I help coach middle school football and high school baseball. My hobbies include reading, playing card games, and golfing.



Hi, I'm **Mrs. Kim Fox** and I am the new bookkeeper assistant. I have been doing bookkeeping for over 28 years. My husband Gregg and I are graduates of Pittsville High School as well as our daughter, Mandy, and our son, Brandon. We have 2 grandchildren currently attending the elementary school and 3 more that will be in the near future. In my spare time, I enjoy family time, riding motorcycle, and reading. I believe that we have an awesome school, and I am glad to be a small part of it!

I'm **Ms. Zoe Hale**. I would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone here in Pittsville for being so welcoming during my first year here at the school. Everyone has been very kind and extremely helpful! I am the new 5th-8th grade ELA- Reading teacher. This is my second year teaching, but my first year teaching middle school! I am very passionate about reading, writing, and English in general. I graduated from UWSP and still reside in Stevens Point. I have one dog, Garth, who is a rescue and will be turning 3 this December! I am very excited to see how the rest of the year here at Pittsville goes!



My name is **Mrs. Julia Knudson**. I will be a Special Education Assistant at Pittsville Elementary School. I have been married to my husband Kevin for the past 11 years. We have been blessed with 2 wonderful daughters. McKenzie, 20, is a junior at UW Whitewater studying communications and corporate business. Keyrra, 10, is in 5th grade at Pittsville Elementary School. I like to make a difference in my community by volunteering. Most of my volunteer hours are spent working with 4-H youth and teaching CCD at my church. My family and I like to spend time attending many sporting events each week. My favorite sports to watch is softball, basketball, and volleyball. My family and I also enjoy going on adventures through Wisconsin in the summer by going camping at different campgrounds.

My name is **Ms. Lindsay Meissner**. I am very excited to be joining the Pittsville School District as the new Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor. I graduated from UW-River Falls in December of 2004. I am a member of the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators where I have served as a board member for the association. Currently, I am serving time on the Wisconsin FFA Center board. I grew up and still reside in the Marshfield area. I have four boys; Ethan age 14, Blake age 10, Tarin age 4 and Wyatt age 9 months. As a family, which also includes my boyfriend Noah and dog Mickey, we spend most of our time on a football field, at a hockey rink, or on a baseball diamond. We also enjoy traveling when we can find time in our schedules. Agriculture has always been a passion of mine, as it serves as a strong foundation for our local towns, our state, and our nation. The agricultural industry has so many opportunities for people from all walks of life. There is truly a place for everyone and the people within the industry are standing with open arms to welcome anyone who may come along. I believe that we must prepare today's children to change the world, and that preparation begins with education. Without the knowledge of the industry that started it all, we will not be able to create a better future. This is best accomplished through high school agriculture programs, where students have the opportunity to learn and develop the skills necessary for us to remain world leaders in agriculture.



Hello, my name is **Mrs. Candy Munro**. I am a Special Education Assistant here at the wonderful Pittsville Elementary 4K-8. I am happily married to my best friend for 16 years together and we have 4 children. Karis 23, Tyler 21, Amber 21 and Emily 18. We have 2 beautiful grandchildren Nirvana who is 21 months and Tanner our newest edition who is 1 month old. My husband and I are Dexter Park Camp hosts for 6 months of the year. We reside in Wisconsin Rapids the other 6 months. We also have 3 dogs. I love to read and crochet, I am a fan of revising meals to make them healthy, I shoot video archery and trap shoot, and I also love walking.

My name is **Ms. Jodi Rueth** and I teach general music in grades 4K, 3, and 4, along with choirs in grades 5-12. I'm also excited to be the school musical co-director and the director of the show choir. I have a Bachelor of Music degree in 1992 from UW-Stevens Point, and am certified to teach Pre-K-12 Vocal and General Music, a minor in Piano, and a Master's Degree in Professional Development from UW-River Falls in 2010. I have 3 children. Kelsey is 22 and has one year left of nursing school at Bellin College in Green Bay, Krista, 19, attends UW-LaCrosse, and Karter is 16 and is a junior at Neillsville High School. I am also proud to be an almost 3 year breast cancer survivor!



Hi, my name is **Mrs. Brenda Veldman** and I am the new Special Education Assistant at the high school. My husband Paul and I have three students in the district, Isaiah is a sophomore, Amelia is in 8th grade, and Bob is in 5th grade. I most recently worked in the district as a substitute assistant and volunteered at the elementary school. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, knitting, volunteering at Jeremiah's Crossing, and an occasional motorcycle ride with my husband. I am enjoying my new role and look forward to further serving the students in the district.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS, 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 SchoolMessenger 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.

WIFC	95.5 FM	WOFM	94.7 FM	WSAW	TV-7
WOSQ	92.3 FM	WGLX	103.3 FM	WAOW	TV-9
				WEAU	TV-13

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that at an election to be held in the School District of Pittsville on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 the following office is to be elected to succeed the present incumbent listed. Term of office for a school board member is three years beginning April 23, 2018.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Member	Connie Potter

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the office of the school administrator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Forms for filing can be obtained from the School District's Administration Office beginning December 1.

CENTRAL WI ACT SCORES

Below is the ranking of average ACT scores from 23 public high schools in central Wisconsin for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Marshfield High School, 21.9
- **Pittsville High School, 21.3**
- Auburndale High School, 21.1
- D.C. Everest High School, 21
- Iola-Scandinavia High School, 20.7
- Spencer High School, 20.7
- Wausau West High School, 20.7
- Marathon High School, 20.6
- Stevens Point Area Senior High School, 20.6
- Stratford Junior-Senior High School, 20.4
- Wausau East High School, 20.3
- Lincoln High School (Wisconsin Rapids), 20.2
- Wittenberg-Biramwood High School, 20.2
- Athens High School, 20
- Tomahawk High School, 19.9
- Mosinee High School, 19.8
- John Edwards High School (Port Edwards), 19.7
- Merrill High School, 19.7
- Edgar High School, 19.5
- Rosholt High School, 19.4
- Nekoosa High School, 19.3
- Amherst High School, 19.1
- Almond-Bancroft High School, 18.9

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS. 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.

SKYLERT/SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION. School Messenger allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to parents and students. The system is used to notify families of emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events. Through Family Access, a parent/guardian can set up the capability to receive these messages, including what types they would like to receive, and what phone numbers or e-mail addresses to use. To check and update your Skylert contact information, log into your Family Access Account in Skyward. 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. 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.

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High School:	facebook.com@pittsvillehighschool



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HOURS

Monday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Thursday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Friday:	5:30-7:00 AM	
Saturday:	8:00-11:00 AM	
Sunday:		4:00-7:00 PM



PHS News

I am again amazed at how quickly this 1st Term has flown by. With a quarter of the school-year gone by, we have certainly accomplished a great deal. We have rolled through our fall sports seasons, put on the first high school musical production in many years (Thanks Mrs. Freedlund and Mrs. Rueth!), and even did a bit of teaching and learning!

Just a note to remember that final exams will be given on November 2nd, which will bring the official end to Term 1. Please help your child do their best by reminding them to begin studying for their final exams at least a week in advance, get plenty of rest, and come in on exam day with a great attitude. I'm sure they will do fine.

Part of the staff's work during our pre-school inservice was to use student testing data to set goals for each class. Later, with their advisors, students set individual goals for themselves as well. What follows are the specific goals set for the classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021:

Freshman Aspire test goal: 426

Sophomore Aspire test goal: 429

Junior ACT test goal: 21.3

The Aspire exams, which will be taken by Sophomores and Freshman in April, and the ACT, which will be taken by Juniors on February 27th, are vital indicators of Career and College Readiness. They are a student's ticket to increased opportunities at both technical colleges and universities. If you would like to "practice" the ACT/Aspire with your child or get tips on student success, the website www.crackact.com has a large amount of helpful information and practice questions. Ask your child what test they are taking and what goal they have. Your interest is invaluable to their success!

Some GREAT news about our ACT result from last year; Pittsville was the second highest scoring school in all of Central Wisconsin. Within an 8,000 square mile radius of Pittsville, only Marshfield High School scored higher. That is an amazing accomplishment! Now we look forward to our class of 2019 continuing the trend of higher ACT scores that is the "new-normal" here at PHS.

Ready or not, here comes Term 2, which includes exploring the new Central Wisconsin Conference in wrestling and boys and girls basketball, as well as math team contests, the winter music shows, and some of our clubs gearing up for their activities. We never rest at PHS. Onward and upward!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

Please check www.pittsville.k12.wi.us > Athletics for the most current sports schedules!



MR. RAYBURN'S HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

have been busy this fall. Taking advantage of the warm weather, the students have been outside for activities such as disc golf and rollerblading. As seen in the photos, some students are more experienced on wheels than others, but the effort to give rollerblading a try was outstanding.

As the weather cools off, the students are moving indoors for activities such as badminton, handball, rock climbing/high ropes, floor hockey, pickleball, and many more.



MR. STEWARD'S BIOLOGY CLASS conducts a Rusty Crayfish Project in the Yellow River each year. This past summer, it was featured in the August 2017 issue of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Magazine. The article discussed the project from an environmental scientific viewpoint as well as the student's perspective.

October 10 in Marshfield with WDLB and October 12 in Wisconsin Rapids with WFHR, Pittsville students Sara Downs, Tara Minor and Ryan Zickert, along with Tracy Arnold from the Wood County Conservation Department, discussed live on the radio the Rusty Crayfish Project. While on the radio, the students were asked questions such as: How did the trapping project get started?, How are the Rusty Crayfish Identified?, Why are rusty crayfish a bad invasive species?, How did the Rusty Crayfish get here?, How are the traps constructed?, What do they look like, how often we check them, etc.?, What type of bait, containers were used?, What data was collected?, Why trap in the Yellow River?, and What we have learned over the last 8 years of conducting the project? The students enjoyed their time on the radio discussing and answering questions from the host and individuals that called into the show. The experience was valuable for the students and the information that they provided was accurate and invaluable to the audience.

The original project was created in Mr. Steward's Biology class while working in the Yellow River 8 years ago and continues today by teaching students the science behind managing our environment through hands-on activities. The original project idea has spread to other parts of Wisconsin as the interest in reducing or eliminating the Rusty Crayfish increases.

PHS DRAMA CLUB

The fall production, *Emma! A Pop Musical*, gave students an opportunity to be part of a musical production. The cast and crew included 15 seniors, some who have never been in a theater production, let alone a musical. Students learned over 20 songs, learned to play the kazoo, and learned that commitment is a huge part of being a team or a cast. Although doing *Emma!* was a huge challenge for our small school, we are all thankful that we experienced it.



SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

As the weather turns colder, it is time to think about the Ski and Snowboard Club. We like to see all kids, and their parents, active in the winter. Skiing and snowboarding is a great way to spend time with your child while staying active. If you are interested in learning how to ski or snowboard, please call Pam at the HS, 715-884-6412, to reserve a lesson for you and your child. If you are not a winter person but would like to see your child enjoy the snow, call Pam to give them a free lesson in skiing or snowboarding.

We will be planning a ski/board/tube trip for all elementary & high school students and their families sometime in January. Watch for the flyers to come home.

The HS Ski/Snowboard Club will be taking their weekend trip to Indianhead on Jan 5, 6, 7. This trip is for HS students who are in the Ski/Snowboard Club.

ADDED EXPERIENCE OF A BLENDED CLASSROOM

Math classroom experiences and expectations are changing at all levels of education and here in Pittsville, we are trying to give our students experiences that will allow them to adjust quickly to their post-secondary educations. Pittsville graduates frequently return to our halls, here at the high school, to update us in their experiences, successes and with advice. With some frequency, we are told that the math classes either use all electronic textbooks and content, or have an assignment component that is electronic. These require students to express their math understanding through electronic expression. As you might imagine, this can be a challenge initially for any student. In addressing these experiences for graduates, Pittsville High School is testing out the "blended classroom". Our Pre-Algebra classroom is taught much like a traditional math classroom but the text is online as are many assignments and tests. Students are allowed to experience a new variety of resources and homework reports. Many of the assignments allow for immediate feedback, which allow our students to problem solve their own mistakes and further learn from the work involved. The blended classroom gives students the opportunity to process math objectives in additional ways. It is our hope that as these students move into their post-secondary experiences, they are taking with them an experience from high school that will help them quickly adjust to their new opportunities.

SPLASH OF RED CRANBERRY TOUR CELEBRATES 17TH ANNIVERSARY

It is amazing that 17 years ago, the Pittsville FFA/FFA Alumni started conducting cranberry tours at Tom, Janeen, and Wayne Gardner cranberry marshes. FFA Alumni member Marv Kohlbeck and FFA/Ag instructor Bill Urban approached Mr. Gardner 17 summers ago asking for permission to give cranberry tours on his marsh and processing plant. Today, the annual event is still going strong! This year, we will have 12 tour dates and educate over 1000 guests about the cranberry industry in "Cranberry Basket of the World", including many fourth grade groups, lifelong learners, and high school groups. Over the years, we have had guests from every state in the nation, as well as from the countries of Australia, Germany, Japan, Canada and other parts of Europe. These student led groups have been recognized at the local, state, and national level for their educational value to our students and uniqueness to our community.

The comments heard by these student led tours include: "What a great learning tool for young adults!, It's nice to see young people in different situations that they will use later in life!, They are so well behaved and professional looking!, What a beautiful auditorium and facilities you have here at Pittsville. "We would like to thank Tom, Janeen, and Wayne Gardner, Dennis and Connie Potter, John and Gale Baum, Pittsville High School's Local Food class, Hahn Transportation, Pam Kumm, Deb Zdun, Pam Tesch, and Kim Fox for helping make these tours run smoothly.



OH HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED: PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Oh how times have changed! When I first started teaching Physical Education here in Pittsville 26 years ago, things were certainly much different than they are today. In 1991, the gym was our current cafeteria with a slippery tile floor, low ceiling, and was just a bit larger than half of our current basketball court. My office and equipment room was a small electrical closet with a single lightbulb. All of the Phy. Ed. equipment was stored on two sets of shelves or stacked on the floor of the tiny room. At lunchtime, Phy. Ed. classes had to move to the Multipurpose (MP) Room which was even smaller.

In 1995, a small addition was made to the MP Room which made the lunchtime situation a bit better. The year 2000 saw the addition of our amazing Fieldhouse with locker rooms, weight room and equipment room. When we first moved the shelves and all of our Phy. Ed. equipment, we barely made a dent in the space. The size of the gym was incredible and for some of the younger classes it was too big and we would have to lower the curtain just to keep the little ones contained. At that time, I thought I was the luckiest Physical Education teacher to have such great facilities.

Then, in 2014, something totally amazing happened. The Pittsville School District received the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant. This grant has truly changed our Physical Education program. The equipment we were able to purchase for the students is incredible. We are able to offer so many new units and activities that it will be difficult to cover them all in a single year. The weight room was totally redone and a cardiovascular room was added and are now available for the public to use as well. We also added a Rock Wall and Indoor Challenge Course that the students really enjoy. In addition to the awesome equipment, we also received an enormous amount of professional development. This has allowed us to completely rewrite the Physical Education curriculum and create a program that is exciting and inclusive.

I now realize that I really am the luckiest Physical Education teacher ever because along with our great facilities here in Pittsville, we have a great Physical Education program, the equipment to conduct it, and the most amazing children to benefit from it. We have come a long way in the past 26 years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to see our facility. ~Mr. Jim Krueger, K-6 Phy Ed (715) 884-2517 ext 244, kruegjam@pittsville.k12.wi.us



Elementary News

Autumn greetings to you and your family!

The start of the school year has been busy and filled with a lot of learning. This year, one of my goals is to provide our students with new learning experiences. On September 22, our school hosted the NED Show. Ned stands for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. The NED Show focuses on teaching character education to students.

Along with teaching the students about making good choices, the NED show integrates yoyo tricks into the presentation. Throughout the assembly, Soupy (NED's friend and the actual performer) uses his yoyo to tell the story about NED being a good person. This pay-it-forward assembly is followed by five days of NED's yoyo sales! All students had the opportunity to purchase yoyos and learn some of the fun tricks that Soupy did during the assembly. All students in Grades 4K-8 enjoyed this assembly!

With the support of our PTO, the Dome Theater brought science to life for the students on October 20. Each grade level had the opportunity to participate in the Dome Theater for thirty minutes viewing a science program that was connected to their curriculum. The Dome Theater was in our multi-purpose room and students entered the planetarium without leaving school grounds! It was a great educational, engaging experience for the students.

We continue to focus on PBIS. Our goal is to continue focusing on the positive behaviors we see in our students. New this year: Every month, students have the opportunity to put their Golden Tickets in a special box in the office for a chance to win some great prizes! We had some very excited students our first drawing! The tickets stay in the box so they can win anytime throughout the year! We are very proud of our students here in Pittsville! We have also created Platinum Dollars - very exciting, I know! Platinum Dollars are equal to 5 golden tickets. Students earn Platinum Dollars when they do not receive any Behavior Documentation Forms for the quarter. The students who receive 4 platinum dollars for the year participate in a very special reward!

I am grateful to be here in Pittsville, working in such a great community and with such great people. I am honored to be part of your child's education.

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday

To follow us on Facebook, please search "pittsville elementary school, pittsville, wi" and LIKE our page!

From the World of Intervention

We are very excited that this is our second year of WIN (What I Need) time. Every student K-8 is placed into a group during this time to get what they need for their learning. This may mean they are getting some remedial help or some participating in enrichment activities. We have been working with our groups since mid to late September and are seeing a lot of improvement and growth already with our struggling math and reading students.

We are very excited to have Mrs. Frericks as a full-time math interventionist this year to work with those students who are having difficulty in Math. She encourages her students to work on math at home and she utilizes resources such as Front Row and Xtra Math websites.

Ms. Walloch and Ms. Schooley continue to work with the struggling readers using a variety of interventions from Sound Partners & Comprehension Toolkit, to LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) to meet their students' needs. They encourage their students to read at home nightly for at least 15 minutes.

What is PBIS? (Part 1 of 4 in the Series)

Have you heard the acronym PBIS and wondered what it is referring to? Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a school-wide approach to supporting students to be successful in schools. PBIS focuses on having pro-active procedures and practices in place to prevent problem behavior for all students. The goal is to create an environment that sets all students up for success. At Pittsville Elementary, we focus on four school-wide behavior expectations that go across all grade levels 4K - 8 and are expected in all school settings. This allows our students to be fully aware of desired behaviors no matter their activity or location within the school. Our school-wide expectations, called Panther Traits, are listed below.

Be Respectful: Treat everyone and everything with kindness.

Be Responsible: Take care of yourself and your things.

Be Honorable: Do what is right even when nobody is watching.

Be Engaged: Be aware of and do what you are supposed to be doing.

PBIS is one of the ways we're creating a school culture that makes Pittsville Elementary a great place to be!



8th Grade EXPO: The 8th Grade classes harvested and cleaned up the produce from the school garden that was planted this summer. The students will be focusing on how to utilize the vegetables and preserve them for future use. Upcoming labs will be: spaghetti squash with homemade sauce, squash mac n' cheese, and squash spice cake.



Kindergarten Connection

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The Kindergarten children have been busy adjusting to attending school every day. They have had the chance to visit the computer lab, learn how to login, and they have used the Starfall and IXL websites at school. Families will have access to use both IXL and RazKids programs at home this school year. These are programs that focus on Math and Reading.

fall! The children have identified different signs of fall and discussed the weather changes that occur during the season of fall. We completed Kinder Literacy units on the themes of Sharing, Apples, and Bats. The children enjoyed our Great Apple Crunch Day on October 12th, where they were able to enjoy a healthy treat from Sacia's Orchard in Galesville.

Students were recently screened using the statewide PALS Kindergarten assessment. This screening includes alphabet recognition, rhyming words, beginning sounds, phonetic spelling, and concept of word. Results of this screening were shared with parents during Fall parent/teacher conferences, as well as to help drive instructional decisions to meet individual learning needs.

We look forward to visiting the Fire Station and learning about Fire Prevention. The children will be able to see the equipment that firefighters use to help others. We would like to thank the Pittsville Fire Department for taking the time to have us visit the station and learn about their job. Happy Fall! ~Mrs. Heinzen and Mrs. Petersen, Pittsville Kindergarten Teachers

Senses at the School Forest

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Stone took the 1st grade classes on a trip to the Pittsville School Forest to learn about the 5 senses. The students went on a scavenger hunt and used their sense of sight to look for signs of fall and objects in the woods. They studied leaves with magnifying lenses and identified which tree they belonged to. The students felt different objects from nature that were in bags, described how they felt and guessed what they were. In another activity, students smelled different scents and tried to guess what they were. They tasted different candies and named what flavor they were. Also, the students matched sounds from shakers. While they ate their picnic lunch, they even had a chance to do a few art projects and leaf rubbings. The students had a fun time exploring at the school forest and learning about our 5 senses!



3rd Grade News

Our 3rd Graders have been learning about habitats in our Science Unit. We studied animals' skulls and determined what they ate and what their habitat might have been.

Following that unit, we took a trip to the School Forest. While we were there, we discussed the forest habitat by taking a hike and looking for animals and their homes. Also, the students looked for a leaf and created a piece of art with it. The final station was making a pet rock. At the end of our day, we did a STEM project with candy corn and toothpicks. Each group had to build the tallest free-standing tower. It was tricky, but a couple of the groups succeeded. It was a fun experience for the students to integrate into our Science studies!

4th & 5th Graders Visit Highground Veterans Memorial Park

Junior High Students Visit Hay Creek Pallet

October 18 was the Fifth Annual Bioenergy Day in the United States. In honor of this day, Hay Creek of Pittsville invited the sixth, seventh and eighth graders to tour the facility in Pittsville and learn about the products that are made there. Students learned that the company gets pallets from other companies and at first they try to repair them. If not, they recycle them. They are chopped up and the nails are removed (which are also recycled by selling them for metal so they can be made into new nails). This chopped material can then be used to make mulch, or chopped up even more for cattle bedding, or they make wood stove pellets from them. Students toured the facility and saw all the steps of the process, learning about how Bioenergy is made in Pittsville.





FFA FIRE CONFERENCE

Abbi Knutson, Hannah Hensel, and Savanna Fredrick of the Pittsville FFA Chapter attended the Wisconsin Association of FFA FIRE Conference on October 7 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Campus in Madison, Wisconsin. FIRE stands for "Foundations in Reaching Excellence." The conference helps young FFA members discover opportunities in the FFA organization and gain valuable leadership skills. This is one of three conferences held around the state of Wisconsin for seventh, eighth, and ninth grade FFA members. Over 600 members will attend these three conferences over three weekends statewide.

The State FFA FIRE Conference is designed to inform beginning

FFA members about the FFA and motivate them to participate in its many activities. Students learned about communication skills, social skills, goal setting, FFA awards and programs, and opportunities in agriculture along with developing leadership skills to help them be effective members in their local chapters. The conference is conducted by the 2017-2018 State FFA Officer Team along with assistance from the UW-Madison Collegiate FFA. This conference was centered around the theme "Destination Unknown - The Possibilities are Limitless".

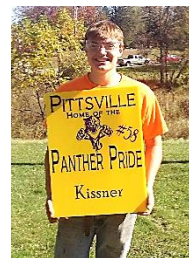
All of the state officers encouraged students that attended the FIRE Conference to set goals for their FFA involvement and meet people from around the state who can help them reach those goals. Not only does this conference help students understand the FFA organization and all its opportunities, but helps them develop skills in meeting people, working with others, and setting goals with a plan of action. "In the FFA, we assist members starting in seventh grade to develop skills they will need for future careers and opportunities," said Cheryl Zimmerman, State FFA Executive Director. "FFA develops the whole person and these young members are taking a step in the right direction."



These items were taken to a semi-truck located in Bancroft, WI that delivered thousands of donated items to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, these 7th graders have made Thank-You cards for bus drivers and other school staff, helped stock shelves at PANS (Pittsville's local food pantry), as well as picked up garbage around the school and Riverside Park. Seventh graders currently enjoy being reading buddies to some of the students in the primary wing!

Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing

This fall, the students in Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing designed and sold custom school spirit yard signs to community members. This product is an extension of a business called Panther Creations that the classes run together. They also sell plaques and do custom sign work for many people in the central Wisconsin area. The students are involved in every process of the business and learn valuable after school work skills.



Through the Decades at PHS: Fall Edition

From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Tyler Carlson, Jalynn Merritt, Katherine Carter, Bekah Downs, Hannah Hensel, Riley Scheel, Alexis Redmond, Sarah Downs and Messrs Downs and Piotrowski for The History Club

1977-78: The '77 Panther gridiron team was a good one! Under the guidance of first year head coach Chuck Soper the boys forged a 6-3 record good for second place in the Marawood Conference. Senior players included Randy Buelt, Paul Seebuck, Dave Amundson, Mike Nordman, Ed Hendrickson, John Brooks, Dan Hahn (captain), Rick Schwanebeck, Greg Urban, Tom Iwanski, Dan Dexter (captain), and Dean Barten. The seniors receiving All-Conference honors included Buelt, Hendrickson, Hahn, Schwanebeck, Dexter, and Barten. The Volleyball team was coached by Dorothy Berg and included seniors Guadalupe Zarate, Sue Grobe, Sharon Kaetterhenry, Kitty Reshel, Tami Scheurer, Nellen Potts, Deb Pralle, Lynn Brice, Peg Krueger. In 1977 the Homecoming Court included Tami Scheurer escorted by Greg Urban, Julie Schara (Queen) escorted by Rick Schwanebeck (King), Jeannine Clauson escorted by Dan Dexter, Kitty Reshel escorted by Dan Hahn, and Cathy Piotrowski escorted by Ed Hendrickson.

1987-88: The 1987 football was coached by Mark Gronski and finished with a 3-4 record in the Marawood Conference. Seniors for the '87 team included Tony Dedecker, Waylon Dupee, Alan Frost, Dan Grorich, Jeff Hanutke, Chris Jensen, Mike Nanstad, Bill Schutz, Troy Zickert. Waylon Dupee and Chris Jensen were named to the Marawood All-Conference team. The '87 Volleyball team finished with an 8-1 record and was coached by Karen Iwanski. Seniors players included Donna Drechsler, Beth Martin, Kim Orgel, Chris Fossen, Stephanie Pliner, Dawn Graf, Debbie Neve, Linda Weinfurter. The 1987 the Homecoming Court included: Sue Phinsakool escorted by Tony DeDecker, LeeAnn Carolfi escorted by Jeff Hanutke, Stephanie Pliner escorted by Mike Nanstad, Kim Orgel (Queen) escorted by Waylon Dupee (King), Chris Fossen escorted by Chris Jensen, and Ruth Freedland escorted by Bill Schutz.

1997-98: The football team, coached by Rick Marten, had a record of 5-4 in the regular season and lost in the second round of playoffs. The seniors and captains of the team were Chad Balcom, Brad Behselich, Chad Cournoyer, Pat Fernandez, Dan Grossman, Dustin Grutzik, Corey Kumm, Nick Losievski, Brad Marten, Tim Moore, and Carl Solverud. The 1997 edition of the volleyball team was led by Head Coach Karen Brownell and they cruised to an 7-2 record which earned them third in the Marawood Conference. Seniors on the included Cindi Christian, Jessica Gachnang, Nikki Mrozek, Sabrina Patterson, Jolene Sojka, Kim Soper, and Janelle Wolf. Cindi, Jolene, and Kim served as team captains. The 1997 Cross Country team, coached by Robert Piotrowski, was led by seniors Jeremy Redmond, Nick Redmond, Mike Roberts, and Josh Salo. A highlight of the season was the Panther boys' team winning its home meet, the first time they had done this on their home course. The season ended in Iola at Sectionals, which happened to be where the conference meet was held this past season. In 1997 the Homecoming Court included: Cynthia Christian escorted by Corey Kumm, Bobbi Jo Cullen escorted by Timothy Moore, Danielle Anderson escorted by Chad Cournoyer, Alicia Guden escorted by Daniel Grossman, Jolene Sojka (Queen) escorted by Dustin Grutzik, Nicole Mrozek escorted by Brad Martin (King), and Kimberli Soper escorted by Carl Solverud.

2007-08: The boys got off to a rough 0-3 start to the season, but under the guidance of Coach Dan Hahn, ended it 5-5 and made it to the playoffs. Senior players included Zach Heuer (captain), Sam Winters (captain), Zach Copeland, Josh Adrian, Reginald Freedlund, Craig Mews, Jesse Sojka, Michael Federwitz, Chase O'Keefe (captain) and Jordan Weiler (captain). First team All-Conference honors went to Heuer and Sojka, and Brad Sullivan made second team. The MVP's for 2007 were Sam Winters at Lineman, Defensive MVP was Zach Heuer, and the Offensive MVP was Jordan Weiler. The 2007 Cross Country teams were coached by Casey and Renee John and ended the season with the boys being placed 4th in conference. The girls' team came in 9th. The seniors included Tom Hiles, Alex Nichols, Mike Becker, Jon Nelson, Wes Fox, Jared hahn, Anna Urban and Stephanie Quinell. In 2007, the Homecoming Court included: Madeline Meis escorted by Wes Fox, Anna Urban escorted by Zach Copeland, Brooke Huber escorted by Jared Hahn, Rachael John escorted by Zach Heuer, Kelli Hughes escorted by Craig Mews, Susie Voight escorted by Sam Winters, and Stacy Halama (Queen) escorted by Chase O'Keefe (King).

LOCAL FOODS: The Local Foods class has been busy with prepping all the produce that has been donated over the past months. The students have thoroughly enjoyed being creative with the garden produce!



Some of the labs included: Freezer pear jam, apple fritter muffins, pumpkin pancakes, water bath canning spaghetti sauce, glazed lemon zucchini bread, zucchini cheddar scones, margherita pizza, potato gnocchi, potato pancakes and MANY MORE. A special thanks to the community for your garden produce - it was another successful course!



LOST WAX CASTING WITH MIKE POZAYT

With guidance from Mike Pozayt, goldsmith of Jewelers Palette, the high school students had an amazing opportunity to create their own lost wax casting pendant. The students designed a pendant and then created a wax model by grinding, filing and sanding.



Once the models were complete, Mike demonstrated adding a sprue to each model (creating a path for the molten sterling silver) and putting the pieces into a flask. Mike took the pieces back to the shop ready for investing. In preparation for the students' arrival, Mike placed the invested flasks into the kiln, burning out the wax. At Jewelers Palette, the students melted the sterling silver casting grains and casted their molds through centrifugal force. Thank you, Mike Pozayt, for offering our students a great experience. You can see the final pieces in the glass showcase by the Pittsville auditorium.



SPANISH STUDENTS will be hitting the road again in the spring of 2019. An eight-day trip to Nicaragua has been planned. Students will be able to sign up for the travel opportunity through the middle of November. Look for an informational packet to come home with your child (if they are interested in attending.) Students will stay with Nicaraguan families and learn all about their way of life. There are also plenty of outings planned. Some of the activities include a night tour of a volcano, a rainforest hike, bartering in local markets, zip lining, and a day relaxing and snorkeling on the beach. The trip will cost \$2,095. We will have two years to fundraise and pay for the trip. All students, who have completed Spanish 2 or higher (or will have by the end of the next school year), are eligible for travel. Keep your eyes peeled for information regarding a parent meeting.

Feel free to contact Mrs. Madden with any questions at (maddeale@pittsville.k12.wi.us).

Music Department News

With Veteran's Day approaching quickly, the Music Department has been working to prepare a special program for the occasion. The 8th grade band has been practicing The Star Spangled Banner, while the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade choirs have been rehearsing several songs for the program.

The 5th grade students in band are making steady progress; be prepared for the instruments to be coming home on a regular basis for practice by the end of November. Happy Practicing! Band students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in a new group called Noontime Tunes. Students who are interested in playing come into the band room on Thursdays during lunch recess to rehearse as a group. We are excited to announce the first song we are learning is an arrangement of Just Dance by Lady Gaga.

Several students applied to participate in the UW-Eau Claire Honors Band on Saturday, November 4. Rehearsals start bright and early with a concert to follow at 7:00 pm in the Haas Fine Arts Center. Please help us congratulate the following Pittsville representatives: Rebecca Holford, Michiel Mundt, Brandon Steele, Alexis Redmond.

As basketball season approaches, the Pittsville Pep Band invites all students, alumni, and community members to participate in pre-game performances. For more information, complete 1st semester schedule, and music, contact Ms. Batterman.

Congratulations to all of our musicians who worked very hard to produce and perform, "Emma! A Pop Musical!" Our district has not performed a musical for a very long time so we were excited to have this opportunity!

The 2017-2018 Show Choir is underway and will be preparing for Christmas performances. Congratulations to the members of this year's Girls Show Choir! They are McKayla Behselich, Becky Holford, Isis Ignatowski, Savannah Johnson, Tara Minor, Alexis Redmond, Cammie Reno, Alexi Schiller, Paeton Scholzen, Heather Schubert, Martina Schulz, and Elizabeth Schultz.

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:

November 10: Veteran's Day Program (elementary 9:30 a.m., high school 11:00 a.m.)

December 11: 5-8 Band and Choir Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m.

December 18: K-4 Elementary Winter Program at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. A note will be coming home soon with more information.

December 17: HS Band and Choir Winter Concert at 6:00 p.m., including the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" with alumni.

Congratulations to Ms. Batterman and Ms. Freedlund for being recognized as Teachers of Distinction at the Crystal Apple Award in October.



WHAT'S COOKIN'

This year Pittsville Schools celebrated the GREAT LAKES GREAT APPLE CRUNCH on October 12th by crunching into fresh Macintosh apples harvested this fall in Galesville WI. At the elementary school, we all waited until 9:40 a.m. then counted down and crunched at the same time! The high school enjoyed their apples during PPT time! A big thank you goes to the PTO in helping to purchase the apples.

We have been featuring new menu items during October. Breakfast items include, Cinnamon buns, French toast bread, Strawberry pancakes, orange, and zucchini bread. For lunch, we served, Mandarin orange Chicken with egg rolls and fortune cookie, hot dogs with chili, and Lasagna roll ups served with bread sticks.

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.

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/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.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The **High School** will serve breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class. The **Elementary School** will be serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria for breakfast. 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.

2017-2018 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.40
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.80
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.90
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00

"DOUBLE UP"

We will be offering a second entrée "DOUBLE UP" again this year for grades 6-12. 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 and Lunch menus are available on line at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

PTO NEWS... With the start of the school year behind us, the PTO would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! We could not do what we do without the support from our volunteers. If you are interested in coming to one of our meetings, we meet the second Monday of every month at 3:30 pm in the ES library. We would love to see you there.

Our Seroogy's Candy Bar sales are currently in full swing. This is our major fundraiser for the year. If you haven't picked up your box, stop by the Elementary school office to get your hands on some delicious candy bars. We are also doing the No Candy Bar sale if you do NOT want to sell candy bars at this time. The money we raise will go toward keeping the costs of field trips and other classroom activities to a minimum. The money goes back to the classrooms for OUR kids!

The SCRIP program is another great way to help us raise money for our kids. If you do not know what SCRIP is please head over to the PTO's page on the school website and get started today. Keep an eye out in November for a contest with SCRIP that your kids can participate in to win some great rewards!

Don't forget to be saving your Milk Moola and Coke points and Box Tops for Education labels for our upcoming collection competition this winter. If you do not want to wait until the competition to send in your stuff, there are collection containers in the elementary school office and you can turn them in there. We are looking for someone to help us run our Box Tops program of the Coke Points program. Both are relatively simple things to do. If you are interested, please email the PTO: pto@pittsville.k12.wi.us

Academic & Career Planning

Welcome back to school. It seems strange to be saying this as quarter 1 is coming to a close, but yes welcome back to the daily routine of the ins and outs of school. When days start adding into weeks and weeks change to months, it is easy to see how the daily grind often gets us caught up in the here and now and not looking to the future. Even as adults, at times it is hard to stay focused on the goal at hand when going through the daily tasks of life. Having a thought out plan can be the saving grace when trudging through. Even this pertains to the students within our homes and district.

Thankfully, when looking to the future, our students and parents have access to a well laid out plan to keep their students goals in sight. Have you checked out the Planning Timeline in Career Cruising at all? Do you know what you should be doing in each grade so you're the most prepared for either the next steps or the final outcome? When a new year starts, as it just has, it is best to know what needs to get done to make that happen. To get a start on this, log into your Career Cruising account, select Education, and then Planning Timeline. Each grade has a layout of what should be happening. If you're in 6th or 7th grade, it is never too early to look ahead. In addition to that, the best planning that can be done is doing the best you can in each of your classes so you are prepared when leaving junior high and head into high school. If by chance you've lost access to your account or never received it, please check in with your school counselor and it can be easily retrieved.

At Pittsville Schools, we are continuing to implement Academic and Career Planning at each grade level, but specifically focusing in on grades 6-12. The students here are working on their plans within advising group sessions and classroom settings along with school counselor meetings. As a reminder, it is a student driven adult supported process to help them better understand themselves, create goals, and prepare a plan for achieving them. When this happens, wandering is still allowed but in a guided fashion so as to direct students towards their academic and career goals. We encourage intentional conversations about academic and career goals within the buildings, but outside at home as well.

When taking part in the planning process with students, it can be daunting and uncomfortable. Just as the daily ins and outs become routine, so can planning. A once daunting task can become habit and an uncomfortable conversation can be the gateway to a future goal. We encourage you to jump on the website or call in for a quick conversation on what can be happening now to make those future goals a reality!

Counselor's Corner: 1st Quarter ~Mrs. Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Pittsville Juniors Attend Wisconsin Education Fair at MSTC & Tour UWSP. Pittsville juniors had the opportunity to visit with college reps from over 90 different colleges and universities across the Mid-West region at the annual Wisconsin Education Fair held at MSTC on October 2nd. Juniors were able to obtain information for schools they may be interested in attending. From there, they traveled to UWSP and received a campus tour. This gave them first-hand experience of what a four year college campus is like. Students will be discussing their experience during their Junior Conference which will be held in November or December.

Teen Leadership Council Continues. TLC mentor students are continuing to meet with their assigned mentee group twice a month, once during lunch and once during WIN/PPT, to do different team building activities as well as discuss school and life topics. Mentee groups are consistent from last year being that 7th grade students are paired with 10th grade mentors, 8th grade students are paired with 11th grade mentors. TLC mentor students have met four times already this year with their students over the last month and half of school. This is an excellent opportunity for our junior high students to be introduced to high school in a safe and positive way.

Pittsville 8th Grade Students Attend "Heavy Metal" Tour. The 8th grade class had a unique opportunity to participate in the Heavy Metal tour that was put on by the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce on October 4th. All students were able to tour three area businesses: Innovative Machine Specialists, V & H, and DeBoer Transportation. Students were able to see what manufacturing in Wisconsin looks like up close. The day ended with a lunch at Mid-State Technical College in Marshfield where students received final instruction on the benefits of working in these types of industries.

Time of Transition. Fall is a time of transition. As we look around, we can see it in nature and perhaps our own lives. We can see the colors changing on the leaves and in the necessary events in our homes, winterizing the lawn mower, harvesting the garden, and beginning to think about the holidays. Your student is also transitioning back into school. With almost the first quarter complete, students are transitioning back into new teachers, expectations, friendships, and life outside of school plans. During this time, be there for them to get back on track and into a good routine. Just as we adults make yearly preparations for our own lives, we too can help our teens get there too. When routines are in place, it helps students focus and feel more accomplished, just like when something gets crossed off the 'to do' list in our own lives. As the second quarter is beginning, help them pick up the pieces from quarter one and talk with them about how to make quarter two better. Perhaps that may be making their own to do list, exploring options, meeting with teachers, or taking time to invest in new friendships. Patience can wear thin for students and parents as this happens. When 'new' comes into our lives, it takes time to adjust and re-focus. As always, if this is something that students or parents need to discuss, please contact the counseling office at 715-884-5223.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UPPER CLASSMEN

Seniors:

- Applications to Colleges and Tech Schools should be completed soon; Halloween = Ahead of the Game, Thanksgiving = On Time, and Christmas = Slightly Behind. Remember, the earlier you are accepted, the sooner you can apply for scholarships as well as indicate housing requests from your university/college.
- Please remember to inform Mrs. Krystowiak after you have applied and been accepted to any college or university.
- Please remember to continually check the scholarship webpage for updated scholarships; HS Home Page, School Counseling Tab, Scholarship Tab, 2017-2018 Scholarships and Contests Tab.
- Transcripts can be requested via the HS Home Page, Transcripts-How to obtain. Parchment is our new provider for online transcripts. There is a \$5 fee for official transcripts. Students can request one unofficial transcript for free, but then will be charged for them afterward. Please allow at least one full day for processing.
- Cap and Gown information has been handed out to the senior class. Please stop in the main office if information is needed.
- Senior Conferences should be completed by now. If you have questions about your students' conference, feel free to call Mrs. Krystowiak or check in with them!

Juniors:

- **Junior Conferences** are scheduled for November/December; please make sure to schedule an appointment with your junior student and yourself. A 45 to 60 minute block between the hours of 7:15 am and 2:45 pm are needed.
- **ACT Preparation:** It is not too early to start practicing for the ACT. Online preparation is available; HS Home Page, School Counseling Tab. You can also check out books from the library.
- **ACT DATES:** Register ONLINE at www.actstudent.org
 - December 9th, 2017; Register by November 3rd, 2017
 - February 10th, 2018; Register by January 12th, 2018
 - April 14th, 2018; Register by March 9th, 2018
 - June 9th, 2018; Register by May 4th, 2018

All juniors are **required** to take the state offered ACT on February 27 & the ACT Work Keys on February 28.

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STUDENT HAPPENINGS...

