

From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds



Another school year is behind us, and I am always amazed at how quickly each year seems to pass by. With each year come challenges, but many more success stories which our students experience. The residents of the Pittsville School District can be very proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments and efforts this year. Our students have represented our District communities in an excellent manner in all of their achievements. I have received many e-mails and notes throughout the year, explaining how impressed our many visitors have been with our students and school buildings. Thank you to all students for their efforts and for representing our Schools and community so well all year long!

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

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

Pam Pralle – 20 years Carmen Kumm – 20 years Tracy Neve – 20 years Jackie Heinzen – 20 years Lisa Denniston – 15 years Rae Ann Leonhardt – 15 years Fay Niemann – 10 years Mark Denniston – 10 years Leslie Niedfeldt – 5 years Todd Steward – 5 years

In other notes, the School District will again be a busy place this summer with another wide range of educational enrichment activities during this summer school programming. We also have a number of maintenance projects scheduled for the summer. The High School stucco and portions of the roof will be repaired/replaced are just a few of the yearly projects that occur to maintain our facilities.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Congratulations to the Class of 2012. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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Pittsville 2025 Initiative

The School District's Pittsville 2025 Initiative was held in May of 2010. The Pittsville 2025 Initiative called upon district residents, staff, and administration to be engaged in discussions which would help guide our educational system and prepare for the Class of 2025 and beyond. The purpose of Pittsville 2025 was to continue to support our high-performing, highly effective, and efficient schools; and to ensure our students would continue to be well prepared for the future, no matter what the future may bring.

The challenges we faced then continue to hold true today; the nation continues to deal with challenging economic times, information is expanding exponentially, and the world is becoming globally flat with the everyday use of technology. How has the Pittsville School District respond to these challenges and planning?

This past school year, two action plans have been successfully developed through the Pittsville 2025. One plan dealing with improving school communication, and the other for improving student achievement. The following are a few changes that the District will be experiencing in the coming months from these action plans:

- 1) A school Open House for students, parents, and community will be held on September 13, 2012.
- 2) Block scheduling will be implemented in the Fall for Grades 6-12.
- 3) Class brochures are being developed for advertising what is learned at each grade level and course.

Through the Pittsville 2025 Strategic Planning process, the Pittsville School Board has been able to approve plans which will lead our District forward. However, there is still much to be accomplished and prepare for this coming summer for the 2012-13 school year. The Wisconsin legislature and DPI has passed a number of measures which mandates even more additional changes in our public schools, such as:

- 1) Common Core Standards Alignment and assessments
- 2) Teacher and Principal effectiveness and evaluation initiatives
- 3) Next generation assessments for students

What does all this mean for Pittsville Schools? There will be necessary changes in how we educate students in our schools. The use of technology will need to play a major role in this educational shift. We will be seeing classes being taught both online and in the classroom, Students will learn more through project based activities, and how we evaluate and assess students will be much different. Our students will have the same assessments and competency standards as every other student in the United States, and these measures will see proficiency levels raised much higher than our current standards. The varsity and high school gyms will be closed for floor resurfacing from July 23 through August 3.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click on **Athletics** for the most current and accurate information.

High School Yearbook

has extra copies for \$45 each.

Contact Mrs. Jackson at jacksjen@pittsville.k12.wi.us or 715.884.6412

Foundation For The Arts

June 25-June 30 Prairie Fire Children's Theatre -"Midsummer Night's Dream "

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

Sponsored in part by: Burt & Shirley Iverson, Chasteen Agency, Pittsville Elementary School, Gerald & Rhonda Minor, Pittsville Lions, Ace Tattoo, Be Hip, Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc.

Auditions: June 25, 1:00 pm

Show times: Fri. June 29, 7:30 pm Sat. June 30, 2:00 pm

Tickets: Adult \$5 Student \$3





PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, May 26, the senior class of 2012 graduated. These now former students completed the requirements to receive their high school diploma and are prepared to move on to the next stage of their lives. I want to devote some space in this newsletter to provide parents with ideas to help prepare their son or daughter for life after high school.

At an early age, children talk about what they want to do when "they get bigger". These ideas for some students change many times. For other students, a career choice is decided upon at a very young age. Many teachers will tell you the only career they ever wanted to pursue was teaching. The same comment can be heard from doctors, dentists, nurses, and other professionals. I encourage parents to discuss career choices with their children. These discussions will help you guide your son or daughter as he /she contemplates his/her career choice. These conversations can pay huge dividends later when your child is selecting courses in high school. All too often, courses are determined by the decisions of friends - not based on the potential career goal of the student. One of the most disappointing discussions I can have with students is when they want to change their schedule because they are no longer friends with a certain student. These two students have every class together - a situation which that cannot be remedied until semester course changes. Mostly importantly, these students selected classes which did not pertain to their goal, their eventual career path after high school.

The reason I chose to discuss career choices is because summer allows time for students to investigate potential careers or learn more about the career paths they have determined. I would encourage students to use the summer months to gain career type experiences. If a child wants to help disabled children, Jeremiah's Crossing could provide a great opportunity to volunteer. There are other places to volunteer such as nursing homes and churches. If a student wants to work with children, babysitting can provide an opportunity to determine if their career choice is a good one. Summer jobs can assist students in future career decisions. All these opportunities can be used to build a resume.

I want to close by leaving parents with ideas to help their son or daughter pursue the proper academic track to be successful in his/her career choice. If a student wants to be a nurse, for example, have the child investigate college requirements to complete the course work. This is a great way to speak to your son or daughter about the courses to prepare them for nursing while in high school. If your child is in junior high or high school, you can talk about Advanced Placement courses which can help a student earn college credit while in high school. There are other ways to earn college credit in high school which Mrs. Backaus, the high school guidance counselor, can discuss with you and your child as he/she enters high school. For example, this year one of our students received eight college credits in Spanish through a placement test offered at the state university this student will be attending.

Another potential activity is to have a high school student study for the ACT. There are many books available for purchase or websites with practice ACT questions. Time spent preparing for the ACT can help the student earn a score that will help them be accepted to the college of their choice. If a student is looking at a Technical College, instead of a four year college, there are books and websites available to prepare for the Accuplacer. The Accuplacer is the entrance test for many Technical colleges. Another possibility is looking at the various careers a student can receive training for through the branches of the Armed Forces.

For younger students, I encourage some trips to the local library. Reading is still an essential skill for anyone intent on pursuing a post secondary degree. Summer reading could be a valuable method for your son or daughter to investigate potential careers.

I write down these thoughts not because I believe every student should come to high school with a career in mind, rather I want to encourage students and parents to investigate potential careers and to use this career investigation as a basis for discussion. There are many careers available to students today which did not exist even five years ago. Career investigation can be exciting for the child and the parent. Summer vacation can provide time which is often not available during the school year. I hope I generated a basis for you to have meaningful discussions with your son or daughter over the summer.

Mr. Olig, Senior High Principal

Report cards will be mailed June 11

High School Office Summer Hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday – Friday until June 13

ATTENTION 2012-2013 ATHLETES

Please make sure you arrange to get your physicals over the summer months so you are ready to practice and play next year. If you are not sure if you need a physical for next year, please contact Pam Kumm at 715-884-6412.

PITTSVILLE School District Newsletter

Senior Send-Off





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Stephanie Schuster smiles and gestures as she gives the Salutatorian Address



Hannah Marti scans the crowd while giving the Valedictorian Address



Seniors enjoying the "Senior Breakfast" hosted by the PHS Staff and SODA-POPS before the commencement ceremony begins.



Mariah John addressing

the Class of 2012 as

Class President

Seniors move their tassels to signify their new PHS alumni status



Mariah John, Nikki Dietz, Stephanie Schuster, Rachel Neve, and Hannah Marti represent the top 10% of the Class of 2012.

STUDENT NAME

Stephanie Adrian Christopher Austin Trenton Bryant Gage Buchli Jessica Demmerly Abigail Dewilde Nikki Dietz Christopher Downs Cole Elwood Rachael Ewer Talvn Fox Shelby Freedlund Dakoda Frost Emily Ginter Kaitlin Hahn Tyneshia Holstine Thomas Hughes Mariah John Aubrey Korslin Maxine Kremer Blake Lau Autumn Lutz Scott Maronick Hannah Marti Dustin Metcalfe Jasmin Moerth Austin Mondloch Kollette Morrison Rachel Neve Brittni O'Keefe Dallas Oates Tory Palmer Miranda Paulick Julia Peaslee Shawn Quinlan Jennifer Quinnell Katherine Redmond Jessie Robus Hawk Sabin Shelby Schmitz Alyssa Scholzen Marcus Scholzen Joe Schooley Stephanie Schuster Anna Schwanebeck

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

UW-Marshfield Mid-State Technical College Workforce-Marti Farms University of MN-Duluth Madison Media Institute UW-Stevens Point University of MN-Twin Cities UW-Marshfield UW-Stevens Point Mid-State Technical College Workforce-Oil Rigs, North Dakota UW-Stout Workforce-Accola Farms UW-Marshfield Fox Valley Technical College Mid-State Technical College UW-Oshkosh UW-Eau Claire UW-Oshkosh Mid-State Technical College UW-Oshkosh UW-Stevens Point UW-Marshfield Michigan Technological University Workforce-Festival Foods Continuing HS education in Germany Workforce or Chippewa Valley Technical College Chippewa Valley Technical College UW-La Crosse UW-Marshfield Mid-State & Madison Area Technical Colleges Winona State University UW-La Crosse Mid-State Technical College Workforce UW-Eau Claire UW-Stout UW-Marshfield Workforce-Don Nikolai Construction Mid-State Technical College Workforce or Mid-State Technical College Workforce or Mid-State Technical College Workforce or Mid-State Technical College UW-Marshfield UW-Eau Claire (Honors Program)



2012 Scholarships and Awards

Awards Day 2012 was held on Friday, May 25th in the PHS gymnasium with the HS student body and staff as well as many parents and community members present. In additional to the many scholarship presented, freshmen through seniors were honored for their accomplishments this past year. The PHS staff would like to congratulate and thank our students for all their hard work and dedication this past year. Have a safe and happy summer!



Band and Choir Director, Miss Amanda Lewin, smiles as she hands out numerous band and choir awards.



Howard Kohls presented Jessie Robus and Dallas Oates with the Jon Schiller Memorial Scholarship in honor of his life and love of agricultural pursuits.



Pittsville Fire Chief, Jerry Minor, congratulates Shelby Schmitz as one of the 3 recipients of the Pittsville Fire Department Community Service Scholarship.



Casey John congratulates Tory Palmer and Jennifer Quinnell as recipients of the Academic All State Awards for Cross Country.





PEA representative Tracy Neve hugs daughter Rachel Neve as she presents her with the Carol Kaetterhenry Memorial Scholarship.

Lynn Gaus from Michigan Technological University poses with Hannah Marti, recipient of the MI Tech Leading Scholars Program Scholarship valued at over \$100,000!



2012 PHS Scholarship Winners

The faculty and staff at PHS would like to congratulate this year's scholarship winners on their accomplishments. Collectively, the Class of 2013 received 82 individual scholarships at a cash value of over \$149,000! We are very proud of these students and wish them all the best in their future academic pursuits.

Counselor's Corner: 4th Quarter

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

Important Reminders for the Class of 2012:

- 1. Complete your FAFSA ASAP: If you have not already done so, please complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible so you are eligible for more aid. Your 2011 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- 2. UW Placement Tests Registration: Seniors attending a UW next fall are asked to take placement tests to determine what classes they should be placed in. Placement tests are administered March-July at numerous UW locations; students can register online at <u>http://testing.wisc.edu/center</u> pages/regionaltesting.html
- 3. BEST WISHES AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE.

Important Reminder for Juniors: Class of 2013:

Early Fall ACT Date and Registration Deadline: Students can register online at www.actstudent.org

Test Date: September 8th, 2012—Registration Deadline: Aug. 17th, 2012

Pittsville Elementary School News

Report Cards will be mailed out on June 11th. Included will be your child's 2012-13 classroom placement and MAP Testing results.



SAFETY PATROL

Eighth graders this year had the chance to volunteer and help with an important part of our school safety. Every day, whether it is raining, snowing, freezing cold, or sunny weather these dedicated individuals were there to ensure the safety of our students. Safety patrol members acted as crossing guards, extra eyes as students loaded or unloaded from buses, and placed signs in preparation for buses. This year's safety patrol deserves a big thank you for all of their time and hard work!

2011-2012 LEARNING FAIR

On March 22nd, Pittsville Elementary School held its 2nd Annual Learning Fair. Again, this year was a huge success. There were about 80 participants with displays ranging from setting the table, making bouncing balls, and shooting grapes. The FCCLA provided the meal for this event. We are grateful for the visitors that came to the learning fair. We hope to see you again next year!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> All medications (prescription and nonprescription) will need to be picked up by a parent. Non-prescription medication may be left at the school over the summer to be available for the fall school session, if preferred. All expired medication will be disposed of if not picked up by parent. New permission forms from the physician (for prescription) and parent is needed at the beginning of <u>each</u> school year. This is a legal requirement. Forms are available on-line or in the office.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found table in the front lobby area. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities if not claimed by June 11th.

2012-13 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pittsville Elementary School is taking registration for the 2012-2013 school year for 4-Kgn students and only those 5-Kgn students that did not attend the 4-Kgn program this school year. Registration material can be obtained from the district's website (<u>www.pittsville.k12.wi.us</u>) or in the elementary office between 8:00-3:00. Completed paperwork may be sent to or dropped off at the school office. The birth certificate must be viewed to complete the registration process.

Incoming students must be 4 (4-Kgn program) or 5 (5-Kgn program) on or before September 1, 2012 for enrollment in the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Garrels at Pittsville Public Schools at 715-884-2517.

Elementary School Office Summer Hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday – Friday until June 19

ARBOR DAY

The students in the second grade classrooms and looping classroom had the experience to plant a maple tree at Riverside Park on April 26. Bob Wolff, Bonnie Wolff, Jerry Minor, Dale Zawislan, Smokey the Bear, and Sparky the Firedog joined the students as they learned the importance Arbor Day. Students prepared for this event by reading books, coloring pictures, and designing tree tags for Arbor Day. The Arbor Day pictures will be displayed at City Hall. The students were given two trees to plant at their house, along with a coloring book, Smokey bookmark, fire prevention information, and a participation ribbon. It was a beautiful day to plant trees!







Hands On Activities at the Milwaukee Art Museum

LOOPING CLASSROOM

During the months of April and May, the Looping Classroom has opened their doors to readers in the community. We are very grateful to Mr. Reynolds, Kim Coyle, Tammy Fuller, and Laura Huber for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and read or direct a lesson in the looping classroom. The students were able to learn about different professions surrounding the community. This was a wonderful experience for the students! Thank you!

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

Way to go Looping students!





Visioneers Design Challenge 2012

April 26-27, twenty students traveled to Milwaukee to participate in the Visioneers Design Challenge. On Thursday afternoon, the group attended the Milwaukee Art Museum. After a tour, the students were given the opportunity to explore other exhibits in the museum. During their visit, they viewed artwork from famous artist such as Picasso and Georgia O'Keeffe. They also had the opportunity to view artwork by self-taught artist and participate in hands on activities. Twenty schools from around the state participated in the Visioneers Design Challenge.





Placing first for the long-term and the on-site Digital Photography challenge out of 60 participants were Haley Kumm and Erika Peterson. Hannah Downs and Sarah Schmitz earned first place for their long-term challenge and the on-site challenge in Regional Planning. In the Fashion Design long-term and on-site challenge, Shelby Freedlund placed first. In the same challenge, Leah Kumm and Bethany Strenn placed first in both challenges. This year, there were two areas for Product Design. Adrienne Week and Hannah Grubofski placed second on the long-term and third on the on-site challenge in Product Design 1. In Product Design 2, Kayla Larson and Alissa Korslin placed first in both challenges. Henry Myers, Luke Denniston, and Josh Zogleman, falling just short of first, placed second for their less is more computer game. The creation of an on-site game earned them a first place. Audrey Meis and Sophia Schwanebeck were told that Nike would purchase their symbol as they earned a first for both of their challenges. Adriana Zickert and Brittany Schwanebeck received second for their long-term Graphic Design, while receiving first for the on-site challenge. Elizabeth Schultz and Mechayla Zeinert placed second on their long-term and first on their on-site challenge in architecture.

The Visioneers Design Challenge offers students the opportunity to work with business people on real world problems. The Pittsville students enjoyed the experience of working with other students from around the state.



Front row L-R) Tristan Gardner, Ciera Coyle, Jenna Ginter, Connor Coyle & Sophia Schwanebeck Back Row Mickenzie Robus, Christine Sturgis, Jared Fox, Sam Solatycki, Megan Christiansen

Pittsville FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast

Where: Foxwood Farm - home of Mike and Tina Fox, 5775 Maplewood Road, Vesper

- When: Saturday, June 30th, 2012
- Time: 7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
- Price: \$6/person
- Food: Pancakes, Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Ham & Eggs, Cranberry Bread, Ice Cream, Cheese, Cranberry Juice, and Milk.

What you will see: There will be music, a petting zoo, and an old fashioned bake off. There will also be a variety of activities for kids of all ages.

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



2012 Building & Construction Class Photos on the right show Gabe Hautala, Eric Huber, Tim Zogleman, and Cole Ellwood milling timbers for outdoor classroom.

Pittsville FFA Elects Officers

The Pittsville FFA members elected the new officer team of 2012-2013. The newly elected Pittsville FFA Officers are: President, Megan Christiansen, daughter of Rodger; Vice Presidents, Connor Coyle, daughter of Tina and Scott, and Sam Solatycki, son of Anne and Chris; Secretary, Cierra Coyle, daughter of Tina and Scott; Reporter, Jenna Ginter, daughter of Anne and David; Student Advisors, Sophia Schwanebeck, daughter of Peggy and Steve, and Mickenzie Robus, daughter of Lisa and Thomas; Treasurer, Christine Sturgis, daughter of Wendy and Paul; Sentinel, Tristan Gardner, son of Janeen and Tom.

This year's FFA officers will be involved in the following events this summer:

- Dairy Breakfast
- State FFA Convention in Madison
- Leadership Conference
- Central Wisconsin County Fair
- Adopt-a-Highway

FFA Reporter Jenna Ginter

Outdoor Classroom Progress

The Pittsville Building and Construction class has been busy milling timbers for the future raising of the outdoor classroom. The class has enjoyed learning about the age-old building process, along with getting to use some really cool power tools. The building is scheduled to be raised this coming fall and roofing will be completed in the spring by next year's Building and Construction class. With the school year coming to an end, there is still a great deal of work to be completed. A work day is scheduled for Sunday, August 26th from 9am to 3pm at the high school. If you are interested in helping on the work day, please contact Stephen Hadfield, Technology Education Instructor, at 715-884-6412 ext. 310 or e-mail hadfiste@pittsville.k12.wi.us









High School Special Education Moving in a New Direction, Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Zickert

In order to help our students meet the goals set forth by the Common Core Curriculum and take advantage of the additional help provided by the Rtl (Response to Intervention) model being adopted by our school, the high school special education department is revamping the services it provides to students with special needs. Students will be out in the regular education classes where they will be exposed to the same curriculum as their nondisabled peers. The special education teachers will be out in many of these classes to provide support helping increase the students' chance of success.

In addition, students with special needs will be provided direct instruction in classes designed to help them be successful in school and after graduation. In Study Skills, they will receive instruction in skills such as note taking, test taking, organization, etc. that will help them in their regular education classes. In Transitions, they will learn the skills needed to make the transition from school to adult life such as how to obtain information, health care, and other services. In Self-advocacy, students will learn about their disability, how it impacts them, and how to communicate to others what they might need in order to be successful.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to our students both socially and intellectually. As always our goal is to prepare our students to be successful members of society.

FBLA Helps the Children of Pristina, Kosovo

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter took on a huge task this spring for their community service project for the year. Taking a cue from the food drive that took place before winter break, the group wanted to do a drive as well to help people in need and with the help of advisor Jenny Jackson's husband they came up with a great idea. SSG Daniel Jackson is deployed to Kosovo with the Wisconsin National Guard and part of his unit's volunteer work is at the Pristina Women and Children's Center, so he challenged the FBLA to see what they could do to help out those children. And Pittsville High School stepped up to the challenge! Mrs. Zickert's Life Skills class practiced using skills they learned in class to make a tie blanket which was donated. The students really enjoyed working together to make something for a child in Kosovo. What the rest of the high school contributed to the toy drive was beyond expectations with over 200 toys collected and 20 fleece blankets that were shipped overseas, and baby blankets that were donated were taken to the birth center in Marshfield.

A penny war between the classes also took place to help with the shipping costs with the seniors winning and earning the right to go first to lunch for a week before Spring Break. Other students who donated items or money were able to take part in a movie reward afternoon for their generosity. Seven large boxes were shipped to SSG Jackson before spring break so the FBLA anxiously awaited updates on what the unit's plans are for the toys and blankets.

On April 20th, the First 6, a group of enlisted soldiers at Camp Film City in Kosovo, went to the Women and Children's Center and distributed the blankets and toys after the students finished their English lessons. The children were very excited to pick out their favorite blanket from the pile, several boys wanted the baseball blankets and a few girls couldn't wait to get their hands on the cupcake ones.

Several pictures of the blanket making and the toy distribution can be found on the FBLA webpage (<u>http://psd.pittsville.k12.wi.us</u> /<u>students/jacksjen/FBLA/FBLA%20website.html</u>) or on our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/Pittsville.FutureBusiness</u> Leaders.

Thank you to all PHS students who helped with this project, the impact you made on the global community was impressive and very much appreciated.



FBLA Competes at State, Mrs. Jackson, Advisor

11 members of the Pittsville Future Business Leaders of America spent part of Spring Break at the State Leadership Conference in La Crosse. It was an eventful conference as three students placed in the top ten and another member was inducted as a state officer. Sam Solatycki is the new Region II Vice President and will begin his year in office in June at officer training in Madison followed by a trip to the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX. As a regional vice president Sam will work with Region II schools, a region reaching all the way from Minocqua to Gilman to Almond-Bancroft, and host the Regional Leadership Conference next February.

Eight students also competed in several business events during their stay in La Crosse. Pittsville was well represented and had great success in all competitive events. Students who competed were Rachael Totzke - 17th in Intro to Business Communication, Breanna Kumm - 16th in Intro to Business, Nikki Dietz - 13th in Sports Management, and Thomas Hughes: 7th in Healthcare.



Two students placed in the top five and were called on stage, they were Stephanie Schuster - 4th in Business Law and Sam Solatycki - 3rd in Hospitality Management. Additional competitors were Abi DeWilde and Nathan Amundson in Client Service and Impromptu Speaking but did not make the finals in their speaking events.

Thanks to all FBLA members on a fantastic competitive events season!

PITTSVILLE School District Newsletter



Students Grow Produce For School Taste Test

Mr. Urban's agriculture class is literally growing Pittsville's Farm to School program this month. His students are learning all about hydroponics—a method of growing plants using a mineral nutrient solution in water, without soil. So far, the class has planted spinach and lettuce in the 64-unit hydroponics set-up. Their first harvest produced 22.7 pounds on lettuce!

Pittsville Food Service Director Joe Dostal will use the students' harvest in his cafeterias to produce a salad greens sampling for all students during the April Farm to School Harvest of the Month taste test.

"With any luck, our second growing attempt will produce even more greens," Urban said. "It's been quite an exciting learning experience."

In March, students will sample locally grown dried cranberries. Hot lunch students will sample the dried cranberries in a snack mix found in the lunch line, while students who bring their lunch from home will simply taste test the sweet treats. Elementary students will also go home with their monthly Harvest of the Month newsletter with fun facts, recipes, nutrition information and more about the antioxidant-packed cranberries.

Parents can contact Joe Dostal at dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us if interested in volunteering time or knowledge to help with the Farm to School monthly taste tests. Parent volunteers will be essential for the future success of this great program! Learn more about Farm to School in Wood County at getactivewoodcounty.org.

Michelle Goetsch, Media/Communication Specialist Get Active Wood County Farm to School Program





Wood County food service directors, from left, Connie Henke (Nekoosa), Tammie Weis (Port Edwards), Stacey Weichelt (Marshfield), Joe Dostal (Pittsville) and Lynn Knight (Nekoosa, Business Manager) meet at the new outdoor learning center for their quarterly meeting to discuss the Farm to School program.

Program Ready To Roll Into 2012-13 School Year

With just two months left for students to sink their teeth into healthy, local produce from the Get Active Farm to School program, Joe Dostal attended a Wood County food service director's meeting to start planning next school year's Farm to School Harvest of the Month schedule. Positive feedback from students regarding the monthly Harvest of the Month taste tests have made for a successful and growing Farm to School program.

Farm to School staff know that it might sound unbelievable that your students will eat their fruits and veggies. They really do! In fact, in April students sampled fresh salad greens—some of which were grown in the high school greenhouse! If you are a local farmer or gardener who would like to sell or donate produce to the school, please contact Joe Dostal at DOSTAJOS@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

During the month of May, students will taste test local cheese produced by Milladore cheesemaker Maple Grove Cheese. Kickapoo Valley Cheese, also of Milladore, donated all processing and packaging services for the taste test.

Look for more Farm to School updates, community events for the family, healthy recipes and more on the Get Active Facebook page—facebook/GetActiveWoodCounty. Don't forget to check out the district food service web site by going to www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/ and clicking on FOOD SERVICE to learn about the exciting changes being made to bring healthier, tastier foods into your child's school cafeteria.

SCHOOL CENSUS INFORMATION

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

Parent's Name):		Spouse:			
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Address:						
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LIST AI	LL RESIDENT CHILDREN NO	T CURRENTLY ENROLLE	D IN THE PITTSVILL	E SCHOOL DISTRICT (less than 21 year	s old).
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On May 25th Mrs. Niehaus' kindergarten class, Ms. Janz students, and Mrs. Niedfeldt's students went out to our school garden and began planting. This summer, we look forward to our harvest.





New 2012-2013 NHS Members: Front Row, L-R: Sophia Schwanebeck, Jenna Sanken, Kerra Conrad, Hannah Down. Middle Row, L-R: Kayla Pierce, Audrey Meis, Anthony Marten, Brad Wesely, Adam Sturgis, Andy Fox. Back Row, L-R: Trail Pierce, Sarah Schmitz, Sawyer Ladick, Luke Hardinger.

Teen Leadership Program

The Incourage Community Foundation sponsors a Teen Leadership Program each year, gathering sophomore students from local districts. Once a mouth, these youth gather with various community leaders to learn about an aspect of leadership, build relationships and visit a variety of institutions and businesses.

The 2011-12 teen representatives from Pittsville School District were Morgan Frost, Hannah Downs and Luke Hardinger. One of the activities that these students accomplished during their sessions with the rest of 2012 class, was creating, planning, organizing, publishing and finalizing a community project. This year's program selected the project of donating a Little Library to each community they represented.

Little Libraries are a nationwide incentive to promote literacy in our communities. These little libraries house a variety of books and are open at all times. Stop by Pittsville's new Little Library located near the gazebo at 1st Street and 1st Ave. You are free to pick a book of interest to you and borrow it or leave a book that you have enjoyed and would like to share with the community.

Our teen leaders helped with the construction of the libraries, collection of donated books and installation of the library. In each book is a pamphlet that they helped design that further explains the mission of this project. You are welcome to visit the library at any time.

National Honor Society Spring 2012 Induction Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 16th, 2012, 14 PHS students were inducted into the Pittsville High School National Honor Society Chapter; all new inductees and their families were in attendance. The ceremony included formal gestures such as a candle lighting ritual and the "pinning" of new inductees; all new inductees were also asked to recite the NHS pledge as part of their initiation. Current NHS officers (Rachel Neve: President, Stephanie Schuster: Vice President, Sam Solatycki: Secretary, Nikki Dietz: Treasurer, and Shelby Freedlund: Historian) conducted the formal ceremony in its entirety. Following the induction of new members, officer nominees for the 2012-2013 school year were sworn in as follows: Megan Piotrowski, President; Hope Moos, Vice President; Sydney Freedlund, Secretary; Sophia Schwanebeck, Treasurer. Absent from the ceremony was Nathan Amundson who will take the office of Historian. The members would also like to welcome Mr. Todd Steward as he takes over the NHS advisor role starting next year; Mrs. Julia Backaus will assist as a member of the faculty committee. A dessert reception was held in the cafeteria following the ceremony.



News from the Music Department

DID YOU KNOW?

The Pittsville Music department is high tech! There are many ways to watch us work and grow.

www.youtube.com/user/pittsvillebands has over 30 videos from the last 2 years. From rehearsal warm-ups to concert performances! I apologize for the "bands" title on the channel, I made the page before I was the choir director.

http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/faculty/lewinama. The School's Music Department webpage is updated weekly with lots of information about upcoming concerts and pictures of the groups!

https://www.facebook.com/PittsvilleMusic. Our Facebook page is growing! Look there for events, promotions, videos, and announcements! LIKE us on Facebook!





Mark your Calendars!

2012-2013 Music Department Dates

Granton Parade, TBA Warrens Parade, Sunday, Sept 30th Noon Marawood Choir/Band, Tuesday, November 6 Marathon HS Pops Concert, Sunday, November 4th (7 pm) Veterans Day, Monday, November 12th? JH Winter Concert, Tuesday, December 4th (1:45, 6:00) HS Winter Concert, Sunday, December 9th (7 pm) Solo/Ensemble Pittsville HOSTS, Tuesday, March 19th Large Group Choir, April 11th (afternoon/evening) Large Group Band, April 18th (afternoon/evening) HS Spring Concert, Sunday, April 28th (7 pm) State S/E, Saturday, May 4th JH Concert, Tuesday, May 14th (1:45 6:00) Commencement, Saturday, May 25th (10 am) Memorial Day Services, Monday, May 27th (9, 10, 11 am) Marshfield Dairyfest Parade, Saturday, June 1st (noon) Pittsville 4th of July, Thursday, July 4th (noon)



4th of July Parade: HELP WANTED

Attention All Music People And Anyone Who Knows Music People!

We would like to start a new tradition this 4th of July in Pittsville. We need all available band instrument playing friends to PLAY and "march" with the High School Band in this year's 4th of July Parade. All we ask is this:

- 1) wear blue jeans, Red/White/Blue shirt, and comfortable shoes you can march in,
- 2) show up to get music and rehearse with Margaret Gronski at 10:30 on Tuesday, July $4^{\mbox{th}}$,
- 3) have an instrument that works,
- 4) and email Miss Lewin that you're planning to come! <u>lewinama@pittsville.k12.wi.us</u>.

Music for practicing can be found on the music department website along with a recording to listen to. Invite ALL of your music playing friends! We need your help! Come help us celebrate!

2012 Music Department Award Winners

National Choral Award: Anna Schwanbeck Music Boosters Scholarship: Anna Schwanebeck Elk's Lodge Choir Award: Maxine Kremer Elk's Lodge Band Award: Joe Schooley

Band Award Level 1 Chris Austin Shelby Freedlund Walter Harris Bianca Skortz Anna Schwanebeck	Band Award Level II Sarah Peterson Joe Schooley Miranda Stascak	Band Awar Rita M Hope	itchell	Band Award Le Megan Piotrov Angela Rah	vski	Band Award VI Megan Piotrowski Angela Rahm	<u>All-Conference Band</u> Miranda Stascak Hope Moos Megan Piotrowski Bianca Skortz
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Shelby Freedlund	I Steph	Kumm	Olie Voigl	nt	Anna Schu	vanebeck	Angela Rahm
Marissa Ortner	Blake	e Lau	Shelby Schmit	z (3.5)	Kollette N	Aorrison	Anna Schwanebeck
Megan Piotrowsk	i Autum	n Lutz	Shawn Quinla	n(3.5)			Matt Peckham
Angela Rahm	Marissa	Ortner	Mariah John	(3.5)			Olie Voight
Anna Schwanebeo	k Matt Pe	eckham	Kaitlin Hahn	(3.5)			Nathan Amundson

Kids from Wisconsin return to Pittsville!

The end of the year is almost here and I'm sure you're all planning for the summer.

As you do, I'd like to bring to your attention the exciting event returning to Pittsville this summer. On Friday, July 27th, the KIDS FROM WISCONSIN will be in Pittsville! This event is sponsored by Music Boosters, PACT, and PAFA and we're hoping you plan to attend! As you may or may not know, I'm in my 5th year on staff with this touring performance group as the Tour Director and Stage Band Director. Last year I loved bringing my summer family to meet my year-round family. I'm hoping to fill every seat this year!

General Admission Tickets are \$12 and will be sold at:

Sophia Schwanebeck Miranda Stascak

Baum's Mercantile. Pittsville Pittsville Therapy, Pittsville Hiller's True Value Hardware, Marshfield

I'm looking for a handful of volunteers (who don't play band instruments) who would be willing to hand out flyers at the 4th of July Parade to help get the word out about this event. Let me know if you or members of your family would be willing to do this.

That Friday, July 27th, we're going to host a community potluck as a way to provide dinner for the Kids from Wisconsin troupe members and as a chance to have our students mingle with these performers from all around the state. If the weather is nice, I'd like for our Pittsville students to play kickball against the Kids from Wisconsin!



The Community Pot-Luck will be held at Riverside Park at 4:30 on July 27th and everyone is welcome! Look for more information in your emails as we get closer and start planning the meal more precisely.

We're also looking for **local businesses to help sponsor this event.** If you think your workplace might be willing to help, let me know and I will add them to the list of people I'm asking! Thank you all so much . I hope to see you this summer!

PITTSVILLE School District Newsletter

ART DEPARTMENT

Fire House Benches Community Service Project

The seventh grade art class selected to a community service project by making benches for the Pittsville Fire Company because they appreciate what the fire crew does to keep our community safe. They put all their effort into making the benches, taking their time to do a great job as a way to thank the Pittsville Fire Company.

Matthew Carlson, Cole Klinger, Brittany Kuzma, Courtany Schwanabeck, and Chase Voight designed their bench with pictures that represent what you use on a call. "The red fire hydrant represents putting out fires, the ladders represent the means of rising, the 911 stands for emergencies only, the PFD stands for Pittsville Fire Department, the axes stand for help on the way and the hat stands for protection."

Aidan Masanz, Kiyanna Schooley, Sierra Braun, Mitchell Darr, and Aaron Ickler selected symbols that represented out fire department. "We used a fire truck, which is the main source for how the fire department puts out fires, the yellow and blue represent the color of your fire trucks. We put on the EMS symbol because it is on your badge and represents how many lives you have saved. We made this bench by picking a design, we cut, snipped, and ground glass to fit the form. We put the glass in the form, we put cement on the glass and then rebar in the middle of the cement. We let it sit for a day and then we took it out to scrape off the glass and polish it."

Jessica Fuller, Trevor Gardner, Gavin Stainbrook, Ruby Dietz and Javier Perez included fire, a fire hydrant, a hose, two firemen, a ladder, a fire extinguisher and an EMS sign on their bench. "The hose is connected to the fire hydrant and wraps around the bench to the fireman on the left side. We cut the glass using cutters dipped in oil. The glass was ground using an electric grinder."

Josh Zogleman, Jacob Neve, Hannah Groboski, Alshely Weigel, and Eli Harris designed a bench with two axes and a helmet, including titles and background. "The two axes stand for the equipment that helps you along the way. The Red and Orange background stands for fire and the blue for the water. The helmet represents the protection of yourself when you're saving others. When you look at yourself in the mirror (badge on helmet) you can be proud of what you do."

NASSP National Scholarship Awarded To Graduating Senior Hannah Marti

Hannah Marti a Pittsville High School senior and member of the Pittsville National Honor Society and has been named one of 150 State Finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship from National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP. These 150 NHS state Finalists were first chosen among nearly 6,000 applications.

Hannah is an outstanding student whose current grade point average of 4.00, on a 4.0 scale, which ranks her 1st in her class of 48 students. Hannah demonstrated an exemplary mastery of all academic challenges presented at Pittsville High School. Her academic drive is commendable. Hannah is an active member in National Honor Society (NHS), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Ecology Club. Also, she participated in Varsity Basketball for 4 years and Varsity Volleyball for 3 years.

Participating high school National Honor Society chapters from across the country nominated two senior high members to compete for this year's program. Finalists were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations, clubs, and other student groups at school and in the community; and their academic record. As a regional winner, Hannah is recognized as one of the 150 NHS members in the nation this school year.

Congratulations to Hannah for being awarded the National Honor Society Scholarship.

Mr. Steward, National Honor Society Advisor

Art International Trip, Mrs. Doering, Advisor

Eleven students and four adults will be traveling aboard in June. The group will arrive in London to explore the city. During their visit to London, they will have a guided tour of the city, Windsor Castle and St. George's chapel, St. Paul's Cathedral and see the Changing of Guard to name a few.

Leaving London by Eurostar train, the group will explore Paris. While in Paris some of the sights will include: Eiffel tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, boat ride along the river Seine, Louvre, Versaillies, Loire Valley, Chartres Cathedral, Chambord, and Chenonceau. On the way to Bordeaux, the students will explore Roman Ruins. Traveling on to Biarritz they will stop to climb a sand-dune. As well as a walking tour of Biarritz, they will visit San Sebastian and Saint-Jean-de-Luz. After stopping in Pamplona, they group will head onto Barcelona. While in Barcelona, students will have a great opportunity to visit Parc Guell and the Sagrada Familia Cathedral. Both designed by Antonio Gaudi. During the evening, they will have the opportunity to participate in Flamenco Show. After Barcelona, the art group travels to Madrid. During our visit we will see the famous Prado Museum, as well as Paseo del Prado, Plaza Colon, Gran Via, Calle Mayor and Puerto de Sol. While in Madrid, we will take an excursion to Toledo. Our tour will consist of: cathedral, church of Santo Tome and synagogue. Our tour will end at damascene factory for sword-making.

On our 15th day, we will hop aboard our flight and sleep all the way home!





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PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Snow Makeup Days: Days 1 and 2 will not need to be made up. Day 3 will be made up on May 6. Additional make up days will be added to the end of the School Year.

HOL	Holiday - No School	PT	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
INS	Teacher Inservice - No School	ER	Early Release at 12:30 p.m.
NS	No School	E/PT	Early Release, Parent/Teacher Conf 1-3:30, 4-8 pm
VAC	Vacation	1	End of Quarter

INSERVICE				NO SCHOOL		
Aug 27-30 Teacher Inservice				Sep 3	Labor Day	
Aug 30	Open House	e (4:00 - 6:00 p.m	1.)	Oct 26	No School	
Feb 22	Teacher Ins	ervice		Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Break	
Mar 19	Teacher Ins	ervice		Dec 24-Jan 1	Winter Break	
Jun 10	Teacher Ins	ervice		Feb 22	Teacher Inservice	
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Oct 23 4:00	-7:30 pm			May 6	Snow Make-Up Day	
Oct 25 1:00	-3:30 pm, 4:00-8:0	00 pm		May 27	Memorial Day	
EARLY RELEA	ASE DAYS			QUARTERS		
Oct 25	Nov 6	Nov 21	Dec 21	1st Quarter	Sep 4 - Nov 6	
Jan 25	Mar 29	Jun 7		2nd Quarter	Nov 7 - Jan 25	
				3rd Quarter	Jan 28 - Mar 29	
				4th Quarter	Apr 8 - Jun 7	

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - SEPTEMBER 4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - JUNE 7

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