

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

April - May 2011



From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds

During the past two months, there has been much media attention being paid to all the controversy happening in Madison concerning Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill and Budget Bill. During this stressful and challenging time for public school employees, I am very proud to say that the children attending the Pittsville School District have continued to receive excellent instruction and lesson activities from their teachers and support personnel each and every day.

This has been an extremely difficult time for our staff, not knowing and then seeing their collective bargaining rights being eliminated, nine teachers receiving preliminary non-renewal/lay-off letters, and none of the employees really knowing how all this turmoil will totally impact their livelihood/careers in the future. Through this entire political and budgetary crisis, the teachers and support staff have displayed only but the utmost professionalism at school. It is when an organization/group experiences the most difficult times, that you see the true make-up of the organization. The Pittsville School District can be very proud of its school system and employees. They are outstanding, dedicated employees, and they have proved that students do come first in their work here!

So you may be asking, what is in store for the Pittsville School District next year? The School Board met at a Special Meeting on March 10 and approved four teacher retirements (which it is anticipated will not be replaced) and approved to provide 2.5 final teacher non-renewal notices to other staff. If all of these positions are eliminated, the total teacher reductions Pittsville has encountered since 2002 will be **14.5**. As you can see, the District has reduced staff over the years with its declining enrollment, and budgetary issues. The School Board has made the necessary and difficult decisions. Due to the revenue limits, the budget next year will need to be reduced by approximately \$1,000,000 from last year's total (had we not passed the recurring referendum three years ago, that amount would have been \$1,525,000). The preliminary estimates that the mill rate will be lowered \$1.00 per \$1,000 valuation.

The District has again withstood all of these budgetary and personnel cuts without eliminating curricular and co-curricular programs, but these reductions are not without costs to the total education experience of students. Our students unfortunately through these reductions in staffing are now or will be experiencing larger individual classes, less time in special courses such as Music, Guidance, and Physical Education, etc. I predict that any further reductions in budget revenues in the future will need to result in programming cuts for students.

Let's continue to be very proud of Pittsville schools, the education that our children receive here and remain supportive of staff, and budgetary needs through these difficult times.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(SECTION 120.06 (8)(c), WIS. STATS.)

APRIL 5, 2011

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

Connie L. Potter
Nancy Potter
Lisa A. Schulz

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

Connie Potter, School District Clerk

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. It only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

To make online payments:

- Visit our district website www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
- Click on **For Students/Parents** tab
- Click on **Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Use your **MasterCard** or **VISA** (Debit or Credit Card)

Payments made through Skyward Family Access will immediately be posted to the student's food service account. Parents will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment.

2010-2011 MEAL PRICES

4Kgn- 4 Lunch	\$2.00
Grade 5-8 Lunch	\$2.50
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.00
Adult Lunch	\$3.75
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.25
4Kgn-12 Breakfast	\$.60
Adult Breakfast	\$1.20

LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly using email and the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System. The notice explains that your family food service funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus can be viewed on the district webpage at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

INSTANT ALERT FOR SCHOOLS

The system can be found through a link on the district website or at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system for much of our school-to-home communication.

If you need assistance with your profile, please go to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the Help Request link on the lower right hand side of the page, or contact the school at 715-884-2517 (Elementary Office), 715-884-6412 (High School Office).

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

PARENTS: Please keep your Skyward Family Access Account up-to-date.

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JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal
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SPORTS SCHEDULES

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



*Each day learn something new, and just as important...
relearn something old. ~ Robert Brault*



PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This is the time of year where our seniors are looking to move on to their post-secondary plans. Graduation is in two months. During the course of the school year, I have written about how students have taken Advanced Placement Classes and how, by scoring at a certain level on the Advanced Placement Test, these students have earned credit towards a four-year college course.

Students can also earn credits in the technical college field while in high school. Pittsville High School has an articulation agreement with Mid-State Technical College. We have courses “articulated” in the technical college curriculum that are taught at Pittsville High School. Once the curriculums are aligned, the high school student takes the course, such as “Horticulture.” If the student earns the approved grade, a B or higher, the student will earn high school credit and can receive a certificate from the high school instructor. This certificate is then given to the technical college resulting in technical college credit being given for the class taken at Pittsville High School.

Currently, Pittsville High School has an articulation agreement in Child Care and Health Career Connections. Students with a grade of a B or higher are eligible for transcribed credit. Students receiving a B- or lower are not eligible. Transcribed credit means that the grade the student receives in the class at the high school level is transcribed as the same grade on the Mid-State Technical College transcript. This option is available to our students because we are teaching a curriculum equivalent to a Mid-State class.

We have an agreement in place with Mid-State for advanced standing in Flowers, Plants and Horticulture. In this case, a student earning a B or better receives credit for completing the class, but no grade is recorded on the Mid-State transcript.

We are investigating other classes to increase the number of articulation agreements. This past year we began teaching a math class called Technical Math. We use the identical text book as Mid-State. After teaching the class for a year, we are hoping that the students who take the Technical Math Class next year will be able to use the articulation to earn Tech Math credit from Mid-State. Because the Tech Math class is a general education requirement, besides earning a grade of a B or higher, the students also need to test at a certain level on the Accuplacer Test before credit is given at the Technical College Level. Again, this class will be given advanced standing. Credit is awarded, but the grade is not recorded.

In this article, I have explained three different manners in which articulation agreements work. The manner in which a course is articulated is determined by Mid-State Technical College.

Mark Denniston, the chemistry instructor, attended a meeting at Mid-State Technical College the first week of March. He is investigating the possibility of working towards an articulation agreement in chemistry.

The articulation agreements between the Pittsville High School and Mid-State Technical College are a great way for a high school credit to “double up”, saving time and money after high school. Our staff has worked to develop an alignment with Mid-State on other curriculum to assist our students. The other Wisconsin Technical Colleges may accept our articulation agreements with Mid-State Technical College.

National Honor Society Spring 2011 Induction Ceremony

On Monday, March 14th, 10 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. NHS officers (Olivia Wesely, Joelle Schuster, Ashlie Potter, Hannah Marti, and Briana Fox) conducted the formal ceremony in its entirety and also presented a slide show of pictures from various events and community service activities. A special thanks goes out to NHS members Joe Hoffmann and Amber Wegner for attending the event and assisting with preparation and clean-up. A delicious dessert reception, provided by President Olivia Wesely, was held in the cafeteria following the ceremony.



NHS Spring 2011 Inductees

Row 1: Angela Rahm, Hope Moos, Megan Piotrowski, Christine Sturgis, and Ashley Larson.

Row 2: Sydney Freedlund, Nathan Amundson, Marissa Ortner, Sam Solatycki, and Eric Hahn.



Pittsville Elementary School

Dear Community Members, Parents, and Students,

Happy Spring! This season always proves itself to be a very busy one for Pittsville Elementary School. It is during this time that we begin our planning for the upcoming school year, plan our budget expenditures, order supplies for next year, plan class room placements along with the every day tasks that need to be completed at the elementary level.

Springtime also brings challenges in the elementary school. All of our hearts are yearning for the warm days of summer and sometimes that affects behaviors and academic performance. As adults in the lives of the students, I hope you continue to support your son or daughter and encourage them to work hard at their studies though the warmer weather calls. Continue to make academics a priority and provide time each evening to complete homework tasks or read a book. We all know that modeling expected behavior teaches far more than our words. So, I hope you, too, will sit down to read with your child.

As always, we welcome you to our school. On April 11th, we invite the senior citizens of our area to join us for lunch and entertainment. This has been a tradition in our school for well over 10 years. Each year, we are treated to the visit by senior citizens who gather for some great food and entertainment by our students. This year, our kindergarten children and the children in the looping classroom will perform for this event. Perhaps you have joined us in the past, but know of someone who has not. Please invite them for us. We know we have great things happening in our school and one of those things is our strong community support. What better way to celebrate that than by getting together to do so. We hope you can join us. Please call the school office at 715 884-2517 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Happy Spring!

JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal

JANUARY GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS

- Golden Table: Miss Pavlik's 3rd grade
- Golden Present: Miss Hartwig's 3rd grade
- Golden Slipper: Mr. Winters' 6th grade classroom
- Golden Book: Mrs. Peterson's 4K Tuesday/Thursday
- Golden Spoon: Mrs. Niehaus' Kindergarten
- Golden Pencil: Mr. Schultz's 5S English class
- Golden Slide: Mrs. Hautala's 1st grade
- Golden Dustpan/Broom Award: Mr. Schultz's 5th grade
- Panther Diner: Mr. Sanken's Kindergarten



Mrs. Kuehn's First Graders enjoy the Panther Diner on March 9th.

FEBRUARY GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS

- Golden Slide: Mrs. Hautala's 1st grade
- Golden Table: Mr. Winters class
- Golden Present: Miss Pavlik's 3rd grade
- Golden Spoon: Mrs. Peterson's 4K Monday/Wednesday
- Golden Book: Mrs. Peterson's 4K Monday/Wednesday
- Golden Slipper: Mrs. Heinzen's Kindergarten
- Golden Dustpan/Broom: Mr. Downing's 4th grade
- Golden Pencil: 8th Grade Lit. Mrs. Neve
- Panther Diner: Mrs. Kuehn's First Grade



Mardi Gras

The Pittsville Elementary Kindergartners enjoyed their own special TASTE of Mardi Gras on Tuesday, March 8th. The morning began by reading stories about the holiday of Mardi Gras or Carnival. The children made crowns to wear incorporating the colors purple, green, and gold which stand for justice, faith, and power. After lunch, the children gathered to sample Beignets-fritters (a New Orleans specialty), King's Cake filled with cream cheese, Cajun popcorn, and Cayenne pretzels. The children were able to listen to special music and were given masks, coins, and beads which are symbolic of Mardi Gras traditions. The children learned that Mardi Gras is a French word meaning "Fat Tuesday." This special celebration of food, refreshments, and goodies was all provided by one of our kindergarten families. It was a great way to learn about this winter holiday!



HAVE YOU MOVED?

It is extremely important that you provide the elementary office with any changes to your address, telephone number, e-mail address or emergency contacts. Also, be sure that you update this information in Instant Alert as well.

STUDENTS SAVE LIVES...

The Pittsville High School Student Council coordinated the spring blood drive this past March 11th. There were 61 donors who were seen and the American Blood Center was able to collect 54 whole blood unites, 1 platelet donation, and 4 dual red products. The technicians from the blood center were impressed with the quality of the students and community members who took the time to donate. The blood products that are obtained at these drives stay at St. Joseph's hospital in Marshfield and they also reminded me that with summer months soon arriving also means that blood donations tend to be reduced as well. So, if you have the opportunity to donate blood this summer, please do so, because there is a need.

A special mention goes out to Lee Friedl, a senior at Pittsville as he reached the 1 gallon amount for donating blood. Lee is just one example of how students help others in the community out in so many different ways. Congratulations Lee!

Plans are currently underway to create a date in the fall for another blood drive at the PHS gym. Thanks to all who helped coordinate this drive, but especially to those who took the time to save lives!

HIGH SCHOOL POPULAR LIT, Ms. Freedlund

Popular Literature is a class developed to encourage reading. The class is set up to be an independent class where students can read the books that they want to read. To earn an "A", students must read a minimum of ten books with six books from the following: Classic Literature, British Literature, World Literature, Female Author, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Mystery, Nonfiction, Poetry Collection, Short Story Collection, Outdoor/Nature Writing, and Award Winner (Nobel, Pulitzer, etc.).

Students write an MLA style bibliography and a plot annotation for each book read. Each student receives points for reading each day and doing a monthly book report or book talk. Students learned how to use the Pittsville School District Library Search Engine-Destiny. The March book report will utilize an online poster maker-Glogster. Glogster is a creative way to combine photos and images, text, video and music in an interactive poster that can be shared with registered users.

We have all enjoyed the hidden benefits of reading. According to the article "Reading for Pleasure: A Research Overview" published by The National Literary Trust, book choice is important to motivate students to be life-long readers. When an individual is reading about a subject they enjoy they are more likely to enjoy reading. Obvious benefits of increased reading are improved reading comprehension and the increase in students' personal vocabulary. The research also identifies other benefits such as improved writing skills, grammar, self-confidence, and higher IQ scores.

Students in Pop Lit have already read over 45 books since January 18th. While not every student in Pop Lit is an avid reader, the benefits of setting time aside each day to read for pleasure is definitely worthwhile. Several students have read multiple books with over 500 pages. A sampling of the literature read: *Gone with the Wind* (1024 pages) *A Boy Called It*, *Firefly Lane*, *In Ecstasy*, *Until I Find You* (824 pages), *Field Guide to Farm-All Tractors*, *Harry Potter*, *The Great Gatsby*, *True Grit*, and *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*.



Students in the Elementary Physical Education classes had an opportunity to see the equipment used by ice hockey players and goalies. Some students even had the opportunity to put on the goalie gear and defend the goal during a game of floor hockey. Pictured is Laney Garrels defending her goal.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CORNER . . .



Decades Dance Contest Winners Pictured from Left to Right: Joe Hoffmann-90's, Jess Wix-80's, Shelby Freedlund-60's, Anna Schwanebeck-50's. and Lindsev Robus-70's

SODA-POPS Club Spring News and Upcoming Events!

FEBRUARY: *Decades Dance was a HIT!*

Friday, February 11th, SODA-POPS hosted their first ever "Decades" Dance. Prizes were given to those students who were deemed by their peers as having the best outfit for each decade; 50's, 60's, 70's 80's, and 90's. Proceeds from the dance will go to a local charity in need as voted on by club members.

MARCH: *March Madness Clean Sweep!*

PHS students have the opportunity to do a little spring cleaning by bringing in 5 articles of clothing (which will be donated to Good Will) in exchange for a NCAA Division 1 Men's March Madness Bracket. The top three winners will receive prizes.

APRIL: *Safe Celebrations: \$\$ Available for parents hosting alcohol free parties!*

Parents will once again have the opportunity requests alcohol-free beverages from the SODA-POPS Club if they are hosting alcohol-free post-prom or graduation parties. Parties need to provide a safe and welcoming environment. Please contact SODA-POPS Advisor, Julia Backaus, at 884-5223 for more information or to make a request.

MAY: *2nd Annual 5K Charity Charge for Jeremiah's Crossing! Fun for the WHOLE family!*

Registration at 8:00 AM, Race starts at 9:00 AM--Saturday, May 7th at PHS

SODA-POPS will once again host its 5K Charity Charge to benefit Jeremiah's Crossing (the therapeutic horseback riding ranch located in Babcock.) The cost to participate is \$15 which includes a T-shirt; pre-registration is required by **Friday, April 29th** to ensure a T-shirt. Participants may also register the day of the event for \$10, but will not receive a T-shirt. Please contact Julia Backaus, SODA-POPS Advisor, at 715-884-5223 or backajul@pittsville.k12.wi.us to register for the event.

Important Reminders for Seniors:

1. *Local Scholarship Due Dates:* Please remember to check the due dates for scholarships on the Scholarship Website; most local scholarships are due April 15th, but some are due sooner.
2. *Complete your FAFSA ASAP:* If you have not already done so, please complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible so you are eligible for more aid. Your 2010 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov
3. *UW Placement Tests Registration:* Seniors attending a UW next fall are asked to take placement tests to determine what classes they should be placed in. Placement tests are administered March-July at numerous UW locations; students can register online at <https://testing.exams.wisc.edu/regionaltesting/registration.php>
4. *Important Dates:*
 - a. Awards Day—Friday, May 27th at 8:00 AM PHS Gymnasium
 - b. Graduation—Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium

Important Reminders for Juniors:

- 1) *Summer/Early Fall ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines:* Students can register online at www.actstudent.org
 - a. Test Date: June 11th, 2011—Registration Deadline: May 6th, 2011
 - b. Test Date: September 10th, 2011—Registration Deadline: Aug. 12th, 2011
- 2) *Spring Campus Preview Field Trips:* Juniors are eligible to attend the following campus preview days; information was given out in English class on 3/8/2011
 - a. UW-Oshkosh: Thursday April 14th, 2011—Cost \$5 (bus) plus lunch money
 - b. UW-Stevens Point: Monday, April 25th, 2011—Cost \$2 (bus) plus lunch money. ***This trip is tentative based on whether or not school is in session.*
 - c. UW-La Crosse: Friday, April 29th, 2011—Cost \$5 (bus) plus lunch money

Sophomore and Freshman Spring Meetings:

All sophomores and freshmen are asked to meet with Mrs. Backaus to discuss current high school goals and future plans. During these meetings, students are also *encouraged to look for ways to volunteer* in their free time and over the summer to begin building a strong scholarship résumé. Students are reminded to continue their career and post-secondary exploration and planning by *using their WISCareers account*. All meetings should be completed prior to spring break.

8th Grade Stay on Track Graduation:

On Friday, April 15th, during 7th and 8th hour, 8th Grade students will be awarded certificates for successfully completing the Stay on Track program through the Army National Guard. As part of the event, students will be able to "race" go-carts in the HS gym as a reward for their hard work and effort.

Please feel free to contact Julia Backaus, 7-12 Counselor, if you have questions about any of the information provided at 715-884-5223 or backajul@pittsville.k12.wi.us

*Art Department Fusible Glass Pendants
are now available through New Visions
6 Gallery at the Marshfield Clinic.*

Agriculture Education and Pittsville FFA News and Notes

PITTSVILLE FFA GREENHOUSE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Beginning May 1, 2011, once again the Pittsville FFA Greenhouse is selling high quality and low cost plants. All the proceeds from the sale support the Pittsville FFA members in its many activities. You can purchase the plants at Associated Bank, Baum's Mercantile, Harmony Co-op or the stop by the greenhouse between the hours 8:00AM – 3:00 PM. You may also stop by the FFA Alumni Greenhouse during those hours and someone will help you with your selections.

The plants include hanging baskets of geraniums, begonias, fuchsias, bocopa, and million dollar babies. For planting and highlighting we have pansies, geraniums, Sweet Williams, alyssum, wave petunias, sun flowers and much, much, much more.

Please continue to support the FFA members and their efforts.



PHS Seniors Dallas Oates and Lindsey Robus work on plants in the PHS greenhouse. They are preparing plants for the upcoming flower sale, beginning May 1.



FFA members Ashlee Conrad, Julia Peaslee, Maxine Kremer and Megan Christiansen celebrate FFA Week, by dressing up for Hawaiian/Greek Day. The winning class each day gets to go to lunch first.

PITTSVILLE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR SCIENCE CREDIT FOR HORTICULTURE SCIENCE CLASS

The past four years, the Pittsville Agriculture Department and Mr. Bill Urban have been working the Department of Public Instruction to meet criteria that gives students the opportunity to engage in rigorous, authentic learning experiences that are relevant to their learning needs and future ambitions. The Horticulture Science curriculum is now being submitted to the DPI for state review. Upon approval, the Horticulture Science Class will be an accepted science credit throughout the University of Wisconsin System as an elective. Review and approval of this document takes approximately 60-90 days. If approved, it gives the student another opportunity to explore an agriculture venue that they may not have looked into. The "crosswalk" document aligns the science state academic standards with the objectives and activities that are taught in the Agriculture and Natural Resource Horticulture Science course. There are approximately 30 schools with in the state that the agriculture/science crosswalk has taken place with many positive results.

2011 PITTSVILLE FFA BANQUET A SUCCESS!!

The Pittsville FFA held it annual banquet on Monday, March 21. It was a great success, with over on one hundred-thirty people in attendance. The Pittsville FFA, which is the most active organization in the high school, handed out several awards to the following people: Jan Wright received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award for her continued support of our community's FFA program and help with the Splash of Red Cranberry Tours. Alesha Osgood received the Star Chapter Farmer Award for her participation and leadership in agriculture. Ashlee Potter received the Outstanding in FFA and Agriculture Education Award. Outgoing President Michaela Wolf received the Gold and Blue Award for excellence in the FFA program the past four years. Connor Coyle received the Chapter Greenhand Award because of her involvement in the FFA. Scott Worlund and Eric Huber were recognized for being high fruit salesman. Pittsville High School Principal John Olig gave the opening comments about the importance of agriculture and FFA programs in all the smaller communities. After the meal, FFA Alumni Treasurer Jan Wright gave comments and discussed the important role that the Pittsville FFA alumni play in our member's development.

FFA President Josh Calaway handed out scholarships to deserving members. Each year the FFA Alumni has given up to \$2,000 in scholarships to deserving FFA members. FFA member Coyle recited the FFA Creed while the officer team each reflected on the past years successes, which included Food For America Program, State and National FFA Conventions, Washington Leadership Conference, Central Wisconsin Fair (Pittsville FFA had the most exhibits this past year), Meat and Labor Auction, Cranberry Tours, State FFA Degrees and Choir members, FFA Week and Ag Olympics. State FFA Officer Anna Peisigg from Colby gave an inspirational speech about how the FFA Organization has helped her grow. FFA Presidents Michaela Wolf gave her retiring address. We would like to thank all the area business everyone for their donations to helping us make the banquet a success for our members.

Dustin Metcalf and Jenna Ginter taxidermy a fish in Mr. Urban's Fish, Forestry and Feathers Class. Students learn real hands on experience while completing their blue gill.



FBLA COMPETES AT REGIONALS

On Saturday, February 5th, 36 members of the high school Future Business Leaders of America club loaded a bus to compete at the Region II Leadership Conference in Minocqua. This was the largest group of students to go to a Regional RLC in recent years so expectations were high for the group to do well, and they followed through. Five of the members were able to advance on to the State Leadership Conference in April in Appleton by placing in the top 3 finishers in their individual categories of competition.

The five students who will compete for the chance to go to Orlando, Florida for the National Leadership Conference are: Joe Hoffmann, who qualified for Nationals last year, in Help Desk, Abi DeWilde in Client Service, Tom Hughes in Healthcare Administration, Jenna Sanken in Business Math, and Audrey Meis in Introduction to Business. Joining them at state will be two other members who will serve as the chapter's voting delegates, Zach Zdun and Jennifer Quinnell.



The rest of the students who competed also did very well, many finishing in the top 8. These other fine business students are: Brad Zieher- 8th Computer Problem Solving, Nikki Dietz and Steph Schuster- 6th Desktop Publishing, Zach Zdun and Nathan Amundson- 4th Emerging Business Issues, Amy Miner- 6th Hospitality Management, Miranda Coulthard- 6th Impromptu Speaking, Breanna Kumm- 5th Introduction to Business, Shelby Clark- 4th Intro to Business Communication, Morgan Frost- 6th Intro. to Business Communication, Hannah Marti- 6th Personal Finance, Angela Rahm- 8th Public Speaking II, Jordan Rayburn- 7th Sports Management, Sam Solatycki- 6th Word Processing I, and Blake Lau- 7th Word Processing II. Congratulations to all members who competed and good luck to those moving on to state.

PHS Forensics

PHS Forensics hosted Festival on February 14th in which five other schools participated: Assumption, Auburndale, John Edwards High School, Lincoln, and Wisconsin Rapids Junior High. Over 70 students attended the 25th annual event.



Row 1: Hannah Downs, Jenna Sanken, Miranda Coulthard, Taylor Pralle, Audrey Meis. Row 2: Angela Rahm, Sydney Freedlund, Cassy Ostrowski, Rachel Neve, Ashley Larson, Anna Schwanebeck. Row 3: Mariah John, Jen Quinnell, Luke Hardinger, Marissa Ortner, Megan Piotrowski, Marita Mitchell, Hope Moos, Morgan Frost. Missing: Nathan Amundson, Walter Harris, and Jamie Dietz.

The PHS Forensics Team will be sending 18 students in 12 categories to the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association competition on April 15th. Students must compete in three rounds each at Festival, Subdistrict, and District levels. State qualifiers needed to earn two scores of 20 or above to attend the WHSFA competition in Madison. The State competition is a 'one-shot' deal where speakers must do their best to achieve the perfect score of 25. Cassy Ostrowski will be attempting to finish her high school forensics career with FOUR perfect scores at State. Family and community are invited to attend all of PHS Forensic events.

2011 State Qualifiers: Farrago~Anna Schwanebeck and Sydney Freedlund; Group Interpretation~Jen Quinnell, Mariah John, and Marissa Ortner; Walter Harris, Hannah Downs, and Luke Hardinger; Jenna Sanken, Audrey Meis, and Morgan Frost; Oratory~Nathan Amundsen; Prose~Rachel Neve, Miranda Coulthard, Taylor Pralle; Poetry~Cassy Ostrowski, Shelby Freedlund, Megan Piotrowski.

WHSFA is the oldest forensics association in the United States.

Heritage Outreach Program Presentation

Mr. Piotrowski's History Class has been given an opportunity in which the National Guard will be coming to their classroom to give a demonstration and an informational discussion on the role of citizen soldiers during times of war. The class has just finished up World War I, and World War II will be dealt with in several weeks. This will be a perfect opportunity for the students to encounter this information in a unique format. For additional information regarding this topic: <http://guardhop.com/teacher/html/teacheroverview.html>.

Pittsville School Art Show



Pittsville School is inviting you to visit the student art show during the Learning Fair.

Evening of
May 5
5:00-7:00

**Pittsville
Auditorium
Lobby**

Public Welcome

Math Common Core Standards Are Here

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in mathematics require a more focused approach which defines specific objectives and then requires students to understand these concepts to a deeper level which will enable them to better use their knowledge within 'real life' applications.

One of the eight mathematics standards to be addressed is Modeling with Mathematics. Mathematically proficient students are able to apply the mathematics to solve problems from everyday life, society and in work places. By high school, proficient students apply what they know and are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, also realizing that these generalizations may need to be adjusted later in their test for accuracy.

The Honors Algebra 2 class recently completed their study of quadratic equations with a project that involved modeling. Students were given data relating temperature, wind speed, and wind chill temperatures. Each student chose a method, favorable to them, to generate a graph of the data and then curve fit the data into six quadratic equations. They then reached beyond to generalize the six equations into one general equation. Students were then able to verify their work during the sub zero temperatures and wind speeds of Wisconsin's early February temperatures. Evaluating their results in the context of this application and reflection on whether the results made sense compared to wind chill tables allowed students to rework their conclusion and equation.

This project was a new experience for the students who were challenged to understand the various terms within their quadratic equations, identify patterns and pick reasonable means to generalize these patterns. All the challenges took students beyond evaluating quadratic equations and other basic skills taught within the current standards and gave them exposure to using their mathematics beyond text book generated problems.

Common Core, here comes Pittsville.

PHS HO-ANG-HO

Yearbook is on sale now!

Cost is \$38.00 if ordered by April 15th and \$45.00 after the 15th. They can be ordered online at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us or by contacting Mrs. Jackson for an order form.

CWML NEWS MAKERS

The Central Wisconsin Math Leagues 3rd and final test is just around the corner. With two tests under our belt, the student mathletes are sitting in 3rd place for our division with one student in first place in their division and five students in the top 6 spots in their division. It is an exciting time for our contestants. Nurzat Rakhmanberdieva, a PAX exchange student is in 2nd place in the advanced category and in 1st place is Ganlin Liu another PAX exchange student. We are so happy that they could spend the year with us here at PHS. (They are two of six exchange students this year) Rounding out the advanced group is Summer Wilke in 5th place and Justin Schueller in 6th place. Also placing in the top of their category is Damian Poehnelt in Geometry. He is currently in 3rd place.

10TH GRADE BIOLOGY

On Thursday, February 17th, James L. Weber, PhD., President of Prevention Genetics of Marshfield conducted a presentation to Mr. Steward's 10th grade Biology students in the auditorium. The presentation lasted over 40 minutes and brought to light the scientific value of genetic research in present day medicine. Dr. Webber discussed topic related to genetics - the advances being made in medicine and treatment possibilities, current research into genetic diseases and their affects on the human body, limitation to human genetic cures, new research and advancements in genetic implementation into areas of cancer and other genetic disorders, the evolution of genetics and the human race, and social ethics of genetic research.

The presentation started with DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) structure, how DNA replicates, DNA and protein synthesis, and the history behind DNA studies. This was followed by a discussion on the Human Genome Project and its impact on the genetic disorders that inflict humans worldwide. After the presentation, a question and answer session concluded the presentation. Dr. Weber relayed that the students asked thought provoking questions and that he enjoyed speaking to our Pittsville High School students.

Music Department News . . .

Solo/Ensemble

If you have students or know students in band or choir, you know that they have been hard at work preparing for Solo and Ensemble which takes place in Granton on March 22nd. Pittsville has 85 events going which is above the average for us! We'll make sure to let you know how they did.

Large Group Festival

Then in April, band and choir students will be traveling to Spencer with their ensembles to be adjudicated. High school and Junior High Choirs go on April 7th. High School and Junior High Bands go on April 14th.
Parents: look out for a permission slip for this event.

Attention 5th Grade Families

Now is the time your son or daughter should start thinking about being in band and/or choir next year as a 6th grader. There will be time to try out different instruments in May just to see what instruments students are naturally good at. This way they have a better idea of what they'd like to play in the fall.

Dear Parents,

The Music Boosters will be operating the concession stand at two track meets this year. We will need three or four parents for each two hour shift listed on the signup sheet. If you can work any of these shifts please print your name and contact number in the appropriate space and return to Mrs. Gronski, Ms. Lewin or call Virginia Federwitz at 715-884-3262. If you are able to work more than one shift or at both meets please feel free to do so. Younger children are not allowed in the stand during your shift so please make other arrangements. Some High school and Jr. High students are allowed to work but they must get approval from Mrs. Gronski or Ms. Lewin. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Federwitz.

Tuesday, April 12

3:30 – 5:30 pm	5:30-7:30 pm	7:30 – done (Clean up)

Thursday, May 12

3:30 – 5:30 pm	5:30-7:30 pm	7:30 – done (Clean up)

INSTRUMENT DONATION UPDATE

February and March have been amazing!

Thanks to Marv Kohlbeck, we had a nice article in the Pittsville Record last week. The more help we can get to get the word out, the more we can help our students.

Exciting news: Because of a donation and the work of a skilled repairman at Heid Music, Pittsville School District officially owns a working Clarinet! This is hopefully the first announcement of many!

Thank you to those who have donated so far:

- Brett Rademan - Cornet
- Virginia and her son Chad Federwitz - Trombone, Baritone, and a Snare Drum!
- Jerry and Chris Meyers - Bb Trumpet
- Peggy Vangordon - Bb Clarinet.
- Shirley DeBevec - Cornet
- Maralyn Ortner- Bb Clarinet
- Steve and Deb Zdun - Percussion Pad
- Mike Bailey - Flute and an amazing Alto Saxophone

What we still need (in any working or non-working order)

- Flutes
- Clarinets
- Alto Saxophones
- Trumpets or Cornets
- Trombones (Tenor or Bass, F attachments).

If you'd like to make a financial contribution, we're also in need of funds to repair the donated instruments to get them into working order. You can contact myself or Steve Zdun with any questions.

~ Miss Lewin

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETES AT REGIONALS

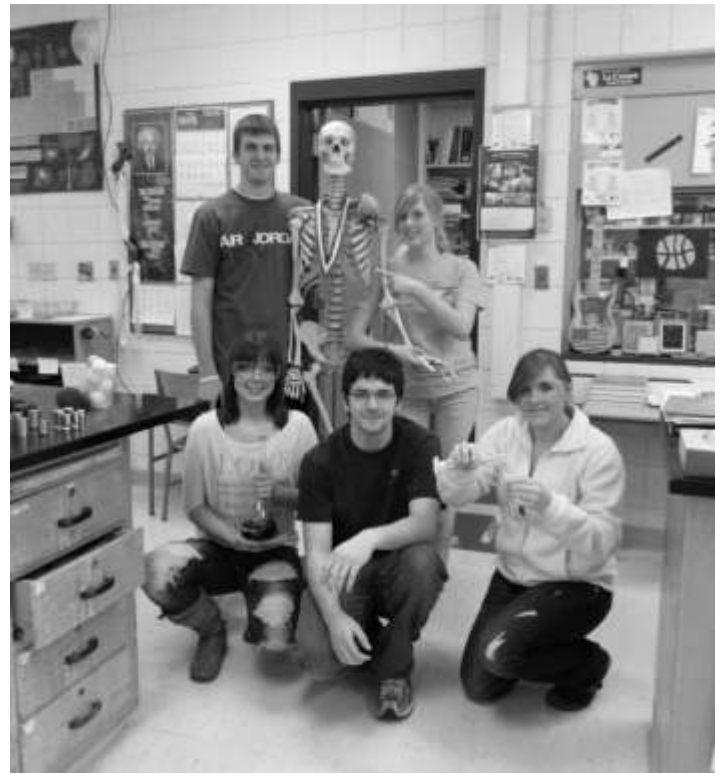
On February 19, the Pittsville High School Science Olympiad team competed at the North Regional held on the campus of UW-Marathon County in Wausau. Team members competed in a variety of events in the areas of life science, physical science, earth science, technology, and inquiry. Winning medals for Pittsville were Olivia Wesely and Rachel Neve who placed first in ornithology, and Summer Wilke and Mindy Bakken who placed second in forensic science. The team will now compete in the state competition, which will be held April 2 on the campus of UW-Stout.

The Science Olympiad team consists of seniors Olivia Wesely, Summer Wilke, Joe Hoffman, Gavin Hautala, Bradford Zieher, Mindy Bakken, and Justin Schueller; juniors Rachel Neve and Ganlin Liu; sophomores Megan Piotrowski and Hope Moos; and freshmen Hannah Downs and Sophia Schwanebeck. Mark Denniston is the team advisor.

HIGH SCHOOL PBIS REWARD EVENT

On Tuesday, March 8th, 158 PHS students had the opportunity to go Out to Lunch in Marshfield. They were able to “buy” into this trip based on the PBIS Rewards tickets they had already earned. 158 STUDENTS; that’s 76% of our student body!! This was a wonderful opportunity for these young adults to go to Marshfield to celebrate “Mardi Gras” or Fat Tuesday at one of three restaurants of their choice: El Mezcal, World Buffet or China Buffet. Students were asked to pay for the bus trip with three reward tickets and each paid for their own lunch. The cost of the bus was actually paid for out of student-generated funds that are accrued from the vending machines in school.

Students were able to use this outing as a learning opportunity: calculating tip percentage, exercising patience, using appropriate social skills and manners, and some were even able to practice their foreign language skills! All of the staff that accompanied the students had the same impression...*this was a very well-behaved group of young adults!!* At each of the three lunch venues a supervising staff member received positive comments about the students’ behavior from other patrons in the restaurant. It was truly an enjoyable, rewarding outing for all of those who chose to participate. Those students who decided to not join the Out to Lunch crowd were able to spend two tickets for an extended lunch period and open gym here at school. There will be two more PBIS reward events before the end of the school year, one held at school and the final event in May will again offer an outing to be chosen based on student requests.



Health Career Connections

Health Career Connections is a sequential program for high school students interested in health careers. The program provides students with an understanding of skills needed for a variety of careers within health services. During junior year, students complete academic classes including Nursing Assistant Training. During senior year, students receive hands-on learning in three medical facilities (one hospital, one clinic, and one other rotation like a long term care facility).

The three seniors that are completing the program this year are: Kate Copeland, Lee Friedl and Michaela Wolf. They spent the first three class hours of the first semester of their senior year observing sixteen different health career programs. The second semester of their senior year is spent concentrating in three areas for six weeks each. Next year the five juniors that are scheduled to participate in the program are: Nikki Dietz, Mariah John, Brittini O’Keefe, Jennifer Quinnell, and Katherine Redmond. Students in the sophomore class are encouraged to apply for this program. The applications are due on Friday, March 25 to Mrs. Leonhardt, the program coordinator at Pittsville High School.

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