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# Pittsville School District Newsletter

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION APRIL 6, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Pittsville on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 the following office is to be elected to succeed the present incumbent listed. The term of office for a School Board Member is three years beginning on Monday, April 26, 2010.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Member	MaryAnn Lippert
Member	Jane Wesely

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, in the Office of the School Administrator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

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

Done by the School District of Pittsville on November 9, 2009.

*MaryAnn Lippert, School District Clerk*

## From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds



On October 21, the School Board members approved the 2009-10 budget and tax levy. Our enrollment which is directly related to how much a school district may levy each year increased by 20 students. However, the revenue limits are based on a three year average. Our enrollment count (three yr. avg.) this year was **663** (last year's three year average was **672**). So we are still seeing a decline in our enrollment for revenue limit purposes.

To cover the total costs to educate our students this year, a 2009-10 budget (all funds) of **\$9,003,263.66** was developed. This amount equates to an increase of only **1.33%** from last year's budget. As you can see, the School Board did as much as possible to keep expenditures to a bare minimum.

At the Annual meeting in August, the Pittsville residents approved a 14.99% increase in the tax levy with a \$10.36 tax rate per \$1,000 valuation. I am pleased to report that though higher than any of us would still like, the 2009-10 tax levy amount approved by the School Board was **\$3,134,504.66** which equates to a lower **12.67%** levy increase or **\$354,733** increase. Our tax rate per \$1,000 valuation will be **\$9.76** this year, not the \$10.36 amount approved earlier. Last year's rate was **\$9.01** per \$1,000.

### QUESTIONS MANY WILL ASK:

**What is this year's new tax impact for the \$175,000 recurring referendum passed last November?**

The answer to this question is **\$.51** per \$1,000 valuation. This amount has not changed what was reported last year before and after the referendum. 2010-11 will be the final year for the recurring referendum.

**If our expenditures are only increasing 1.33% this year, why is our tax levy increasing 12.67%?**

The answer is that Pittsville will be receiving **10% less** in state aids this year due to the legislative cuts in School Aids passed this summer. We will unfortunately be receiving \$420,230 less in aids than last year and because of this, additional funding must come from the local tax levy to cover the necessary budgetary costs. Also, I should point out that the levy increase is actually less than the cut in state aid by **\$240,297** which illustrates that the Board has cut expenses by this amount so as not to pass the entire aid cut on to local taxpayers.

**How many years do we have left to pay on our school building debt?**


We have five years left to pay. This year's payment is **\$493,248** which works out to **\$1.54** per \$1,000 valuation in the tax levy rate. The School Board refinanced this debt in 2009 and received a substantial rate decrease and will save a little over \$27,000 each of the next five years, for a total of \$135,000.

### IN OTHER NEWS:

In my last report, I indicated that the Pittsville School District will be hosting a school administrator from China from November 1-6. Since that time, the date was pushed back to November 15-19. Unfortunately, the visit has again been postponed, and we have not yet been informed of when Mrs. Bing-qiao Zhang from Harbin, China will be visiting our school and community. We are looking forward to her visit and hosting this foreign educational exchange.

# Upcoming Events

## DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 GB at Adams Friendship WR vs Phillips	2	3 BB vs Athens (NC)	4 GB vs Athens (NC)	5 WR at Necedah  <i>PAFA presents... The Memories, 7:00 pm</i>
6	7 BB vs Edgar JHBB vs Edgar GB at Edgar	8 6-8 Grade Winter Concert 1:45 & 7:30 pm	9	10 JHBB at Stratford GB at Marathon WR vs Park Falls	11 BB vs Stratford JHBB at Athens	12 WR Tournament
13  High School Winter Concert, 1:30 pm	14 JHBB at St. Vincent  School Board Meeting 7:00 PM	15 BB at Owen Withee (NC) GB at Stratford	16	17 WR at Edgar BB at Assumption	18 JHBB at Abbotsford GB vs Assumption  4Kgn - 3 Grade Winter Program, 1 pm	19 WR at Appleton
20	21 BB at Newman	22 JHBB at Marathon GB vs Newman	23  12:30 Early Release	24  Winter Break NO SCHOOL	25  Winter Break NO SCHOOL  <i>Happy Holidays!</i>	26
27	28  Winter Break NO SCHOOL  GB at Portage (NC) WR at Northern Exp	29  Winter Break NO SCHOOL  GB at Portage (NC) WR at Northern Exp	30  Winter Break NO SCHOOL	31  Winter Break NO SCHOOL		

## JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  Winter Break NO SCHOOL  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2
3	4	5 BB at Marathon WR vs Spencer (NC)	6	7 GB at Loyal (NC)	8 BB vs Auburndale JHGB at Stratford	9 JHWR at SPASH
10	11 BB at Granton (NC) JHGB vs St. Vincent  School Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12 GB vs Marathon JHWR at Nekoosa	13	14 JHGB vs Athens WR at Auburndale	15 GB at Auburndale	16 WR at Nekoosa
17	18	19 BB at Northland Luth JHGB vs Abbotsford JHWR at WR West	20	21 GB vs Northland Luth JHGB at Auburndale  End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	22 BB at Edgar WR vs Marathon  Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL	23 5/6 Grade Girls BB Tournament
24	25 JHGB at St. Vincent	26 BB vs Granton (NC) WR at Stratford	27	28 BB at Stratford	29 GB vs Edgar JHGB at Marathon	30 WR at Athens (Conference)
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# DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov-30	Dec-1	Dec-2	Dec-3	Dec-5
PIZZA DIPPERS salad bar fresh bread chilled fruit pasta salad chewy granola bar milk	SPAGHETTI Italian sauce corn dinner rolls chilled fruit milk	CORN DOG ON A STICK baked beans hot pasta fresh bread chilled fruit milk	NACHOS cheese sauce taco meat tater tot casserole fresh bread chilled fruit salad bar milk	FISH SQUARES ON A BUN or HAMBURGER ON A BUN french fries fresh bread chilled fruit relish sticks & dip sliced cheese milk
Dec-7	Dec-8	Dec-9	Dec-10	Dec-11
BREADED CHICKEN on bun mashed potato fresh bread chilled fruit chocolate chip cookie milk	HOT PASTA turkey ala king carrot coins chilled fruit buttermilk biscuit milk	PEPPERONI PIZZA TUNA SALAD KAISER fresh bread salad bar pasta salad chilled fruit milk	HARD SHELL TACO or SOFT SHELL pizza casserole carrot sticks fresh bread shredded cheese chilled fruit milk	HOT HAM ON A BUN BBQ RIB ON A BUN macaroni and cheese fresh bread green beans chilled fruit sliced cheese milk
Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-18
MINI CORNDOGS baked beans hot pasta chilled fruit fresh bread milk	FRENCH TOAST STICKS little smokies fresh bread juice chilled fruit trail mix milk	SUB SANDWICH chicken noodle soup fresh bread carrot sticks chilled fruit milk	PIZZA DIPPERS salad bar fresh bread chilled fruit pasta salad chewy granola bar milk	CHICKEN NUGGETS mashed potato dinner rolls chilled fruit holiday cookies milk
Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
CHEESE FRIES HAM & CHEES KAISER broccoli rice fresh bread salad bar chilled fruit milk	SPAGHETTI Italian sauce corn dinner rolls chilled fruit milk	NACHOS cheese sauce taco meat tater tot casserole fresh bread chilled fruit salad bar milk		

## 2009-10 LUNCH PRICES

4K-Grade 4	\$2.10
Grade 5-8	\$2.50
Grade 9-12	\$3.00
Adult	\$3.25
Reduced	\$ .40
Milk	\$ .30

**THE JANUARY LUNCH MENU CAN BE VIEWED ON-LINE  
AFTER DECEMBER 23.**

## WELCOME TO

*Café Prepay®*

To help simplify payment of school lunch fees, Pittsville School District has enrolled in an internet-based service called Café Prepay. This service is a website where you can pay for your child's lunch account fees using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, plus a small processing fee (approximately \$2.50 per transaction) charged by your credit card company. Participation in this service is voluntary; you may enroll at any time.

Café Prepay also enables you to view your student's participation report, which means you can monitor your child's spending and see exactly what he's eating each day (via the Participation Report link).

You can find a link to the Café Prepay website on the school district's website at <http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/>. If you have questions, please visit <http://www.pay4lunch.com/faq.aspx> or call 1-866-642-9990. For questions about your child's account balances or other food service questions please call the school district food service office at 884-5220.

## LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Students whose lunch accounts are below six meals will be notified weekly using the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System. The notice explains that the students funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

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

When sending in a payment, please include the name of your child and account number. If your family has more than one student attending the district, be sure to list the names and account numbers of all the students you wish the money to be distributed. When distributing money (unless otherwise directed), family accounts will be "evened out" so all the students in one family will have about the same amount of money.

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

- Check with your answering machines, e-mails to see if your family received an instant alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible. Remember – your child has only six or less purchases left.
- When sending in a payment, please include each student's name and account number.

If you have any questions about your account, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517.



# PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

I want to begin by explaining the different starting times for the winter sports. On Monday, November 16, the wrestling team and boys' basketball team began their winter season. The girls' basketball team began practicing on Wednesday November 18. Most years the girls' basketball team will start practicing the week prior to the boys' basketball and wrestling. The change was made by the WIAA to facilitate the Girls State Basketball Tournament being held at the Kohl Center. This year the Girls State Basketball Tournament will be held after the Boys State Basketball Tournament. The reason the Girls Tournament cannot be scheduled at the usually time at the Kohl Center is due to various College Athletic Tournaments using the facility during that time.

During the school year, we see a lot of positive actions from our students. I want to highlight a few of these activities which are often overlooked. First, I want to mention the Blood Drive that our students took part in on Friday, October 30. Because of the flu, the blood supply is in shorter supply than normal. On that Friday, 68 individuals stepped forward to give blood. From these 68 donors, 55 units of whole blood and 2 units of platelets were collected. At a time when the Blood Center is having a difficult time in meeting needs, the response of our community, mostly our students, exceeded expectations. With parent permission, students 16 years old and older are allowed to donate blood. The Blood Drive is set up by Mr. Piotrowski and the Student Council.

Next, in the days prior to Christmas, the various clubs at school will be holding a food drive to collect items for the local Pittsville Food Pantry. Again, this is the idea of the students helping those in need in our community. I want to commend our students for their work to help the community of Pittsville and beyond. We can be proud of our young people.

I want to thank the local veterans for their willingness to give of their time by coming to the high school for the Annual Veterans Day Commemoration. It is a great honor for our students to be with these local heroes. This is a great learning experience for our students. It helps our students understand the sacrifices of those who served and those who are currently serving.

Finally, I want to encourage the community to attend high school events during the winter season. There are many athletic contests in basketball and wrestling to attend prior to Christmas. During the month of December, we will be hosting 8 different contests at home. We want our students to participate in high school activities. It is a great feeling for our students when the community comes out to support their participation. I want to close the article by especially encouraging you to attend the Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. This is a great way to enjoy the musical talents of our student. I hope to see you at some upcoming events in December.

John Olig, Senior High School Principal

## PHS Drama Club News

Imagine you are invited to a wedding on an isolated island. Suddenly one of the guests is found dead. Sounds like the plot to an Agatha Christie novel, doesn't it? Will the real killer be caught? Will the wedding take place? Will everyone get off the island? Come see "Till Death Do Us Part" on Saturday, February 6th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, February 7th at 1:00 pm to answer all these questions.

The PHS Drama Club will be holding tryouts later this month. "Til Death Do US Part" is a mystery/comedy that has roles for 5 males and 11 females.

## PHS Forensics News

The Pittsville Forensics Team is still looking for team members. Any students interested in joining Forensics, please stop and talk to either Ms. Freedlund or Mr. Simonds. Our first competition will be February 15 or 16th.

**Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life. – Les Brown**

**SNOWBOARD CLUB** is looking for quart jars, lids, and rings. If you have any, please contact Pam Kumm at 884-6412.

## Counselor's Corner

### SENIORS:

- *Applications to Colleges and Tech Schools should be completed ASAP; Thanksgiving preferably, Christmas at the latest.* Remember, the earlier you are accepted, the greater your chances are for receiving scholarships from your future school.
- Please remember to continually check the scholarship webpage for updated scholarships at [http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/hs/scholarship\\_list.cfm](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/hs/scholarship_list.cfm)

### JUNIORS:

- Junior meetings are scheduled for November/December; please make sure have made your appointment.
- ACT Preparation: It is not too early to start practicing for the ACT. FREE ONLINE PREPARATION is available at <http://www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org/> You can also get a FREE PREP BOOKELET in the counseling office and/or check out larger preparations books from the library.

### SOPHOMORES:

- Sophomore meetings will be scheduled for December; if you signed up for the Wisconsin Covenant as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, please make sure you bring your Sophomore Worksheet to your meeting.



# PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWS



Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome to November! The beginning of November always seems to signify that school is well underway and the "dreaded" winter season is upon us. (Can you tell my bias, here?)

Recently, you should have received your child's first quarter report card. It is my hope that there were no surprises with respect to grades or comments regarding behavior. The report card is a time for all of those involved in the child's education to reflect on what went well and what yet needs to be done. As a parent, I hope you take time to review how you supported your child's efforts in his/her schooling. Did you make sure that your child receives the proper nutrition and sleep needed to perform well at school? Did you take time every night to review your child's planner to see that all homework was done? If it was not done, did you approach the task with a spirit that instills a love for learning? As a student, I hope you assess how much you tried every day. Did you approach your schoolwork with a positive attitude and get right to it at home without causing stress for family members? As a school we review grades on a far more regular basis than quarterly and as we do we also assess how we are doing by asking ourselves questions on whether or not we are meeting a child's needs and teaching to their strengths.

It is so important that as a team we all work together to educate our children. It is important, now more than ever, to prepare our children for lives after school. You have an opportunity to take an integral part in this by attending parent-teacher conferences later this month. Educators depend so much on communication with parents to help us know your child. I hope that you will make every effort to participate in these. Please call the school office if you have questions regarding the procedure for signing up for conferences.

As we near Thanksgiving, a time to remember all those things that we are thankful for, I hope that you know how thankful I am as school principal for the support you give to all of us here at school as we attempt to make this school a place where great things happen for all children.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sondelski, Elementary Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MATH NIGHT

will be held again at the elementary school on February 4th. Come participate and explore in fun hands-on math activities as a family. Students in grades 4K-6 are invited!!

### THINGS TO SAVE

Please help us throughout the school year by collecting the following:

**Campbell's Labels for Education** – labels from any Campbell's product.

**Boxtops for Education** – the "coupon" located on General Mills products.

**Milk Caps & Bags** – from Kemps, Kwik Trip, Land O'Lakes, Morning Glory.

We also participate in **rebate programs from Target and Pick 'n Save**. To participate in the "We Care" program at Pick 'n Save, simply list our school's account number (617190) on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application. Each time you present your card at the checkout, a donation from that purchase is added to our account. There is no cost to participate in either rebate program.

### VOLUNTEER – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Parent support is vital to the overall effectiveness of our school programs. The use of school volunteers can help strengthen existing programs or introduce new programs.

All parents and community members are encouraged to become volunteers. The only requirement is to complete a Volunteer Form and have an interest in the education of children. Please contact Mrs. Sondelski if you would like to volunteer.

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

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

If you have any changes to your emergency contacts, please let us know that also. Having this information up-to-date saves us precious minutes in the event of illness or emergency.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, please call the elementary school at 884-2517 by 8:30 a.m. This is for the safety of your children. We need to be assured of where all the students are.**



## AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH

The 4K classes visited Memory Lane Farms on October 7th and 20th. We made it through the Corn Maze, survived the Cave of Courage, played on the hay mound, and visited the animals. Each child picked the perfect pumpkin, one that they could carry. We had an excellent time!



# GOLDEN AWARDS

This year, we are holding "Golden Awards" each month to promote positive behaviors within our school. The staff is on the look out for golden behaviors exhibited by an entire classroom for each award. Classrooms are nominated by teachers, the principal, kitchen staff, custodial staff, and recess supervisors for their behaviors.

The Golden Awards are as follows:

**Golden Book Award**—for the classroom with the fewest number of overdue books.

**Golden Dustpan and Broom Award**—for the cleanest classroom (no papers or items on the floor for custodians to pick up prior to sweeping).

**Golden Table Award**—cleanest lunchroom table which includes have a clean floor under the table as well.

**Golden Slipper Award**—quietest in the hallway.

**Golden Slide Award**—positive behavior at recess and quietest lining up to come back in for recess.

**Golden Present Award**—classroom with the fewest number of absentees.

**Golden Spoon Award**—best manners in the lunch room.

**Golden Pencil Award**—classroom with the fewest missing assignments.

**Panther Diner**—a class that has been nominated for any of the above awards are put in a drawing to win a special lunch. The lunch is served in the community room complete with a menu, fine dining experience, and a wait staff (compliments of Mrs. Sondelski and other staff members).

Please encourage the students to show "Golden Behaviors" at school!



## SEPTEMBER GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

*Panther Diner—Ms. Pavlik's Third Grade*  
*Golden Book Award—Mrs. Kuehn's Second Grade*  
*Golden Dustpan and Broom Award—Mrs. Hautala's First Grade*  
*Golden Table Award—Ms. Pavlik's Third Grade*  
*Golden Slipper Award—Ms. Pavlik's Third Grade*  
*Golden Slide Award—Mrs. Neve's Third Grade*  
*Golden Present Award—Mrs. Hautala's First Grade*  
*Golden Spoon Award—Mrs. Kuehn's Second Grade*

## OCTOBER GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

*Panther Diner—Mr. Schultz's Sixth Grade*  
*Golden Book Award— Mrs. Heinzen's Kindergarten*  
*Golden Dustpan and Broom Award— Mrs. Niemann's Eighth Grade*  
*Golden Table Award— Mrs. Dupuis' First Grade*  
*Golden Slipper Award— Mr. Schultz's Sixth Grade*  
*Golden Slide Award— Ms. Pavlik's Third Grade*  
*Golden Present Award— Mrs. Heinzen's Kindergarten*  
*Golden Spoon Award—Mrs. Petersen's 4Kgn Tuesday/Thursday Group*  
*Golden Pencil Award – Mrs. Sanken's Eight Grade*

## ATTENDING THE PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM DECEMBER 18?

Why not join your child for lunch that day. The menu will include chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, chilled fruit, holiday cookies, and assorted milk. Please make reservations by calling 884-2517. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the elementary office or you can pay the day of the meal. The cost is \$3.25 per person.



# AG DEPARTMENT NEWS...

The FFA and Agriculture Education Department has had a busy fall.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Splash of Red Cranberry Tours" was once again very successful with our total visitors of "life long learners" high school groups, fourth grader groups and Pittsville School District residents once again topped over 500 visitors. The Cranberry Science Tour students were able to meet people throughout the United States. Our guests came from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, Maine, Florida, North Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arkansas and for the first time Hawaii. Pittsville native Karen Gabriel was home with her husband visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brey. The tour had an influx of Illinois people this past year, because of a wonderful article in the travel section of the Chicago Tribune highlighting our tour. You can read the article on the following site: <http://archives.chicagotribune.com/2009/oct/04/travel/chi-1004-cranberry-touroct04>. Also taking the tour this year was Miss Alice in Dairyland Cheryl O'Brien and the State FFA Officer Julie Utecht.

The Pittsville FFA Alumni/FFA Meat and Labor Auction was once again a success. Thank you to Mick Marti, Dan Hahn, Melissa Delaney, Kathleen Urban, Jenna and Jeff Okonek, Jordan Wolf and Karl Schiller for purchasing the FFA members for their labor needs. People bid on ½ beef, 4 1/2 pigs, and 4 lambs that were generously donated by Hay Creek Pallet, Gardner Cranberry, Earth Inc, Badger State Survey, Schulz Construction, Foxwood Farm, Croptech Agronomics, Terry Frost Trucking, Baums Mercantile, Pittsville Therapy, Mid-Towne Dental, Hay Creek Trucking, Gardner Trucking & Cold Storage, Fox Country Cranberries, Associated Bank, Buchanan Funeral Home, Perki Septic, The Flower Shop, Courmoyer Oil, Chasteen Insurance Agency, Debbie Kroening with Coldwell Banker Brenizer Realty, Pittsville Vision Center, Wisconsin Farm Business, Pittsville Homes, Wilke Landscaping, Hahn Transportation, Hemlock Trails Cranberry, Eric Pember Racing, Shawn Dupee Construction, Center Shot Rifle, Kohls Plumbing. The money from the meat helps continued support from the FFA Alumni in scholarships, trips and much more helping out our students and FFA members here at Pittsville. The meat went for a very low price of \$2.46/# and the high meat purchaser was Bob Osgood. The FFA Alumni would like to thank the attendees for helping clean up the Community Center at the end of the auction.

The FFA members once again gave safety skits to the Pre-K-fourth grade just prior to Halloween this year. The FFA members stressed the importance of staying together, candy safety and other important information. The program was organized by FFA Officers Wendy Cullen and Zach Hofferth.

The agriculture department had 12 enthusiastic young drivers that passed both their written and driving tests this past quarter. The certificate allows these students to drive tractors for their home farm at ages 12-14, while being able to work for other farms at ages 14-16. As the program was stressed to the students, the tractor safety certificate indicates that they know the importance of safety around heavy equipment and unsafe conditions. The following students will be receiving their certificates: Ashlee Conrad, Dillon Oates, Walter Harris, Brad Wesely, Austin John, Breanna Kumm, Audrey Meis, Sophia Schwanebeck, Ravin Sabin, Danzic Balcom, Cole Robus and Wendy Van Vleck. Congratulations to all of these students. Thank you to Power Pac for supplying the tractor for our Tractor Safety unit, Josh Calawy for taking time to return the tractor and Jerry Minor for taking time to coming in to speak to our Expo students about the importance of safety.

The PHS Agriculture Education Department is looking for old Christmas decorations to be used for our wreaths. Bill and Beth Rosandick generously donate the bows and our students learn about the tree farming industry in Wisconsin and complete the unit by making wreaths. So if you have any old decorations you would like to recycle, just drop them off by the FFA DRIVE door of the ag shop and we will take care of the rest.

FFA members will be conducting our annual fruit sale. Our motto has always been that "the fruit is so fresh, you will have to slap it." If you aren't contacted by an FFA member call the high school and we will take your order and deliver it as well.

In the last few weeks of December the FFA and other school organizations will be conducting a school-wide food drive. Our goal is 1000 non-perishable food items that we can give to the local food pantry. Winning class for each day will be allowed to go lunch first for that day based on the number of food items. And the overall class winner will receive a treat from each student organization involved. If you would like to contribute to our items, their will be boxes in the PHS Library.

The Pittsville FFA is hosting the District Speaking Contest, at the high school Monday, February 1, 2010. Ten area FFA Organizations will be sending FFA members to compete with the chance to go onto Sectionals. In the past Pittsville has been very successful in the contests. This year's contests will include: Job Interview, Creed, Prepared, Extemporaneous, FFA Quiz Bowl & Parliamentary Procedures. If anyone would like to help judge these events, please contact Mr. Urban at the high school. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Agriculture Department has been contacted by the DNR that they have a badger that was accidentally trapped this past week, which is illegal to do in Wisconsin. The agent asked if we would be interested in taking the animal carcass. In the past the PHS agriculture department have mounted and placed animals in our educational wildlife case in the administration building. After receiving the proper permits from the DNR, we were able to mount the timber wolf and fishers currently in the case. Local PHS graduate and taxidermist Dan Luther, has once again volunteered to generously donate his skills to mount the badger at cost. Dan completed the beautiful fisher mounts we now have in the case. We are currently looking for a sponsorship of the badger by an organization or group to help pay for the taxidermy. If you are interested please call the high school 884-6412.

Thank you to the following people for helping out our agriculture education students and FFA members this past fall. We hope we do not miss anyone and if we did we certainly apologize. The Large Animal Science class would like to thank Jerry Meyer, Jeanie and Tim Eeckhoff, Joe and Marce Ortnr, Dennis and Debbie Guden, Matt Lippert and others that we visited (after this newsletter went to print) that opened their agriculture operations for our students to learn about agriculture in the Pittsville area. Nancy Powell and the Wisconsin Rapids Humane Society and South Wood County Humane Society Director Phil Hartley and his assistant former Pittsville graduate Tabby Steele for coming and speaking to our Pet Care Class.

The Pittsville FFA Alumni for sponsoring seven FFA members to the National Convention, the members were Christine Sturgis, Megan Christensen, Jesse Robus, Josh Robus, Ashlee Potter, Margo Rosandick and Michaela Wolf. Buckshot and Karen Parker for donating all the honey we needed for our Cranberry Tour treats and bars for our meals. Butch, Tom and Janeen Gardner for their continued support of the FFA and Agriculture Education program, once again opening their cranberry operation to our students at PHS and our guests from throughout the United States. Also, a special thanks to Jan West who was our contact at Gardner's during the tours. Ag agent Matt Lippert and FFA Alumni member Marv Kohlbeck and stepping up and guiding the CranTours while I was attending the National FFA Convention. To Mike McKee and the Pittsville Record for continuing to help us with promotion of our FFA programs and tours. Chris and Dave Minor for their help and assistance with our FFA/FFA Alumni events as well as the tours.

Finally, if you have not been by Riverside Park the infield has been updated and new fencing added, this project will continue next summer as the Baseball CSI group continues improve the facility for our children and community. Roger Sherwood, Dennis Turnquist, Chris Solatycki, Shawn Dupee, Rick Green, Lynford Kurtz and Jodi Wilke among others donated their time and equipment for this effort. A fundraising campaign will begin in the spring to raise funds to continue this improvement project.



## Tech-Ed News, Written by Carli K. and Emily G.

A special thanks to Connie Potter for the donation of money. This donation made the CO2 Dragster car project a success.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and the Woods I students made their own cars. Each student created a design for their cars. After assembling and painting the cars, they were able to race each other to see which designs turned out to be faster. The cars were raced on a track made specifically for them. By racing the cars, the students learned the importance of aerodynamics.

The welding students are doing great using the AC Arc welders to practice different welding methods. Acetylene Welding is another form they have been working on. They have also been enjoying the PlasmaCam.

The PlasmaCam is a special machine that can cut out almost any design from pictures off the internet, or custom designs, out of sheet metal. The students are able to go on the computer and create their own design, then cut it out. After their designs are cut out they were able to paint them if wanted.



**8th Grade Agriculture Education Class completes tractor safety certificate.**

## FFA National Convention, by Josh Robus

I love going to the FFA National Convention, but this year was a little nostalgic for me because this is the last one I will ever attend as an FFA member. It is such an eminent place in that it is full of all these people who want to learn more about the FFA and what it means to be a member. Even more astounding are all the vendors who are there to show us our future options in their field of work. I think I got more out of it this year than ever before because as a senior I'm in constant wonder as to what I want to do next.

The Fair Oaks Dairy Farm that we toured was an interesting experience. These few families have joined together to form one of the largest dairy farms in the country and perhaps the world. I love poultry and the idea of raising exhibition poultry on a large farm is very appealing. I learned a lot of information there that may be of help if I should decide to do that.

The convention center had numerous booths dripping with information. I spent hours in there collecting data in the form of pamphlets, brochures, and verbal. I now have many new ideas about what to do after high school. I especially liked the booth from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services as they were very comprehensive and informative.

We took a tour of DowAgroSciences this year which showcased many different research careers at their business. We stopped at six different stations which showed the different tests they do to create better food, clothing, disease, and drought resistant plants. I really liked this tour as they had little activities to get us involved which helped to keep our interest. Their company has given me many new ideas about my future plans.

I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and am very sorry that this is the last time I will go. I hope that the FFA will continue to send students to the FFA National Convention. They deserve this chance to broaden their minds to all the opportunities available to them. I would also like to thank the FFA Alumni for allowing me to go and Mr. Urban for encouraging me to become an FFA member and FFA officer. Thank you for the memories and leadership opportunities the Pittsville FFA has given me the past year.

## From the Business Ed Department...

### BUSINESS LAW STUDENTS SPEND DAY AT COURTHOUSE

On November 2, the Business Law class spent the day at the Wood County Courthouse watching hearings and learning about the legal process. The day began with observing Judge Mason and criminal intake where the students heard cases ranging from breaking and entering with a deadly weapon to bail jumping. Following the criminal intake, the students had a chance to speak with Judge Mason and the court bailiff to hear about their jobs and ask questions regarding the court. The students then heard arguments from several individuals in their initial court appearances. One case they were able to hear testimony from a police officer and the District Attorney present his case against the defendant. The students also had the chance to speak with the court reporter and see how her typing equipment works and what type of schooling is needed to have that occupation.

The major event of the day followed these initial hearings when the class sat in on a sentencing. The students had the chance to listen to statements read by the family and hear closing arguments from both the prosecution and the defense. They also then had the chance to listen to Judge Potter make his ruling and view the defendant being led out of the courtroom by the officers.

The students ended the day with viewing the judge "cleaning out the jail" where the judge spoke with each inmate via teleconference. It was an informative and fun day and the students appreciated the chance to talk one-on-one with Judge Mason throughout the day. Students who spent the day at the courthouse were David Collins, Wendy Cullen, Cassie Esser, Taylor Potter, Alysha Wurzinger, Nick Wipfli, and Jake Millard and teacher Jenny Jackson.



### SODA Club News

#### OCTOBER - COMMUNITY SERVICE: TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Students arranged a Trick-Or-Treat for Unicef Campaign and raised over \$180 for children in need around the world; way to go students!

#### NOVEMBER - COMMUNITY SERVICE: HANNAH CENTER GIVING TREE

Students have set up a Christmas tree in the counseling office with ornaments that represent the needs of the Hannah Center (Crisis Pregnancy Center in Marshfield.) Students are encouraged to pick an ornament from the tree and buy the needed item (bottles, diapers, cleaning supplies, etc.); donations will be accepted through the first week in December so they can be delivered before Christmas.

#### DECEMBER - COMMUNITY SERVICE: CAROLING FOR CANS

Students are in the process of arranging a canned food drive "Holiday Style." Students will carol around Pittsville asking for canned food donations to help local food pantries with the holiday season demands. Please check the Pittsville Record in the beginning of December for exact dates and times; we look forward to the community interaction and support of this event.

## STI InformationNOW for Parents

STI InformationNOW is a free web-based student information application that gives parents/guardians and students on line access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, emergency information, and more! If you have access to a computer, you can now monitor your child's assignments and grades on a regular basis. It's easy to use and we think you'll find this an invaluable tool!

To obtain a parent/guardian **LOGIN** to *InformationNOW*, please contact the school. Users must receive a user name and password, as well as the Web site URL, to access the program.

- To log in, open a Web browser window.
- Go to the Web site URL <https://infonow.cesa10.k12.wi.us/pittsville>
- Enter the *User Name* and *Password*.
- Click **Login**.
  - The first time a user logs in, it is necessary to reset the password for security purposes.
  - If necessary, enter the old password. Then enter the new password and retype it in the space provided. Click **OK** to save the changes.

Note: If the user has forgotten the password and has an e-mail address on file with the school, click the **Forgot your password?** link. Enter the user name and the last four digits of the Social Security Number on file. The password will be e-mailed to the user's account. If further assistance is needed, please contact the school.

### Home Page

The *home page* will initially display, listing all announcements for the school and/or district. The user may also use the *Logout* option in the upper right hand corner to exit *InformationNOW*. It is recommended that users exit *InformationNOW* when finished accessing the program to protect confidential information, such as Social Security Numbers as well as demographic, discipline and grade information.

### School Calendar

To view the school calendar, click the **School Calendar** link at left. By default, the events and attendance days will display for the current school/academic session and month. Non-attendance days appear in gray. Events appear as a blue link. Regular attendance days appear with the type of day.

### Student Information

Click **Student Information** to view student data. All students to which the current user is assigned as custodian will display. Click the name of the student to view. Access various tabs of information for the selected student including *Grades*, *Schedule*, *Attendance*, *Discipline* and basic *Demographic* data.

### Reports

- **Report Card:** To view the student's report card information, click the **Report Card** link at left. Select the grading period and click **View Report**. Click to **Open** or **Save** the report.
- **Unofficial Transcript:** To view the student's unofficial transcript grade information, click the **Unofficial Transcript** link at left. Click to **Open** or **Save** the report.

If you have questions, difficulties, or need a new password, contact Karen Garrels or Tammie Cramer (884-2517) at the Elementary School or Pam Kumm (884-6412) at the High School. Troubleshooting Information is also available at the district's website at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us).

## 2009-2010 PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK IS ON SALE

- The November price for the Elementary Yearbook is \$18 if you order on or before November 24.
- We will be offering a December price of \$20 if it is easier for you to order later. If you order during the month of December, you will still be able to order extra options with your book. December orders are due on or before December 22.
- We will take orders until January 22. All books will be \$25. The extra options will not be available.
- After January 22, we will not take additional orders. If you wish to purchase a book, they will be sold on a first-come first-served basis in the spring. Quantities will be limited, so it is best to order in advance if you are able.

**Please make check or money order payable to Pittsville Elementary School.** Please, do NOT send cash.

We are offering options with our soft cover yearbook again this year. For example, your child's yearbook could be personalized with his/her name at an additional cost of \$5.50. He/she could also order a clear protective cover for the soft cover book, just \$2.50 each. There are several more options listed on the order form. Information about each can be found on-line at [WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM).

If you are interested, there is also the option of using your credit card to order on-line at the same site ([WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM)).

All yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the spring and distributed to the students.

## Save on taxes. Save the environment. Help our school. Donate your used consumer electronics!

Dear Pittsville Community Member:

The Pittsville PTO is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cellular phones, ink jet cartridges, laptop / notebook computers, iPod(s), digital cameras and digital video cameras. Your used items may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund special activities and programs for the students at Pittsville Schools.

Please contact Gloria Young at 715-884-2517 if you have questions about the program, or go to the website [www.ecophones.com](http://www.ecophones.com). You can bring your personal electronic devices to either the High School or Elementary School libraries and pick up a tax exemption form.

(Please note: Ecophones does not take desktop computers or accessories.)

We greatly appreciate your support!

Best regards,

*Pittville PTO*



## INSTANT ALERT FOR SCHOOLS

Instant Alert for Schools is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert can also be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. It's an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes. Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success.

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 884-2517 (elementary office), 884-6412 (High School office) or the district office at 884-6694.



# SCHOOL CENSUS INFORMATION

## School District of Pittsville

Please complete and return this form to the Pittsville School 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:

Last

First

Spouse

Address:

Street/Road

City

Zip

Telephone:

Township or Municipality:

### LIST ALL CHILDREN NEW TO THE DISTRICT (LESS THAN 21 YEARS OLD)

	NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	SCHOOL ATTENDING
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

*If you have any questions, please call 715-884-6694.*

## APRIL 6, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign Finance Registration Statements for the Spring School Board Election can be picked up in the Administration Office. Forms must be returned to the Administration Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

If weather conditions are such that the school schedule may be interrupted, notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals will be made through the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System or on one of the stations listed below. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision on those days.

<b>WIFC</b>	95.5 FM	Wausau	<b>WSAW</b>	TV-7	Wausau
<b>WOFM</b>	94.7 FM	Wausau	<b>WAOW</b>	TV - 9	Wausau
<b>WOSQ</b>	92.3 FM	Marshfield	<b>WEAU</b>	TV-13	Eau Claire
<b>WGLX</b>	103.3 FM	Wis. Rapids			

## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2010-2011

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. The Open Enrollment application period for the 2010-2011 school year is from February 1-19, 2010.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 4, 2010, and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period.

Students who are currently attending school in Pittsville under open enrollment need to reapply ONLY during the Open Enrollment application period prior to beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who are on a tuition waiver or additional year tuition waiver for the 2009-2010 school year and wish to continue attending Pittsville Schools for the 2010-2011 school year must apply for open enrollment.

Any parent wishing to enroll their child(ren) for Open Enrollment must submit an application for each child to the non-resident school district no earlier than February 1, but no later than February 19, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. **Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.** It is recommended that paper applications be hand-delivered to Deb Zdun in the Administration Office at 5459 Elementary Avenue by the parent/guardian.

**Saturday, December 5, 2009**  
**The Memories - Christmas Show**



**Show time: 7:30 pm**  
**Tickets: Adult \$10**  
**Senior \$8**  
**Student \$5**

Warren Petryk and Tim Stevens have been performing together since 1972. This is their fourth concert in Pittsville. Their Christmas is a family event that includes a mix of traditional carols, sing-a-longs, comedy and special surprises. This is a wonderful concert to begin the Christmas celebration.

Sponsored in part by: Buchanan Funeral Home, Hay Creek Pallet Company, Pittsville Therapy Services Inc, Charley's Pinecrest, Healing Hands Chiropractic, Pittsville Vision Center, Chasteen Agency, Mill Creek Gardens, Sandy's Old Time Cafe, Gross Motors, Pittsville Homes, Inc., Veterans Parkway.



**Veteran's Day Ceremony**

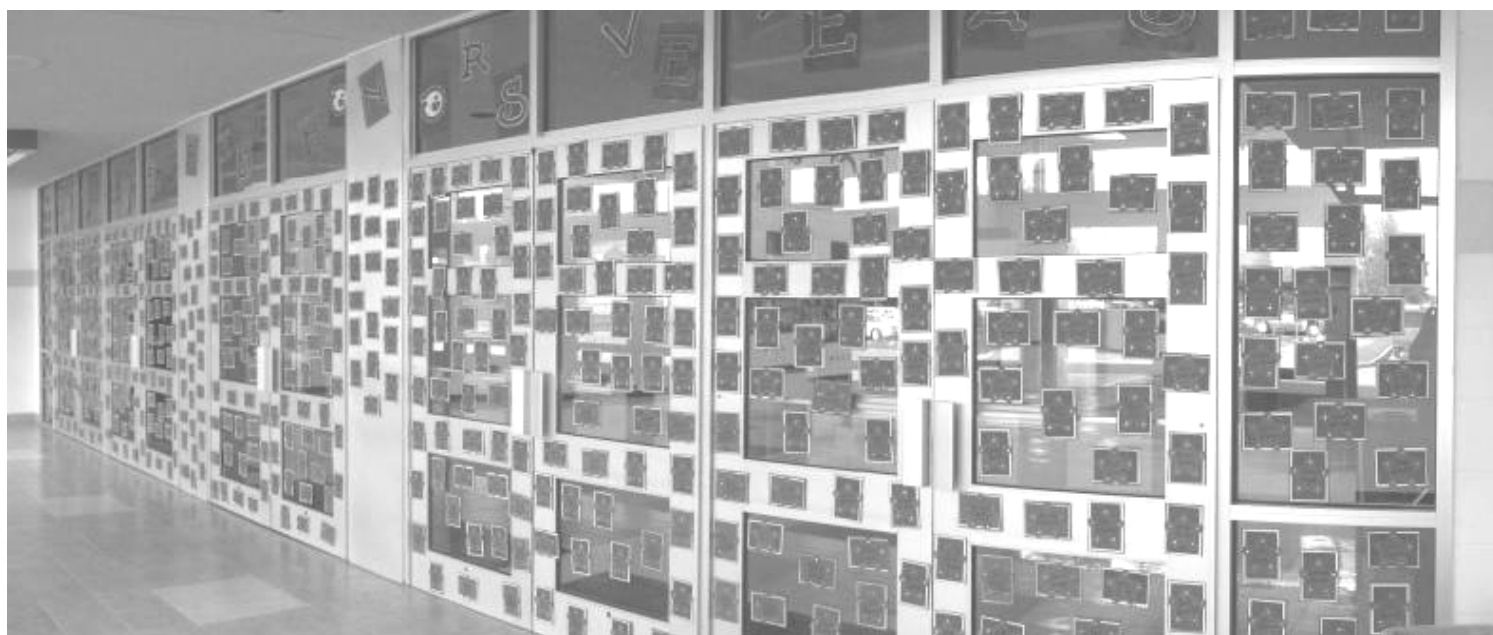


**PITTSVILLE KINDERGARTNERS  
WALK TO VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**



The kindergarten children at Pittsville Elementary spent time on November 11<sup>th</sup> walking down to see the Veteran's Memorial. The children learned that Veterans Day is the special day that we honor the men and women in the armed forces. They also understand that there are veterans who live in our area. The children looked at the monuments, saw the different flags that are displayed there, and saw bricks that have names of area residents and some of their own parents who have been or are currently in the service. The children were also privileged to attend the Veterans Day program at the elementary school. Thank you veterans; we are proud to honor you.

Students in 4K through 3rd grade have brought in over 700 veteran names of family members and neighbors. These names are written on red, white, and blue stars. These stars are displayed in the entrance to the administration building. This patriotic display will be up for the rest of the calendar year. We invite you to Pittsville School to see our patriotic display.



# Pittsville Student Art Show



Pittsville Students  
are inviting you to  
visit their art show  
during  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

Tuesday, November 24, 4:00 - 7:30 PM  
Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 - 10:30 AM  
Pittsville Elementary School Gym

## Public Welcome



MOSAIC PORTRAIT



FIRST POTS OFF THE POTTERY WHEEL



THROWING ON THE POTTERY WHEEL



CERAMIC BOX



RUG WEAVING



LEARNING ABOUT GEORGIA O'KEEFE  
FLOWER PAINTING



## From the Art Department...

### 2009 Pittsville Student Art Show

The third annual K-12 Pittsville Student Art Show is fast approaching. Our students have been busy completing their projects for display. Every art student in our district should have at least one art piece on display for your viewing pleasure. Second graders even decided how they wanted to display their fall leaves in the show. Come and see everybody's talent and creativity on display in the elementary gym!

#### ART SHOW HOURS

**Tuesday, November 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, November 25 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.**

This year the students have the opportunity to earn ribbons for their pieces. These ribbons will be awarded by various staff members and "visiting" artists. There is also a viewer's choice ribbon that will be selected by people attending the art show. Come and select your favorite piece and then be sure to register and receive your ballot to vote. Don't forget to sign your name to a door prize slip to have a chance to win a prize.

Another addition to the show this year is the artwork display by community artists. Be sure to drop by the multi-purpose room near the elementary school gym to see the works of some of our local artists.

We hope to see all of you there. Come out and show your support of our rising artists!





# News from the Music Department...

## PHS Honors Band & Chorus



Pittsville High School had 10 music students accepted to Honors Band/ Chorus in Abbotsford on Tuesday, November 3rd. Those honored were seniors Josh Pavelicek, Cody Meyer, Kim Fluegal, Kaila Pralle, Hannah Rahm, and Janine Wegner; junior Zach Zdun, and freshman Angela Rahm and Nathan Amundson.



## PHS Pops Concert

The Pittsville High School Choir and Band presented a Pops concert performance on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium. This year's theme was "Timeless Classics". Group selections that were performed included an a cappella arrangement of "Build Me Up Buttercup" by the choir and "Big Girls Don't Cry" played by the band. Solos included songs recorded by Bette Midler, Frank Sinatra, Vince Gill, and Carole King.

Many merchants, individuals and organizations donated prizes for the Music Booster drawing. The afternoon of entertainment was enjoyed by performers and audience.



### UPCOMING HOLIDAY CONCERTS

#### 6-8 Grade Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 8  
1:45 & 7:30 pm

#### High School Winter Concert

Sunday, December 13  
1:30 pm

#### 4K-3 Grade Winter Program

Friday, December 18  
1:00 pm

*The band and chorus students of the 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grade will present their Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 8 in the Pittsville Auditorium at 1:45 and 7:30 p.m. Both concert and seasonal selections will be performed.*

*The students of the Pittsville High School Music Department will be presenting a Winter Concert on Sunday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pittsville Auditorium. The High School Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus and Swing Choir will perform concert and seasonal music. Vocal alumni students are welcome to join in singing Handel's "Hallelujah" with this year's Chorus. A rehearsal for alumni students will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Refreshments will be served by the Music Boosters following the concert.*

*There is no admission charge.*



# PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

*The mission of the Pittsville Public Schools is to enable each student through his/her own efforts and the efforts of parents, educational staff, and the community to be lifelong learners, capable of adapting to change while making a positive contribution in the global community.*

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