



Pearl City School District January 2019 Newsletter



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Superintendent News

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda Baldauf, Joshua Cassell, Mackenzie Endress, Andrew Lorig, Isabel Pena, and Riley Wright for receiving academic excellence by attaining status as Illinois State Scholars.

As we continue into the winter months, I would like to remind you of our procedures in case we need to use an emergency (snow) day due to weather. On such a day, I will be doing a school messenger call around 5:30 -6:00 informing our students and staff of the status for the day. In addition, we will post the status on the website, on the three Rockford television stations and on WCCI and Big Radio.

The Board approved the 2018 Tax Levy at the December Board meeting. This year's levy is asking for a 3.78% increase, which includes the bond payment as approved in a referendum in 2000. We only receive what the PTELL (Tax Cap) law allows plus any outstanding bond payments. PTELL will limit our rate increase (2.1%) but levying at the higher rate ensures that the board will also receive all possible tax dollars on any increases in EAV and any new construction. Next year's tax payment is the last payment on the bond. Property taxes from 2019 (payable in 2020) will no longer have the bond payment and property taxes will be reduced accordingly.

The Board is presently in the process of doing a search for a new superintendent with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019. The Illinois Association of School Boards has been hired to conduct the search. Surveys have been conducted and the results have been posted on the district website. It is anticipated that interviews will take place at the end of January and into February with a recommendation for hire by the end of February or early March. Additional information will be added to the website as we move through the process.

If you have any questions on any topics regarding our school, please feel free to contact me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill

Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Important Dates to Remember

- School Resumes Thurs. Jan.3rd*
- End of 2nd Quarter Jan 4th*
- MAP Testing Jan. 8th– 10th*
- No Early Learning Classes Jan. 11*
- Report Cards Sent Home Jan. 11*
- PTO Mtg. Jan. 14 3:30*
- District Institute—Jan. 18th*
- NO SCHOOL-MLK Day Jan. 21st*
- AIMS Web Testing Jan. 22-nd
March 1st*

Winter Clothing

Winter clothing is an important part of winter fun. The students will be going outside for recess as often as the weather permits. Coats, hats, snow pants, boots, and mittens and gloves are a must. If you need help providing these items for your child, please contact Mrs. Wallace.



Spelling Bee

The students will be having classroom bees to choose representatives to participate in the Pearl City School Spelling Bee. More information will be sent home. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 19th in Pearl City. Winners from the Regional Bee will be going directly to the competition in Washington DC this year.



Be Safe On-Line

General Tips for On-Line Safety

There are some very important things that you need to keep in mind when you're on your computer at home or at school.

First, remember never to give out personal information such as your name, home address, school name, or telephone number in a chat room or on bulletin boards. Also, never send a picture of yourself to someone you chat with on the computer without your parent's permission.

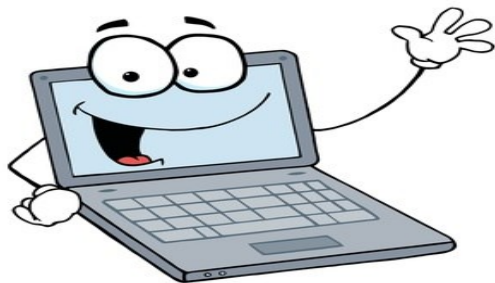
Never write to someone who has made you feel uncomfortable or scared.

Do not meet someone or have them visit you without the permission of your parents.

Tell your parents right away if you read anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Remember that people online may not be who they say they are. Someone who says that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could really be any age from anywhere in the world!

<http://www.fbi.gov/kids/k5th/safety2.htm>



Student Absence Procedures

As we enter the time of year when students seem to be missing more school due to illness, I feel it has become necessary to remind parents and guardians of our district procedures. If your son or daughter is absent, please follow these steps.

1. On the day of the absence call the district office.
2. Tell the office staff **why** your son/daughter is absent.
3. Provide the office with a written confirmation of the absence upon your son's/daughter's return to school.
4. If a phone contact is not made, office staff will call the students parent/guardians by 10:00 am.



Young Authors Stories

Everyone should be thinking about story ideas for their Young Author's book. Students will be working on completing their Young Author Stories in January. More information will be coming about due dates and requirements. These books will be judged and several representatives will be selected to represent Pearl City at the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington, IL in May.

Yearbooks are on sale now!!

PreK-8 Yearbook

A year full of memories for only \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to the Pearl City PTO. Orders should be to the school office by March 14th, 2019. You may also order your yearbook online at ybpay.lifetouch.com using yearbook ID Code: 6825919. Extra copies will be limited , so get your order in soon!

Skyward Parent Portal

With the parent portal of Skyward open, we are sure that many of you are keeping tabs on your child's daily grades. In addition to checking your child's graded work, make sure to use some of the other helpful features on the Skyward site.

If you click on the calendar button on the left side of the opening screen, you can see due dates of past and future assignments. This will give you an opportunity to ask your child about a test, quiz, or assignment before it is due instead of trying to play catch-up if it doesn't get turned in or is not done very well.

Another feature of Skyward is the discipline tab. Clicking on that tab on the opening screen allows you to see if your child has been warned in class for an offense of the discipline code or a teacher's classroom rules. Even if the offense was minor and/or did not warrant the giving of a detention, it is an opportunity for parents to keep track of their child's classroom behavior.

As many of the junior high parents found out at conferences, most junior high teachers are available before school, after school, and during 5th hour study hall for extra help. High school students have study hall during 8th hour. Also, most junior high teachers provide study sheets to fill out and review prior to taking tests. Some of these study sheets can be signed for extra credit, while some teachers have students get their graded tests signed for extra credit. Please impress upon your child to take advantage of these extra credit opportunities. Since you are going to see their grades on Skyward anyway, they might as well get some extra credit for having you sign it.

Junior High Promotion and Retention Policy

As we near the end of the first semester, I would like to remind parents/guardians the promotion & retention policy. The following is a copy of the policy.

The decision as to pupil placement (retention or acceleration) shall be made by the school principal after careful consideration of the following:

- Teacher Recommendation
- Attendance
- Grades
 1. Junior High Level (7-8) – must pass 4 of 5 academic subjects (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies) to be promoted to the next grade.
 2. A student who fails either mathematics or reading will be required to attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.
- Achievement Scores/Testing Program
 1. A student who falls below the “does not meet” level on the District administered reading and/or mathematics tests must attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

Procedures to be followed in promotion or retention shall be as follows:

1. A teacher feeling that a child’s problems can be improved by special grade placement or academic assistance should immediately inform the principal.
2. The principal, in conjunction with parents and teacher, may develop an academic assistance program for the student.
3. A teacher feeling that a child should be considered for summer school or retention should confer with the parent between December and March to gain their help and prepare them for promotion or retention.
4. In April, a teacher-principal conference will be held to review the student’ grades and achievement test scores.
5. Following this review, the principal will make the final decision regarding placement and notify the parents regarding their child’s status relative to summer school and/or retention.

The placement of a student who has actively participated in the remediation strategies suggested and offered by the school system, including retention, and who is still unable to meet grade and achievement standards will be determined at a conference held with district staff and parents. The principal based upon how best the student can meet academic goals will make the placement decision.

Pearl City National Honor Society holds a Snowvember Drive for local organizations

Pearl City School National Honor Society who had a Snowvember Drive for warm items (i.e. socks, hats, gloves) .

Thank you to all who donated!!



2019 January



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Dec 31	1	2	3	4	5
		No School - Winter Break		6:00 PM GBB vs. Polo	End of 2nd Quarter 6:00 PM BBB vs. Rockford Christian	8:00 AM Speech Meet @ Le-Win 8am 1:00 PM GBB vs. Dakota
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4:00 PM AB vs. Forreston 6:00 PM BBB vs. Dakota 6:00 PM GBB @ Milledgeville	JH GBB Pictures 6:00 PM BBB vs. Stockton			6:00 PM BBB vs. Galena	6:00 PM GBB @ E DBQ	FAM High School Art Show (1/12-2/9) GBB Mannys Shoot Out @ W. Carroll 8:00 AM Speech Meet @ River Ridge
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3:30 PM PTO Meeting 5:30 PM JH GBB vs. Eastland	6:00 PM GBB vs. W. Carroll	5:30 PM Booster Meeting 6:00 PM BBB @ Warren 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting		4:00 PM F/S AB NUIC Conf Meet @ Pec 5:30 PM JH GBB @ Aquin (St. Joe's) 6:00 PM GBB vs. Le-Win	No School-Teacher's Institute	PC vs. Le-Win @ United Center Chicago 2pm Fan Bus 10:30am Speech Meet @ TBD
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No School	4:00 PM AB vs. Durand 6:00 PM BBB vs. Scales Mound	6:00 PM GBB @ Eastland		4:00 PM AB vs. Galena 5:30 PM JH GBB vs. Le-Win	6:00 PM BBB @ River Ridge 6:00 PM GBB vs. Stockton	GBB Aquin Shoot Out NUIC Scholastic Bowl @ Durand 8:00 AM Speech Meet @ Rockford Auburn 2:00 PM Beecher Shoot Out
27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
4:00 PM AB @ Dakota 5:30 PM JH GBB @ Stockton 6:00 PM BBB @ E DBQ	4:00 PM AB vs. Polo 4:00 PM JH GBB @ W. Carroll 6:00 PM GBB vs. River Ridge/Scales Mound	6:00 PM BBB vs. W. Carroll		8th Grade JH GBB Aquin Tourn (St. Joe's) 6:00 PM GBB @ Galena		
3	4	Notes				
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>						

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Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Dec 31	1	2	3	4	5
		Winter Break Winter Break		Sausage Pizza Chicken Strips	French Toast Cheese Pizza	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Trix Bar & Yogurt Mini Corn Dogs		Waffles & Chicken Spaghetti	Variety Pizza Chicken Quesadillas	Pretzel w/cheese Taco Casserole	Scrambled Eggs Cheddarwurst	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Combo Bar Orange Chicken		Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Salisbury Steak	Breakfast Sandwich Sub Sandwich	French Toast & Sausage BBQ	No School No School	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No School No School	Sausage Pizza Chicken Sandwich	Donut & Cheese Stick Corn Dogs	Pancakes & Sausage Nachos	Scrambled Eggs Chicken Nuggets		
27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
Pretzel w/cheese Mexican Pizza	Combo Bar Cheese Filled Bread Sticks	Variety Pizza Chicken & Noodles	French Toast Tenderloin			
3	4	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				