



# *Pearl City School District*

## *March 2019 Newsletter*

District Website: [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net)

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Superintendent News,

At the February 20 2019 School Board meeting, the Board approved Dr. Michael Schiffman as the superintendent of Pearl City Schools effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Schiffman returns to Pearl City Schools after serving as Pearl City's JH/HS principal from 2007-2010 and most recently the superintendent of Freeport schools. For more detailed information, please visit our website for a full press release. Congratulations Dr. Schiffman and welcome back to Pearl City Schools.

On April 2, 2019, residents of our community have the opportunity to elect three members to the Board of Education. There are four candidates running for the three open seats. In alphabetical order are Scott Johnson, Tim Pauley, Richard Sargent, and Nicole Sheffey. To help inform our community, profiles/bios have been placed on our website and included below.

### **SCOTT JOHNSON**

My name is Scott Johnson and I am running for the Pearl City School board. I am a Pearl City High School graduate. My wife and I have 4 children, 2 of which are in the school district. Our 2 oldest have graduated from Pearl City High School. We have a child in the Junior High School this year and 1 in the Elementary. I work full time for Kentland Farms in Kent, IL and own a trucking company as well.

With our family being active in the community, I have seen first-hand the greatness our community holds. This is one of my reasons for running for school board. It is through our schools that our community grows and becomes stronger. A first rate school such as ours is essential for that growth.

I look forward to working with the administration and the community for 4 more years.

### **TIM PAULEY**

Thank you for taking the time to get to know why I am interested in the position of a School Board Member at Pearl City Schools. First, I'd like to give a little background information. I came through Pearl City Schools, from Kindergarten through graduation in 2002. In 2006 I graduated college and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Knox College with a focus on Economics and Business Finance. Post college, I started my work career in the banking field in the suburbs of Chicago and slowly made my way back west, eventually buying a home in Pearl City in 2014 where my wife Jody and I and our three young children, Mason (7), Beckett (5), and Fallyn (3) reside today. I am the Vice President at Exchange State Bank in Lanark.

When I reflect on why I am interested in running, I have a couple reasons. Obviously Jody and I have three children coming up through the same school system that she and I did years ago. We both were very pleased with our time in school back then, and hope our kids can have a similar experience. However, I believe the major reason why I am running is because I am proud. I am proud to live in Pearl City, and I am proud of our school district. As with any school and/or business, there will be flaws to correct or gaps to fill. I am running to help correct those flaws and bridge those gaps to make Pearl City Schools the best it can be. I am person who tries to keep an open mind, respects the opinions of others, is not timid to share the unpopular comment when appropriate, and believes that solid communication and transparency are key factors to success.

The Pearl City School District is currently facing a number of challenges, and while it might seem as though it is uncommon, we do not stand alone. The school is losing a fantastic leader with the retirement of Mr. Thill. He will be hard to replace, but it can and will be done. The school will also have to be diligent when it comes to finances and a balanced budget and ensure it gets the attention needed. Another challenge the school is facing is a drop in student enrollment. Maintaining a strong school system is vital to Pearl City to get young families to move to town, thus retaining a strong student enrollment. Families want a safe, sound educational platform for their children.

## **Pauley con't...**

It's important that Pearl City continues to offer that through stimulating curriculum and our educated and experienced teachers. The final challenge I think the school district is facing is the communication gap between the Board and those that are displeased with the school and are causing additional and unnecessary legal fees. Being a good listener is imperative to settling issues, and I am here to listen.

Thank you for taking a couple minutes today. I hope you have a clear vision on what I expect of myself if I were elected to the School Board. Go Wolves! - Tim

## **RICHARD SARGENT**

I'm a 46 year of age and self-employed business owner. I have lived and worked in the community for 19 years. My wife , Nicole, and I have been married for 25 years, parents of 3 children and hve owned our home for the past 15 years.

I have Worked on several farms in my early years and was then an over-the road owner/operator for several years. After that , I returned to farming for a period of time; which lead me to open "Sargent Welding", which I have operated for the last 9 years.

I was extremely involved with boy scout, Watching my two son both earn the highest scout award of eagle scout. I remain involved with scouting. Both boys graduated from Pearl City High School. My oldest son Dakota went to NICC and after graduation he started a successful machining business; in addition, he works for Loran Township. After graduation from Pearl City HS, my middle son Denver found work tending dairy cows on 2 local farms. My youngest is my Daughter, Montana, who is a sophomore in Pearl City school.

I am aware that Pearl City is a small school district with limited resources, so I would like to see more fiscal fitness within the district. To serve the needs of more students, I believe that Tech Ed. Classes, as well as Home Economics or a Living Skills class, should be offered at Pearl City school. I am proud of the Pearl City sports Teams and I like the sports line-up that is currently offered, as well as all of the other after school activities

## **NICOLE SHEFFEY**

My name is Nicole Sheffey, I am a candidate for the Pearl City School Board. I graduated from Stockton High School. I have held a variety of jobs including but not limited to: waitress, construction work, pharmacy technician, night management of grain drying setup, customer service rep and home daycare provider. I married Scott Sheffey, a Pearl City native, in the summer of 2001. We moved to his family farm in the Pearl City community. We have 3 boys, Jase, a Sophomore in high school, Levi, an 8th grader and Wade, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. I have retired from being a home daycare provider to spend more time working for our farm as a book/ inventory/ record keeper. I also keep our farms cost of production records for both our grain and hog operation. I have gained a lot of experience running my own business and working with our farms cost of production numbers. A lot of time is spent going over bills and making sure numbers are correct.

We are the 5th generation to live on the family farm and we aspire for our boys to be the 6th generation. I love our rural Pearl City community and really feel this is where I belong. I have been serving on the Pearl City School Board for almost 4 years. I am very proud of our school and our community. I would be honored, to serve our School and our community another 4 years. I would like to see the Pearl City schools remain strong and continue to move in a positive direction so our district is thriving for future generations. I want to help our school during these more challenging economic times. As a board member, I would advocate working together through open and honest discussions to provide high quality education to our students.

## Sheffey con't...

One of the biggest challenges facing our school district today is growing financial issues. State cuts in funding and lack of funds, puts schools in a difficult situation. I want to see our school thrive, but in order to do this we need to be financially responsible with taxpayer's money and willing to adapt to our states short comings.

I feel, I have a lot to offer our school. I believe in making choices that benefit the students' education while also keeping our budget in check. Keeping a balanced budget has been a struggle and still is, with the bond payments coming to an end. We have some options, we need to discuss with our community. To help us make the correct decisions. Some choices / decisions may not be as easy as others, but I will promise to make the responsible choice. One of my strongest points as a candidate would be that I am not a "go with the flow type of person". I think for myself. If something doesn't make sense I will ask questions until I get all of the information or figure out the problems, so, I can make the best possible decision. Schools should unite a community; we are a strong community! I believe in keeping it that way!

The candidate's profiles/bios are presented exactly how they were submitted to the District Office. If you have any questions, contact me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill  
Interim Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

## Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing

The IAR testing will be April 2-April 18 . Different grades will have different schedules. The students will be taking the computer version. Please refer to future communications about specific testing times for each grade level. On testing days, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. **Please do not schedule appointments during testing times.**



### Pearl City School Spelling Bees

#### Pearl City School Champion

Natalie Greene

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Emma Otte

#### Grade 1-4 Champion

Lincoln Voss

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jackson Howe

## PSAT/SAT

All Juniors will be taking the SAT test on April 9th. This test is mandated by the State of Illinois. The students will be taking the test off site. There are numerous websites that can help prepare the students. Please go onto collegeboard.org for these sites. Students have also been practicing in their English and Math classes. On the testing day, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments on April 9th. Along with giving the SAT, all Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT at the school on April 9th as well.



*PCEF Message to Graduating Seniors:*

**Pearl City Education Foundation** (PCEF) announces scholarships ranging up to \$1,000 per student available for those enrolling as full time students in an accredited college or vocational/trade school in fall of 2018. Please use PCEF's "Multiuse Scholarship Application" form. If you are unable to access or print the application form e-mailed to you, please see Mr. Kreiser for a copy or check the School's website.

The ongoing \$250 Litow Scholarship for music related studies; the ongoing \$250 Arol and Barb Lawler Scholarship for business related studies; and the ongoing \$250 Kampmeier Scholarship also will utilize the PCEF "Multiuse Scholarship Application" form starting this year.

Please drop off your completed signed application forms with required attachments at the school no later than the morning of April 3rd. They will then be collected and reviewed by the PCEF Scholarship Team for recipient determination of the respective scholarships. PCEF is working with Mr. Kreiser to coordinate the presentations of these scholarships as part of the Senior Honors Night Program.

PCEF thanks all those whose efforts and/or donations added to PCEF's scholarship funding abilities. Receipt this year of a generous scholarship funding donation from the Pearl City Masons will start putting smiles on Honors Night recipient faces for years to come!

PCEF Scholarship Team

### **Freshman Orientation**

Freshman Orientation will be on March 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the IMC. Students in 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend.

### **Senior Awards**

Senior Awards day will be on May 8, 2019 at 7:00pm. The awards will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym.

### **High School Graduation Date**

High School graduation will take place on May 19th at 1:00. The graduation will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym. The doors will not open until 12:00pm.



Preschool Screening for the 2019-2020 school year will be taking place on Thursday, March 14th for any child between the ages of 3-5 and living in the Pearl City School District. Any child who will be three years old before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, is eligible to screen on March 14th and attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program.

Preschool screening is a play-based assessment that generally last 45 minutes, and will be held in the preschool classroom (Room 110) at Pearl City Elementary. During the screening, your child will play in the classroom with a small group of their peers and a variety of professionals (general/special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, PASS Coordinator etc.).

The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. Space in this program is limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list.

Various screening time slots are available throughout the day on March 14th, please go to the school website to make an appointment.

## Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019



Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2019 is now open. New Families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration. <https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedupearlcityil/skyenroll.w>

Families who already have a Skyward account can simply add their child in Skyward. If you are unsure if you have a Skyward account, please contact the Main Office. We will have a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt during Open House March 7th. Open House is from 6:00-8:00, we will have a concert in the large gym from 6:00 to about 6:30, which you are welcome to enjoy. The Elementary Computer Lab will be open with someone available to help complete the online registration that evening. Parents will be asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the Court House and a copy will be made in the Main Office. If you are unable to attend please contact the School at 443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.



## Illinois Science Assessment

Students in 5th, 8th grade, as well as Biology 1 will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on March 6th. This test is done on the computer. On the testing day, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments on March 6th.







The Pearl City Technowolves headed to the state-level Hopper Tournament on Sunday, January 20, 2019 held at Elgin Community College after advancing from a Rockford qualifier. The team, made-up of students from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, includes Addy Bremmer, Jordan Johnson, Jacob Lieb, Miranda Posey, Jackson Corbin, Natalie Greene, Kendra Kuhlemeier, Xander Krolow, and Kayden Martin. Judged in four categories (Project, Core Values, Robot Game, and Robot Design), the team brought home a first place award for Robot Design: Strategy and Innovation! Working with the theme “Into Orbit,” students designed and programmed a small robot to complete missions on a large table and mat, adding attachments to that robot for moving, retrieving, and placing Lego-designed mission models.

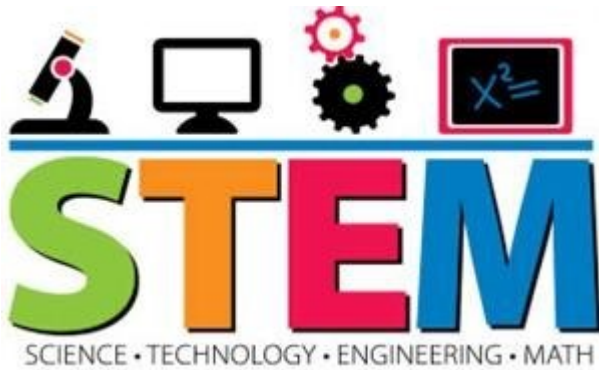
Team Picture, front row (l-r): Jacob Lieb, Kayden Martin, Jackson Corbin, Xander Krolow; back row: Natalie Greene, Miranda Posey, Addy Bremmer, Jordan Johnson, and Kendra Kuhlemeier.

## **Big Thank You to our Sponsors**

*The Pearlanna* staff would like to thank our following Gold-level sponsors for their tremendous support of our yearbook and high school, and encourage everyone to return this support with your patronage: B & H Trenching and Tiling, Citizens State Bank, Dubuque Fire Equipment, Fairway Ford Lincoln, Fischer Excavating, [JCWIFI.COM](http://JCWIFI.COM), K & M Feed Mill, Keltner Farms, Kempel/Urish Construction Inc., Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Pearl City Seamless Gutters Inc., Rosenstiel Farms, Spahn and Rose Lumber Company, State Bank of Pearl City, Stephenson County Pork Producers, Stephenson Service Company, The Morse Group Inc., and Travel Tastefully.



Class of 2021 Fundraiser  
 Please be sure to stop at Papa Murphy's on **March 13** to support the sophomores as they raise money for prom. Be sure to tell them you're supporting PC Class of 2021 !!  
 Thank you for your support!!



**Junior High STEM Day**

Cosponsored by Pearl City Schools and  
 The University of Illinois  
 Extension Office  
 March 15, 2019 ~ 8-11am

**Important Dates  
 to  
 Remember**

**March 7**

El. Spring Concert K-4 grade  
 6:00

Open House PreK-12 6:00-  
 8:00pm

**March 14**

No Early Learning Classes

Preschool Screening

**March 15**

No Early Learning Classes—  
 Parent Interaction Day AM

3rd Quarter Ends

Early Dismissal 11:15

**March 18**

PTO Mtg. 3:30

**March 22**

Report Cards Sent Home

**March 25**

Young Authors Celebration  
 Gr. 4, 5, 6 at 6:30

**March 26**

Young Authors Celebration  
 Gr. K-3 at 6:30



**Donkey Basketball Fundraiser  
 Saturday, March 2nd ~ 6pm**

- Little John's vs. PCFD  
 Little John himself may be riding a donkey!!
- Students vs. Adults

**Tickets**

\$7 in advance

\$10 at the door

Thank you for supporting the Biology trip to  
 Australia

# *EPC Musical 2019*



*Hello, Dolly!* is a musical filled with charisma and with heart. Matchmaker Dolly Levi (Elizabeth Lagos) is a widow, a matchmaker, and also a professional meddler -- but everything changes when she decides that the next match she needs to make is to find someone for herself. Dolly has set her sights on the half-millionaire Horace Vandergelder (Andrew Lorig). Throw in 2 hat shop ladies (Hailey Johnson and Bella Dickman), 2 feed shop clerks (Ian Kromer and Fischer Jackson), a niece and her beau (Makayla Milam and Joshua Cassell) and a wonderful cast of chorus members wearing many hats themselves, and you have a fun-filled trip to turn-of-the-twentieth-century New York. So, "It Only Takes a Moment" to "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" "Before the Parade Passes By" so that you can see the show and say "Hello, Dolly" and cast following the show! Performances are March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00, and March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Tim Thill Gymnasium at Pearl City High School. Tickets are \$6 in advance from cast members, and \$7 at the door. We hope to see you there!



# 2019 March



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	Feb 28	1	2
					JH GBB Conf	HS Solo/Ensemble 6:00 PM Donkey Basketball
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4:30 PM AB Regional @ Durand PC vs. W. Carroll		2:00 PM NHS Induction	6:00 PM Open House 6:00 PM K-4 Spring Concert	Spring Sports Picture Day		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Savings	4:30 PM JV BsB vs. Aquin 4:30 PM SB @ Pecatonica 4:30 PM V BsB @ Aquin (HCC)	4:30 PM BT/GT @ Byron 4:30 PM SB vs. Auburn 4:30 PM V BsB vs. Auburn	Papa Murphy Fundraiser	No PASS Pre School Screening	9am Upstate Festival at Eastland End of 3rd Quarter No PASS - Parent Interaction (AM) 11:15 AM Early Release	9:00 AM GT @ Platteville 10:00 AM V BsB PC Tourn
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3:30 PM PTO Meeting	4:30 PM BSB/SB vs. Le-Win	4:00 PM BSB/SB @ Milledgeville 5:30 PM Booster Meeting 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	4:30 PM BSB/SB @ Le-Win	7:00 PM Spring Musical at PC	8th Grade DC Trip 11:00 AM BSB/SB vs. Fulton 7:00 PM Spring Musical at PC	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8th Grade DC Trip 2:00 PM Spring Musical at PC	4:30 PM JV BsB vs. Freeport 4:30 PM SB vs. Forreston	4:00 PM GT @ Galena/RR 4:30 PM BsB/SB @ Galena	4:00 PM GT @ Milledgeville	No School 4:30 PM BsB/SB vs. Galena 4:30 PM BT @ Galena/RR/E DBQ		
31	Apr 1	Notes				
<b><i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i></b>						

2019 March

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Feb 28

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Grilled Cheese  
Orange Chicken

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Sausage Pizza  
Chicken & Noodles

Pretzel w/cheese  
Pulled Pork

Donuts & String Cheese  
Cheese Pizza

Sausage & Hashbrown Patty  
  
Mini Corndogs

Pancakes & String Cheese  
Fish Sticks

10

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Variety Breakfast  
Grilled Cheese

Combo Bar  
Mostaccioli

Pancake & Sausage on a stick  
  
Sub Sandwich

Bagels  
Chicken Patty Sandwich

French Toast  
Early Release - No Lunch

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Bacon Scrambled Egg Square  
  
Chicken Quesadillas

Donuts & String Cheese  
Nachos

Sausage & Hashbrown Patty  
  
Pepperoni Pizza

Trix Cereal Bar  
Tenderloin

Pancakes  
Cheese Filled Breadsticks

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French Toast  
Mexican Pizza

Sausage Pizza  
Corndogs

Eggs & Toast  
BBQ

No School

No School

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Apr 1 Notes

**\*Calendar is subject to change\***

Lunch is Offer vs. Serve

Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading