

Pearl City Schools



Aug/Sept 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

It is with great anticipation and enthusiasm that I welcome you back to a new school year. I write this “Back to School Letter” to you because of the large role you all play in the education of our students. As a parent myself, I know that the school year brings excitement, anticipation, and new learning opportunities for all of our children. As we begin the school year I wish the greatest success for all our students.

Communication is the foundation of effective partnerships. The district would like to engage in two-way communication. In order to build effective partnerships with families and the community that will enhance student achievement, schools must first talk to- listen to- parents, community groups, business leaders and others with a stake in student learning. Having a consistent flow of information from the school to parents, families and the community creates a stronger partnership. The District is looking at several different avenues to reach out to all stakeholders. The district is looking to expand its social media presence, prepare more articles to the local newspaper, TV, and radio stations. I am looking forward to having several community forums throughout the school year to discuss specific topics such as finance and curriculum. The forums will also allow for us to ask the community how things are going in the district and to formulate ways to improve the school district. I am currently meeting with individuals in the community to gain their perspective on the school district and the community.

There is clear evidence that expanding the school’s outreach beyond families into the community also has measurable positive impact on schools. Studies find that community organization contributes to the following changes in schools: Upgraded school facilities; Improved school leadership and staffing; Higher quality learning programs for students; New resources and programs to improve teaching and curriculum; New funding for after-school programs and family support. The district is looking for positive role models who are willing to volunteer to tutor, mentor, read and maybe just to share a lunch with students. The Pearl City School District would like to be the center of the community. It is true that it takes a “village” to raise a child.

The parents, students, staff and stakeholders in the Pearl City School District take tremendous pride in the school district. In order to be successful we all must take ownership of our students’ academic success. We need to continue to work as one unit. We must Seek the right people; Share the right plans; Stay on the right paths. I look forward to meeting you out in the community and at school events. I also ask you to stop by and share your thoughts with me. Let’s get out there and continue to positively promote our school district. My hope is that you will stop someone in town and say “Hey, let me tell you about the Pearl City School District and all of the things they are doing to help our future.”

As I enter my first year as your Superintendent, it is my honor and pleasure to serve this community and your children.

Thank you,
Dr. Mike Schiffman
Superintendent

As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, we would like to introduce, as well as, ask you to welcome the following new staff:

Tara Adams – Daycare
Korissa Blasing - 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
Brent Chrisman – Elementary Principal
Jessica Christiansen – Para Professional
Jennifer Elliott – Full Time Bus Driver
Jean Lutz – Para Professional
Kevin Malley – JV Boys Basketball Coach
Nicole Manthei- Para Professional
Lindsay Miller – Para Professional
Brock Musser – Assistant Football Coach/Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Joe Mysliwicz – Para Professional
Josee Pickard – JV Volleyball Coach
Jennifer Plastiak – Para Professional
Hannah Rasmussen – Math Teacher
Megan Schiesher – Para Professional
Kylie Schlemme – PASS Pre-K Program
Jane West – Varsity Volleyball
Joel Zink – Business Teacher

Other changes in staff include:

Kevin Koning – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Ryne Plager- Varsity Baseball Coach

It has always been our goal and continues to be our goal to maintain effective communication with parents/ guardians and other members of our community. With this goal in mind, one effective tool is our newsletter. To help reduce costs, we continue to develop a database of emails so you can receive an electronic copy of the newsletter each month. To be added to this database, please email Mrs. Beth Schneider at bschneider@pcwolves.net and simply request to have your email added to our database. If you do not have access to a computer or would still like to receive a hard copy, we will gladly send you one monthly. Please call the district office at (815) 443-2715 and speak with Mrs. Beth Schneider to be added to this list as well. As with any information that is put out, sometimes changes are made after the newsletter has gone out. Please continue to check our webpage, <http://pcwolves.net> , with the most up to date times and information.





**ASBESTOS
MANAGEMENT
PLAN:**

In 1986 Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This law requires all schools to be inspected and to identify asbestos containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection. Since the development of our Management Plan the Pearl City District has removed all of the potentially friable asbestos (primarily boiler, tank, and pipe insulation). Any remaining asbestos may be located in floor tile, mastic, and perhaps plaster. To keep our management plan up-to-date the building is reinspected every three years and suspect floor tile and other building materials are checked by Pearl City School every six months. A copy of the Management Plan is on file in the school office, 100 S. Summit, Pearl City and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

**TO ALL DISTRICT
PARENTS:**

The Pearl City Schools give extra help to pupils who have trouble with their school work. We give different screening tests to find these pupils. These tests help us find problems in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, and school achievement. When a pupil is found to be having trouble, special services will be offered. These services are given only after a meeting with the parents. At this meeting, school staff will fully explain your child’s difficulty and give the special help only if you approve.

**MEDICAID
REIMBURSEMENT:**

Medicaid reimbursement is a source of federal funds approved by Congress to help school districts maintain and improve special education services. Therapy and diagnostic services provided to your child (you), if applicable are partially reimbursable. Unless you object in writing, (LEA) will claim Medicaid/Kid Care reimbursement for services provided. These claims will have no impact on your ability to receive Medicaid funding either now or any time in the future. If you do not object to this release of information related to Medicaid claims for your child (you), do nothing. Thank you for your attention to this notice.

**NOTICE OF
DISCIPLINARY
REGULATION:**

It is the policy of the Pearl City Schools not to use corporal punishment. Reasonable physical force necessary when a student refuses a directive by school personnel to report to the office, leave or go to an area is not defined as corporal punishment. Any force necessary for self protection is excluded from this provision. Punishment in cases of misconduct could be one of the many other reasonable punishments used in this district including suspension from school.

**VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION:**

Vocational education opportunities will be offered to Pearl City District students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. Additional information or help regarding this policy may be obtained from the Superintendent of Schools, 100

S. Summit, Pearl City, IL 61062
815/443-2715

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

Chad Bremmer, President
Scott Johnson, Vice-President
Nikki Keltner, Secretary
Wayne Crackenberger
Amy Lieb
Tim Pauley
Nicole Sheffey
Board meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Special meetings may be called when necessary with 24-hour notification.

**SCHOOL EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES:**

Procedures are outlined and are given “dry runs” within the school system regularly concerning fire and violent weather while school is in session.

In the event an early dismissal is called without prior notice, a report of this will be made by radio.

Stations that have indicated their cooperation in these emergencies are:
WFPS – 92.1 FM
WFRL – 1570 AM
WXXQ – 98.5 FM
WCCI-100.3 FM

The closing of school, due to any emergency, will be announced by these same stations.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS:**

The Parent-Teacher Organization is the oldest active official school-community organization at this time. There are no dues, and every family in the Pearl City School District is considered a member of the organization. Meetings will be listed on the school calendar.

The Athletic Boosters have been an active organization in

the Pearl City District for many years. They provide moneys each year for athletic purchases that would otherwise be financially impossible for the district. Meeting dates will be announced. Any school district resident is welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARENT VISITS:

Elementary and junior high parents are encouraged to visit school. Please call in advance and let the teacher know. Also plan to stay for lunch and eat in the cafeteria. Nutritious meals are served every day school is in session.



BUS REGULATIONS:

1. Transporting students to school is regulated indirectly by the School Code of Illinois. The Board of Education is the direct regulatory body. Therefore, certain regulations by both bodies need to be followed.
2. Any conduct on the bus which is not satisfactory may result in suspension of riding privileges.
3. Only those persons who are assigned to a bus may ride on it to be transported to and from school.
4. Students riding on buses to games or any extracurricular activity must ride both ways. A personal phone call by the parent and a note explaining why an exception should be made to this rule is necessary before any deviation is made. Call the office and talk with the superintendent or principal

and the supervisor of the activity.

5. Any students wishing to ride a different bus to and from school must have a written request from parents approved by an administrator to ride a different bus.

PUPIL ABSENCES:
PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS SHOULD CALL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE IF A CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.

Absence from school should obviously be held to a minimum. A written excuse explaining the reason for absence is necessary upon returning to school.

Students returning to school after absences of over three days due to illness should bring a note from the doctor to the school office. It has been the policy of the Pearl City Schools to give excused absences to students for the purpose of working at home during the planting season and to allow students to care for ill members of the family when no other help could be found. This policy of excused absences is designed for those activities related to family needs only. It does not apply to those students who are for hire. It should not be abused (cry wolf, etc.). The determination of whether an absence is excused or unexcused is not easy in many instances. It is a matter of judgment with the question of whether the job could have been planned so as to be completed at another time. Any absence that the student knows is forthcoming, but does not clear it with the office in advance may be considered an unexcused absence. Students are required to make up time for unexcused absences and they receive a "0" for the classes they miss.

SCHOOL ACCIDENT PROCEDURE:

In the event of an injury to an individual, or an accident occurring during the school day, the following steps will be taken.

1. The adult present at the time, be a teacher or supervisor, will tend to the student initially. The school nurse will be contacted immediately if the teacher/supervisor deems it necessary and the nurse will attend to the student as soon as possible. In the event that the school nurse is out of the building at the time she/he is needed, an administrator will be sought to attend to the student.
2. In a situation of a serious injury, an administrator will be sought in addition to the school nurse to:
 - A. Help the nurse with caregiving.
 - B. Help make an assessment of the situation.
 - C. Obtain additional medical help if needed.
3. If an administrator is not available to help the nurse in a serious injury or accident situation, an adult within close proximity will be sought.
4. A parent will be contacted as soon as possible to be notified of their child's accident and what course of action was taken, in the event of a significant accident or injury. For a minor injury, a note will be sent home with the student.
5. After an initial assessment by the school nurse and/or administrator proper care will be provided. Proper care may include 911 if deemed necessary. In the event of a potential problem in either assessing an injury or

appropriately treating a student, 911 will be called. If there is ever a question as to whether or not to call the ambulance, individuals involved are to err on the side of caution and call 911. A call to 911 is not limited to the nurse or an administrator—any adult will be expected to call for emergency personnel if thought to be necessary.

6. Information from students in the vicinity of the accident will be taken to determine the details of the situation. This information will be relayed to the parents and administration as soon as they are known.
7. In all cases, the most important aspect of an injury or accident will be to assist the student(s) involved. Decisions will be made in the best interest of the student, with the information available at the time. Appropriate care will include immediate assessment, treatment, and follow up communication.

ELEMENTARY PARTIES:

Parents may wish to send birthday treats to school on their child's birthday. Cupcakes, cookies or the like may be sent. Class parties for grades K-3 may be planned by class parents for the last hour of the school day on special holidays. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade plan their own parties. Seventh, and eighth grades have class parties as designated, usually just Christmas and one other. Be sure to check with the teacher before planning a party. Elaborate parties are not necessary.

NOON HOUR REGULATIONS:

Students (K-12) may not go off the school grounds at noon without parent

permission and an ok from the principal. No students are allowed to drive cars or vehicles during the noon hour without permission from the superintendent or principal.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

Parents – please try to inform your children of any messages prior to them leaving for school in the morning. The office will not



interrupt classroom time for babysitting arrangements, appointments, and after school activities that could have been handled in the morning before students leave for school.

SCHOOL BEGINS:

The teaching staff will report at a teachers workshop on Thursday, August 15th. The first day for students will be Friday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:

By state regulations, all kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade pupils must have a physical examination, and kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade must have dental examinations before the opening day of school. Kindergarten students are also required to have a vision examination. New students coming from out-of-state also need current examinations. It has been the Pearl City School policy to allow the pupil who does not present evidence of such examinations to remain in the school the first day. In some cases evidence of an appointment with a dentist will be accepted until the time of appointment. All children must

be immunized against measles, mumps, tetanus, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, and pertussis.

PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE AT SCHOOL:

Medication may be given to a child at school in an emergency or if it is required in order for the child to remain in daily attendance for comfort or as a necessity.

The following guidelines must be followed when school personnel are required to administer medication.

1. Written orders are to be provided to the school from a physician detailing the name of a drug, dosage and the exact time the medication is to be given (the pharmacy label would fill this requirement.)
2. A written request from the parent or guardian requesting the medication be given must accompany the above order.
3. Written orders from the doctor and parent must be renewed each school year.
4. Medication must be brought to the school in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician.
5. Please be sure that it is absolutely necessary that the medication be given at school. Usually it can be worked out for you to give medication to your child at home. Check with your doctor to see how this could be done.
6. Please note: cough drops, aspirin, and non prescription drugs are also considered medication.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Registration was held on July 29th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. If you could not make it to registration please stop in the office to:

- Find out your total fees
- Pay for lunch and any fees
- Pick up free/reduced lunch forms

Or you may go to the school website, www.pcvolves.net, and register on line. **If fees are not paid by August 12th, a \$25 late fee will be applied.**



GYM SHIRTS:

Gym shirts are available for grades 7-12 at school for \$6.25. Please bring your own shorts in black, red or gray. These shorts need to be as long as the child's thumb when hands are placed at his or her side.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM:

Students in grades K-12 will be using their ID number to purchase their breakfast/lunch. It is very important that by the start of school your child has money in his/her account even if they only purchase a carton of milk for lunch. There will be no cash taken in the lunch line. All lunch money will be handed in to the office by **9:00 a.m. each morning**, so the student's account can be properly credited.

Students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch will receive one meal per day. Any extra items will need to be purchased at full price.

If you are writing a check for more than one child, the money will be split evenly among your children's accounts unless you note otherwise in the memo area of your check. Cash must be in an envelope with your child's **full name** on it.

Daily lunch price will be:
\$2.10....Grades K-6
\$2.45....Grades 7-12
\$3.00....Adults
\$1.75....Salad

Ala Carte

\$1.75....Main Entree
\$.30....Milk
\$1.00....Bottled Water/Juice

Daily breakfast prices will be:
\$ 1.25....Grades K-12

5 days:

\$6.25 – Breakfast
\$10.50 – Lunch Gr. K-6
\$12.25 – Lunch Gr. 7-12
\$15.00 – Adult Lunch

20 days:

\$42.00 – Lunch Gr. K-6
\$49.00 – Lunch Gr. 7-12
\$60.00 – Adult Lunch

MILK

Only students in grades K-3 have milk available to them at their milk break time. Parents can pay for the semester or the year. Payment will be due Friday, August 16th.

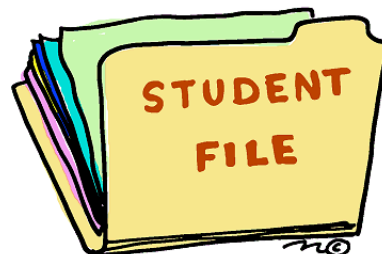
\$26.00 – per semester or
\$52.00 – per year

SCHOOL YEAR VACATIONS:

Occasionally students must miss school because their parents take vacations or must be out of town during the school year. While we wish every student were in class every possible day, we realize absences of this type are unavoidable.

Approximately two weeks prior to such an absence the

parent or guardian should write a note indicating the anticipated dates of absence and the reason. The student should immediately bring this note to the principal for written approval and then should take the note to each of their teachers so students can receive the work needed. Students are allowed 5 days per semester without a doctor's note. If your child has used some of these days the entire vacation may not be excused even after filling out the pre-arranged form.



STUDENT RECORDS – NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

The student permanent record consists of basic identifying information, academic transcript, attendance record, accident reports, health record, record of release of permanent information, and other basic information. The permanent record shall be kept for 60 years after graduation or permanent withdrawal.

The student temporary record consists of all information not required to be in the student permanent record including family background information, test scores, psychological evaluations, special education files, teacher anecdotal records, and disciplinary information. The temporary record will be reviewed every four years for destruction of out-of-date information and will be destroyed entirely within five

years after graduation or permanent withdrawal. Parents have the right to:

- Inspect and copy any and all information contained in the student records. There may be a small charge for copies, not to exceed 35 cents a page. This fee will be waived for those unable to afford such costs.
- Challenge the contents of the records, by notifying the principal or records custodian of an objection to information contained in the record. An informal conference will then be scheduled to discuss the matter. If no satisfaction is obtained, a formal hearing will be scheduled to be conducted by an impartial hearing officer.
- Receive copies of records proposed to be destroyed. The school will notify parents of the destruction schedule.
- Inspect and challenge information proposed to be transferred to another district in the event of a move to another school district.
- Local, state, and federal educational officials have access to student records for educational and administrative purposes without parental consent. Student records shall also be released without parental consent pursuant to a court order or subpoena or in connection with an emergency where the records are needed by law enforcement or medical officials to meet a threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons. All other releases of information require the informed

written consent of the parent or eligible student.

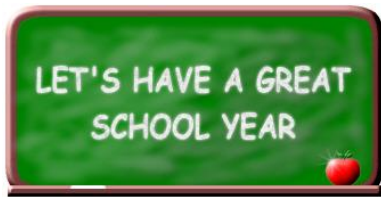
- The following is designated as public information and shall be released to the general public, unless the parents request that any or all such information not be released: student's name and address, grade level, birth date and place, parent's name and addresses, information on participation in school sponsored activities and athletics, the student's major field of study, and period of attendance in the school.
- A parent or student may not be forced by any person or agency to release information from the temporary record in order to secure any right, privilege or benefit, including employment, credit or insurance.
- Full and complete copies of the laws, rules and regulations on student records are on file with the records custodian of each school and the superintendent of the district.

Ways to continue to support your child's education:

- **Cheer your child on.** Every kid should know that they have someone who loves them and is cheering for them to be their best. Even if you believe they already know this, tell them again and again.

- **Spend time with your child.** We know you are all busy. But give your child at least 30 minutes of your full attention every day- no other distractions, just your child and you. This does not mean always having to do homework- eat dinner, go for walk, group read a book.
- **Put your child to bed early.** All kids need sleep- and you need quiet time.
- **Limit the electronic devices.** Make sure your kids continue to read a book, play board games or have other physical activity.
- **Ask your child good questions and listen to the answers.** Ask your child:
 - What did you learn today?
 - What did you talk about today?
 - What is one question you asked your teacher today and what was the answer?





**From the desk of
Brent Chrisman,
Elementary Principal**

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! As your new Pearl City Elementary Principal, I am truly honored to become a member of this excellent school community. Words cannot express how excited I am to begin serving the students, staff, and community of Pearl City. I have spent the last few weeks building schedules, class lists, and getting final classroom details in-place for the first day of school. Moreover, I have been meeting the staff members that make this great district possible.

One common theme that is evident in this district, is the amazing parent and community support combined with the high level of community involvement. Being from the surrounding area, it is very obvious why this district is so successful and has such rich traditions. I look forward to getting out into the community to meet the people who help make our students successful and who instill quality characteristics in our children.

I began teaching in 1994 just 8 miles North of Pearl City in Lena. I taught Jr. High

Science and eventually became the Jr. High Principal before leaving to be with family in Colorado in June of 2002. However, being out of education for a few years was something I could not tolerate so I stepped back into the field in 2007 at Dakota. Once again, teaching science, but at the high school level. Recently, I finished four years at the Regional Office of Education serving all of our area 14 school districts as an assistant superintendent before being selected to become the new Pearl City Elementary Principal.

As you have already read, I have spent a great majority of my life in education and I wouldn't have it any other way. However, my greatest achievement in life does not involve my professional career but rather my family life. My wife Holly, of 27 years, is also a life-long educator and currently teaches 5th grade. I have two incredible sons, Ty, who is attending the University of Dubuque studying Aviation and Military Science and Kade, who will be a senior this fall and is planning to pursue a mechanical trade by attending Universal Technical Institute in Lisle, Illinois next summer.

I am truly looking forward to the new school year and building strong relationships with students, teachers and families. My passion has been and always will be educating students. With that

in mind, you can expect that I will work tirelessly to ensure your children have the best possible experiences Pearl City Elementary can provide. I am extremely thankful to have this opportunity to be your next Elementary Principal and look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we start this new and exciting year together.

Thank you,

Brent Chrisman
Elementary Principal

**Pearl City School
Mission Statement**

You will see Pearl City School's Mission Statement posted in each elementary classroom. The mission statement can also be found in the student handbook and the School Improvement Plan. *In partnership with parents and community, we will promote educational excellence in a positive environment to inspire life long learning and responsible citizenship.*

School Handbook

We have a PreK-12 District Handbook. Copies are available in the Main Office and it is posted at pcwolves.net. Please read it over carefully with your child. Please keep this handbook as a reference throughout the year.

Math

Kindergarten will be using Tara West, which is a version of Eureka specifically modified for Kindergarten. Grades 1-5 will be using Eureka Math. 6th Grade will transition into Envision Math from Pearson, which will be used in Grades 6-12. Please watch for Parent nights, Parent Homework Helplinks and other information which will be coming out to help parents to understand the instructional strategies, so they can in turn support their children at home.

Welcome Back Celebration

The Welcome Back Celebrations will be Thurs. Aug. 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. Families are invited to bring school supplies that night, visit classrooms and talk to teachers about the up-coming school year. A free and convenient meal of Hot dogs and chips will be available in the cafeteria for families. Students are expected to come with parents and "check out" their classrooms, lockers and the school. Teachers will provide important information to families about procedures and expectations.

*PASS and Kindergarten families will come to get acquainted with the teacher and classroom at assigned times on their first day of school. You will receive more information about times as we get closer to the date.

School Pictures

Pre-K through Grade 8 school pictures are



scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th.

Pictures must be prepaid, and information will be sent home the first day of school.

PTO News

The first PTO meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 3:30 in Mr. Chrisman's Office. All parents are encouraged to attend and participate in decision-making. The PTO has been responsible for funding many activities and purchasing needed items for the classrooms. Please plan to attend, volunteer, or help out sometime throughout the school year.

Homework Helper

Pearl City School will be offering Homework Helper for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 at no cost. This program is available for students to get extra help on an academic subject, work on homework with a teacher present, or get

caught up on missing assignments. Students whose grades fall below a passing grade or who are missing assignments will be requested to attend Homework Helper. Homework Helper will be staffed by one of the elementary teachers and be available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays after school from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. If your child is having difficulty completing or needs assistance with homework, please consider Homework Helper. **Homework Helper will begin on Monday, September 9th.**

School Starts Friday, August 16, 2019:

Classes begin for students on Friday, August 16, 2019. The students will go to each of their classes during this first day. The school day will conclude at 1:00 pm. On August 19th, 2019, students will have a full day of school.





Important Dates To Remember

Welcome Back Celebration
1st-12th Grades

Aug. 15th 5:30-7:30

**PTO Cookie Day Sale Kick
Off (flyers will be handed
out at Welcome Back
Celebration)** Aug 16th

First Day of School

Aug. 16th- 8:00-1:00

**PASS & Kindergarten
First Day of School with
Parents**

Aug. 16th

**1st Day of School for
PASS & Kindergarten**

Aug 19th

Fall Sports Pictures

Aug 21st

Career Tech First Day

Aug 23rd

MAP Testing 9th -11th

Aug. 28th

**PTO Brat Stand at Cub
Foods fundraiser**

Aug. 31-Sept. 1

High School Pictures

Aug 30th

Labor Day-No School

Sept. 2nd

Homework Helper Begins

Sept 9th

PTO Meeting

Sept. 16 3:30

Mid Terms Sent Home

Sept. 20

Early Dismissal 11:15

Sept. 20

From the desk of Kelly Mandrell, 7-12 Principal

Welcome back to an exciting school year! I hope that everyone has had time to relax over the summer break! Looking forward to seeing everyone on August 15th at the Welcome Back Celebration and then on August 16th the first day of school!

Attendance:

Attendance is imperative. If your child is sick a parent or guardian must call into the school. If you have not contacted the school by 9:30 a.m., the school will be contacting you. Your child has 5 days each semester, whereas the parent you can call them in sick. After the five days, a doctor's note will be required for any other absence. If one is not provided, the absence will be unexcused. If a student fills out a prearranged absence form for a vacation and has used some of these five days, the entire vacation will not be excused. The correct paperwork still needs to be filled out. At any time, Skyward will keep you up to date on your students' absences.

Handbook Changes:

There are changes to the Parent/Student Handbook. Please take the time with your child and go through the handbook together.

Parent Portal-Skyward Family Access:

Your Skyward Family Access should be up and running on the first day of school. We encourage you to keep track of your child's progress throughout the year. If you have any questions or need your password, please contact the office. If you have a concern about your child's grades, please contact the teacher. This is also a great way to contact the teachers with any questions, along with checking to see your child's assignments. Grades are expected to be updated once a week. If you have a smart phone, you are able to get the Skyward app. This is very convenient as well.

High School Scheduling:

Students set their schedules for the 2019-2020 year. They have the first 3 days to change their schedule. Changes to the schedule will be made for errors in the schedule or for other educational reasons. Please remember that a yearlong class cannot be dropped in January. If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

Junior High/ Senior High School "Welcome Back Celebration"

Welcome Back Celebration will be Thurs. Aug. 15th from 5:30-7:30. Families are invited to bring school supplies that night, visit classrooms and talk to teachers about the up-

coming school year. A free and convenient meal of hot dogs and chips will be available in the cafeteria for families. Students are expected to come with parents and “check out” their classrooms, lockers and the school. Teachers will provide important information to families about procedures and expectations. As in the past, we will be giving extra credit. There will be a sign in sheet in the lobby. Please sign the parent/guardian and your child(ren) on the sheet when you come.



Substance Abuse Testing Program:

Pearl City High School established a substance abuse testing program nine years ago and will again be testing during the 2019-2020 school year. The Pearl City School District is taking the initiative to maintain and improve the health and safety of students.

Students, who plan on participating in any extra-curricular activity during 2019-2020 school year and their parents/guardians must sign the Substance Abuse Testing Policy (which is on line during registration). If you are playing

a fall sport this policy must be signed before the first contest. All other participants must have the policy signed before being able to practice.



PEARL CITY AREA FOOD PANTRY:

The Pearl City Area Food Pantry is open! Anyone who lives in the Pearl City School District and is in need is welcome to come. The pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The pantry is located in the Pearl City United Methodist Church, on South Main Street, in the lower level. If you have any questions call 443-2220.



Pearl City Fall Sports Pictures:

Fall Sports pictures will be taken on Wednesday, August 21st. Golf and Volleyball pictures will be taken in Pearl City and EPC Football and EPC Cheer will be in Lanark. All players will wear their uniforms for

picture day. Your coaches will have a schedule for the day when practice starts.

PC Athletic Boosters

THE PEARL CITY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS NEED YOU!! If you have a child in grades seven through twelve that are involved in a fall sport (football, volleyball, or golf), you will be asked to help run the concession stand at two fall sports contests The Boosters usually meet only once a month at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria on the third Wednesday of the month (right before the School Board Meeting). Occasionally we move the date around because of conflicts, but we post the meeting date on the school website and on our Facebook page. Our August meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



High School Equipment handout will take place Monday, August 12th, 3:30 pm at Eastland High School in Lanark. Bus will leave Pearl City School at 3:10 pm

2019 August



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jul 31	1	2	3
						Both Gyms Closed
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Both Gyms Closed						
	IHSA No Contact Week					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Both Gyms Closed				Teachers Institute	1st Day of School	Boys/Girls Golf @ Eastland Tourn
IHSA No Contact Week				Meet the Teacher	Early Release	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PASS Program Starts	Boys/Girls Golf @ Dakota (Frpt CC)		Fall Sports Pictures	Girls Golf vs. Galena (Wolf Hollow)		
JH Volleyball vs. Orangeville			Booster Meeting Board of Education			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Boys Golf @ Amboy (Shady Oaks)		Elem Picture Day	JH Football & JH Volleyball Pics	HS Volleyball vs. River Ridge	HS Picture Day	Boys Golf @ Dr. Damman Invite (TBA)
		HS Volleyball vs. Polo	Boys Golf vs. Forreston (Wolf Hollow)		V-EPC FB @ Le-Win	
		JH Volleyball @ Eastland	JH Volleyball vs. W. Carroll			
Sep 1	2	Notes				
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>						

2019 August

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jul 31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Donuts Hamburgers	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
French Toast Sticks Chicken Drumsticks	Biscuits & Gravy Tacos in a bag	Donut Holes Pork Tenderloin	Waffles Mac-n-Cheese	Chocolate Croissant Pizza		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Funnel Cake Chicken Strips	Scrambled Eggs Nachos	Donuts Mini Corn Dogs	French Toast Sticks Pasta w/ cheese filled breadstick	Muffins Hot Beef Sandwich		
Sep 1	2	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				

2019 September



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Class of 2024 Little John's Breakfast Fundraiser	2 No School JV EPC FB @ Le-Win	3 Boys/Girls Golf @ Stockton HS Volleyball vs. Eastland	4 Boys/Girls Golf @ E. DBQ (Lacoma) HS Volleyball vs. S. Beloit	5 Boys Golf vs. Aquin/River Ridge (Wolf Hollow) Girls Golf @ Sterling (Emerald Hills) JH Volleyball @ Le-Win	6 V-HS Volleyball @ Oregon Tourn V EPC FB vs. DuPec (Lanark)	7 8th grade Volleyball @ Durand Tournament
8 JV EPC FB vs. Du-Pec (Lanark)	9 JH Volleyball @ Polo HS Volleyball @ Rockford Lutheran	10 Girls Golf @ Rock Falls (Rock River Golf) JH Volleyball vs. Forreston	11 Boys Golf vs. Du/Pec (Wolf Hollow) Girls Golf @ Stillman Valley (Prairie View) HS Volleyball @ Le-Win JH Volleyball @ Stockton	12 V EPC FB @ W. Carroll	13 JH Volleyball @ Oregon Tournament V-HS Volleyball @ Byron Tourn	14
15 JV EPC FB @ W. Carroll	16 HS Volleyball @ E DBQ JH Volleyball @ Aquin	17 Boys/Girls Golf vs. Winnebago (Wolf Hollow) HS Volleyball @ River Ridge Booster Meeting Board of Education	18 Boys/Girls Golf vs. W. Carroll (Wolf Hollow) JH Volleyball vs. Chadwick	19 Early Release V EPC FB vs. Milledgeville (Lanark)	20 Boys golf @ Wessels Open (Oregon) V-HS Volleyball PC Invite	21
22 JV EPC FB vs. Milledgeville (Lanark)	23 Boys/Girls Golf @ Galena (Galena Public Course) HS Volleyball @ W. Carroll	24 Sophomore Field Trip (P.A.R.T.Y.) Youth in Harmony JH Volleyball vs. Dakota	25 Boys/Girls Golf vs. Eastland(Wolf Hollow) HS Volleyball @ Stockton JH Volleyball vs. Eastland	26 V EPC FB @ Dakota	27 Girls Golf @ Freeport Invite (Park Hills) Boys Golf @ Lorrin Fasset Invite (Deer Valley Golf Course) 7th grade Volleyball PC Invite	28
29 HS Volleyball @ Eastland JH Volleyball vs. Le-Win JV EPC FB @ Dakota	30 Oct 1		2	3	4	5
6	7	<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

2019 September

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 No School	2 Donut Holes Taco Salad	3 Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Strips & Waffles	4 Chocolate Croissant Hot Dogs & Chili	5 French Toast Sticks Hamburgers	6	7
8 Pancakes Chicken Drumstick	9 Scrambled Eggs Taco in a bag	10 Donuts Pancakes	11 Waffles Orange Chicken or Sweet & Sour Chicken	12 Funnel Cake Pizza	13	14
15 Muffins Mini Corn Dogs	16 Biscuits & Gravy Nachos	17 French Toast Sticks Pork Tenderloin	18 Breakfast Casserole Mac-n-Cheese	19 Donut Holes Early Release - No Lunch	20	21
22 Waffles Pasta w/cheese filled breadstick	23 Donuts Taco Salad	24 Funnel Cake Hot Beef Sandwich	25 Chocolate Croissant Chicken Strips & Waffles	26 Muffins Hamburgers	27	28
29 French Toast Sticks Pizza	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Notes				
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