

# Pearl City Schools



Aug/Sept 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians and Pearl City Community Members:

As the summer comes to its conclusion, we hope that everyone had a chance to do the things you enjoy the most. As we prepare for the beginning of a new school year, school staff has been preparing for the arrival of students on Friday, August 17, 2018 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on the first day.

The success of your children in school is based on the creation of a partnership between the family and the school. As we provide the foundation for learning, we ask for your continued help, support, and commitment as parental involvement is critical in the learning process. We encourage you to become actively involved with your children's education. This shared partnership will provide the best learning environment for our children.

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](mailto: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.

As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to introduce as well as ask you to welcome the following new staff:

Mrs. Melanie Bremmer- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

Mr. Jared McNutt – Varsity Football Coach

Mrs. Danielle Kempel- Prekindergarten Teacher

Mr. Ryne Plager- Activities Bus Driver

Mr. Kevin Kohl- Full Time Bus Driver

Miss Heather Tessendorf- Physical Education and Health Teacher

Mrs. Deb Kuberski- Librarian Aide in Elementary

Mrs. Kim Williams- School District Nurse

Miss Kayleigh Leddy- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/Fresh/Soph  
Softball Coach/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Miss Kristen Lee- Agriculture Teacher

Mr. Cole Miller- Activities Bus Driver

**Other changes in staff include:**

Mrs. Marsha Butson- Fresh/Soph Volleyball Coach

Mrs. Kim Lorig- Junior High and Senior High Science

Mrs. Jordy McPeek- Varsity Volleyball Coach

Mr. Steve Miller- Full Time Bus Driver

Mr. DJ Scott- Athletic and Activities Director

We hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer and look forward to seeing the students later this month!



**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 reimburseable. 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  
Amy Lieb, Vice-President  
Nikki Keltner, Secretary  
Wayne Crackenberger  
Scott Johnson  
Nicole Sheffey  
Doug Visel  
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.

- 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.
- 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:**

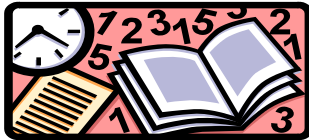
Parents – please try to inform your children of any messages prior to them leaving for school in the morning.

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 Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.



The first day for students will be Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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.)
- A written request from the parent or guardian requesting the medication be given must accompany the above order.
- Written orders from the doctor and parent must be renewed each school year.
- Medication must be brought to the school in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician.
- 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.
- Please note: cough drops, aspirin, and non prescription drugs are also considered medication.



## **REGISTRATION**

### **PROCEDURE:**

Registration was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-7:00 p.m. If you could not make it to registration please stop in the office to:

- Receive the school handbook
- 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.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net), all forms are on the website in a PDF fillable format. **If fees are not paid by August 6<sup>th</sup>, a \$25 late fee will be applied.**

Please stop by before school starts to pick up all your information for the new school year. Hours are Monday - Thursday 7:00 am-4:00 pm.

### **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.

### **WAIVER OF BOOK RENTAL FEE:**

This is to advise that you may be eligible for the waiver of the student book rental fee if you receive public aid; if your gross income is under that set out in the federal guidelines for free or reduced priced lunches; or if you are otherwise able to establish that you cannot afford to pay these fees. Applications requesting waiver of fees should be submitted to the superintendent. Forms for submission of such requests are available in the office. The use of false information to obtain such waiver is a felony under Illinois law. Any inquiries should be directed to the superintendent of the school in which your child is enrolled.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>.  
\$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.

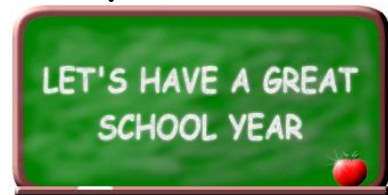
The temporary record will be reviewed every four years for destruction of out-of-date information and will be destroyed entirely within five years after graduation or permanent withdrawal. Parents have the right to:

- 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.

**From the desk of  
Chris Wallace,  
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](http://pcwolves.net). Please read it over carefully with your child and return the last page signed saying that you have read and gone over rules and procedures with your children. Please keep this handbook as a reference throughout the year.

## **School Improvement Plan**

Each year, we evaluate test data and strengths and weaknesses of the school environment and set goals for the coming school year. These are the goals set for this 2018-2019 school year;

- \*Develop a balance of differentiated instruction using assessments and goals for each student using the RTI model. Implement AIMSweb and other assessments, interventions and documentation methods.

- \* Implement the Math Curriculum K-12. (K-Tara-West, 1st-5<sup>th</sup>-Eureka, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Envision)

- \*Implement Illinois Learning Standards from ISBE as our Curriculum Guide.

- \*Implement *Character Counts!* as our Character Education.

- \*Evaluate behavior data and develop plans to teach good behavior in problem areas.

- \*Evaluate and develop Parent Involvement activities.

- \* Develop plan and implement Technology in phases. Implement use of Google Education.

- \*Integrate Google Education, coding, 3D printing, SMART Boards, Document Cameras, Student Response devices and other technology into the classroom curriculum.

- \*Align technology with the needs of the PARCC assessments.

## **Math**

We will be using new Math curriculums this school year. 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.

## **Meet the Teacher Night**

Meet the Teacher Night will be Thurs. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00. We are changing the format of our Meet the Teacher Night to a more relaxed family Back to School Night. Families are invited to bring school supplies that night, visit classrooms and talk to teachers about the upcoming 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 also 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Mrs. Wallace’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 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **School Starts Friday, August 17, 2018:**

Classes begin for students on Friday, August 17, 2018. The students will go to each of their classes during this first day. The school day will conclude at 1:00 pm. On August 20, 2018, students will have a full day of school.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Fall Sports Pictures**

Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7:00

### **PTO Cookie Day Sale Kick**

**Off** (flyers will be handed out at Meet the Teacher Night)

Aug 16

### **First Day of School**

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>- 8:00-1:00

### **PASS & Kindergarten**

### **First Day of School with Parents**

Aug. 17 Times TBA

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day of School for**

### **PASS & Kindergarten**

Aug 20

### **Career Tech First Day**

Aug 20

### **MAP Testing 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>**

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>

### **PTO Brat Stand at Cub**

### **Foods fundraiser Aug. 31-**

Sept. 1

### **High School Pictures**

Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Labor Day-No School**

Sept. 3

### **Homework Helper Begins**

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

### **PTO Meeting**

Sept. 17 6:30

### **Mid Terms Sent Home**

Sept. 21

### **Early Dismissal 11:15**

Sept. 21

## **From the desk of Kelly Mandrell, 7-12 Principal**



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!!! I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

### **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 many new 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 2018-2019 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. If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

## **Junior High/ Senior High School "Meet the Teacher Night":**

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5:30-7:00. We are changing the format of our Meet the Teacher Night to a more relaxed family Back to School Night. Families are invited to bring school supplies that night, visit classrooms and talk to teachers about the upcoming 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year and their parents/guardians must sign the Substance Abuse Testing Policy. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Area Outreach Committee



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**PCEF will announce the  
2018-19 Upperclassman  
Scholarship Recipients  
the week of  
August 13th**



**Pearl City Fall Sports  
Pictures:**

Fall Sports pictures will be taken on Monday, August 13th. Golf Pictures will be taken in Lena on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. 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!! We know you have heard this many times over the years, but that doesn't make it any less true. 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. You will have the opportunity to sign up for the games you want to work and they don't have to be at the games your child plays. We will be asking BOTH parents to sign up for two games if possible (they don't have to be the same games if you don't want them to be). If there is a certain sport or game you would prefer to work, check with Emily Dixon at the Athletic Parent Meeting on Thursday, July 26th. Remember you can work any type of game you wish—just because your child plays volleyball doesn't mean you have to work a volleyball game.

But working a game or two each season that your child plays a sport at Pearl City is only the beginning. The Boosters need help with many other jobs throughout the year as well. Planning and working the annual golf outing, ordering and stocking supplies throughout the year, cleaning and preparing the stand for games, opening and closing the stand for home games, and deciding school

projects to help fund are some other jobs we need some help with. We are also looking for new and exciting ideas that will help raise money to help our sports programs.

During the past twelve months alone, the Boosters have helped spend over \$11,000 on uniforms and equipment for our sports teams. This does not even include the money we spent on weight room updates, remodeling of the outside concession stand, senior banners and donations to local groups. We even had the opportunity to let different groups run the stand over the past year and earn over \$5500. And, as usual, we gave out our two \$500 scholarships.

The Boosters usually meet only once a month at 5:30 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 15th at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria.





**High School Equipment handout will take place Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 P.M. at Pearl City High School.**

**EPC Football practice begins at Pearl City Monday, August 6 from 4-7 the bus leaves Eastland at 3:15. Practice August 6th-10th is 4-7 pm. Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> Midnight Madness!! 12pm-2am at Pearl City. The week of August 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> will be from 4-7 pm in Pearl City. We will have an Intersquad Scrimmage fundraiser at Pearl City August 17th at 5:00 pm. The next week is game week so we will be practicing 3:30-6 pm Monday-Wednesday, and Thursday 4-5:15 pm.**



**EPC WILDCAT WEAR:**

The EPC Cheerleaders will be taking orders for t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and a variety of other wildcat wear items. It is a NEW design again this year sold only by the EPC Cheerleaders. Three orders will be placed for the 2018 football season: One in August and two in September. If you would like to purchase anything, order forms can be picked up and returned to the school office.



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