



# *Pearl City School District*

## *January 2022 Newsletter*

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

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

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The school year has reached the mid-way point. There have been some advances to our curriculum, building and grounds, teaching strategies, schedules and the way our students are learning. However, the one thing that has not changed is the commitment and dedication of the entire Pearl City School District educational staff. They continue to strive for excellence and they continue to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever-changing world.

### **E-Learning Days for Severe weather**

As we prepare to enter the winter season we will be notifying students and families of e-Learning days (instead of closures), delays, early releases via the District calling system (School Messenger), website, local TV stations and local radio station. We will try to have our message out to everyone the night before or between 5:30am and 6:00am. Please remember that the district will be utilizing e-Learning days instead of closing for snow days or cold days. Students should log into their Chromebook and sign in for attendance. Teachers will have work prepared for students in case of the need for the e-Learning day. The school day will be from 8:30-1:30. This is similar to the past Friday Remote Learning Days. More information on e-Learning days can be found on the district website [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net)

### **Levy**

The Pearl City School Board approved the 2021 tax levy at the December board meeting. This year's levy is asking for a 4.30% increase. Please understand that the district does not receive what we ask for in the estimated levy, we only receive what the PTELL (Tax Cap) law allows. PTELL will limit the district's rate at 1.4% (Consumer Price Index), but levying a higher rate ensures that the district will also receive any increases in EAV and any new construction.

### **Curriculum**

The Pearl City School District is continuing to update and improve the curriculum of the district. This year the district has implemented a new K-12 English and Reading Curriculum and JH/HS Social Science. The district is also researching and looking to implement new curriculum in the areas of Science, Foreign Language and Agriculture for the 2022-2023 school year. Select teachers will be piloting the sampled curriculum during the third and fourth quarter. The new curriculums would focus on a digital learning platform. The curriculums will also focus on a tier system of learning. A tiered system would allow students to work and succeed at their individual levels. The new curriculum will be purchased using the Federal grant that was received last year.

### **Building and Grounds**

The Pearl City School District completed two major projects this past summer. The school district finished updating the roof of the school district. We can now begin to focus on updated LED lighting and ceiling tiles now that the leaks have been taken care of in the building. The entire parking lot was also sealed and coated. The front parking lot had a lot of work to do by the bus garage. A portion of the Working Cash Bond that was approved last year was earmarked to go to the construction of the parking lot and the roof of the school building. The district is now looking to also begin to work on a couple of sections of the building that have no AC and still run heat on the old steam boiler system. We are hoping to utilize the Federal grants to help with the projects.

There continues to be a lot of positive changes to the Pearl City School District. We continue to look forward to sharing these changes as the year progresses. Please continue to follow us on our website and District Facebook Page to see a lot of the positive things that are happening in the district. We thank you for your continued support.

**Important Dates to Remember**

*School Resumes Jan. 3rd*

*7th-11th Grade MAP Testing  
Jan. 10th-14th*

*Report Cards available on  
Skyward Jan.10th at noon*

*AIMS Web Benchmark Testing  
Jan. 10th – 13th*

*No School-  
District Institute—Jan. 14th*

*No Early Learning Classes  
Jan. 14th or 17th*

*No School-  
Martin Luther King Day  
Jan. 17th*

*Young Authors*



**Young Authors Stories**

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



**Winter Clothing**

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



**1st—4th Grade Spelling Bee**

The students will be having classroom bees to choose representatives to participate in the Pearl City School Spelling Bee on January 21st. More information will be sent home.

The Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at Highland Community College. Winners from the Regional Bee will be going directly to the competition in Washington DC this year.





## Be Safe On-Line General Tips for On-Line Safety

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COVID Vaccination Cards

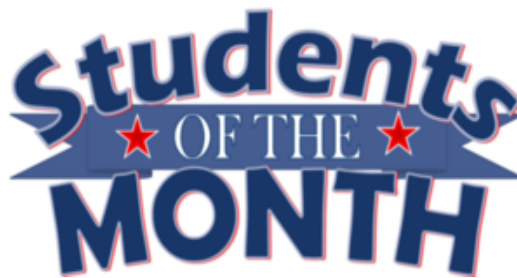
If your student has received the COVID-19 vaccination, please either:

1. send a paper copy or email a photo of the student's vaccination card to school for the student's medical file. A photo of the student vaccination card can be sent to [kwilliams@pcwolves.net](mailto:kwilliams@pcwolves.net)
2. OR let Nurse Kim know your student has received the COVID-19 vaccination so she can locate the information in the State Immunization Registry and update the student's medical file

## Student Absence Procedures

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

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



December

Student of the Month

7th: Mackenzie Lotz

8th: Brandon Hille

9th: Natalie Greene

10th: Kyleigh Gentz

11th: Blane Foulker

12th: Madilyn Diddens

Top Dog: Paige Hille



## High School Volunteer Hours

This is just a reminder that for students to graduate, they need to complete 5 volunteer hours per year.

**Seniors**— 15 hours by  
March 31, 2022

**Juniors**— 20 hours by  
March 31, 2023

**Sophomores**— 20 hours by  
March 31, 2024

**Freshmen**— 20 hours by  
March 31st, 2025

The forms are available in the main office.

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Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cereal, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Applesauce & Milk	Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Quesadilla, Corn, Orange Slice & Milk	Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken and Dumpling Soup, Broccoli, Peaches & Milk	Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Mostaccioli, Green Beans, Pears & Milk	Scrambled Eggs and Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Teriyaki, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert & Milk		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Apple filled Bosco, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Hamburger, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk	French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco in a Bag, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Green Beans, Oranges & Milk	Breakfast Casserole, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Breaded Beef Patty, Broccoli, Pears & Milk	No School		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No School	Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	Pretzel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	Cherry Strudel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pizza, Broccoli, Pears & Milk	Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Cheese Filled Breadstick, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert & Milk		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mini Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Pineapple & Milk	Cinnamon Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Mini Tacos, Corn, applesauce & Milk	Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots, Peaches & Milk	Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Hotdogs, Baked Beans, apple Slices & Milk	Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Barbeque, Broccoli, Pears, Dessert & Milk		
30	31	<p>Notes</p> <p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b></p> <p>Lunch is Offer vs. Serve</p> <p>Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				
Donut, Cereal, Juice & Milk Macaroni & Cheese						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 31	1 Christmas Break 12/18/21 to 1/02/2022
2	3 8:00 AM School Resumes 6:00 PM HSGB vs South Beloit Varsity only	4 4:00 PM Academic Team @ Milledgeville 5:30 PM HSBB @ Pecatonica	5 6:00 PM HSGB vs Durand	6 6:00 PM HSBB @ Dakota	7 6:00 PM HSGB @ Dakota	8 HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum 8:00 AM Speech @ Byron 6:00 PM HSBB vs Stockton
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum						
16	17 Untitled 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs Dakota	18 JHGB, Speech & Scholastic Bowl Winter Sport Pictures 4:00 PM Academic Team vs Polo 6:00 PM HSGB vs Pecatonica Varsity only	19 6:00 PM HSBB vs Durand	20 5:30 PM JHGB vs Polo 6:00 PM HSGB @ Le-Win	21 No School Teachers Institute 6:00 PM HSBB vs Orangeville	22 8:00 AM Speech @ River Ridge 3:00 PM HSGB vs Polo
HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum						
23	24 No School Martin Luther King Day 6:00 PM HSGB @ Warren	25 4:00 PM Academic Team @ Eastland 4:00 PM JHGB @ Eastland 6:00 PM HSBB @ Le-Win	26 5:30 PM JHGB vs Pecatonica 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	27 6:00 PM HSBB @ Amboy	28 6:00 PM HSGB @ Aquin	29 8:00 AM Speech Team @ Stockton Tournament 1:00 PM HSBB VS River Ridge
HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum						
30	31 4:00 PM Sports Meeting :JHT, HST, BB, SB Bass Fishing 5:30 PM JHGB vs Forreston	4:00 PM Academic Team vs West Carroll 4:00 PM JHGB @ West Carroll 6:00 PM HSGB vs Orangeville	6:00 PM HSBB @ Aquin	5:30 PM JHGB @ Le-Win 6:00 PM HSGB @ Durand	6:00 PM HSBB vs Pecatonica	HSGB @ Aquin Shootout TBA 8:00 AM Speech @ Rkfd Jefferson
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>30</p> <p>HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum</p> <p>5:30 PM JHGB vs Stockton 5:30 PM HS Boys Basketball at Oregon</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%; text-align: center;"> <p><i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i></p> </div> </div>						