# **Pearl City Schools**



Aug/Sept 2022 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. This could not be more true during the times we are living in today. 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.

This summer the Pearl City educators have been focusing on safety, curriculum, culture and the process of change. In two books <u>Change is Good, You Go First</u> by Mac Anderson and Tom Feltenstein and the book <u>Becoming</u> by Clint Gresham, I came across a great analogy that sums up the patience and discipline for change we need to remember in the Pearl City School District and in education overall. An effective district understands that change requires time to "take root." If a gardener decides to pull up the roots before the plant has taken hold in the ground, the plant will not fully flower or produce a great fruit. The farming of a bamboo plant provides particular insight into this principle. Once a bamboo seed is planted, the farmer needs to consistently water the seed, tend the soil, and try to control the environment around the seed for four years before the plant even begins to break the ground's surface. But, when it finally does break the surface, the plant can grow up to 60 feet in ninety days and up to 80 feet in a year! Unfortunately, most people want to see overnight success and immediate results. Some wish to see fifth year results without the crucial four years of prep.

Sometimes we forget the power of persistence and continued focus on the process in education or life in general. Without the hard work and commitment of all the educators this past school year and summer we would not be able to produce and see the success from our children. For many years the educators, parents, community and students of Pearl City have set up a root system. The district has introduced new curriculum, increased the need to monitor data, increased technology and increased the social emotional guidance needed for our students, and created other grade level initiatives to help engage our students. The bamboo plant reminds us that these changes need to take time to "take root" before the full benefits are realized. We need to practice patience, discipline, and nurture our students as we start new "roots" on ways of educating our students and continue to develop the district in a new way of learning and teaching.

I would like to thank all of the educators, parents and community members for continuing to nurture our students and for collaborating with each other to create a better environment in our schools through this process. This year the educators in the Pearl City School District will continue to inspire, encourage, and lead by example. We will continue to work to educate all of our students through challenging times, uncertain times, and also the good times.

Thank you again for your continued positive support as we continue to inspire in everyone a passion to excel. As I enter my fourth year as your Superintendent, it is my honor and pleasure to serve this community and its children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Schiffman



# As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to introduce, as well as, ask you to welcome the following new staff:

Moriah Cropper - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Derrick Allen - Kindergarten Hannah Maurer - Elementary Special Education Sierra Schubert - Preschool Paraprofessional Alex Maurer - High School Business Teacher Katina Knoup – Cafeteria

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. Sue Koehn at skoehn@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. Sue Koehn 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, <a href="http://pcwolves.net">http://pcwolves.net</a>, 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.

# <u>MEDICAID</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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 coporal 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 Carlee Tessendorf 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 necessay with 24hour 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 schoolcommunity 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. Parents will also be asked to self monitor for Covid 19 prior to entry. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, we look forward to seeing you. Let the teacher know if you would like to join your student for lunch.

#### **BUS REGULATIONS**

- 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.

 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 (crv 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:**

Classroom volunteers (reading, parties, etc.) will be allowed as long as they have self-monitored before entering the building.

Also, please only use prepackaged/store purchased treats for all parties until further notice.

Please communicate with your child's teacher regarding volunteering and holiday/birthday parties,

#### 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 on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and the first day for students will be Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



# <u>PHYSICAL</u> EXAMINATIONS:

By state regulations, all kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade pupils must have a physical examination, and kindergarten, second grade, sixth grade and ninth 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.)
- 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:

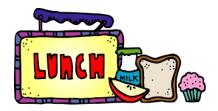
Registrtion was held on August 2nd from 2 to 6 p.m. If you could not make it to registration Please stop in the office to:

- Three forms of Proof of residency <u>is a must.</u> Please contact the district office regarding viable forms to use
- 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, <u>www.pcwolves.net</u>, and register on line. **If fees are not paid by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>9:00 a.m. each</u> <u>morning</u>, so the student's account can be properly credited. Students who are eligible for free

and reduced lunch may receive breakfast and lunch. <u>Any extra</u> <u>items will need to be purchased at</u> 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 <u>full</u> <u>name</u> on it.

#### Breakfast & lunch procedures are subject to change due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Daily lunch price will be: \$2.25....Grades K-6 \$2.60....Grades 7-12 \$3.25....Adults \$2.00....Salad

Ala Carte \$2.00....Main Entree \$.35...Milk \$1.00....Bottled Water/Juice

Daily breakfast prices will be: \$ 1.40....Grades K-12 5 davs: \$7.00 – Breakfast \$11.25 – Lunch Gr. K-6 \$13.00 – Lunch Gr. 7-12 \$16.25 – Adult Lunch 20 days: \$45.00 – Lunch Gr. K-6 \$52.00 – Lunch Gr. 7-12 \$65.00 - 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 21<sup>st</sup>. \$30.00 - per semester or

\$60.00 - 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 year 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.

#### <u>STUDENT RECORDS –</u> <u>NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS</u> <u>OF PARENTS AND</u> <u>STUDENTS:</u>

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 subpeona 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 child 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 2022-2023 school year!

That was a fast summer and now it is time to bring on school! The building is shining new in every corner of the district thanks to our amazing janitorial staff! From the lockers, to the floors, to the cafeteria, everything is glistening. I will re-state the words of my daycare friends, "the school is new again!" I could not agree more! A huge thank you to our summer crew!!!

**Something new!!!** We have a new Science Curriculum this year so please, be looking out for all of the new and exciting experiments your children will be doing throughout the year. This new curriculum is loaded with some amazing "hands-on" science!

Finally, last year I encouraged everyone to spend as much time with their children and family as they can. I will echo those same words again as you can never spend too much time with family!!! However, as we begin this new school year I have a new challenge for all of you...please take some time to learn something new, try something new, and share something new with your family and kids throughout the year!

It's a new year, with new experiences and many, many new memories to come! Thank you,

Brent Chrisman Elementary Principal

# <u>Pearl City School</u> <u>Mission Statement</u>

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 lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.

#### <u>School Handbook</u>

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.

#### <u>Math</u>

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 Help links 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.

\*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 12 school pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, SEPT. 1<sup>st</sup> and retakes are Oct. 18<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 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in Mr. Chrisman's office. 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.

#### **Elementary 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 Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

# School Starts Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

Classes begin for students on Friday, August 19, 2022. The students will go to each of their classes during this first day. The school day will conclude at 1:00 pm. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, students will have a full day of school.

# <u>Important Dates</u> <u>To Remember</u>

PTO Cookie Day Sale Kick Off dates will be sent home when date is set.

Fall Sports Pictures Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> First Day of School Aug. 19<sup>TH</sup> - 8:00-1:00 PASS -TBA Back to School Celebration Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 Kindergarten First Day of School with Parents Aug. 19<sup>TH</sup>

HCC First Day Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> Career Tech First Day Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> School Pictures SEPT 1st Labor Day-No School Sept. 5th Homework Helper Begins Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 11:15 Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> **PTO Meeting** Sept. 19th 3:30 Mid Terms on Skyward Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Week Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-24th

#### From the desk of Ben Asche,

#### 7-12 Principal

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school! The first day of school will be Friday, August 19th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm and I am very excited to kick off another great school year!

With that, the school building is coming into form and the custodians' hard work is very visible, with shiny floors, clean lockers and classrooms ready that are ready for students and teachers!

As we venture into another school year, here are a few updates/reminders.

**Sports/activities:** Students are currently preparing for their fall sports and activities! Please reach out to our AD, DJ Scott, or the head coach of a specific sport if you have any questions about participating in a school sport or activity. If you are not currently involved in an after school activity, I highly encourage you to find something that interests you and join a team.

**Curriculum:** This past spring, the school board approved new/updated curriculums for 7-12 grade Science, Foreign Language and Agriculture. These curriculums designed to be highly engaging, rigorous and student-centered.

Finally, I hope everyone is able to enjoy the last couple weeks of summer and that you are able to spend quality time with family and friends.

Please make sure to check out the school calendar on the website and if you have any questions, concerns or would just like to chat, please feel free to stop in, call the office at 815-443-2715 or email me at <u>basche@pcwolves.net</u>

Sincerely, Ben Asche Jr./Sr. High Principal

#### 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 year, 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 student's 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 2022-2023 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.

#### **Substance Abuse Testing Program:**

Pearl City High School established a substance abuse testing program ten years ago and will again be testing during the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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 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.



# **IHSA**

Please make sure to attend a sports meeting if your students plan on participating in a sport/activity. The fall sports meeting is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

# <u>Pearl City High School</u> <u>Fall Sports Pictures:</u>

Fall Sports pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see your coach for details about location and time of pictures.



Back to School Celebration

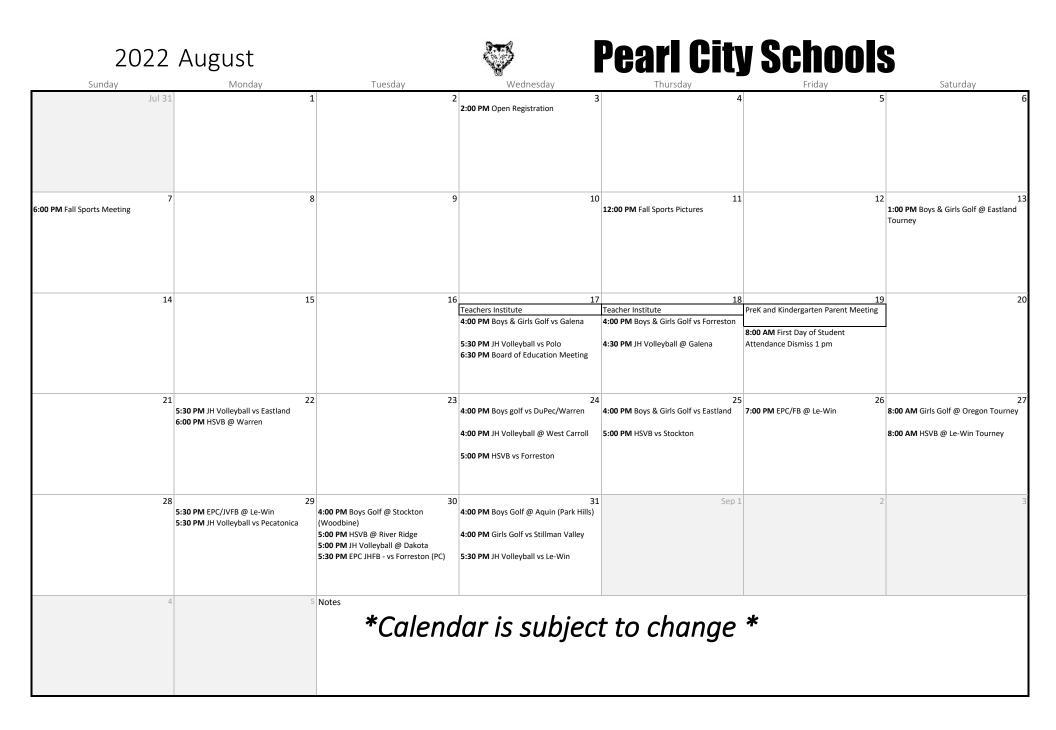
Aug. 18th 5:30-7:00

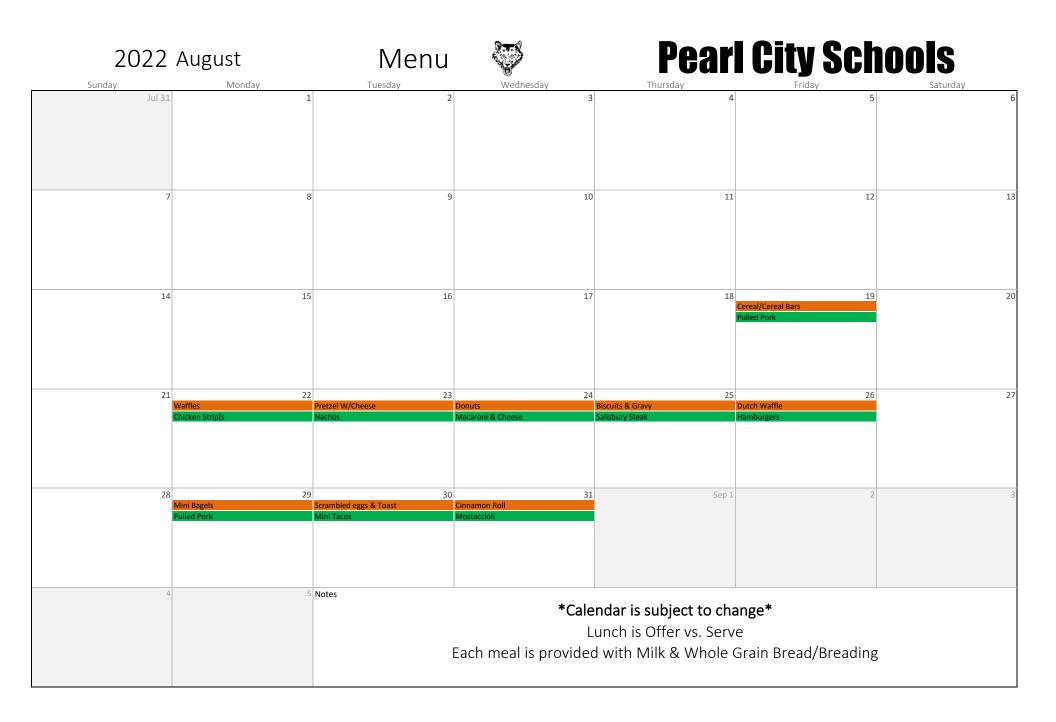
Grades 1st - 6<sup>th</sup>

Come and meet your teachers. Feel free to bring in your school supplies and put them away and arrange your lockers.

# Pearl City School District #200 2022-2023 Important Dates to Remember

August 17	Teacher Institute					
August 18	Teacher Institute					
August 19	First Day of Student Attendance Full Day (dismiss at 1:00)					
-	Pre-K and Kindergarten Parent Meeting					
September 1	Lifetouch picture day for Daycare- 12th grade					
September 5	No School – Labor Day					
September 14	Mobile Dentist					
September 16	Early Student Dismissal 11:15 School Improvement					
September 23	Homecoming Game					
October 9	Winter Sports Meeting					
October 10	No School – Columbus Day					
October 18	Lifetouch picture Retakes for Daycare - 12th grade					
October 21	End of 1st Quarter					
October 26	Early Dismissal 1:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:30pm					
October 27	Early Dismissal 1:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:30pm					
October 28	No School					
November 8	No School					
November 10	Winter Sports Pictures (HSBB, HSGB, JHBB)					
November 11	Early Student Dismissal 11:15 School Improvement					
November 23	Early Dismissal 1:00					
November 24 & 25	No School – Thanksgiving Break					
December 21	Early dismissal 1:00 & end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter					
Dec 22 – Jan 3	No School - Winter Break					
January 4	School Resumes after Winter Break					
January 10	Winter Sports Pictures (JHGB, Speech, Scholastic Bowl)					
January 13	No School - Teacher Institute					
January 16	No School – Martin Luther King Day					
February 17	Early Student Dismissal 11:15 School Improvement					
February 20	No School – Presidents' Day					
February 22	Elementary Spring Pictures (Daycare - 8th)					
February 26 March 7	Spring Sports Meeting Spring Sports Pictures					
March 9	Open House					
March 10	End of 3rd Quarter Early Dismissal 11:15 School Improvement					
March 15	Mobile Dentist					
March 27 – 31	No School – Spring Break					
April 3	School Resumes					
April 7 & 10	No School					
April 11	School Resumes					
May 6	Prom					
May 21	Graduation 1:00					
May 25	End of 4th Quarter - Early Dismissal 1:00					
-	Last day of school if <u>no</u> emergency days are used					
May 26	Teacher Institute					
May 29	Memorial Day					
June 9	Last day of school if <u>all emergency</u> days are used					

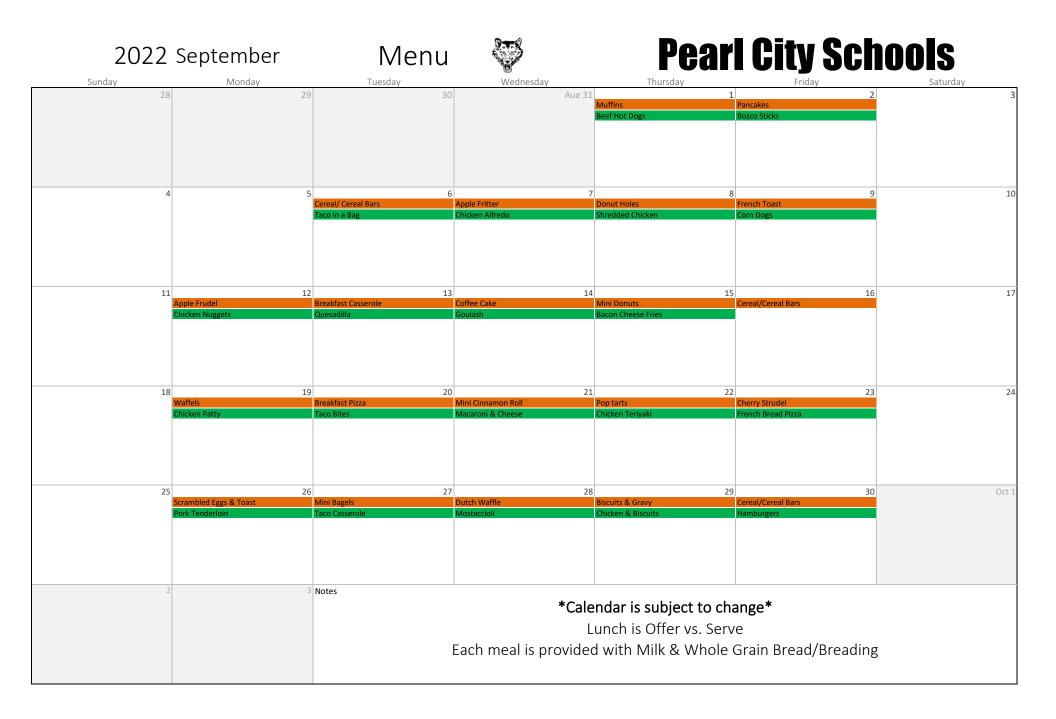








Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	8 29	30	) Aug 31	1 Lifetouch Picture day for Daycare - 12th		2 9:00 AM Boys Golf LWPC Invite
				4:00 PM B & G Golf vs Winnebago 5:00 PM HSVB vs Polo		
4	4	56	4:00 PM Boy's & Girl's Golf @ Polo	7 4:00 PM B & G Golf @ Amboy (Shady Oaks) 5:30 PM JH Volleyball vs Orangeville 6:00 PM HSVB @ Orangeville	89	
	No School 5:30 PM EPC/JV vs Stockton (PC)	5:00 PM HSVB vs Durand V vs Stockton (PC) 5:30 PM EPC/JHFB vs B/SM/S (PC)			F/S Volleyball @ Byron Tourney 7:00 PM EPC/FB @ Forreston	JH Volleyball 8th grade @ Durand
5:30 PM EPC/JV v	S.SU PW LECTV VS SUCKON (FC)					Tourney
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1	8 5:00 PM HSVB @ Le-Win 5:30 PM EPC/JV @ Du-Pec 5:30 PM JH Volleyball vs West Carroll	<ul> <li>20</li> <li>20</li> <li>4:00 PM Girls Golf @ Sterling (Emerald Hills)</li> <li>4:00 PM Boys Golf @ East Dubuque (Lacoma)</li> <li>5:00 PM HSVB vs Dakota</li> <li>5:30 PM EPC JHFB @ Le-Win</li> </ul>		G Golf NUIC Conference Tourney 8:00 AM Boys Golf NUIC Conf. Tourney	Homecoming Game 7:00 PM EPC/FB vs Dakota (E) HOMECOMING	23 22 8:00 AM HSVB - PC 7th Invite 8:00 AM Boys golf Lorrin Fasset Tourne @ Morrison 8:00 AM JH Volleyball 7th - PC JH Invite
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2	25 5:30 PM EPC/JV VS Dakota (E) 5:30 PM JH Volleyball vs Stockton	5 27 5:00 PM HSVB vs Pecatonica 5:00 PM EPC JHFB vs Galena (E)	7 <u>28</u> TBA IHSA Golf Regionals <b>4:00 PM</b> JH Volleyball @ Chadwick	IHSA Regionals 5:00 PM HSVB @ Durand 5:30 PM JH Volleyball vs Forreston	7:00 PM EPC/FB @ Galena	30 Oct
	2	<sup>3</sup> Notes <b>*Calenc</b>	lar is subjec	t to change	*	



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# We are looking forward to seeing you!!