



# Pearl City School District December 2022 Newsletter

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

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The school year is already into the second quarter, with the semester due to end the end of December. I guess either I am getting older because time is flying by or maybe we are just having fun. I am believing it is because we are having fun in the district. I want to share a few things that are going on in the district.

## E-Learning Plan

The Pearl City School Board approved the use of e-Learning days to replace severe weather or emergency days. Therefore, instead of having a snow day and going later into the school year the district will utilize the e-Learning Plan. This plan is the same as what we have done on past Remote learning days. The district will still utilize the School Messenger system to notify parents of the e-Learning Day. You can find the e-Learning plan by going to [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net) and clicking on the District Information tab.

## Levy

The Pearl City School Board approved an estimated tax levy at the November board meeting. This year's levy is asking for an 8.65% increase. Please understand that the district does not receive what we ask for in the estimated levy, the district receives CPI (8.7%) or a maximum of 5%, whichever is less. Levying a higher rate ensures that the district will also receive any increases in EAV and any new construction. If a taxing body requests in its levy a dollar amount over 5% a Truth and Taxation Hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the tax levy in December. Since the school district is requesting 8.65% the district will hold a Public Hearing on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 pm in the high school IMC.

## School Board Election

There are three (four-year term) seats available on the Pearl City School District School Board for anyone interested in running for a position as a school board member in the April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 election. Interested candidates may pick up a packet at the Stephenson County Clerk's office in Freeport. **Filing date is December 12-19.** You may also go to the website below to see a candidate guide for April 4, 2023. [Elections \(stephensoncountyil.gov\)](http://elections.stephensoncountyil.gov)

It is important to note that the school is no longer the governing agent over the election process. This is now completely controlled by the Stephenson County Clerk. All required documents that need to be completed for a candidate to be placed on the ballot must be turned into the Stephenson County Clerk.

## Citizenship

There are so many ways that the students of Pearl City show citizenship in the communities. Many of our classes have written letters to veterans and current military personnel. Students in different organizations have created food and clothing drives in the district. Some of our High School students are reading buddies for elementary students and are tutors for JH/HS students. Our high school students are required to complete a set number of community service hours each school year.

There are a lot of great things going on in the Pearl City School District. The district is very proud of all of the hard work and dedication that the educators, coaches, students and parents put into all aspects of the district. Thank you for continuing to support the Pearl City School District. There is a lot of information on the Pearl City website [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net) I would encourage you to browse the site for additional information.

Thank you for all of your support,



**Important Dates  
to Remember**

**December 2nd**  
5-12 Winter Concert @ 6:00 pm

**December 9th**  
Winter Concert K-4 @ 6:00 pm

**Dec 15th -21st**  
HS Finals Open Campus

**Dec. 21st**  
End of 2nd Quarter/1st Sem  
Early Release 1:00

**Dec. 22nd-Jan. 3rd**  
Winter Break

**Jan. 4th**  
School Resumes

**Winter Clothing**

Winter clothing is an important part of winter fun. The elementary students will be going outside for recess as often as the weather permits. Coats, hats, snow pants, boots, and mittens or gloves are a must.

Please send your children dressed appropriately for all conditions. Also, please have winter clothing for your children to use during recess.

Having Gym shoes to change in to in case their shoes get wet is also very helpful.



**November  
Student of the Month  
for JH/HS  
&  
Top Dog for HS**

**7th Elley Voss  
8th Donna Baker  
9th Carma Miskimon  
10th Talia Stewart  
11th Kyleigh Gentz  
12th Lily Stichter**

**Top Dog  
Laine Rosenstiel**

**High School Semester Finals**

As in previous years, semester finals will be prior to break. The finals will begin on Thursday, December 15th. This will be a full day of school. Then beginning on Friday, December 16th through Wednesday December 21st, Pearl City High School will have open campus. Students will only be required to come to school when they have a final. The schedule for finals will be posted on the website and sent to parent emails. Finals count for 15% of the students' semester grade. Please make sure your child knows when his/her finals are. If a student misses a final, they will receive a zero on that final. Students must also be on time to their final. Please encourage your student to study early and often.



*Pearl City Schools*  
*Winter Concerts*



Winter Concert 5th—12th Grade  
December 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
Choir and Band



Elementary Winter Concert K—4th Grade  
December 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm



**Pearl City Technowolves**  
**Lego League**

Lego League season "Super Powered" is underway! This year's team includes: Scarlett Snyder (8th), Hannah Dinderman (7th), Kennedy Solt (7th), Kassidy Dorty (7th), Carson Downey (7th), Ayden Hayes (6th), Kolton Kampmeier (6th), Hendrix Feld (6th), Aubri Mefford (6th), and Jonah Ehlers (6th). Meeting since the beginning of September, the Technowolves team hopes to score some major points at their qualifying tournament Dec. 10 at Rockford Christian in Rockford. Innovating a solution to a current problem in our community involving the journey of power, the team used research and info from visiting presenters, created the idea of a Bioluminescent Aloe Vera plant that can be used for charging a cell phone in a power outage (and offer a very "green" source of electricity), and wrote a 5-minute skit which they'll present to judges. Also, programming a small Spike robot to perform missions on a large table full of Lego obstacles will be tested through four opportunities at that same competition; the highest point total of the four rounds becomes the team's best for the day. Go, Technowolves!





## **Read, Read and Read Some More!**

Take some time to enjoy a good book with your child. No matter their age, read to them, read with them, read and discuss what you are reading, model for your child daily. READ, READ, READ. Admire the book by noticing the cover, pictures and other features. Who wrote it? Who illustrated it? To whom is it dedicated? Take your time instead of flying through pages, turn them slowly to build anticipation. What will happen next? Can you guess? Talk about it. What did you and your child think of the story? Did you agree? You don't have to agree. Do you want to read another book about the same topic or maybe the same author?

**When you read with your child, do it with excitement and show how much fun reading can be. That is a gift that can last a lifetime.**

Also please work with your children through their work and reading. Parent interest and participation helps students to be successful in their school work.



### **Elementary Young Author Program**

Everyone should be thinking about story ideas for their Young Author's book. More information will be coming about due dates and requirements. These books will be judged and a representative will be selected to represent Pearl City School at the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington, IL

## **AT-HOME HABITS LEAD TO SCHOOL SUCCESS**

To support your child's learning experience:

**Establish sleep routines.** Kids who get enough rest are better able to concentrate and follow rules.

**Have them clean out their backpack daily.** You're sure to find important papers, notes, permission slips and maybe a leftover snack.

**Keep a class schedule handy.** This makes it easy to ask specific questions about school, such as, "What did you do in P.E. today?" Logging into Skyward to see what kinds of assignments they are doing could also be a good conversation starter.

**Get organized.** Does your child always know where to find their backpack, jacket, glasses, shoes and other items? Pick a special place to keep them. Do they know where they are going after school, so they are not worrying about that all day when they should be concentrating on lessons.

**Practice manners.** Role-play challenging situations. "You and a classmate disagree about who is first in line. What should happen next?" Give them positive words to use when they are upset.

**Answer questions.** Encourage your child to ask you-and their teachers-if they are confused. "What does this mean?"

**Read together.** In addition to reading to your child and listening to them read, read the same books separately and discuss them.

**Make a study spot.** Choose a comfortable homework location. Stay nearby to offer support and supervision. Come up with a study schedule with an ending time. Remember home work should equal 10 minutes x their grade level—1<sup>st</sup> grade 10x 1 = 10 min. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 x 2 = 20 min. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 x 3 = 30 min. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 x 4 = 40 min. 5<sup>th</sup> 10 x 5 = 50 min. 6<sup>th</sup> 10 x 6 = 60 min. This is an average amount of time for each night. We all know that some nights will have less homework and some nights might have more. If your child has more than this regularly—contact their teacher.



## **Missing School Means Missing out on Learning**

A missed day here, a missed day there. Does being absent really affect learning? "Yes!" say experts. When kids miss too much school, everyone suffers. Absent students may fall behind, and catching up distracts from lessons and may be disruptive to the rest of the class. Some absences are unavoidable, of course, but it helps when families:

- Please talk to your child's teacher concerning make-up homework
- Prepare at night. Choose outfits, pack lunches and prepare school bags at night. Get to bed on time and set a morning alarm. Fall asleep relaxed, knowing you're ready for the next day.
- Streamline mornings. Wake up at the same time each day and stick to a routine. If your child tends to forget certain responsibilities, make a chart to keep them on track. Take family pride in being prompt.
- Avoid conflicts. When possible, schedule appointments and trips when school isn't in session. If your child needs to miss school, notify the school and ask about make-up work.
- Learn school procedures. Find out when students should stay home from school and the difference between excused and unexcused absences, check the handbook or ask school personnel.



2022 December



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	Nov 30	1	2	3
				5:30 PM JHB Basketball vs Forreston 6:00 PM HSBB @ River Ridge	5:30 PM HSBB @ River Ridge 6:00 PM 5-12 Band and Choir Winter Concert	8:00 AM EPC Speech@ Dekalb Classic 1:15 PM HSBB @ Le-Win Shootout vs Juda 5:30 PM HSGB vs Stockton
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5:30 PM HSBB vs Polo 5:30 PM JHB Basketball @ Orangeville	6:00 PM HSGB @ Aquin	6:00 PM HSBB @ Aquin	JHB Basketball Conference Tourney @ Le-Win 5:30 PM HSGB vs Pecatonica	6:00 PM K-4 Elementary Concert	HSGB/Varsity - PC Invite 8:00 AM EPC Speech @ Rochelle Invitational	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HSGB/Varsity - PC Invite	6:20 PM Public Hearing 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	6:00 PM HSBB @ Galena	6:00 PM HSBB @ West Carroll at MtCarroll		HSBB @ Forreston Tourney 8:00 AM EPC Speech @ Byron Classic	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5:30 PM HSGB vs West Carroll		1:00 PM Early Dismissal - End of 2nd Quarter 5:30 PM HSGB vs Galena	No School Winter Break			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No School Winter Break						
Jan 1	2	Notes				
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>						

2022 December

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	Nov 30	1	2	3
				Apple Bosco Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Orange Chicken, Broccoli, Pineapple & Milk	Pop Tarts, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Shredded Chicken Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Apple Slices Dessert, & Milk	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Cinnamon Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Waffles & Sausage, Hashbrowns, Applesauce & Milk	Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Fajitas, Corn, Peaches & Milk	Apple Fritter, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Green Beans, Orange Slices & Milk	Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pears & Milk	French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Barbeque, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup, Dessert & Milk	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Salisbury Steak, Broccoli, Pears & Milk	Pretzel w/Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	cinnamon Roll, fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Noodle Soup, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	Apple Frudel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Christmas Dinner, Cheesy Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Dinner & Milk	Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Bosco Sticks, Carrots, Apple Slices & Milk	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Scrambled eggs & Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pork Tenderloin, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk	Mini Bagels, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Hamburgers, Green Beans, Peas & Milk	Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pizza, Carrots, Applesauce, Dessert & Milk	WINTER BREAK		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Jan 1	2	Notes				
<p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b>                      Lunch is Offer vs. Serve                      Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>						