



# *Pearl City School District*

# *October 2023 Newsletter*

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

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

## **Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,**

The world of Education is always changing and should continue to adapt to the way students learn. Sometimes as adults we do not always understand these changes because simply put "That is not the way I learned it!" Adults would be correct in this statement, but we need to realize the way we learned is not the best way for our children to learn, in today's world. Because of advancements in the field of technology roughly 70% of our students will have careers that do not even exist yet. This is the challenge we face as a school and district. To provide our kids with the best education, we must also prepare them for the future by providing and teaching them with research-based teaching strategies, rigorous standards, and the best possible tools to go out in the world and be successful. The vision statement for the Pearl City School District is to promote educational excellence in a positive environment to inspire life-long learning and responsible citizenship. Below are a few ways that we are doing this in the Pearl City School District

## **Curriculum**

Over the past four years the Pearl City School District has implemented new curriculum in all academic areas. The most recent implementation was with Science, Foreign Language, Agriculture, Fine Arts, and Business. The curricula are all research-based curricula that was selected by a committee of teachers and administration. The teachers have also taken professional development in order to help with a smooth transition of the new curriculum. The Pearl City School District will now update the curriculum timeline and begin to review each of the implemented curriculums to ensure the curricula are having a positive effect on the student's academic success. The new curricula is just one of the tools students and teachers will utilize to ensure academic success.

## **School Messenger**

Pearl City School District is utilizing the School Messenger automated notification system for families, parents, and/or guardians of children attending Pearl City Elementary School, Pearl City Jr/Sr. High School, Pearl City PASS Program, and Pearl City DayCare Center. School Messenger allows the Superintendent to record a brief message, which can be sent to parents simultaneously. Once the message is recorded, it only takes a few minutes to distribute. The system can be used if school is canceled for the day or if school is dismissed early. If you have any questions concerning the SchoolMessenger emergency notification system or would like a different contact number to be called, please contact your child's building office administrator or administrative assistant.

## **Building and Grounds**

The district has completed a large project that started this summer. The district has upgraded its HVAC system in the HS wing of the school district. This project is being paid for by the Federal ES-SER III grant and also Health Life Safety funds from the budget. The work is being Completed by the Loescher Heating and Air Company. Loescher installed the ductwork and supports per the original design but after further inspection the concrete block walls did not satisfactory support the ductwork

and they found a safer way to reinstall the support of the ductwork. They have gone above and beyond to help with this project. Since the air units were delayed Loescher also lent the district portable air conditioners to help with the beginning of the year heat wave. The district also remodeled the main hallway with new dry-wall, paint, and lights. The Heating and Air Units and project will be completed this Fall and Winter.

The school district also wrote a grant with Com Ed. to replace all of the current light fixtures and bulbs in the district with LED lights. This grant is through Com Ed. The replacement of fixtures and bulbs is almost complete. The company is finishing up in the coming weeks with the baseball, recess and football lights. Not only will the school district be brighter but it will be more efficient and save us on Electrical costs. All of this work was done at no cost to the school district.

### **Finances**

The district is proud to let the parents and community know that this year the district has a balanced budget. This is an important step for the school district and the community. However, we also need to be aware of the financial mandates that are being added to the school districts in the coming years. District funds remain low in the categories of Operation and Maintenance and Transportation. Even with financial concerns, the district has continued to move forward by enhancing educational opportunities in the classrooms. We will continue to provide the best educational opportunities for the students with the funding we receive.

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,

Mike Schiffman  
Superintendent



### **Incentives**

The faculty and staff of Pearl City Junior High & High School are always continuing to look for ways to motivate and reward our students for exceptional behavior. This year we are continuing our incentives Student of the Month Award and Top Dog Award.

Student of the Month is given to a student in each grade level who shows success in and out of the classroom. These students are chosen by the teachers and staff. Top Dog is chosen from teacher nomination on different attributes that we are looking for each month. For example, in September it is for Respect. Teachers and staff vote on the winner and this student is awarded  
Top Dog!

September winners were.....

#### **Students of the Month:**

**7th** KoltonKampmeier  
**8th** Elley Voss  
**9th** Nataleigh Todd  
**10th** Maxton Freier  
**11th** Joely Christiansen  
**12th** Kyleigh Gentz

**TOP DOG :**  
***Lakota Scace***

**Congratulations!!**

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held Wednesday, October 25th from 2:30 pm-7:30pm, and Thursday, October 26th from 2:30 pm- 7:30 pm. No school on October 27th. Please reach out to your child's teacher to begin scheduling a conference time that will work for you. Parent-Teacher conferences give teachers and parents the opportunity to discuss the academic progress, behavior, and social skill development as well as progress towards meeting the grade level benchmarks. Parents have the opportunity to share valuable insights about the child's interest, study skill and homework habits. Together, parents and teachers can work toward making the school year a positive learning experience. The key to a successful conference is preparation-for both the teacher and the parent. Even if the conference is a few weeks away, begin to think about it now. Ask your child what is going well at school and if they have any concerns. Write down questions and prioritize them in case you run short on time. You may want to take notes at the conference, especially if there are things that the teacher asks you to do with your child at home. Remember, the Parent-Teacher Conference is only one way to communicate about your child's progress: notes, phone calls, online through Skyward, and email are also ways to continue to communicate with your child's teacher.

## JH/HS Homework Helper/Study Labs

The Junior High Homework Helper will be offered 2 times per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-7:45 in Mrs. Pitt's room.

High School Study Labs are on Mondays-Friday with Mrs. Hamilton. The time for this is at 7:15-7:45 am.

These are great opportunities for students to get extra help on things they may be struggling with.



## Important Dates to Remember

October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Winter Sports meeting  
(JHBB, JHGB, HSBB, HSGB,  
Speech, Scholastic Bowl)

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>  
No School Columbus Day

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
PSAT/NMSQT for  
11th grade (optional)

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
End of the First Quarter

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Blood Drive

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences from 2:30-7:30.  
Student attendance 8:00-  
1:00 both days.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>  
No School



### Skyward Family Access

Pearl City Schools have been using Skyward, a software program to manage student information.

Parents can go online and view current grades and assignments. The mobile app is also available.

# The Murderous Mrs. Maisey



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### EPC Drama Department Presents a Hilarious Fall Play:

#### "The Murderous Mrs. Maisey"

Pearl City, IL — The EPC Drama Department is thrilled to announce their upcoming fall play, "The Murderous Mrs. Maisey," a farcical masterpiece of female strength and humor. This uproarious comedy promises an unforgettable evening of laughter, unexpected twists, and zany characters that will have audiences rolling in the aisles.

**Plot Summary:** The play centers around Mrs. Maisey, (Shelby Groezinger) an aspiring stand-up comedienne, who finds herself in a precarious situation after being accused of her husband's (Randi Posey) murder. Seeking refuge in her husband's childhood home with his artistic mother (Neveah Gross) and wise-cracking grandmother (Izzy Ames), the comedic chaos ensues as two determined female detectives (Sylvia Schnoor and Emma Lagos) take on the case. With a cast of quirky characters including the brother (Dylan Rominski) and his English girlfriend (Caylie Schubert), the comic, (Rhett Forth), the agent, (Kaitlyn Christensen) the house guest, (Sydni Lower), the maid, (Natalie Greene) and a group of 4-H girls (Vicky Lagos, Morgann Britton, Nakiya Pickard, Brissia

#### Event Details:

- **Dates:** October 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM | October 22, 2023, at 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Pearl City Small Gym
- **Tickets:** General Seating - \$6.00
- **Ticket Sales:** Tickets will be available starting October 6th and can be purchased from cast and crew members or at the front door before the show.
- **Silent Set Piece Auction:** We are using several wooden stools as set pieces for the show. We are teaming with our community to have these stools painted in cool period styles for the show. These stools will be featured in a silent auction during the performances as a fund raiser for our drama department. We are so excited about this endeavor! The auction winners will be announced after the curtain call of Sunday's performance.

**Quotes from the Director:** "We are excited to present this show which is a play that not only showcases the comedic talents of our students but also highlights the power of female characters. It's a hilarious rollercoaster ride that we can't wait to share with our community," says Mrs. Jamie Graf, the EPC Head Drama Coach.

**Contact Information:** For more information about the play, ticket sales, or general inquires, please contact Mrs. Jamie Graf at [jgraf@pcwolves.net](mailto:jgraf@pcwolves.net)

Don't miss the chance to experience the laughter and chaos of "The Murderous Mrs. Maisey" brought to life by the talented students of the EPC Drama Department. Mark your calendars for a night of



entertainment on October 21st or a matinee performance on October 22nd. Get your tickets early, and join us for a memorable theatrical experience!

### **About EPC Drama Department**

The EPC Drama Department is dedicated to fostering creativity, talent, and a love for the performing arts among its students. Through engaging productions and passionate performances, they aim to entertain, inspire, and enrich the lives of their audience members, as well as add some more laughter into your life.

For media inquiries, please contact:

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# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Pearl City High School**

**Mon, October 23 · 9am - 2pm**

**Please bring a photo ID & eat and drink before donating!**

**16-year-olds bring your signed parental consent.**

***Schedule an appointment NOW***  
***ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED!!***

**to schedule your appointment to donate, please contact:**

**Deb Hamilton**  
**[dhamilton@pcwolves.net](mailto:dhamilton@pcwolves.net)**

**Or contact the school office 815-443-2715**



## Next PC Booster Club Meeting:

Sunday, October 22nd at 6 p.m. at Little John's

*(Subject to change- A school reach will be sent out closer to the date to confirm date, time, and location)*

## Winter Sports Meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## Winter Sports Apparel:

Please be on the lookout for a handout at the Winter Sports Meeting for Winter Sports Apparel!

[PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com) or text Ashley Gronewold at 815.541.0394.

## PC Booster Club Concessions:

The Boosters can consistently earn funds during athletic seasons with a successful concession stand. For the stand to be successful for the fans and athletes at the games, and for us financially, we require parent volunteers of student athletes of the current sports season to volunteer for concession stand slots.

We ask for you to sign up to volunteer for 2 slots per athlete per season. We will be utilizing the Signup Genius app this year to make signing up an easier process for all parents.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845ABAE2AA7F94-pcparent>

## PC Booster Club Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser



**Thank You**

Sponsors, Golfers, & Volunteers  
for your support of the  
2023 Booster Golf Outing!

This outing is our largest fundraiser and significantly assists MANY programs with uniforms and more.

Our athletes and coaches are grateful for your support.

**Pearl City Booster Club**

PCBoosterClub@gmail.com

Facebook.com/pearlcityboosterclub

Watch for meeting announcements and join us if you're able. We're better together.

Join us in 2024!



Please take your turn and volunteer!

## Find us digitally:

Please find or contact us on the below digital platforms for the most up to date information.

- PC School Website: Athletics- PC Booster Club
- Email: [PCBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:PCBoosterClub@gmail.com)
- Facebook: @pearlcityboosterclub
- Venmo: @PCBoosterClub200

## PC Booster Club Contact Information:

Please contact us if you have any questions or ideas.

- Ashley Gronewold, President: 815.541.0394
- Samantha Kempel, Vice President: 815.821.5237
- Amy Krolow, Treasurer: 815.821.2240
- Mel Bremmer, Secretary: 815.821.4715
- Melissa Voegeli, Concession Stand Coordinator: 815.541.4075

## 2024 Golf Outing: Date & Location coming soon!

We are currently looking for someone interested in leading the Golf Outing and becoming the Point of Contact. Ashley Gronewold can assist with a transition this year, but with Wes being a senior, she has Graduation priorities during Golf Outing season. Please let Ashley know if you're interested in becoming the new POC. She can be reached at 815.541.0394.

We are starting to plan our biggest fundraiser soon and are seeking help! If you're interested in sponsoring monetarily, donating items, or volunteering your time, please email us at



2023 October



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Boys & Girls Golf - IHSA Sectionals TBA 5:00 PM HSVB @ Forreston 5:30 PM EPC JV vs Dakota	2 5:00 PM HSVB @ Le-Win 5:30 PM EPC JHFB vs West Carroll	3 6:00 PM Winter Sports Meeting (JHBB,HSBB,HSGB,JHGB, Speech, Scholasticbowl & Dance Team)	4 6:00 PM HSVB vs Aquin	5 Boys & Girls Golf - IHSA State Tournament TBA 7:00 PM EPC Varsity @ Le-Win	6 7:00 PM EPC Varsity @ Le-Win	7
	8 No School 5:30 PM EPC-JVFB @ Le-Win	9 5:00 PM HSVB vs Dakota	10	11 5:00 PM HSVB @ Durand	12 7:00 PM EPC Varsity vs West Carroll (Pearl City)	13 8:00 AM HSVB/JV @ PC Invite	14
	15 5:00 PM HSVB @ Milledgeville 5:30 PM EPC-JVFB vs West Carroll (Pearl City)	16 4:00 PM JHBB @ Polo 5:00 PM HSVB VS Pecatonica	17 8:30 AM HS Choir Trip 5:00 PM JHBB @ Dakota 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	18 4:30 PM JHBB @ Forreston 5:00 PM HSVB @ Orangeville	19 End of 1st Quarter 7:00 PM EPC Varsity @ Dakota	20 8:00 AM Eastland JV Volleyball Invite TBD	21
	22 HSVB - IHSA RegionalsTBD 9:00 AM RRVBC - Blood Drive 5:30 PM EPC-JVFB @ Dakota 5:30 PM JHBB @ Eastland	23	24 1:00 PM Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conf. 5:30 PM JHBB vs West Carroll	25 1:00 PM Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conf.	26 No School	27 EPC Varsity Playoffs TBD 4:00 PM Marching Band at Galena Halloween Parade	28
	29 HSVB - IHSA Sectionals TBD 5:30 PM JHBB @ Le-Win	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
5	6 Notes						
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>							

2023 October

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Cherry Frudel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, corn, Applesauce & Milk	2 Apple Turnover, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Shredded Chicken Sndwich, Baked Beans, Mandarine Oranges & Milk	3 Pop Tarts, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	4 Blueberry Bagel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Bacon Cheese Fries, Carrots, Pears & Milk	5 Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Cheeseburger, Broccoli, Appleslices, Dessert & Milk	6	7
	8 No School	9 Scrambled Eggs & toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco Bites, corn, Applesauce, & Milk	10 Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potatoe Bacon Soup, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	11 Mini Bagel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pizza, Broccoli, Pineapple & Milk	12 Variety Breakfast Bosco Sticks, Carrots, Pears, Dessert & Milk	13	14
	15 Apple Frudel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk	16 Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Fiestada Pizza, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	17 Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Lasagna Roll up, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	18 Mini Cinnis, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Biscuits & Gravy, Hashbrowns, Orange Slices & Milk	19 Muffind, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pork Tenderloin, Broccoli, Pears, Dessert & Milk	20	21
	22 Apple Fritter, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Salisbury Steak, Broccoli, Peaches, & Milk	23 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco in a Bag, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	24 Coffee Cake, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Green Beans, Pears & Milk	25 Un crustable, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Beef Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Apple Slices & Milk	26 No School	27	28
	29 Cinnamon Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Salisbury Steak, Broccoli, Peaches & Milk	30 Variety Breakfast Quesadilla, Corn, Applesauce, & Milk	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
5	6	<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>					