



Pearl City School District

January 2024 Newsletter

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

District Website—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. More information on e-Learning days can be found on the district website www.pcwolves.net

Levy

The Pearl City School Board approved the tax levy at the November board meeting. This year's levy is asking for an 8.73% increase. Please understand that the district does not receive what we ask for in the levy, the district Receives CPI (6.95%) 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.

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 Fine Arts Curriculum. The district is also researching and looking to implement new curriculum in the area of elementary Social Science for the 2024-2025 school year. 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 district has also implemented a tiered learning system. The system will allow students additional small group and one-on-one time with a teacher to focus on specific areas of concern. Other students will work on strengthening their academic skills while working on enrichment opportunities. We believe this extra support and enrichment will truly benefit all students in the district.

Building and Grounds

The Pearl City School District is finalizing the construction of the new HVAC in the high school section of the school district. The final HVAC unit should arrive in January. The next big building and operation projects will be identified from the 10 year Health Life Safety Survey that will be completed at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Some of the items we are anticipating will be safety doors for classrooms, updated security system and cameras, updated doors to the weight room and gym. The school district has done a great job throughout the years maintaining the building.

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 the positive things that are happening in the district. We thank you for your continued support.



Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 4th
School Resumes

Jan. 9th
7th-11th Grade MAP Testing
(no school for seniors)

JHGB, Scholastic Bowl, Speech
Winter Sports Pictures

Jan. 10th
Report Cards available on
Skyward &
Career Tec Parent night
6pm in the IMC

Jan. 8th – 11th
AIMS Web Benchmark Testing

Jan. 12th
No School-District Institute

Jan. 12th or 15th
No Early Learning Classes

Jan. 15th
No School-
Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 22nd 3:30
PTO Mtg.

Jan. 30th
1st-4th grade
Spelling Bee

Jan. 30th
5th-8th Grade
Spelling Bee in the IMC



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.



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.

INTERNET SAFETY

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!



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: Abigail Ditsworth

8th: Sam Howe

9th: Brynlee McPeek

10th: Daniel Garcia

11th: Sydni Lower

12th: Gigi Shallenberger

Top Dog: Gracie Ditsworth

A New Piano for the Music Department!

I wanted to say thank you to all who donated to the new piano for the music department. I can't believe that in less than a month I had enough donations to purchase a piano. Pearl City truly is a supportive and generous community. Thank you to the many families who donated money to buy a new key for the new piano at our winter concerts. Thank you to the Pearl City Education foundation who gave us a grant. Thank you to the Lions Club who gave a wonderful donation. Every donation was greatly appreciated. The new piano has been ordered and I am so excited to use it daily in class and to show it off at our next concert! Thank you so much!

Mrs. Ehlers



High School Volunteer Hours

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

Seniors— 20 hours by
March 31, 2024

Juniors— 20 hours by
March 31, 2025

Sophomores— 20 hours by
March 31, 2026

Freshmen— 20 hours by
March 31st, 2027

The forms are available in the main office.





PEARL CITY
ALUMNI
BASKETBALL
GAME

FEBRUARY 3
6:00PM
PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

WOMEN WILL PLAY AT 6PM WITH MEN TO FOLLOW

\$25 entry

SHIRT AND 2 DRINK TICKETS
 TO LITTLE JOHNS INCLUDED

**ALUMNI DANCE TEAM AND
 BAND/CHOIR TO PERFORM**

NO COST OR SHIRT FOR BAND/CHOIR

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Participation: Basketball Dance Band Choir

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL



Entry forms due January 20, 2024

TO PC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS 100 S SUMMIT ST, PEARL CITY, IL 61062 OR
 SAMANTHA KEMPEL 15863 W KENT SCHOOL RD, KENT, IL. 61044

CHECKS TO PEARL CITY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS OR VENMO PCBOOSTERCLUB200

Spectators

\$5 per person
 \$15 per family

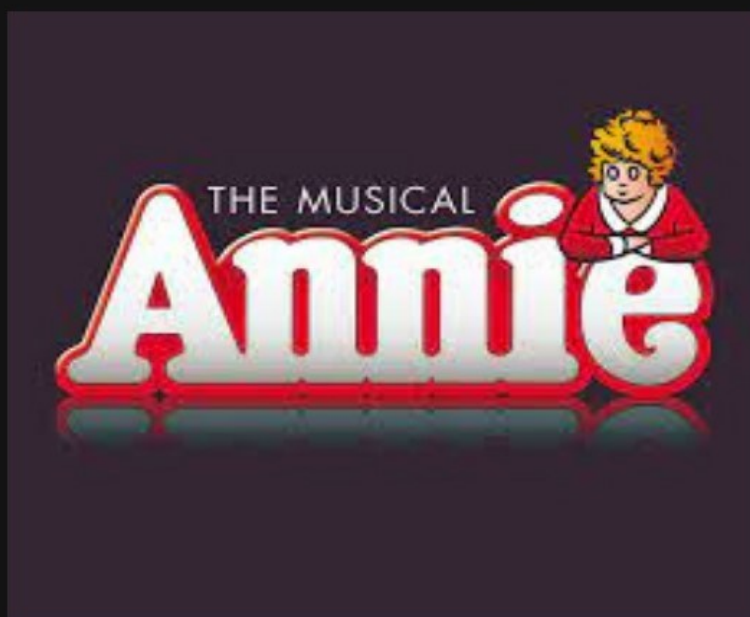
Concession stand
 available



EPC DRAMA DEPT.

PRESENTS:

SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS



Performances are April 5, 6 & 7

In the Eastland Performing Arts Gym

JOIN US :

January 9, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Pearl City Choir Room

January 10, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Eastland Choir/Band Room

More information-
jgraf@pcwolves.net

*You only need to attend one
audition.

2024 January



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	*** CHRISTMAS BREAK***	*** CHRISTMAS BREAK***	6:00 PM HSGB @ Dakota Varsity first	Return to School 5:30 PM HSBB vs Dakota	5:30 PM HSGB vs Orangeville	HSGB @ Dakota JV Only TBD JVGB @ Orangeville TBD 8:00 AM EPC Speech @ East Moline 10:30 AM HSBB @ Warren Shootout Battle of the Stateline
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6:00 PM HSBB @ Galena	Winter Sports Pictures 4:00 PM Academic Team vs AFC 5:30 PM HSGB @ Le-Win 7:00 PM Musical Auditions in Pearl City Choir Room	5:30 PM HSBB @ Durand 7:00 PM Musical Auditions Eastland Choir/Band Room	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Durand Fresh/Soph Tournament 5:30 PM JHGB vs Dakota	No School District Institute 5:30 PM HSBB @ Orangeville	8:00 AM EPC Speech @ St. Charles 5:30 PM HSGB vs Polo	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
* No School 5:30 PM HSGB @ Warren Varsity only	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Pecatonica 5:30 PM HSBB vs Le-Win 5:30 PM JHGB @ Eastland	4:30 PM JHGB @ Polo 6:00 PM HSGB vs Aquin 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	4:00 PM JHGB @ West Carroll 5:30 PM HSBB vs River Ridge	5:30 PM HSGB vs Pecatonica	8:00 AM EPC Speech @ Rock Falls 2:00 PM HSBB vs Hinkly-Big Rock	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5:30 PM JHGB @ Le-Win 6:00 PM HSBB @ Stockton	4:00 PM Academic Team vs Le-Win 5:30 PM HSGB @ Durand	5:30 PM JHGB @ Stockton	6:00 PM HSGB vs Dakota Varsity first	5:30 PM HSBB @ Pecatonica w/4:30 Freshman game	Academic Team NUIC Conference @ Eastlad TBD HSGB @ Aquin Shootout TBD Highland Servant Leadership 8:00 AM EPC Speech @ Rockford Jefferson 10:00 AM Freshman BB Round Robin @ AFC w/Pec	
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
4:00 PM JHGB @ Chadwick 6:00 PM HSGB @ West Carroll	2:00 PM All School Spelling Bee! 4:00 PM Academic Team @ Aquin 5:30 PM HSBB @ Dakota	4:00 PM Academic Team vs Eastland 5:30 PM HSGB @ Orangeville 5:30 PM JHGB vs Eastland				
4	5	Notes <i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

2024 January

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31	1	2	3	4		6
				Chicken Strips Green Beans Pears Milk Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk	Bosco Sticks Carrots Peaches Dessert Milk	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn, Mandarin Oranges Milk Scrambled Eggs and toast Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk	Taco Bites Carrots Applesauce Milk Mini Cinnis, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk	Chili, Green Beans Peaches Milk Apple Fritter, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Pulled Pork Baked Beans Pineapple Milk Apple Turnover, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk		No School	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No School	Fiestada Pizza, Corn Applesauce Milk Mini Bagel, Cereal, Friuit, Juice and Milk	Goulash Green Beans Peaches Milk Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Sub Sandwich Carrots Apple Slices Milk CerealBar/Cereal, Fruit, Juice and		Pork Tenderloin Baked Beans Pears Dessert Milk Varietyh Breakfast, Cereal, Fruit Juice and milk	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Quesadillas Corn Applesauce Milk Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Chicken Dumpling Soup Green Beans Pears Milk Chocolate Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Orange Slices Milk French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk		Cheeseburger Carrots Pineapple Dessert Milk Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk	
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
Chicken & Biscuits Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk Cereal Bar, Cerreal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Nachos Corn Applesauce Milk Pretzel W/Cheese, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk	Potato Bacon Soup Green Beans Peaches Milk Mini Donuts, Cereal. Fruit, Juice and Milk				
4	5	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				