



# *Pearl City School District*

## *February 2024 Newsletter*

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

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

### **Severe Weather Information**

Winter has arrived! 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. School districts are only allowed 5 e-Learning days. After the fifth e-Learning day the school will use its remaining emergency 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.

### **5 Essentials Survey**

Beginning January 23, 2024 and running through March 29, 2024, all parents, certified teachers and students in grades 4-12 are asked to participate in a short survey on school climate and learning conditions. The State Board of Education requires all Illinois schools to participate in the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey to guide local and state improvement initiatives.

The parent survey is to be completed by parents, guardians, or other caregivers with a child in grades prekindergarten through 12. The parent survey is available in English and Spanish and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you have more than 1 child and they attend the same school, you may elect to participate multiple times. Parents with children enrolled in multiple schools may participate in the survey for each school. Only one parent per household may participate in the survey.

Pearl City Schools is asking all parents to take the time to complete the survey. Information collected from the survey provides insight that guides future improvement planning. Please use the link below to complete the survey. If you have questions or need support to complete the survey, please contact the District office.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

**Mike Schiffman**  
Superintendent



## Character Counts

There are Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Students don't learn alone. They learn through collaborative efforts with teachers, peers, and support of their families. This learning involves an atmosphere and process where social and emotional factors influence outcomes. Research in this area has found that pro-social behavior in the classroom is linked with positive intellectual outcomes (DiPerna and Elliot, 1999). So take some time to discuss the *Character Counts* activities and the Six Pillars.

**Trustworthiness:** Being honest, sincere, forthright, and candid. Having integrity to discern what's right and having the moral courage to act on it. Keeping promises. Being dependable and prepared. Having loyalty to stand by, stick up for and protect one's family, friends, workplace and country.

**Respect:** Honoring the individual worth and dignity of others. Showing courtesy and civility. Honoring reasonable social standards and customs. Living by the Golden Rule. Accepting differences. Judging on character and ability. Respecting the autonomy of others. Avoiding actual or threatened violence.

**Responsibility:** Being accountable. Exercising control. Setting goals. Choosing a positive attitude. Doing one's duty. Being self-reliant. Pursuing excellence. Being proactive, persistent and reflective. Setting a good example. Being morally autonomous.

**Fairness:** Understanding the processes and results of decision making through impartiality, through gathering of facts and hearing all sides.

**Caring:** Being compassionate, kind, generous and sharing.

**Citizenship:** Respecting the law. Doing one's share. Pursuing the common good. Protecting the environment. Respecting authority. Honoring the principles of democracy.

*Character Counts*, provides a process for linking thinking, feeling and behavior to meet personal and social needs and to develop the skills necessary to become a productive, contributing member of society, which fits nicely with our Mission statement: *In partnership with parents and community, we will promote educational excellence in a positive environment to inspire lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.*

## Pearl City Students Build Strong Community Bonds

It is not unusual to see older students sitting next to a younger student in Pearl City Schools. A variety of activities take place regularly to help build a strong community. Students read, play games, help with skill practice, act as mentors and just have fun together. We have a unique situation where students from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are all in the same building, making interacting with each other very easy. Building a strong caring community is important to us in Pearl City.

### *The Mobile Dentist*

The Mobile Dentist is coming to our school on **March 20th & 21st 2024!** If you would like your child to see the mobile dentist this day, please either complete the paper form and return it to school ASAP (JH and HS students can pick up forms in the Main Office) or sign-up online using this

[https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL\\_schsrn](https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL_schsrn)

The Paper forms will be sent home with the Students the first week of February.

### January Students of the Month for Kindness/Generosity

7th: La'Maya Davis

8th: Camdyn Smith

Freshman: Donna Baker

Sophomore: Nakiya Pickard

Junior: Talia Stewart

Senior: Jacob Lieb

**Top Dog**  
Natalie Greene



### Important Dates to Remember

#### Feb 9th

3rd Quarter Midterms will be available in Skyward Family Access—Portfolio

#### Feb 16th

STUDENT EARLY RELEASE 11:15 (S.I.P. day for the staff from 11:15—3:30)

#### Feb 13th

Regional Spelling Bee (Highland Community College)

#### Feb 19th

No School—Presidents Day

#### February 26th

Blood Drive 9am-2pm

#### Feb 29th

JH Choir/Band Solo/Ensemble at Pearl City



### Junior High Promotion and Retention Policy

The following are the guidelines that will be used for promotion and retention. Parents/guardians of students, who are at risk, will be notified in the near future.

Pearl City School does not follow the practice of “Social Promotion”, and placement in the following grade must be earned before students are promoted. Student progress will be monitored on an on-going basis by teachers, administrators, and parents to ensure appropriate academic progress. The decision as to pupil placement (retention or acceleration) shall be made by the school principal after careful consideration of the following:

1. Teacher Recommendation.
2. Attendance.
3. Grades.
4. A student who fails their grade level benchmarks will be considered for retention. Grade Level Benchmarks are the very minimum skills required for students.
5. A student who fails mathematics or reading for the year will be required to attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

Procedures to be followed in promotion or retention shall be as follows:

- A teacher feeling that a child’s problems can be improved by assistance should immediately inform the principal.
- The principal, in conjunction with parents and teacher, may develop an academic assistance program for the student.
- A teacher feeling that a child should be considered for summer school or retention should confer with the parent between December and March to gain their help and prepare them for promotion or retention.
- In April, a teacher-principal conference will be held to review the student’ grades and achievement test scores.
- Following this review, the principal will make the final decision regarding placement and notify the parents regarding their child’s status relative to summer school and/or retention.

### Spelling Bees

Classroom Spelling Bees have been going on in January. Grades 1-4 and 5-8 had their school spelling bees on January 24th. Only winners from the Grade 5-8 bee will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place at Highland Community College on Tuesday, February 14 th, 2022 for selected students from area schools in grades 5-8. The winner of the Regional Spelling Bee will go directly on to the National Competition in Washington D.C.

Elementary Spelling Bee Champion  
Oliver Plager

#### 5th-8th grade Spelling Bee Winners

1st Place —Jesse Halverson	8th Grade
2nd Place—Hendrix Feld	7th Grade
Alternate—Nathan Bus	8th Grade



### SAT

The State of Illinois will be giving the SAT to all Juniors. This test will be given on April 16th. The test is a graduation requirement. If you would like more information, go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org).

The 9th/10th grade PSAT will also be given on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kreiser.

## **Pearl City School Preschool Screening will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2024, is eligible for the screening and can attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program. The Preschool Screening form is a quick assessment to determine eligibility for the Preschool for all program. The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year. Space in this program is limited and therefore, children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list. More information will be coming out the end of March. If you have any questions, please contact the district office or contact the Elementary Principal, Brent Chrisman.

## **Fall Preschool Screening will be August 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2024**

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2024 WILL BE OPEN MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>. New families to Pearl City (not currently enrolled in preschool) should use the link to begin the online registration.

Please be looking for the link in this newsletter and on our Website!

Families who already have a Skyward account can simply add their child in Skyward. If you are unsure if you have a Skyward account, please contact the main office. If you are unable to complete the online registration, someone at the school will assist you. If you have any questions, please contact the school at (815) 443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.

## **The Concession Stand Needs Workers**

The Athletic Boosters are looking to fill open spots at the Concession Stand, and would greatly appreciate your time. The following dates are open at the concession stand. February 1st, 7th, 12th and 15th. If any High school students would like to sign up, their time can be used as part of their volunteer hours that they need each year. Anyone that is interested can contact Melissa Voegeli at school or email her at [mvoegeli@pcwolves.net](mailto:mvoegeli@pcwolves.net). Thank you for your support





# Scholarships

## Attention Pearl City Seniors!!!

PCEF (Pearl City Education Foundation) has the money

Need money for your education/training? (College or tech and trade schools)

\$12,000 (maximum per scholarship \$1,500) available to Seniors who apply

- Enroll as a full time student
- 2 or 4 year colleges
- Tech/trade schools
- Scholarships specific to service, agriculture, business, Platteville, out of state and Illinois only, scientific fields of study
- Application form available from Mr. Kreiser or download from the PCEF Facebook page.
- The 2024 Applications can be scanned and submitted by email to the address on the form or mailed by April 1<sup>st</sup> to PCEF, PO Box 278, Pearl City, IL

**NO LATE SUBMISSIONS** will be considered

Pearl City Education Foundation has several scholarships donated by generous individuals, families and groups along with Foundation funds to administer. Get the application and fill it out then Mail it along with a copy of your transcript. before Apr 1st. See you at Honors Night!!

## Phone Calls and Messages

Staff will accept calls or messages for students from a parent or guardian only. Calling after 2:30 pm to inform us about changes in the routine gives the staff limited time to get the message to the teacher and student. There are no guarantees on messages received after 2:30 pm

## Lost and Found

Lost and found items are located in 3 locations in the school.

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2. Outside of the Daycare
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Next PC Booster Club Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria  
(Subject to change- A school reach will be sent out  
closer to the date to confirm date, time, and  
location)

### **PC Booster Club Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser:**

**2023 Golf Outing Save the Date:** Saturday, June 3,  
2023 at Lake Carroll Golf Course (Subject to change-  
will be confirmed by mid-February)

We are currently looking for someone interested in  
leading the Golf Outing and becoming the Point of  
Contact. Ashley Gronewold is willing to do a  
transition year. Please let Ashley know if you're  
interested in becoming the new POC. She can be  
reached at 815.541.0394.

We will be starting to plan our biggest fundraiser  
again soon and are seeking help! If you're interested  
in sponsoring monetarily, donating items, or  
volunteering your time, please email us at  
PCBoosterClub@gmail.com or text Ashley  
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### **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 con-  
cession 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845ABAE2AA7F94-pcparent)



Please take your turn and volunteer!

### **Find us digitally:**

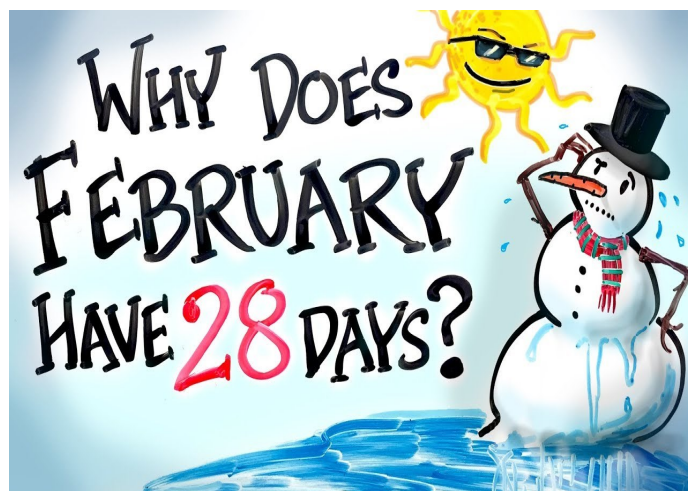
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platforms for the most up to date information.

- PC School Website: Athletics- PC Booster Club
- Email: 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
- Angie Niehaus, Vice President: 815.266.7260
- DJ Scott, Treasurer: djscott@pcwolves.net
- Mel Bremmer, Secretary: 815.821.4715



We can thank the Romans for our chaotic  
complex calendar system. February has been a  
neglected month throughout history.

**Next PC Booster Club Meeting:**

Sunday, February 18th 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)

**Spring Sports Meeting:**

Sunday, Feb. 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

**Spring Sports Apparel:**

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

**PC Booster Club Alumni Basketball Game:**

Please join us for our first annual Alumni Basketball  
Game. We have many fun events planned for the  
night including a women's Game, men's Game, pep  
band, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, chuck a duck, pop  
a shot, and many special recognitions. We hope that  
we can pack the gym and have a fun night!

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

**We still have several spots to fill for February.  
Please help out and sign up for one of the open  
spots!**

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



Please take your turn and volunteer!

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- Venmo: @PCBoosterClub200

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- 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 February



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2	3
				5:30 PM HSBB vs Durand 5:30 PM HSGB @ Le-Win	1:55 PM Blues Society Performance in the big gym 5:30 PM HSGB vs Le-Win	EPC Speech Regionals TBA 1:00 PM HSBB vs Stockton
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4:00 PM JHGB @ West Carroll 5:30 PM HSGB @ AFC 5:30 PM HSGB @ Durand	4:00 PM Academic Team vs Dakota 4:30 PM HSBB @ AFC Freshman/JV/Varsity 5:30 PM JHGB vs Forreston	5:30 PM HSBB vs Orangeville	4:00 PM Scholastic Meet @ Pecatonica 5:30 PM JHGB vs Le-Win 6:00 PM HSGB @ Aquin	5:30 PM HSBB @ Le-Win	EPC Speech @ Sectionals TBA	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HSBB - IHSA Regionals TBD	5:30 PM HSBB vs Milledgeville - Senior Night	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Durand 5:30 PM JHGB vs Stockton	HSBB - IHSA Sectionals TBD	5:30 PM HSBB @ Warren 5:30 PM JHGB vs Chadwick	EPC Speech @ State 11:15 AM Early Dismissal 5:30 PM JHGB vs West Carroll	HSBB - IHSA Regionals Academic Team/Masonic Tour Highland Servant Leadership 8:00 AM Masonic Academic Tournament
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
HSBB - IHSA Sectionals TBD HSBB - IHSA Regionals	*No School	4:00 PM Academic Team @ South	HSBB - IHSA Sectionals			Speech State
25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
6:00 PM Spring Sports Mtg (JHT, HST, BB, SB, Bass Fishing)	9:00 AM Blood Drive	HSBB - IHSA Super Sectionals 4:00 PM Academic Team vs Forreston				
3	4	<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

2024 February

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2	3
				Pork Rib Patty Carrots, Apple Slices & Milk  Cherry Frudel Cereal, Fruit Juice & Milk	Beef Hot Dogs Baked Beans, Pears & Milk  Variety Breakfast Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Chicken Patty Broccoli, Pineapple & Milk  Long Johns Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Mini Tacos Corn, Applesauce & Milk  Blueberry Bagel Cerea, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Corn Dog Baked Beans, Pearl & Milk  Muffins Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Salesbury Steak Carrots, Pineapple & Milk  Carrots, Pears & Milk Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Fiesta Pizza Green Beans, Peaches & Milk  Cereal Bar Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Meat Sub, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk and Milk  Mini Pancakes Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Taco in a Bag Corn, Applesauce & Milk	French Bread Pizza Broccoli, Peaches & Milk  Scrambled Eggs & Toast Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Biscuits and Gravy Carrots, Pears & Milk  Coffee Cake Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Early Release  Variety Breakfast Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL	Taco Casserole Corn, Applesauce & Milk  French Toast Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Chili Green Beans, Peaches & Milk  Mini Bagels Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans, Orange Slices & Milk  Mini Waffles Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Bosco Sticks Carrots, Apple Slices & Milk  Apple Fritter Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk		
25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
Pizza Broccoli, Pears & Milk  Variety Breakfast Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Taco Bites Corn, Applesauce & Milk  Dutch Waffle Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Chicken and Dumpling Soup Green Beans, Peaches & Milk  Pretzel/w Cheese Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Pork Tenderloin Baked Beans, Orange Slices & Milk  Cereal Bar Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Carrots, Pineapple & Milk		
3	4	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>						