



Pearl City School District

March 2024 Newsletter

District Website: www.pcwolves.net

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

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

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Ways you can help your child with IAR and SAT testing:

Offer practice exercises and questions that are similar to those that may be on the test. The school has provided several resources such as:

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/IAR.aspx> and <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/sat-psat.aspx>

- When practicing with your child focus on their weakest areas in order to strengthen this area and to build their confidence when taking the actual test. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.
- Keep practice sessions short and if your child becomes frustrated stop the session.
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Next PC Booster Club Meeting:

Sunday, March 16th 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 Apparel:

Now is your time to stock up on Pearl City Wolves gear! The PC Booster Club has teamed up with the Spring Sports Programs to bring some fun new designs your way!

The [PC Spring Sports Store](#) is open through March 4th!



PC Booster Club Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser:



(Coming

Soon: Registration & Sponsorship Forms)

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 are in the phases of planning now 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 Gronewold at 815.541.0394.

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
- 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

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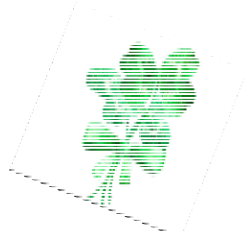
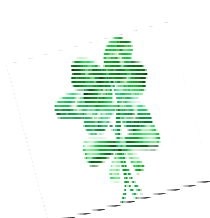
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Elementary Spring Concert

Kindergarten through 4th grade will be performing in the concert on March 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the high school gym. This year's theme is a talent show. Come see everything from singing to kazoos and rhythm basketball! The kids have been working very hard and we hope you can come and support them. Open house will follow the concert.



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Additionally, students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will take the Illinois Science Assessment on the follow dates. March 6-8, 8th graders will take the ISA during their assigned science class, March 8, 11th grade will take the ISA, and on April 12, 5th graders will take the ISA

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February Student of the Month

Friendship & Respect

7th : Jonah Ehlers

8th : Jayelle Spahr

Freshmen : Cory Barthel

Sophomores : Kenzie Ithus

Juniors : Ryan Potter

Seniors : Randy Posey



Top Dog
Talia Stewart

Seniors

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) will be awarding \$13,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at Honors Night. You can attend a 2 or 4 year college, technical or vocational school. A form can be picked up from Mr. Kreiser or on the PCEF Facebook page. The form has been revised so be sure you have the 2024 form. Applications are due by April 5, 2024 to the address on the form or can be scanned and submitted by email to the address also on the form. The application requires a transcript to be obtained from Mr. Kreiser along with his signature.

PSAT/SAT

9th -11th grade students will be taking the PSAT/SAT test on April 16th. This test is mandated by the State of Illinois. There are numerous websites that can help prepare the students. Please go to collegeboard.org for these sites. Students will also practice in their English and Math classes. On the testing day, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments on April 16th. More details will be forthcoming. Seniors will not have school on this day.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing

The IAR test for students in grades 3-6 will be March 13-20 and students in grades 7-8 will take the IAR March 19-21. On testing days, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. **Please do not schedule appointments during testing times.**

NHS Induction & Senior Awards

NHS Induction & Senior Awards will be on May 7th, 2024 at 6:00pm & 7:00pm, respectively. The awards will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym. More details to come.



High School Graduation Date

High School graduation will take place on **May 19th** at **1:00** in the Pearl City High School Gym. More details to come.



PRESCHOOL SCREENING



Preschool Screening for the 2024-2025 school year will be taking place on Friday, April 19th for any child between the ages of 3-5 and living in the Pearl City School District. Any child who will be three years old before September 1st, 2024, is eligible to screen on April 19th and attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program.

Preschool screening is a play-based assessment that generally last 45 minutes, and will be held in the preschool classroom (Room 111) at Pearl City

Elementary. During the screening, your child will play in the classroom with a small group of their peers and a variety of professionals (general/special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, PASS Coordinator etc.).

The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. Space in this program is limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list.

Various screening time slots are available throughout the day on April 19th. Please visit

[www.https://www.pcvolves.net/](https://www.pcvolves.net/) to complete the appointment form and to receive all information concerning the registration.

Illinois Science Assessment

Students in 5th, 8th grade, as well as Juniors will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment this spring on the follow dates: March 6-8, 8th graders will take the ISA during their assigned science class, March 8, 11th grade will take the ISA, and on April 12, 5th graders will take the ISA. On the testing days, students should eat right, get enough sleep, have materials they need and be ready to try their best. Please do not schedule appointments during testing dates.



Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2024-2025



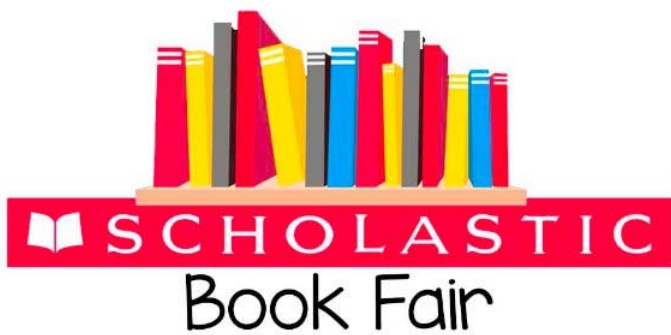
Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2024-2025 is now open. New Families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedupearlcityil/skyenroll.w>

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 at 815-443-2715. Parents are asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the Court House and a copy will be made in the Main Office.

Scholastic Book Fair

The PTO Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner, starting April 10th! This fair will be hosted in the Cafeteria to allow more room for everyone. All proceeds will go towards new books for the Elementary Library!



The Mobile Dentist

The Mobile Dentist will be coming to Pearl City School on March 20th & 21st, 2024 to see students PreK-12th grade. If you would like your student to be seen by the Mobile Dentist, please complete the paper registration form and return it to school OR complete the online form through the link: https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL_schsrn by March 1, 2023. Registration forms will be sent home with all Pre-K-6th grade students. Additional registration forms will be available for pick-up in the Main Office for all JH and HS students.



Important Dates to Remember

March 6th-8th: ISA Testing 8th grade

March 6th: Spring Sports Pictures (JHT, HST, BB, SB, Bass Fishing)

March 7th: Elementary Spring Concert 6:00pm & Open House 6:00pm-8:00pm

March 8th: 3rd Quarter Ends, ISA Test 11th grade & Early Dismissal 11:15 am

March 13th-20th: 3rd-6th grade IAR Testing

March 15th: Report Cards Available in your Skyward Portfolio by 10:00 am

March 19th-21st: IAR Testing grades 3-8

March 20th-21st: Mobile Dentist

March 22nd: 1:00pm dismissal

March 25th-April1st: Spring Break



March 7th

Open House Schedule

Open House for Elementary”

6:00pm K-4th grade Concert in the Big Gym

6:30-8:00pm Scavenger Hunt for children and families of new Kindergarten students

6:30-8:00pm Classrooms open to view students’ work

*The PTO will once again be selling raffle tickets for gift baskets. PTO supports our students in many ways so it is a great opportunity to help the PTO support our students.

“Open House” JR/SR High Schedule”

6:00pm K-4th grade Concert in the Big Gym

6:30-7:00pm 7th Grade Orientation in the IMC (for incoming 7th graders this fall)

7:00-7:30pm Freshmen Orientation in the IMC (for incoming freshman this fall)

6:30-8:00pm Classrooms open to view students’ work & Participate in the Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt to win candy and have your name entered into a drawing for one of four \$25 Amazon Gift Cards!

At the “Open House”, you will have the opportunity to view firsthand your child’s and our students’ successes. This is a time for parents/guardians to see the hard work that the students have created. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this event. This is not a time for conferences with each teacher. If you would like to have a conference with a teacher, we encourage you to set up an appointment to do so.

2024 March



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	Feb 29	1	2
					HSGB - IHSA State HS Solo/Ensemble	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HSGB - IHSA State	Academic Team - IHSA Regionals TBA		HSBB - IHSA Super Sectinals TBD Spring Sports Pictures	Elementary Spring Concert & Open House	11:15 AM Early Dismssal 6:00 PM 8th Grade football signing night at Eastland	Academic Team - IHSA Sectionals TBA HSBB-IHSA State Tourney
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4:30 PM HSBB vs Freeport 4:30 PM HSSB @ Freeport	4:00 PM Boys Track @ Byron Indoor 4:00 PM Girls Track @ Byron	4:30 PM HSBB @ Warren/Stockton 4:30 PM HSSB @ Warren/Stockton		Upstate Festival		Academic Team - IHSA State Highland Servant Leadership 9:00 AM Girls Track @ Byron 11:00 AM HSBB vs Amboy 11:00 AM HSSB @ Oregon
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4:30 PM HSBB @ AFC 4:30 PM HSSB @ AFC		MOBILE DENTIST 4:30 PM HSBB vs Polo 4:30 PM HSSB vs Polo 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting		4:30 PM HSBB vs Forreston 4:30 PM HSSB vs Forreston	1:00 PM Early Dismissal	10:00 AM HSBB vs JV Triangular(Home) 10:00 AM HSSB -JV Triangular (Home) 4:00 PM Girls Track @ Stillman Valley
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Spring Break		4:00 PM Girls Track @ Dakota 4:30 PM HSBB @ Milledgeville	4:30 PM Girls Track @ Milledgeville 4:30 PM HSSB vs Guilford	4:00 PM Boys Track @ RR/Gal/ED 4:00 PM Girls Track @ Galena 4:30 PM HSBB vs RR/SM 4:30 PM HSSB vs RR/SM	HSBB - Jacksonville Trip HSSB @ Jacksonville TBD	
31	Apr 1	Notes				
Spring Break		<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

2024 March

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
25	26	27	28	29	Macaroni and cheese 1 Carrots, Pineapple and Milk Cereal Bar Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	2	
3	Chicken Strips 4 Broccoli, Pineapple & Milk Mini Cinis Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Quesadillas 5 Corn Applesauce & Milk Muffin Tops Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Lasagna Roll Ups 6 Green Beans, Peaches & Milk Breakfast Pizza Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Mini Corn Dogs 7 Baked Beans, Pears & Milk French Toast Sticks Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	8 Early Release Variety Breakfast Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	9	
10	Cheeseburger 11 Broccoli, Pineapple & Milk Uncrustable Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Nachos 12 Corn, Applesauce & Milk Blueberry Bagel Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Chicken Alfredo 13 Green Beans, Peaches & Milk Mini Donuts Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Pulled Pork 14 Baked Beans, Orange Slices & Milk Scrambled Eggs & Toast Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Pizza 15 Carrots, Pears & Milk Long John Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	16	
17	Chicken Pattv 18 Baked Beans, Pineapple & Milk Mini French Toast Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Fiestada Pizza 19 Corn, Applesauce & Milk Mini Pancakes Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Goulash 20 Carrots, Peaches & Milk Mini Bagels Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Easter Dinner 21 Cheesy Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, Roll & Milk Cereal Bar Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Cheese Fries 22 Broccoli, Pears & Milk Variety Breakfast Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	23	
24	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	25	
31	Apr 1	Notes <p style="text-align: center;">*Calendar is subject to change*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch is Offer vs. Serve</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>					