



# Pearl City School District March 2018 Newsletter



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## Superintendent News

As we get closer to Spring, we have only used one emergency day to date. The early releases still count as full days of school. Providing that we do not use any more emergency days for weather, the last day of student attendance will now be Monday, May 21, 2018. A great opportunity to see the many wonderful things that our students, teachers, and staff have been working on is to attend our Open House on March 8. It starts at 6:00 with many activities planned throughout the evening.

As of this mailing, the State has made only one of their required mandated payments still owing us \$41,387. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the targets determining the funding commitment to the schools still have not been determined. Further concern regarding State funding was introduced by Governor Rauner during the State of the State address given last week. He stated that he wants to provide an additional \$565 million, yet he wants to shift pension costs back to the schools amounting to \$490 million. The extra \$75 million will not go to the majority of the schools, depending on what tier they fall, and the pension burden put back on schools will out way the additional revenue received in the new funding formula voted on last year. The pension shift would be 25% for each of the next 4 years. Our cost per year would be approximately \$60,000, of which is more than any increase we anticipate from the State. It would be a net loss for Pearl City. Of course, all of this needs to be approved through the General Assembly, but it is clearly something that we need to be aware of.

If you have not downloaded the Pearl City School App, please go to our website for info. It is a great way to get alerts and have school info at the touch of an app compared to going to our full website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in or call me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill  
Superintendent, Pearl City Schools



### Pearl City School Spelling Bees

#### Pearl City School Champion

Connor Highfill

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Emma Otte

#### Alternate

Jacob Lieb

#### Grade 1-4 Champion

Max Freier

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Braylon Liebenstein



## SAT

All Juniors will be taking the SAT test on April 10th. This test is mandated by the State of Illinois. The students will be taking the test off site. There are numerous websites that can help prepare the students. Please go onto [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) for these sites. Students have also been practicing 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 10th

### *PCEF Message to Graduating Seniors:*

**Pearl City Education Foundation** (PCEF) announces scholarships ranging up to \$1,000 per student available for those enrolling as full time students in an accredited college or vocational/trade school in fall of 2018. Please use PCEF's "Multiuse Scholarship Application" form. If you are unable to access or print the application form e-mailed to you, please see Mr. Kreiser for a copy or check the School's website.

The ongoing \$250 Litow Scholarship for music related studies; the ongoing \$250 Arol and Barb Lawler Scholarship for business related studies; and the ongoing \$250 Kampmeier Scholarship also will utilize the PCEF "Multiuse Scholarship Application" form starting this year.

Please drop off your completed signed application forms with required attachments at the school no later than the morning of April 3rd. They will then be collected and reviewed by the PCEF Scholarship Team for recipient determination of the respective scholarships. PCEF is working with Mr. Kreiser to coordinate the presentations of these scholarships as part of the Senior Honors Night Program.

PCEF thanks all those whose efforts and/or donations added to PCEF's scholarship funding abilities. Receipt this year of a generous scholarship funding donation from the Pearl City Masons will start putting smiles on Honors Night recipient faces for years to come!

PCEF Scholarship Team

### Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation will be on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the IMC. Students in 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend.

### Senior Awards

Senior Awards day will be on May 15, 2018 at 7:00pm. The awards will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym.

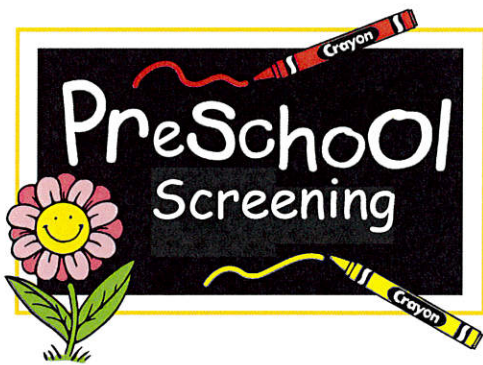
### High School Graduation Date

High School graduation will take place on May 20th at 1:00. The graduation will be held in the Pearl City High School Gym. The doors will not open until 12:00pm.



Don't forget to check out the new app!  
Search: Pearl City Schools CUSD





Preschool Screening for the 2018-2019 school year will be taking place on Thursday, March 15th 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, is eligible to screen on March 15th 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 110) 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 March 15th, please go to the school website to make an appointment.

## Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019



Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2019 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. We will have a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt during Open House March 8th. Open House is from 6:00-8:00, we will have a concert in the large gym from 6:00 to about 6:30, which you are welcome to enjoy. The Elementary Computer Lab will be open with someone available to help complete the online registration that evening. Parents will be asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the Court House and a copy will be made in the Main Office. If you are unable to attend please contact the School at 443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.

## PARCC Testing

The PARCC testing will be March 5th- 23rd. Different grades will have different schedules. The students will be taking the computer version. Please refer to the web page for more specifics. Below you will find the schedules.

3rd Grade will test

March 5-13

4th Grade will test

March 5-13

5th Grade will test

March 14-23

6th Grade will test

March 14-23

7th Grade will test

March 6th-14th

8th Grade will test

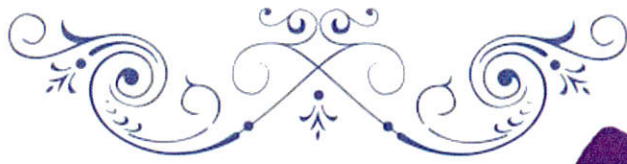
March 6th-14th

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.***

## Illinois Science Assessment

Students in 5th, 8th grade, as well as Biology 1 will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on March 15th. This test is done on the computer. 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 March 15th.





*EP Theatre*

*Presents:*

RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S  
**CINDERELLA**

Friday, April 6 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 pm  
at Eastland High School  
Tickets are \$5.00 at the door



This classic tale features Hailey Johnson as the girl in the glass slipper who meets Prince Charming (Ian Kromer) to the delight of the king (Josh Dickman) and the queen (Kayla Niehaus). Meanwhile her stepmother (Laura Dickman) and her spoiled daughters (Lizzy Lagos and Bella Dickman) are trying to get their feet in the palace door to steal the Prince's attention. Round out the cast with a host of fun characters, and you are in for a good night at the theatre! The performances are April 6 & 7 at 7:00 and April 8 at 2:00. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from the cast and crew before the show, and at the door on performance days. Seating is limited. Doors open 30 minutes before the show. We hope to see you at the ball!

**Important Dates to Remember**

- PARCC Testing 3rd- 8th  
March 5th- 23rd
- Mobile Dentist March 7
- El. Concert PreK-4th grade  
March 8 6:00
- Open House PreK-12 March 8 6:00- 8:00pm
- Young Authors Celebration  
Gr. 4, 5, 6 March 12 6:30
- Young Authors Celebration  
Gr. K-3 March 13 6:30
- Pre School Screening March 15
- ISA Testing March for 5th, 8th and Biology I  
March 15th
- End of 3rd Quarter March 16th
- MADCAP *Jumping Over The Moon* March 16 10:00
- No PASS Parent Interaction Day March 16
- Early Dismissal March 16th
- PTO Mtg. March 19
- Washington DC Trip  
March 23rd- 26th
- Report Cards Sent Home  
March 23rd
- Spring Break March 26th—April 2nd
- School Resumes April 3

2018 March



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	Feb 28	1	2	3
				JH GBB Conf @ Dakota 4:00 PM Academic Bowl vs. Le-Win		HS Solo/Ensemble
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Academic Bowl Regionals	Art Trip ~ Chicago Fun Fair 5:30-8pm Fun Fair Dinner 5-7:30pm	Mobile Dentist 1:30 PM NHS Induction	Open House 6-8pm 6:00 PM Elem Spring Concert	Picture Day Spring Sports Rock River Valley Blood Drive 9am-3pm	Academic Bowl Sectionals
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4:30 PM BsB vs. Aquin 4:30 PM V SB @ Aquin	4:30 PM BT/GT @ Byron	4:30 PM SB vs. Forreston	BsB vs. Jefferson 4:30 Pre School Screening SB vs. Freeport 4:30pm WYSE State Competition	End of 3rd Quarter PASS Parent Interaction Day Upstate Music Festival 11:15 AM Early Dismissal	GT at Platte-ville	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
6:00 PM FFA Banquet	4:00 PM GT at Dakota 6:30 PM PTO	4:00 PM GT at RR/E. DBQ/Galena 4:30 PM BsB/SB @ Le-Win	4:00 PM SB/BsB vs. Milledgeville 6:30 PM Board of Education	4:00 PM BT @ Galena/RR/E DBQ 4:30 PM BsB/SB vs. Le-Win 5:30 PM Parent Involvement Night - Hot Dogs 6:00 PM Parent Involvement Night - STEAM	8th Grade DC 4:00 PM BT @ Forreston/Polo	BsB/SB @ Fulton 11am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8th Grade DC	SPRING BREAK					
		4:30 PM SB @ Galena 4:30 PM V BsB @ Galena	4:00 PM GT at Milledgeville 4:30 PM JV BsB vs. Galena 2~5 inning games)	4:30 PM SB vs. Galena 4:30 PM V BsB vs. Galena		
Apr 1	2	Notes				
<b>*Calendar is subject to change *</b>						



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Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	Feb 28	1	2	3
				Sausage Patties, Potato Patties, Fruit Hamburgers, French Fries, Mixed Fruit	Pretzels w/cheese sauce, Fruit Cheese Pizza, Corn, Applesauce	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sausage Pizza, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Warm Cinnamon Apples	Pancake & Sausage Stick, Fruit Mini Corndogs, Baked Beans, peaches	Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Pancakes, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Apple Juice	Donut, Mozzarella Cheese, Apple Juice Sub Sandwich, Dill Pickle, Apple Slices		French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Fish Sticks, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges (Salad available)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Combo Bar, Toast, Fruit Tenderloin, Broccoli, Pears (Salad available)	Pancakes, Sausage Links, Apple Juice Spaghetti, Green Beans, Peaches (Salad available)	Donut, Mozzarella Cheese, Fruit Salisbury Steak, mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit	Variety Pizza, Fruit Nachos, Corn, Applesauce		Early Release ~ No Lunch Cereal bar, Toast, Fruit	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bacon Scrambled Egg Square, Fruit Chicken Strips, California Blend, Peaches	Sausage & Potato Patties, Fruit Corn Dogs, Baked beans, Mandarin Oranges (Salad available)	French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Easter Dinner - Hot Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Cookie	Bagels, Fruit Taco Casserole, Green Beans, Pears		Pretzels, Apple Juice Cheese Pizza, Corn, Applesauce	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No School	No School					
Apr 1	2	<p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b> Lunch us Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				