



# Newsletter

## PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



**From the Desk of Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Vine**

### Superintendent Transition Update

**In February, the Pittsville School District selected a new Superintendent, Mr. Rodney Figueroa.**

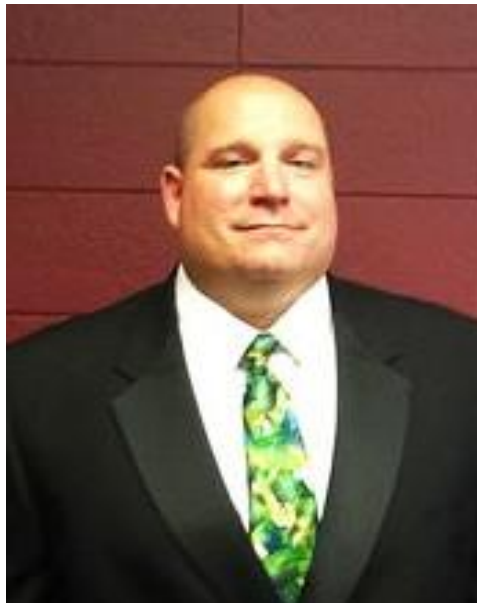
In January, staff and community members gathered for an afternoon and evening to give input on the ideal characteristics and qualities of the next superintendent. The consensus of both staff and community was the next superintendent should be inclusive, they should be a good listener, someone who is actively involved and visible in the community, someone who establishes a good comfort level with staff, as well as someone who is comfortable using social media to communicate and solicit input. Thanks to the many staff, students, and community members who met with the board and helped define these important qualities.

In February, the Pittsville Board of Education, with the help of staff and community, interviewed candidates and selected Rodney Figueroa as the next Pittsville School District Superintendent. Figueroa has been the high school principal of New Holstein School District since July 2012. He was previously a Math teacher at Washington Jr. High School in Manitowoc from 1990 to 2012 and also head wrestling coach at Valders High School from 1999-2012.

Figueroa earned his undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, his Master's degree in Educational Administration from National Louis University. He is currently pursuing his Wisconsin Superintendent License through Viterbo University.

Mr. Figueroa will officially start his duties on July 1. Prior to that date, he will be using some of his vacation days to spend some time in the Pittsville School District. On these days, he will meet with students, staff, and community members. In addition, he will collaborate with Interim Superintendent Paul Vine and other administrators in developing the 2016-2017 budget, assisting with personnel decisions, and planning professional development activities for all staff.

We are excited to welcome Mr. Figueroa to the Pittsville School District. Thanks again to all community members, staff, and students who participated in the process.



*Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative Students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.*

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## School District of Pittsville NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

### SECTION 120.06(8)(C), WIS. STATS.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

#### VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

Jane Wesely  
Robert A. Wolff

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

*Jane Wesely, Clerk*

## Open Enrollment in WI Public Schools

The open enrollment application period for the 2016-2017 school year is from February 1-April 29, 2016. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

## Cancellations, Delays, Early Dismissal

If weather conditions are such that you think the school schedule may be interrupted, please listen to one of the radio stations listed below.

Notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals due to inclement weather will also be made through the Pittsville School District's SchoolMessenger alert system. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision available on those days.

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| <b>WIFC</b> | <b>95.5 FM</b>  |
| <b>WOSQ</b> | <b>92.3 FM</b>  |
| <b>WOFM</b> | <b>94.7 FM</b>  |
| <b>WGLX</b> | <b>103.3 FM</b> |
| <b>WSAW</b> | <b>TV-7</b>     |
| <b>WAOW</b> | <b>TV-9</b>     |
| <b>WEAU</b> | <b>TV-13</b>    |

## PBIS Corner . . .

The Elementary students recently participated in our monthly Golden Awards that highlights PBIS behaviors. Classrooms are nominated each month when they display positive panther traits in various locations of the building. Some examples are: Golden Slide (playground behavior), Golden Slipper (quiet hallway), and Golden Table (keeping their lunchroom table tidy).

New this year, each grade level is being represented with a "Student of the Month" who has earned this award by being a positive role model throughout the school, by taking pride in their classroom work, and showing kindness to others. These students are highlighted on a featured bulletin board outside the Elementary School Office. They are also treated to a special lunch in the Staff Lounge with one another.

The PBIS Team will be partnering with the Driven to Better Health Committee to host a Healthy Family Night on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a guest speaker talking about Nutrition. We will have many activities for students and parents to be involved in. Please mark your calendars for this special event. We hope to have a fabulous turn out.



## “Counselor’s Corner: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter” - Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Greetings to All! I hope this article finds you well and looking forward to spring...finally! ☺ Please take a minute to read the follow important reminders for students this spring. As always, if you have any questions about any of the information provided, please feel free to contact me at any time!

### SENIORS - Upcoming Important Dates

*Awards Night, Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM, Auditorium*

*Graduation: Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium (Senior Breakfast will be held prior at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria; all seniors must report to the LMC by 9:00 AM)*

**Paying for school: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships!** As most of you know, most local scholarships are due Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, but some are due before spring break. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2015-2016 Scholarships and Contests) under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college; your 2015 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.)

**Next Steps for post-secondary:** Seniors attending a **UW** next fall are asked to take **placement tests** to determine what classes they should be placed in. Placement tests are administered March-July at numerous UW locations; students can register online at <http://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the “University of Wisconsin Information” tab.) Additionally, most schools require a **housing deposit** of some form this spring yet to secure a spot in the dorms; please make sure you have completed this step to guarantee yourself a spot with university housing next fall.

### JUNIORS

**Spring Campus Visits:** Spring is great time for juniors to visit prospective campuses to get the “real feel” for campus life with classes still in session. Many colleges provide students and parents the opportunity to experience this together through their *Preview Days* programs.

**Summer/Early Fall ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines:** Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the “Testing” tab.)

- Test Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Registration Deadline: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Test Date: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Registration Deadline: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Test Date: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Registration Deadline: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Apply Early:** Students who plan to attend *Mid State Technical College* after graduating can apply as early as 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of their junior year. This is a very smart thing to do as some programs fill up quickly (WELDING, NURSING, etc.) and applying early decreases the chance of being put on a wait list. Students need to take the **Accuplacer** or the ACT as part of the admissions process; the Accuplacer can be taken at PHS (see Mrs. Krystowiak to sign up,) the ACT needs to be taken at an official ACT testing site.

### SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN

**Sophomore Meetings:** Sophomores will be completing their spring meetings in March & April. Be sure to touch base with them to see what they discussed. The 20 minute meetings are very beneficial both academically and personally. Sophomore students are encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities so as to help them and the community they live in! Also, the sophomore class will be taking a trip to MSTC in WI Rapids on March 11<sup>th</sup> to learn information about their programs that are offered. This is a hands on experience for students to see what kind of great jobs are available with a technical college degree.

**Freshmen Spring Meetings:** All freshmen are asked to meet with Mrs. Krystowiak to discuss current high school goals and future plans. During these meetings, students are also encouraged to look for ways to volunteer in their free time and over the summer to begin building a strong scholarship résumé. Students are reminded to continue their career and post-secondary exploration and planning by *using their WISCareers account and participating in a job shadow experience*. Freshmen meetings will begin after spring break until the conclusion of the year.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

In the next month, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be presented facts about depression and suicide. In addition to this, students will able to be screened if they chose to do so. This is a great opportunity for students to both learn about and do a check-in on their mental health.

#### Spring Field Trip:

The “**Reality Store**” field trip is a real life budgeting simulation event that will be hosted at Marshfield Middle School by MACCI on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This will be a very memorable and useful opportunity for all those who attend. Please be sure to touch base with your student in regards to the job they held as well as how they spent their money.

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Please contact the District Office at 715-884-6694 if you recently had a baby, adopted a child, moved into the district, and/or changed your address.

Check out Pittsville High School and Pittsville Elementary School on Social Media!!!





# PHS News

*I see the days are getting longer, and the grass is starting to show through the snow. There is hope for the end of winter. Gone are the insulated clothes and boots, and soon shorts and sandals will appear. Magic!*

*Like magic, we have also established each student's schedule for next year! Well, it's not really magic, it is a lot of hard work by Mrs. Krystowiak in Guidance and all of our teacher-advisors. Many thanks to the PHS staff! Thanks, too, to all of the parents who sat down and had a conversation with their children about their future goals, and the best way to achieve those goals someday. It makes scheduling so very, very meaningful. Please continue to extend those conversations so you and your son or daughter can make the best choices for their future. Every PHS student has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP), and we want it to accurately point them in the right direction.*

*There is another season upon us here at PHS; testing season. The juniors recently completed the ACT's, which are now a state-wide exam. The ACT exam helps students gain admission to post-secondary institutions, including technical colleges, 2-year colleges, and universities. Coming up at the end of April will be the Aspire test for 9th and 10th graders. The Aspire series are ACT tests that are altered to challenge students at the appropriate age level. They are a great predictor of how a student will eventually do on the ACT, and also used by the faculty to set school-wide and in-class goals, schedule students, and compare ourselves to other schools.*

*So now we leave behind the music and math competitions, state Forensics, FBLA and FCCLA, and winter sports, and move toward spring activities such as baseball and field trips. I am also looking forward to plenty of sunshine and green grass ahead of us!*

*Mr. Weddig, High School Principal*

## PHS Forensics

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, thirty-nine PHS students attended WHSFA District 5 competition at East Junior High in Wisconsin Rapids. There were over 500 students from 32 schools from Central and Northern Wisconsin. Students spoke in three rounds starting at 8:00 in the morning. Pittsville was very close to having a full team by filling 19:25 available category slots. Many of the larger schools do not even come close to having as many students out for Forensics as our small school does.



In order to qualify for WHSFA State Competition, each group or individual speaker needed to score two 20s out of a possible 25. Our speakers represented themselves well. All of the PHS Forensics Team members qualified for WHSFA State on April 15-16 in Madison with 155 out of 157 possible scores over 20.

**PHS Creative Writing Class** has just finished writing their genre mash-ups and are starting in on a creative nonfiction project, where they'll put an original spin on a true-life story of their choosing. English 10 has wrapped up Julius Caesar but are looking forward to acting out their favorite scenes from the play, just in time for the Ides of March! English 8 is eagerly anticipating the end to *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin, where they will finally solve the mystery of who killed Sam Westing.

**Pittsville Art Department** submitted 10 students ceramic art work into the 19th Annual National K12 Ceramic Exhibition. The show is a juried competition for students in grades K through 12 that started in 1998. The exhibition travels to a different city each year in conjunction with the annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). During the week of the exhibit, the host city is the world capital of ceramics with more than 6000 in attendance.

A top ranked American Ceramic Artist is chosen each year to jury the show. Once photos, measurements, and descriptions of the students' works are submitted, Jack Troy, juror, selected the pieces that would be shipped to Kansas City, MO to go through a second juried process. Jack Troy taught at Juniata College for 39 years, taught numerous workshops, published a variety of ceramic books, and travel the world through exhibition of his ceramics, including the Smithsonian Institution, Japan, and New Zealand. Pittsville students, Kennedy Carlson and Tyler Dupee made it through the first jury selection out of 1853 submitted pieces. Their pieces are now in Kansas City awaiting the second round of selection. Selected pieces have the opportunity for a variety of awards and scholarships. Wish them luck through this national competition!



**Title: The Great Blue Heron by Kennedy Carlson**

*Description: Representing the ability to progress and evolve, Blue Herons send a message to people about self-reliance. After constructing the slab coil vase, porcelain slip was applied to the surface. Once the slip dried, the blue herons were carefully carved through the slip. After the birds were completed their ecosystem was carved into place. This vase also displays the strength and pride of being an individual and standing alone.*



**Title: Tetrahedron by Tyler Dupee**

*Description: What makes this vase unique is its three sided construction, as well as its three tiers. The bottom tier is composed of angled flat sides. The middle has an intricate design of intertwined triangles. Finished off with a triangular top.*

## FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

The FBLA 2016 Regional Leadership Conference was held on February 8 at Abbotsford. Pittsville High School had 68 members participating in a variety of events. The following 16 students achieved a ranking which advances them to the State Competition in LaCrosse which is to be held April 11-12.

Cyber Security: *Colton Ortner*

Global Business: *Austin Carlson, Josh Zogleman, Sander Bronstad*

Healthcare Administration: *Kayla Larson*

Hospitality Management: *Cheryl Soetebier, AJ Danischefsky, Massi Coscia*

Introduction to Business Presentation: *Ryan Zickert, Sam Hardinger, Trayson Ortner*

Network Design: *Jesse Poppy, Jack Zdon*

Social Media: *Amber Guden, Becky Holford, JoJo Rux*

Worth noting: 14 students achieved a score of 4, narrowly missing the opportunity to go to the state.

## FFA Flower Sale Starts May 2

Only 200 hanging baskets for sale in 10" & 12" pots.

High quality for a low price!

All proceeds go towards supporting the Pittsville FFA.





# Elementary News

*Greetings to everyone this spring from the Elementary School!*

*The students and staff celebrated reading and learning during Read Across America Week, February 29 - March 4, 2016. Each day, we recognized a different Dr. Seuss book and had some festive dress up days to accompany the book theme. On Wednesday, March 2nd, all the staff and students enjoyed a special dessert at lunch in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. A very special thank you goes out to our local bakery, Sherrri's Home Bakery, for creating truffula tree cake pops for everyone! Not only were they colorful and festive, they were delicious. We all appreciate the time and effort they put into making our week extra special. The Cat in the Hat made a special appearance during lunch to hand deliver each treat! Thank you, everyone, for making it a great week celebrating reading and learning! I also enjoyed being in classrooms reading my favorite Dr. Seuss stories and sharing all my Seussical stuffed animal friends to the children.*

*March 10th was our big spring event where we celebrated Empty Bowls, the Learning Fair, STEM Night, and the Art Show. It is truly a night where staff, students, and community come together to show support for learning and our school. Thank you to everyone involved. These events take a lot of planning, time, and work and it is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to all the businesses who donated soup for the Empty Bowls event.*

*With all the fun and excitement at the Elementary School, we look ahead to our spring assessments and state testing. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Forward Exam which assesses English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grades 4 and 8 will also be assessed in Science and Social Studies. The testing window for the Forward Exam is March 28 - May 20, 2016. 4K-2nd grade students are assessed using PALS. Grades 1-8 take the Star Math test and Grades 2-8 take the Star Reading test through Renaissance Learning.*

*Happy Spring!*

*Sincerely, Mrs. Friday*

## PES Partners with National Character Education Organization Leaders

Pittsville Elementary School was excited to welcome back Youth Frontiers to work with our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders! The Youth Frontiers retreat was funded through the Theo J. and Almeda M. Barrette Memorial Fund through Incourage, Robert and Carol Brey Family Advised Fund through Incourage, parent contributions, and school contributions. Youth Frontiers strives to create a healthier school climate in which students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. This organization encourages students who aren't bullied or bully themselves – known as “bystanders” – to stand up for others who are or may be bullied.

Bullying remains a key issue and can have serious negative consequences for students, not just while they're in school, but also throughout their lives. According to the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, almost 30 percent of youth (more than 5.7 million) in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying – as either a bully or as a target of bullying.

Youth Frontiers offers high-impact retreats for schools, using interactive games, music, small discussion groups and gripping stories to break down walls between young people, helping them to see each other differently. This organization aims to strengthen core values, confront negative behaviors and enable students to recognize the consequences of their actions. Throughout the retreat day, students begin to exhibit traits of true character – mending relationships, stating acts of courage and respecting themselves and others.

To continue building a more respectful school culture in Pittsville, Youth Frontiers led a retreat on December 11, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Courage Retreat, youth learned how to overcome their own fears so that they can find the moral courage to stand up for someone else who is being picked on. Students included in the retreat came from Pittsville, Immanuel Lutheran, Assumption, and Port Edwards.

In a study with the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, a month after a Youth Frontier's retreat, more than 8 of 10 students strongly or somewhat agree that other students are more likely to help someone who is being picked on. The students take ownership for creating a safe and respectful school culture. In addition, Youth Frontiers provides online resources for parents ([www.YourthFrontiers.org](http://www.YourthFrontiers.org)) to help foster their children's positive peer interactions.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News, by Mrs. Blaser & Mrs. Moore

We are studying nonfiction text and nonfiction text features. We have learned to write an “All About” animal research book. Each student did research on an animal of their choice. They did this by reading books, researching online, and discussing in whole group. The students wrote down key details, made diagrams, and summarized the information about their animal. Additionally, they created a table of contents. Finally, the first grade classes published the reports and shared them with their peers.



## Kindergarten Connection



The Kindergarten classes are learning about community helpers this month. The children were able to travel to Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids to tour a pediatric room and they participated in lessons about their body. Students were shown proper hand washing techniques, learned about germs, listened to their heartbeat, and saw various instruments that doctors and nurses use in their jobs. The human skeleton was used to teach the children about how many bones are in their bodies, as well as to identify and compare a bone to its x-ray picture. We would like to thank the hospital auxiliary for providing the bus transportation fees for our trip.

The children also learned about the Post Office. Carmen Kumm, a U.S. postal employee, shared with the students her duties at her job and brought examples of flats, bags, and boxes that are utilized in the mail room. She also spoke about the routes that the mail carriers have outside of the city limits. The children learned about things available for purchase at the post office, such as stamps, flat rate boxes, and special collector coins.

Another special visitor was Police Chief Zawislan from the Pittsville Police Department. He talked about his job and the important role that he has in helping others each day. Later we read a story about Police officers and the children watched a DVD from The Safe Side that addressed keeping themselves safe in many different locations and situations. (Dealing with Stranger Danger)

Our students also learned about Dental Health and we were fortunate to have Dr. John visit our classrooms and speak to the children about taking care of their teeth, so that they last them a lifetime. Children were able to model how to brush and floss their teeth using very large scale toothbrushes and floss (rope). The children shared ways they use their teeth and how to keep them healthy. A special thank you to Dr. John for providing our student with dental supplies for good hygiene.

### Happy Spring from the Looping Classroom!

*Mrs. Whitrock and Mrs. Denniston*

After learning about the pond ecosystem the students in the looping classroom worked in groups of three to construct a pond. They were required to include plants, animals, and written facts in their project. Working as a team is a great life skill. These projects are displayed in the cafeteria for your viewing pleasure. Nice work kids!

Later this spring, we will be going to the Pittsville Public Library where the children will learn about the job of a librarian, will be able to get their own library card, listen to stories, and become more familiar with what is available at the library.

Happy Spring! *Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Petersen*

### Celebrating in 4K, by Mrs. Kuehn

The students in the 4K classroom have been working hard at learning about the alphabet and their letter sounds. During the first week in March, they celebrated reading with Mrs. Friday when she came in to read Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham.

The 4K students have also been busy developing their fine motor skills using scissors, glue and markers to create an Easter Bunny project. They displayed their creativity by naming and describing their bunny. Happy Spring from 4K!



### Upcoming Activities in 4K

**It's time to play in 4K.** The 4K classroom will be open Fri., May 13, 2016 for incoming 4 year-old kindergarten students (and their parents) for the 2016-17 school year. This is a time for your child to become acquainted with his/her teachers as well as orientated to their new classroom and the school at large. Come on in anytime between 8 and 11 a.m. Wear your best smile and be ready for a picture!

### Planning for Warm Weather Activities

A Day for Families in 4K at the park, Your calendars please do mark. Current 4K students come out with your parents to play, because May 6, 2016 is Family Activity Day! (10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon). Pack your lunch and plan for fun, As we will eat, play and enjoy the warm sun!

# FOOD SERVICE NEWS

## FOOD SERVICES CELEBRATES NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK MARCH 7-11 WITH SEVERAL BREAKFAST PROMOTIONS

The kitchen staff made a "MONSTER COOKIE" and displayed it during breakfast. The student that guessed how much it weighed, won a MONSTER COOKIE and milk break for their class. The kitchen staff also displayed a gallon jar of breakfast cereal, and once again, the student that guessed the number, won a cinnamon roll and milk break for their class. Several items were passed out during breakfast - cheese head erasers, pencils, crayons, and stickers!

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The **High School** will serve breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class.

The **Elementary School** will be serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria for breakfast. Grades 4Kgn-3<sup>rd</sup> will be issued a breakfast card in the classroom to be turned in at the breakfast line. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will punch in their lunch numbers before going through the lines. School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when students are running late or parents have to be at work early. The cost is only \$1.00. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch receive free breakfast.

### ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVIENENT

Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. If their child's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card (*NOTE: your credit card will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment*). Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

- Visit our district website [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us)
- From the left side menu click on **Skyward > Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Select "**Food Service**" from "General Information" menu on the left
- View Balance and select "**Make Online Payment**"
- Enter payment amount and select "**Pay with RevTrak**"
- Verify payment amount and select "**Go to Checkout**"
- If a new customer, select "**I am a new customer**" and enter your email address. If a returning customer select "**I am a returning customer.**"

### FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. To apply, complete a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Use one application for all students in your household. Be sure to fill out all required information and return the application to Joe Dostal, Food Service Director, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466. The free or reduced lunch program not only benefits families but it also helps your school. Your application is completely confidential. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, the applications are available online at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us) and in your school offices.

### DOUBLE UP and SIGNATUTURE ENTRÉE SALADS

We will be offering a second entrée "DOUBLE UP" again this year for grades 6-12. For a \$2.00 charge to your families lunch account, your student will be able to purchase a second entrée, just the entrée, or go through the salad bar to complement a lunch from home. Students that qualify for free meals may also participate in the "DOUBLE UP" promotion as long as money is in their family account. To monitor your student's purchases, view your family account online through Skyward Family Access at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us). If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517 or [dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us](mailto:dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us).

### LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly through the Pittsville School District's SchoolMessenger alert system. The notice explains that your family food service funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

If a family account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out stating if the amount due is not paid in three working days, your children will no longer be able to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. If no money is received, a note will go home explaining the account is closed and Pittsville Schools will no longer be providing breakfast, lunch, or milk. It is then the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a lunch from home. Once money is added, your children may again participate in the school's food service programs.

Here are a few tips to insure your family food service account is up-to-date and in good standing.

- Check with your answering machines and email to see if your family received an alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible.
- When sending in a payment, please include your family name and amount sent.

### 2015-2016 MEAL PRICES

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| 4K- Grade 3 Lunch  | \$2.25 |
| Grade 4-8 Lunch    | \$2.70 |
| Grade 9-12 Lunch   | \$3.20 |
| Adult Lunch        | \$3.85 |
| Reduced Lunch      | \$ .40 |
| Milk               | \$ .30 |
| 4K-Gr 12 Breakfast | \$1.00 |
| Adult Breakfast    | \$2.00 |

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on the District website at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us)





### FCCLA: Family, Career and Community Leadership of America

Sixteen students compete at FCCLA Regionals. 13 students will be moving onto State Competition in April.

Winning Gold Star: *Tara Minor, Mandy Ortner, Alissa Korslin, Kayla Larson, Marie Simonet, Morgan Masanz, Laney Garrels, Lydia Sanken and Sarah Downs.*

Silver Star: *Austin Carlson, Jack Zdu, Jenna Hughes and Skye Klein.*

Bronze Star: *Danielle Grimm, Katie Hardinger and Miranda Ortner.*



## PTO Corner

**10% Night at Culver's** – March 15 from 5-8:00 pm in Marshfield with a photo booth. Come have some fun pictures taken with your family and friends.

**Spring Pictures** – April 6 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**BOGO Book Fair** – May 11-13 in the Multi-Purpose Room and in conjunction with the Bike Rodeo on Friday, May 13.

**LFE, Box Tops, etc. Competition** - This was a successful event again this year. Thank you for your continued support as this event is the second largest generation of funds to the PTO, Little Caesars being our first! All homerooms who collect 100 items will receive a free recess. Every homeroom earned this reward!!! Congratulations to all classes!!

### Pizza Party Winners Were

4K – 3 Grade: Mr. Klein

4 – 8 Grade: Mr. Winters

After 42 years, **Labels for Education** collection program will have changes for the 2016-2017 school year. The program will continue exactly as is for the remainder of the 2015-2016 LFE program year. Please be sure to turn all labels in by the end of the school year. There will be opportunities for Grand Stand for School Sweepstakes next year, but not collection of labels.

*Thanks you for your continued support of the PTO!*



A big THANK YOU to Deanna Anderson and Karen Hederer for donating their time and materials to make the **Family and Consumer Sciences Department** 25 aprons for our kitchen labs! It is greatly appreciated!

Please check [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us) and click on Athletics for the most current sports schedules!

## SKYLERT/SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

*SchoolMessenger* allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to employees, parents, and students. It can provide you with information through telephone or cell phone, e-mail, and/or text message. We will be using the system to let families know about emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events.

*Skylert* works through Skyward's Family Access to provide you with the means to manage your contact sources and choose how you will be contacted for a variety of purposes. To check and update your *Skylert* contact information, go to our district home page at [www.pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us). Hover your mouse over 'Skyward' on the left side bar, click on the 'Family & Student Access' link from the pop-up menu, and login to your Family Access account. Click on the **Skylert** option listed on the left hand side. Click **Edit** to make changes to the information or to change your preference of notification delivery. You can add and remove checkmarks as you wish for the various types of contact calls, emails, or SMS text messages. Even though you may have checked phone numbers to receive SMS text messages, you must also 'opt in' to receive the services for each number.

If you do not know your Family Access login information or if you need more assistance with this issue, please contact your child's school: High School 715-884-6412; Elementary School 715-884-2517.

**SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS** Family Access is a free web-based application that gives parents and guardians online access to their child's grades, assignments, attendance, schedule, emergency information, and more! This access is made possible through our student information system, Skyward Family Access. Please contact your school's office for Family Access login names and passwords.

### ***Through the Decades at PHS: Spring Edition***

Contributors: Messrs Downs and Piotrowski for The History Club. From the pages of *Ho Ang Ho*.

As the snow begins to melt and signs of life stir from a long winter's nap we take a look at memories of the Junior Prom and Graduation.

#### **Prom**

Prom has been known to stir a *variety* of feelings and memories. Themes and members of past Prom Courts at Pittsville High School included...

The theme of the 1976 Junior Prom was "Dream Weaver". Members of the court included Cyndi Tritz escorted by Mark Florence, Nancy Tritz escorted by Rod Yetter, Karen Janzen escorted by Roger Sherwood, Betty Hahn escorted by Glenn Dickson, Patti Jaromin escorted by Steve Krueger, Ann Luken escorted by Doug Urban, and Queen Mary Cournoyer escorted by King Jim Franson.

"A Night to Remember" was the the theme for the 1986 Prom and saw many dressed in their best. Members of the court were Liana Weinfurter escorted by Barry Fisher, Monique McDonald escorted by Rob Wolff, Penny Perl escorted by Sean Grorich, Lisa Larson escorted by Richard Frost, Andi Wolf escorted by Dan Kumm, Amy Schooley escorted by Shane Lilly, Shelly Hahn escorted by Bob Tritz and the 1985 Queen Dena Creola crowned Denise Rogers and the 1986 Queen and 1985 King Dee-John Dupee crowned as the 1986 King Jack Wilke. Many wonderful memories were created that evening.

The theme for the 1996 prom was "Hold on to the Night". April 13 saw many who dressed up in their finest as they danced to the theme song "Unchained Melody." Members of the court were Mini-Queen Mariah Guden escorted by Mini-King Zach Heuer, Nicole Haralson escorted by Tandy Garvin, Tonya Allison escorted by David Houston, Jenny Heuer escorted by Jesse Krueger, Kris Sutton escorted by Jesse Schiller, Patty Rademan escorted by David Fieber, Mary Malyuk escorted by Brandon Brody. The 1995 Queen Missy Leigh crowned Stacey Herzberg as the 1996 Queen. The 1995 King Paul Hahn crowned Doug Mundt as the 1996 Prom King. All in all, a wonderful evening.

The theme of the 2006 Prom was "A Night in Chicago" and the class song was *I Swear*. The Court was comprised of Brittany Zieher escorted by Justin Rayburn, Megan Polivka escorted by Alex Rosandick, Samantha Hahn escorted by Gary Accola, Mickenzie Brogan escorted by Ryan Quinnell, Tiffany Hahn escorted by Chris Wesely, Brittnee Robus escorted by Peter Peterson, and Queen Hollie Lippert escorted by King Sam Schwanebeck.

#### **Graduation**

The class of 1976 motto was "We dare to do what we dare to dream". Academic leaders and speakers at the graduation ceremony included Valedictorian Mickey Marti, Salutatorian Amy Schwanebeck and Class President Deborah Elwood.

Spring of 1986 saw another graduation over Memorial Day weekend as family and friends converged in the gym at Pittsville High to wish the class well. The class motto was "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice, it is not a thing to be waited for, It is a thing to be achieved. Academic leaders of the class were Laura Bergstedt, Martha Nelson, Carmen Gronski, Linda Ortner, Tracy Meyers, Cully Swansen, Class President Joe Tritz, Salutatorian Cheryl Merritt, and Valedictorian Forrest Schultz.

May 19, 1996 marked the last day as Pittsville students as the class of 1996 graduated. The class motto was "What we hold of yesterday is only a memory, but tomorrow is an accomplishment that is yet to be made." Recognized as the top of the class were Michelle Kimball, Tracy Tritz, Karen Krohn, Katrina Schirmer, Tina Behselich, Kari Ruckwardt. Presenting words of advice and wisdom were Class President Jenny Mundt, Salutatorian John Kirk and Valedictorian Doddie Luther.

A mere decade ago the class of 2006 received their sheepskin in a Graduation Ceremony held on the 27th of May, 2006. The class motto was "to accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe". Class sages included Valedictorians Hollie Lippert, Amy Franson, and Jackie Kumm. Class Salutatorian was Ben Rosandick and Tyler Copeland served as Class President.

## Music Department News

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, choir and band members of the Pittsville music program traveled to Columbus Catholic High School to participate in the Marawood Solo and Ensemble Contest. Overall Pittsville had a total of thirty-three high school vocal events, two junior high vocal events, eleven high school instrumental events and one junior high instrumental event.

The students receiving a second for the high school are: Michelle Kunding, soprano solo; Deanna Borgman, soprano solo; Miranda Mitchell, soprano solo; Amber and Nicole Guden, vocal duet, Kacey and Cheryl Soetebier, vocal duet, McKayla Behselich and Martina Schulz, vocal duet; Tara Minor, Amanda Piotrowski, and Mckenna Coulthard, vocal trio; Amber Guden, Becky Holford, Nicole Guden, vocal trio; Brooke Zdun, Cheryl Soetebier, Amber Guden, and Becky Holford, treble barbershop quartet; Deanna and Jhessica Borgman, Kari Bryant, and Autumn Czerniejewski, treble barbershop quartet; Becky Holford, trumpet solo; Leah Kumm, trumpet solo; Michiel Mundt, saxophone solo; Amber Guden, flute solo; and Hyukbin Yoon, clarinet solo. For the junior high: Katherine Carter and Emma McLaughlin, clarinet duet and Mikayla Bowden, Alex Delaney, Helen Durrant, and Tara Free, vocal ensemble.

The students receiving a first for the high school are: Cheryl Soetebier, music theater solo; Martin Schwanebeck, music theater solo; Martina Schulz, alto solo; Amanda Piotrowski, alto solo; Elizabeth Schultz, soprano solo; Adrienne Week, alto solo; Deanna and Jhessica Borgman, vocal duet; Jake Allind, piano solo; and Amanda Piotrowski, piano solo. Rebecca Downs, Maria Esser, Elizabeth Holford, and Dezerae Pelot, vocal ensemble received a first for the junior high.

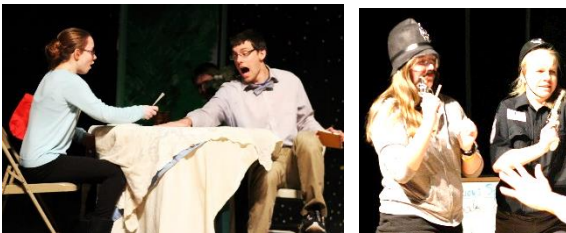
Along with all the fantastic events performed that day several received a starred first and will be moving on to state solo and ensemble on May 7<sup>th</sup> at UW-Stevens Point: Jack Zdun, tenor solo; Jack Zdun, music theater solo; Brooke Zdun, soprano solo; Brooke Zdun, music theater solo; Martina Schulz, music theater solo; Tara Minor, soprano solo; Tara Minor, music theater solo, Elizabeth Schultz, music theater solo; Adrienne Week, music theater solo; Cheryl Soetebier, alto solo; Jack and Brooke Zdun, vocal duet, and the high school Swing Choir in the show choir category. Two piano solos will also perform at state: Brooke Zdun and Daniel Piotrowski.

Congratulations to all students who participated and represented Pittsville. Special accolades to all those going on to state. Great job and keep up the hard work.



### UPCOMING MUSIC DATES

- April 14* Stratford High School, Marawood Band Large Group Contest
- April 21* Stratford High School, Marawood Choir Large Group Contest
- May 3* Spring Program Grades 3-5, 1:00 & 6:00 PM
- May 7* State Solo & Ensemble Contest, UWSP
- May 15* High School Spring Concert, 7:00 PM
- May 17* Middle School Spring Concert, 7:00 PM



**THE PHS DRAMA CLUB** presented "Dating for Dietrich" on February 1. The production was as fun to direct as it was to view.

*Front Row: Adrienne Week, Laney Garrels, Colton Ortnr, Jack Zdun, Katie Hardinger, Jessica Fuller, Elizabeth Schultz*

*Back Row: Cedric Neve, Jesse Poppy, Brooke Zdun, Bethany Strenn, Kayla Larson, Aaron Ickler, Ava Fortner, Isis Ignatowski*



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