



Newsletter

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



From the Desk of Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Vine

THANK YOU!

I have had the privilege of serving as Interim Superintendent of the Pittsville School District since October 1, 2015. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with a progressive and supportive Board of Education, a knowledgeable, highly professional, student centered administrative team, and a dedicated collaborative group of teachers and staff who always keep the interest of students first.

Although I have only been in this position for a short time, I am impressed by the level of district and community support for students, staff, and the entire district. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know the many hard working and caring staff in our district. I am even more impressed by the quality of students in the Pittsville School District.

This school district and community has a lot to be proud of. From the outstanding Career and Technical Education programs, the technology innovations, to the great fine arts department. The district is very involved with the community as demonstrated by the Empty Bowls community night, Earth Day clean up activities, Blood drives sponsored by our students groups as well as the recently initiated Pittsville Education Foundation. All of these programs and others will support and prepare our students for the world they will inherit in the 21st Century

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to lead the District for the past year. I plan to spend more time at my family's Christmas tree farm in Neillsville. I will have very fond memories of my time as Interim Superintendent. I hope that in some small way, that I have had a positive impact on the children, staff, and Pittsville community.

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

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Congratulations to the Class of 2016.

We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!!

The Pittsville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Years of Service Recognition 2015-2016

Congratulations to the Pittsville School District staff members who have reached the following milestones in years of dedicated service to the district:

Chris Nepper	30 Years
Dave Pearson	25 Years
James Krueger	25 Years
Douglas Downing	25 Years
Rick Winters	20 Years
Joseph Dostal	20 Years
Kara Demmerly	15 Years
Jodie Sanken	15 Years
Rebecca Whitrock	15 Years
Susan Walloch	15 Years
Terri Fox	15 Years
Deboarh Palmer	15 Years
Amy Wilke	15 Years
Sarah Freedlund	10 Years
Stephen Hadfield	5 Years
Joseph Scholzen	5 Years
Lori Elwood	5 Years

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.

WIFC	95.5 FM
WOSQ	92.3 FM
WOFM	94.7 FM
WGLX	103.3 FM
WSAW	TV-7
WAOW	TV-9
WEAU	TV-13

PTO Corner . . .

Culver's Night: Thank you to everyone who came out to support the PTO! A fun time was had by all. We will be using these funds to purchase volunteer t-shirts to be worn at PTO events. This will help families easily recognize our volunteers and will help us show appreciation to our volunteers. More information to come in the fall. Thank you Mrs. Kremer for heading this up!

Fit and Fresh held in conjunction with DTBH was a huge success. We hope you all enjoy your new items. Winners in our drawing were: Emma Kurtzweil, Kalli Montag, Racheal Nelson, Conner Rademan, and Grant Rademan ~ enjoy your Fit and Fresh items. Thank you to Ms. Raygo for heading this up and taking care of all the steps to make it a reality!

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6: Thank you to everyone who helped appreciate our staff!

BOGO Bookfair was held May 11-13 in the Multi-Purpose Room. We hope this great opportunity helped you stock up for summer reading! Thank you Amy Bartlett for chairing the book fair committee!

Congratulations to our two **scholarship** winners! Names will be announced at the senior awards night on May 25.

Labels for Education Program as we know it is ending. Campbell's will be announcing details to their new program in the future. Thank you for your support over the years!! A huge thank you to Tim and Tammy Getsinger and their boys, Marcus and Kellen, for cutting and pasting thousands of Labels for Education over the past few years. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Scrip: Thank you all who have taken advantage of the scrip program! We will be taking a break from it this summer but will resume the program in the 2016-2017 school year. This is a year long program you can take advantage of. Please look for the monthly Scrip Newsletters.

A special thanks to all our volunteers for everything you have done to make all PTO events successful this year. Thank you to all volunteers: whether donating items, working on items at home, attending a meeting/event or chairing a committee. No matter how large or small, your time is greatly appreciated!! We look forward to working with you in the fall. See you at Stop and Drop on Thursday, August 25.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ~Helen Keller

“Counselor’s Corner: 4th Quarter” - Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

What can I do this summer? Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!

One of the most common questions I hear from both students and parents is, “How can I (or my student) win scholarships my (his/her) senior year?” My answer very simply is volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! Most scholarship committees follow the “ACE rule” (Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Extra Curricular Involvement) when selecting their recipients. As I tell students, in this current day and age, it is not enough to simply get good grades and be involved in a few clubs and/or sports. While those aspects are certainly good and looked upon favorably, what tends to set the winners of multiple scholarships apart from those who only receive one or two is the amount of “genuine” community service they have done over the course of their high school career. To be counted as high school community service, students can start volunteering as early as the summer before their freshmen year. Community service can typically be any service done for another person (non-relative) or agency that is not compensated monetarily or by other means. A great place to start at when looking for places to volunteer is the United Way of Inner Wisconsin which looks to match volunteers with local places/events in need of help; for more information visit their website at www.uwiw.org and click on volunteer. Enjoy your summer and happy volunteering!

Important Reminders for the Class of 2016:

1. *Request your final transcripts through Docufile:* All students attending a post-secondary institution will need to submit their final transcripts through Docufile, our online transcript service. (Please see the link off the high school home page to get started with this process.) Please remember to do this sooner than later as your acceptance to your school is still considered “conditional” until they receive your final high school transcripts.
2. *Complete your FAFSA ASAP:* If you have not already done so, please complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible so you are eligible for more aid. Your 2015 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
3. *UW Placement Tests Registration:* 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>
4. BEST WISHES AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE !!

Important Reminder for Juniors: Class of 2017

Planning to attend a WI Technical College after high school? Apply Now! Many of the WI technical colleges (MSTC, NTC, etc.) accept applications from students at the end of their junior year. Applying early is **highly recommended** especially if a student is applying to a program that typically has a wait list (health care programs, welding, etc.). Please check the application process information on the specific technical school website for more information.

A huge change in the application process for MSTC recently took place. Students no longer need a high school transcript to apply. After students submit their applications and \$30 fee, they will be accepted. A student advising session will be required next and at that time, a transcript is recommended to bring. If you are looking for more information, check out mstc.edu.

Early Fall ACT Date and Registration Deadline: Students can register online at www.actstudent.org.

- a. Test Date: September 10, 2016—Registration Deadline: Aug. 5, 2016*

*Note the regular registration deadline is before school begins. Be sure to complete this so as to not pay the late registration fee!

Student Schedules for 2016-2017

High School student schedules for the 2016-2017 will be available after this school year closes. Please check Skyward to look at your students’ course schedule. It is important to look the schedule over to see if your students schedule was affected or not. If there are questions before hand, please contact Mrs. Krystowiak prior to June 3rd to make changes.

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

Wow! Is it nice outside. I for one am enjoying spring and can't wait for summer! This newsletter is packed with articles about the many things that happen at your school district in the spring. It is an amazingly busy time of year for students and staff. View or participate in as many activities as possible; I am writing to explain to you how PHS shines this time of year!

In terms of the hustle and bustle this time of year, we competed in Solo & Ensemble, participated in the conference art show, competed in forensics, FBLA, and FCCLA (both of which are going to the National Championships!), as well as baseball, softball, and track and field. We cleaned up the campus and community on Earth Day, and enjoyed some root-beer floats and kickball as a reward for a morning of hard work. We had our bi-annual Forum, which this spring featured two speakers, one a PHS legend (Ashley Normington), and one a world-class athlete (Rodney Figueroa). We work hard inside the classroom and within the community. I hope you are as proud of this school and the staff and students as I am!

Now another graduating class will head out into their "post-PHS" lives with a solid foundation of academics and extracurricular activities. Many schools offer that. But I have to tell you that these students also leave with more: The experience of seeing an outstanding example set of how to be a solid citizen modeled for them by staff. The knowledge that hard work will get you ahead. And knowing they are coming from a caring community. These are invaluable pieces of information.

This year we hit a few milestones. Our "Privilege" program allows students who have grades of B or above in all of their classes, no unexcused absences, and no discipline referrals, the ability to have certain extra freedoms. We hovered near 50% of our students being on Privilege most of the year, and actually exceeded it during Term 3. Imagine; half the students reaching those lofty goals. Another achievement was having 71 students take Advanced Placement (AP) tests this spring. By taking these very difficult AP classes, students that score high on the AP tests can get college credit. Because of this, many of our students will begin college with less potential debt and advanced academic standing. With a high school student population of 185, this is a tremendous achievement!

As the warm weather rolls in, I wanted to share what a special school we have. We truly are the small school with the global attitude! Please enjoy your summer!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

PHS Competes at Math League

On April 5th, twelve Pittsville high school students traveled to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to participate in the last meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has 3 categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. Forty-five different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition.

The four students who represented Pittsville School District in the Geometry category for this meet were Cody Havlik, Lydia Sanken, Miranda Sturgis, and Hunter Wilke. Tyler Carlson, Luke Denniston, Heather Schubert, and Trevor Winterhack took the challenging Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Yoon Hyuk Bin, Austin Carlson, Daniel Piotrowski, and Josh Zogleman. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were about 40 students taking each test. In Geometry, Hunter placed 5th and Cody placed 19th to finish in the top half of all students. In the Algebra category, Heather and Tyler tied for 14th place. For this meet, Luke did not score as high as usual but he still finished 7th out of 54 students after all three meets combined. The Advanced category is usually a challenging test for Pittsville, but this meet two students managed to place in the top 10. Yoon placed 4th and Josh earned 8th place. After all three tests, Yoon managed to place 12 out of 52 while only taking two of the three tests. As a team, Pittsville finished in 8th place, only 100 points out of 3rd place.

Science Dept Newsletter Article

Mindy Bakken, a 2011 PHS graduate, recently spoke to the high school physics class regarding her experience as a graduate student at UW-Madison. Mindy has a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from UW and is currently working on her master's degree in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics. The focus of her presentation was her research work in plasma physics as part of a larger project to develop fusion as a viable energy source. She also shared with the class what a student can expect in graduate school, how she prepared for graduate school, and potential career opportunities she may pursue in the future.



On March 16, Pittsville High School students Derek Weinfurter, Alissa Korslin, Henry Myers, and Kayla Larson participated in a listening session with and Governor Scott Walker at the Pittsville Fire Station. They along with other invited area citizens provided Governor Walker feedback on what they like about Wisconsin as well as what they want the state to look like an be in 20 years. Thank you Derek, Allissa, Henry, and Kayla for helping shape the future of Wisconsin

PHS Phy Ed Department

Wrapping up the 2nd year of our PEP Grant in the High School Physical Education department, we have been able to participate in many different non-traditional activities and games. We have expanded our units to expose students to a wide variety of activities that they could potentially play after high school. Some of these units include Nitroball, Disc Golf, Pillow Polo, and Yolf. We encourage you to ask your son/daughter about some of these games.

Next year is the 3rd and final year of the PEP Grant. As of right now, two elements we plan on adding to our program are kayaks and a rock climbing wall. We are fortunate to be close to the Yellow River and a very nice park for many of these activities. We look forward to continue to add to our Physical Education program.

FCCLA students are going to Nationals!!

13 FCCLA members competed at State Competition Tuesday, April 19th at the Kalahari Resort. We are so proud of how the students did, here are their results:

BRONZE Tara Minor and Mandi Ortner; Environmental Ambassador

BRONZE Skye Klein; Recycle & Redesign

SILVER Morgan Masanz; Recycle & Redesign

SILVER Jack Zdun, Austin Carlson and Jenna Hughes; Life Event Planning

GOLD Alissa Korslin, Kayla Larson and Marie Simonet; Life Event Planning

Laney Garrels, Lydia Sanken and Sarah Downs; Focus on Children - earning GOLD and going onto NATIONALS in San Diego, California this July!!!!!!!

From Sarah Downs, Lydia Sanken, and Laney Garrels

Our project was in the FCCLA Star Event category of Focus on Children. The challenge asked us to 'plan and conduct a child development project that has a positive impact on children and the community'.

We decided to name our specific project Growing Up Healthy. Our group did research on healthy snacks, ingredients, and calories and created a display and oral presentation with the information we collected. We presented our information at the health fair, 4h, and talked to the looping class. Before nationals, we hope to present to community members a few more times, talk to someone about getting healthier choices at the concession stand, and possibly make a video about the benefits of healthy eating for kids.



PHS Forensics

On April 15-16 PHS Forensics traveled to Madison to compete in the nation's oldest speaking contest with their coaches Ms. Freedlund and Ms. Brown. The PHS Team of "forty strong" previously competed at three levels with three rounds each to finish out the Speaking Season with perfect scores as their goal. Earning Gold at the WHSFA event: Senior Cheryl Soetebier- Solo Acting "Fatima"; Freshman Anna Steder- Prose "Eleven"; and Freshmen Sarah Downs, Laney Garrels, Amanda Orner, and Amanda Piotrowski- Play "Road Trip".



FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

The FBLA 2016 State Competition was held on April 11-12 in LaCrosse. The following 16 students competed in the following categories.

Cyber Security: Colton Ortner

Global Business: Austin Carlson, Josh Zogleman, Sander Bronstad

Healthcare Administration: Kayla Larson

Hospitality Management: Cheryl Soetebier, AJ Danischevsky, Massi Coscia

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

Network Design: Jesse Poppy, Jack Zdun

Social Media: Amber Guden, Becky Holford, JoJo Rux

Only the top 4 of an event advance to Nationals. Colton Ortner, Austin Carlson, Josh Zogleman and Sander Bronstad advanced to Nationals. The National Competition will be held June 29 - July 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.



Elementary News

Dear Families,

Summer is just around the corner! It has been a learning year for all of us. As we bring closure to the 2015-2016 school year, I want to thank all the students, staff, and families for welcoming me into your school and into your lives. As I reflect on my first year here, I can assure you that I have learned new things every day.

I am grateful the community of Pittsville has given me the opportunity to lead and guide the students and staff at the elementary school. It amazes me how involved and how caring the community members are. I appreciate the open and honest communication from families and community members and I hope to continue to build those relationships, so we can continue to do what is best for our students. As much as I am going to miss the hustle and bustle in the hallways, I do look forward to the time I will have over the summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

Looking back on the year, there were so many wonderful things that happened at our school. One of our activities took months to complete. Let's take time to celebrate all the students and staff for participating in Driven to Better Health. As a school, we participated in daily exercises, tried new fruits and vegetables, challenged other classes to physical challenges, and much more! While we agreed as a staff that we won't be continuing with the DTBH program next year, we will continue to add healthy activities into our learning day and that is what is important! As a culminating activity to DTBH, the students participated in our First Annual Fun Run during the school day. We hope to continue that next year. Thank you to all the families and community members who helped out and participated that day!

I am looking forward to experiencing summer school here at the elementary school. This year, summer school will run June 6 through June 17. A special thank you to all the teachers who are willing to dedicate two weeks of their summer to engage our students in more learning activities! We welcome Mr. Ty Natzke, who will be teaching science classes to the younger students.

More detailed information will be coming in the fall, but I would like to give you a preview of a few things that we look forward to next year. Our staff members will be participating in professional development this summer to learn more about PLCs (Professional Learning Communities). This work will lead our staff to more collaboration regarding student data and academic progress so we can best meet the needs of every student in our school.

Grades K-8 will be implementing WIN time (What I Need) each day for 45 minutes. You may have heard this time referred to as RTI or Response to Intervention. During this time, every student will be participating in learning activities that continue to challenge him/her. Students will be grouped based on needs and their academic progress will be checked often to ensure his/her needs are being met. There will be challenging enrichment groups for students who are at or above grade level and there will be small-group interventions for students who need more direct instruction and more time to learn, and there will also be more intensive interventions for the students who need the most support.

While there will be changes next year and change can be difficult, we are moving in the right direction to do what is best for our students!

Again, I couldn't have asked for a better place to begin my career in leadership. I look forward to many years of working together to make our school the best place for our students!

Have a safe, fun summer and embrace the extra family time! I also hope your family will make it a priority to read, write, and learn new things over the summer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Friday

COMMUNITY HEALTH NIGHT

PES hosted a Community Health Night on March 31, 2016. The night kicked off with a nutrition talk from Jordyn Quast, a WPHCA-AmeriCorps Member, and was followed by activities and informational booths. There were seventeen booths consisting of businesses and programs from Pittsville and the surrounding areas. Families were also able to try out some of the equipment that has been purchased through the PEP Grant like bosu balls, fitness bands, rollerblades, the cardio room, dance dance revolution, the weight room, and mini trampolines.



On Friday, May 13, PES students wore RED to support our deployed troops and their families.



Kindergarten Connection Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Petersen

The Kindergarten children have been learning about plants. They have learned what plants need in order to grow. They have labeled the parts of a plant including stem, flower, leaves, and roots. Each child was able to plant carrots, basil, beans, lettuce, and marigolds. We read many stories in our ELA curriculum on the subject of plants. We had a special visit from Bob Wolff, otherwise known as Mr. Science. He shared many interesting things with all the Kindergarten students on plants and weather. We are culminating our learning with a trip to the greenhouse.

Thanks to Mr. Urban for allowing us to visit and plant sunflowers. The children also went to the Public Library and were able to get their own library cards. The children listened to stories that Mrs. Callaway told, checked out a book to enjoy back at school, and had a tour of the library. The children will be all set for summer library visits! We hope everyone enjoys a safe, fun summer vacation!



Looping Classroom

Mr. Wolff, also known as Mr. Science, recently visited the Looping classroom to share some fun Science with the students. He showed many different concepts of magnetism, the unit our class just finished, through the multiple activities that were presented. The students thoroughly enjoyed watching all of the fun Science experiments Mr. Science had prepared.



Congratulations to Mrs. Moore! She was awarded the Teacher of Distinction award through Crystal Apple Awards.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer break!



FUN RUN

Pittsville Elementary School hosted a Fun Run on Friday April 29, 2016 for students, families, and community members. During the Fun Run, participants ran a course around the school and stopped at designated areas for events like hula hooping before they could continue. The Fun Run ended with the participants running through a bubble machine and enjoying watermelon and a bottle of water.



Mrs. Kumm's Science Class students are helping out with the new monarch butterfly garden in the front of school. Maddy Hensel, a 5th grader, received a grant from Disney last summer to help create the space. Many community members are donating materials.

6th Grade Science have learned about Bernoulli's Principle and flight. Students made kites from scratch. Later in May all of the 6th graders will be visiting the Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee to cap off what they have learned about flight with Mrs. Niemann and Mrs. Kumm.



7TH GRADE HELPERS



8TH GRADE HELPERS

7th Grade Language Arts class is wrapping up their final unit on argumentative writing. Middle Schoolers being taught to argue properly...scary I know. These wonderful students are learning how to have their voices heard in a clear, convincing manner that is backed up with solid evidence. All that passion they have for the important things in their lives can now be argued as important in an effective way. Class of 2021, thank you for a great year of Language Arts and so much more.
-Mr. Pascoe

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

To get students interested in extra-curricular sports, Ms. Molitor, Mr. Klein, Mr. Piotrowski, and Mrs. Madden planned a day for students to have an opportunity to see what it would be like in Track and Field. Third, fourth, and fifth graders were given the opportunity to experience events in track and field with the help of the high school students on May 6th. The high school athletes taught the younger kids the basics of relays, high jump, long jump, shot, and discus as well as demonstrating the events. It was a great learning day for everyone!



Marawood Conference Art Show

On May 13, Marathon School hosted the Marawood Conference Art Show. Marie Simonet, Danielle Grimm, Kiyanna Schooley, Geri Dockstader, Cole Robus, Anna Steder, Hailey Grant, Lorna Miller, and Kennedy Carlson had pieces that were selected to enter into the show. Pittsville was awarded four of the eleven awards. Award winners included Kiyanna Schooley's "Dualistic Donatello Diptych" charcoal drawing, Anna Steder's "Fire Ball" fusible glass and copper pendant, Kennedy Carlson's "The Great Blue Heron" ceramic vase, and Lorna Miller's "Double Date" four place setting ceramic dinnerware.

Kiyanna Schooley's charcoal drawing consisted of half of Donatello's face drawn on green paper with black charcoal and the other half of his face was drawn on black paper with green pastels. The drawing had a sense of light glimmering across Donatello's face.

Anna Steder's fusible glass pendant required patience and test firings for Anna to get the planned end results. Her pendant consisted of a textured copper circle encased with glass, as well as copper rings protruding from the bottom of the circle. Once she had a successful firing, Anna added additional jump rings and copper tear drops.

Lorna Miller's created an eight place setting dinnerware set during her independent ceramic class. Taking complete ownership of her learning, she researched and practiced different techniques to be successful in her project. As part of the process, Lorna developed slump molds to drape the clay over and experimented with different tools to get the texture she was looking for. Her research and testing paid off!

Kennedy Carlson's ceramic vase was hand constructed and then coated with a porcelain slip. Once the slip dried she carved in two blue herons and their ecosystem. Not only did Kennedy win an award at the Marawood Conference, she won the artistic and book curator awards at the National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition Foundation at the ceramic show in Kansas City, MO.



Empty Bowls Dinner

The Pittsville Pottery Group would like to thank everyone that attended the "Empty Bowls" dinner on March 10th. Thank you to Baum's Merchantile, Castle Hill Supper Club, Charlie's Pinecrest, High School FACE, Horsin' Around, Jerry Minor, Judy Papke, Julie Strenn, Lakesid Oasis, Lindsey Bar & Grill, Marshfield Kwik Trip, Pleasant conner 4-H, Richfield 4-H, River Edge, Shirley Kolar, and Spikes for donating soup for our "Empty Bowls" dinner, as well as Joe Dostal for organizing the food service area. Thank you to Brown's Bar, Pick 'n Save, Pittsville Meats & Sausage, Sherri's Home Bakery, Subway and Trivent Action Dollars for donations to supplement our soup dinner. Thank you to the Pittsville Music Department for providing music during the dinner. Thank you to the school board members, staff and parents that helped to make the event a "souper" success. Proceeds of \$4,000 were donated to P.A.N.S. (Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf) at the Golden Awards Assembly on April 11th.



Pottery Throw Project – Year III

The Pottery Throwing Group consisted of students from grades 6-12 that met weekly after school for three hours and one Saturday a month, throwing 700 bowls to help our local food pantry. The group donated 100 of those bowls to the Marshfield Empty Bowls dinner as they also support our local food pantry. Thank you Emma McLaughlin, Jared Peters, Maria Esser, Tyler Hanutke, Ethan Hanutke, Caitlyn Fox, Rebekah Downs, Angel Kempf, Bridgette Leichey, Alexis Behselick, Emma Tolzmann, Wade McLaughlin, Alexis Smazal, Sara Lacoursiere, Libby Holford, Savanna Frederick, Alex Kumm, Gage Kumm, Ethan Strenn, HyukBin Yoon, Marie Simonet, Morgan Masanz, and Joanna Rux for their endless hours of throwing ceramic bowls to make the Empty Bowls Event possible. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Dave Lyons (local potter), Mary Lou Masanz, Nancy Esser, Nicole Hanutke (parents), BreeAnne Behselich and Hannah Vale (former students) that spent endless hours assisting with the pottery throwing group. They helped teach, throw, trim, glaze and most of all HELPED clean up the room after class!

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.

K-12 Student Art Show

Many thanks to everyone who attended the K - 12 Student Art Show; the students enjoyed sharing their work with you. I am always reminded how important the show is to the students when I hear them shout out "There is mine!" or when they ask me to drop everything to hang up their painting because they finished it in time to be in the show! Congratulation students for a great show this year! Special thanks to Lorna Miller, Aneva and Harvey Peterson for volunteering to help set-up the art show.

The most unique exhibit this year at the art show was the sixth grade games. The students worked in groups to create a game including directions. Once the games were made, other students played the games to test the directions. Any necessary changes were made and the games were set out for the art show. Visitors were able to sit down during the show and play the games. Some students worked during the art show to assist with the games.

Technology Education Updates

This year was full of new classes, advanced technology, and a variety of projects for the Technology Education Department. Some of the accomplishments that should be recognized are: 17 students earned transcribed credit, 2 students completed youth apprenticeships, 2 students earned AWS welding certificates, completion of PHS softball dugouts, multiple sign work throughout the district, and the first ever Women in Tech. Ed. course.

PHS CTE Updates

The Pittsville Career and Technical Education Departments have been busy with a variety of projects this year. The CTE Academy finished the third year of the program and is seeing great success. This included a variety of new placements for senior internships and junior job shadows. This year, many students completed our work based learning program; including two youth apprenticeship students in manufacturing and one in agriculture. We have many juniors and seniors that are earning transcribed credit through MSTC as well as a variety of industry recognized certifications. We continue to improve our individual programs to offer improved career and college readiness skills. If you are interested in having a student intern or job shadow at your place of business next year, please contact one of the CTE Teachers.

Through the Decades at PHS: Spring Sports Edition

Contributors: Messrs Downs & Piotrowski for The History Club-from the pages of *Ho Ang Ho*

1986 Coach Robert Wolff led the '86 Baseball team was a senior dominated roster. Seniors included Todd Eckes, Chani Ewer, Shawn Lilly, Dan Merk, Matt Neve, Forrest Schultz, Jim Schuster, Dan Sebold, Cully Swansen, and Jim Winkels. The boys had a good run losing just two games and advancing to the Regional finals. Coaches Karen Iwanski and Rick Holan and the Panther girls team had a number of seniors on the team. They were Katie Decker, Paula Korslin, Gail Pollard, and Jodie Van Wyhe. 1986 was a very good year for the Panther Boys team as they earned a conference championship. Coach Noel Denniston along with Coach Chuck Soper put the pieces together for a very successful season. Leading the way to the title were seniors Scott Howard, Kelly Kolar, Roger Lyrenmann, Mike Martin, Phil Rayburn, Kevin Scott, Joe Tritz, Brett Whyte, and Steve Ziemendorf.

1996 The Panther track teams of 1996 was guided by Coaches Lee and Karen Garrels, Robert Piotrowski, and Karen Brownell. Seniors who guided the squads were Paul Hahn, John Kirk, Jennifer Mundt, Christina Olsen, Sean Berkowitch, Bryan Radlinger, Rob Unruh, and Charles Dibble. Baseball: The baseball team finished at 4-13 in '96 and won their first Regional game. Coach Jim Krueger guided the lads led by seniors Jeff Kremer (2nd team All-conference), Mark Malsin, Mark Nanstad, Tim Larson, Jim Peters, and Clifford Dean Parker. The 1996 Softball team were provided Senior leadership by pitcher Karen Krohn, 1B Beth Pulvermacher, LF Doddie Luther, C Erin Anderson, 2B Kim Wolff. The Captains of Coach Robert Wolff's squad were Karen Krohn and Jackie Masephol. Their overall record was 4-14 record, but a highlight was defeating Stratford 23-5.

2006 The Panther track teams coached by Rick Winters and Kevin Korslin had a variety of excellent performances for this spring sport. Seniors on the squad were Alex Hochguertel, Kyle Kuhlka, Cody Beckman, Ben Nelsen, Amy Franson, Heather Voight, and Preston Fuller. Individual highlights found Laura Palmer finishing 2nd in conference in the 1600m and 3200m runs and being a member of the 3200m relay conference winning team which also included Amy Franson, Tiffany Hahn, and Alex Mallory. Competing at the state meet, Laura placed 2nd in both the 800 and 1600m runs. The gals 3200m relay team of Franson, Hahn, Mallory and newcomer Carrie Lippert placed 7th with a time of 10:02. Mallory also competed at state in the long jump. On the guys side of things, sophomore Jesse Sojka finished the 400m dash in a time of 53.24. He was the first boys athlete competing at state since 2002. Baseball: In 2006 Coach Urban made the first of his three State appearances for Pittsville. A very talented squad led by seniors Ty Copeland, Casey Krohn, Sam Schwanebeck, Jeremiah Adrian, Joey Becker, Zac Seebruck, Scott Normington, and Ben Rosandick went 18-1 overall and 14-0 in Conference play. The boys breezed through the season, frankly overwhelming most of their opponents and taking their second consecutive Marawood Conference title. The season ended in the state semi-finals. Casey, Ty, Joey, and Sam made All-conference first team with Casey being named Marawood Conference Player of the Year. Scott and Justin Rayburn were named to the second team and Jeremiah earned an honorable mention. Softball: Coach Dan Hoffa's squad had a terrific year going 14-5 overall and 10-3 in Conference where they finished second. The gals were led by seniors Jackie Kumm, Hollie Lippert, Tabi Vogel, Devon Jones, Amanda Kirk and Kelly Hahn. Jackie and Britt Zieher made first team All-conference while Hollie and Amanda earned honorable mentions.

2014 Pittsville FFA Banquet a Success!!

The Pittsville FFA held its annual banquet on March 23, 2016. The banquet was a great success with nearly one hundred people in attendance. The Pittsville FFA which is the most active organization in the high school handed out several awards to the following people: area farmer and Pittsville Community member Brad Kremer received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award for his continued support of our community's FFA program and generosity to allow our agriculture classes to visit their farm each year. President Olivia Pelot received the Blue & Gold Leadership award for her participation and leadership in agriculture, and Miranda Huber for outstanding senior. Miranda Huber was recognized for being high fruit salespersons this year selling over \$1200 worth of fruit. After the meal, FFA Alumni President Josh Calaway gave comments and discussed the important role that the Pittsville FFA alumni plays in our member's development. Each year, the Pittsville FFA Alumni give up to \$2000 in scholarships. This year's deserving members were Olivia Pelot, Miranda Huber and Stephanie Kohl. Also included this year was the initiation of new officers of for the 2016-2017 school year. Elected Co-Presidents for next year are Trevor Gardner and Nicole Guden. FFA member Tyler Gardner recited the FFA Creed while the FFA Officers reflected on this past year successes, which included Food For America Program, State and National FFA Conventions, Washington Leadership Conference, Central Wisconsin Fair (Pittsville FFA had the most exhibits this past year), Meat and Labor Auction, Cranberry Tours, State FFA Degrees and Choir members, FFA Week and Ag Olympics. State FFA Officer Leeah Leupke from Spencer gave an inspirational speech about how the FFA Organization has helped her grow. FFA President Olivia Pelot gave her retiring address. We would like to thank all the area business everyone for their donations to helping us make the banquet a success for our members.



Congratulations to Mr. Denniston for being selected as the Crystal Apple Winner! Mr Denniston was selected as one of 4 Crystal Apple winners from this years over 909 nominations for 301 teachers received.

Music Department News

Students from the music department competed in the State Solo & Ensemble Contest Saturday, May 7, at UW-Stevens Point. Congratulations to Tara Minor and Cheryl Soetebier receiving seconds on their classical solos. Congratulations to Brooke Zdun and Jack Zdun who received a second on their vocal duet. Congratulations to Elizabeth Schultz receiving a third; Tara Minor and Martina Schulz receiving seconds; and Adrienne Week, Brooke Zdun, and Jack Zdun receiving firsts on their musical theater solos. Congratulations to the Pittsville HS Swing Choir receiving a second in the show choir class. Congratulations to Daniel Piotrowski and Brooke Zdun receiving firsts on their piano solos. Special congratulations to Jack Zdun and Brooke Zdun who received firsts on their classical solos and received an exemplary soloist award for their performances. Great job to all!

Memorial Day

Several members of the Pittsville High School Band have volunteered to perform for Memorial Day at City Point (9am), Sherwood (10am), and Pittsville (11am). We are excited to have this opportunity through music to honor the men and women who died while serving in the country's armed forces through music.

Marching This Summer

This summer, Pittsville High School is offering, for ¼ credit, Marching Band. This class meets 3 times a week for the first 4 weeks of the summer for 2 hours. During our time together, we will learn the basics of marching with the goal of marching for the 2016 4th of July Parade here in Pittsville. This class is available to incoming freshman all the way up to seniors. Members of the community and alumni/community members are welcome to come and practice with us. Contact Ms. Batterman for the marching schedule and details on signing up.



5th / 6th Grade Band and Choir

Thank you to students and parents who participated in middle school/high school band and choir in the 2015-16 school year. To develop a love of music at a younger age, to strengthen our music department, and to explore interests, changes to the music department will be implemented starting next school year. For 2016-17 school year, we are excited to be expanding band and choir opportunities to 5th and 6th grade students year round. This allows students time to develop skills for them to make educated decisions about their future in music.

Summer Lessons

This summer Pittsville Music department is offering summer band lessons for small groups of similar instruments. Summer lessons are not required, but highly recommended. Each instrument functions differently and therefore a lot of class time during the beginning of the year is spent jumping from one group of instruments to the other, leaving other students waiting. Summer lessons are a more efficient way of beginning on a new instrument and give students more individual attention. Summer lessons will be scheduled 2 times per week (Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday) for 30 minutes each from June 6-July 14 (10 lessons total, skipping the week of July 4th). Students do not need to be enrolled in the summer school program to participate in the band lessons. These lessons are free. If families have summer plans or other conflicts with summer lessons, please indicate that when we are scheduling the lessons in May. If you would like to participate in lessons, but cannot make it to all ten, come to what you can! Just a few lessons will go a long ways!

PHS English Department News

Keeping students interested in class is difficult once the high stake AP testing is over in early May. Juniors and seniors in Ms. Freedlund's AP Literature and Composition class took to the stage-literally. The theater became our classroom with props and costumes and dramatic readings. Learning some of Shakespeare's more creative descriptions and putdowns (chuck, egg, whey-faced), paired with the comedy of the gatekeeper of Macbeth's castle (is this where knock-knock jokes derived?) made this tragedy come alive in our beautiful auditorium.

English 9 has also been reading one of Shakespeare's tragedies: *Romeo and Juliet*. The freshmen have also been improving their writing by practicing Subject/Verb Agreement, the Oxford Comma, and Parts of Speech focusing on prepositional phrases and coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS).

This year's American Literature class has been reading various short stories and plays from the Regionalist, Realistic, and Naturalist Era (1870-1910). Students have also been using various genealogy websites to complete a Family History Project. We have visited the Pittsville Historical Society and the Founders Cemetery as well as explored census and military records to "find our roots".



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