

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Elementary Play*
Dec 2 at 7:00 pm, Dec 3 at 1:00 pm
- 6-8 Winter Concert*
Dec 6 at 6:30 pm, Dec 7 at 1:45 pm
- Alumni Pep Band Night*
Dec 10, Rehearsal 5:30
- High School Winter Concert*
Dec 12 at 1:30 pm
- Primary Winter Program*
Dec 17 at 1:00 pm
- Early Release – Dec 23*
- Winter Break*
Dec 24 – 31, Classes resume Jan 3
- No School – Jan 17*

From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds



The fall season is now upon us, and school is in full swing. With the advent of fall it is very important that everyone begin thinking about school cancellations. As you are aware, in Wisconsin our weather can be very unpredictable, and with the threat of possible H1N1 flu outbreaks it is important for parents to begin preparing for school cancellations, postponements, etc. Do you have a child care plan if school is cancelled?

If school is dismissed early, does the office, your provider, the bus company, and your child know what your plan is? To make plans the day school is cancelled is not a good idea, as with over 650 students enrolled at Pittsville, it would be virtually impossible to deal with all telephone calls coming in from parents. Today is a great time to review and communicate your desires by updating your emergency contact information, if you have not already done so. The District will again be utilizing our Instant Alert system to notify parents of any cancellations. Parents should update any changes of their phone contact information as soon as possible. Please contact the School if you have any questions regarding the Instant Alert system.

In other news:

An exciting event occurred in Pittsville the October 18 through November 4. The Pittsville School District hosted two school administrators from Argentina. Ms. Silvia Ballarino and Mrs. Mirta Olivero were our school and community guests, both come from the province of Cordoba. Silvia and Mirta were here as part of an Educational Seminars Program through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Department in Washington DC. Pittsville was one of 22 other School Districts across the United States hosting educators from Argentina.

The purpose of the Argentina Exchange Initiative is to build and support educational exchange programs and administrator shadowing projects between schools in the United States and schools in Argentina at the pre-college level. It is essential that the people, especially the students, of differing countries develop understanding and friendship. The new global economy requires an international education. Exchange programs provide opportunities for students, teachers, administrators, and families in school communities on both sides to become involved in the excitement of intercultural learning.

Ms. Silvia Ballarino and Mrs. Mirta Olivero, School Administrators from the Argentina Exchange Initiative, at the State Capitol with WASB Representatives.



2010-2011 Budget Information

Pittsville School District Administrator - Terry Reynolds

On October 25, The School Board members approved the 2010-2011 budget and tax levy.

Our enrollment which is directly related to how much a school district may levy each year decreased by 43 students. However the revenue limits are based on a three year average. Our enrollment count (three year average) this year was **635** (last year's three year average was **663**). So we are still seeing a decline in our enrollment for revenue limit purposes.

To cover the total costs to educate our students this year, a 2010-2011 budget (All funds) of **\$9,495,915.05** was developed. This amount equates to an increase of only **12.36%** from last year's budget. The increase is due to the increase in revenue from the following: Year 3 of the \$175,000 referendum, the Federal Education Jobs Fund which we received \$141,880, an increase in Sparsity Aid of \$138,700, and budgeting an extra \$400,000 to assist in paying for the elementary roofing and HVAC project. These are all one time dollars to the district, and will not be included in the budget next year. The majority of these funds will be used to help complete proposed capital projects. If you would take away these one time revenue sources from the budget, the District budget would have shown only a slight increase of approximately **3.5%**.

The Board also approved the 2010-2011 tax levy of **\$3,563,181**. The increase is a **13.68%** increase over last year's levy. The District mill rate for 2010-2011 will be **\$11.17** per \$1000 (last year - **\$9.76**). This increase is mainly due to our loss of 43 students this year, decrease in state aids, and a 1% decrease in equalized property valuation.

QUESTIONS MANY WILL ASK:

What is this year's new tax impact for the \$175,000 recurring referendum passed in November of 2008?

The answer to this question is **\$.51** per \$1,000 valuation. This amount has not changed what was reported the previous two years before and after the referendum. 2010-2011 will be the final year for the recurring referendum.

Why is the tax levy increasing 13.68%?

The answer is that Pittsville will be receiving **less** in state aids again this year, we will unfortunately be receiving **\$130,000** less in state aids this year, and we experienced **\$420,230** cut in aids last year. Last year, legislators passed legislation which redirected aids going directly to schools to a School Tax credit on individual tax bills. Had Pittsville received the aid directly, residents would have experienced an estimated decrease of **\$2.00** per \$1,000 tax rate, and the same will be true for this year's tax rate. We also saw a decrease in equalized property assessments in the district of **1%** and a decline of **43** student enrollment from last year. Because of these circumstances, additional funding must come from the local tax levy to cover the necessary budgetary costs. We will be completing a major roofing and HVAC project this Spring, which we planned to complete as part of the referendum passing three years ago. This one time cost and expense will be eliminated in next year's budget.

How many years do we have left to pay on our school building debt?

We have four years left to pay. This year's payment is **\$486,700**, which works out to **\$1.53** per \$1,000 valuation in the tax levy rate. The School Board refinanced this debt in 2009, and received a substantial rate decrease, and saved a little over **\$27,000** each of the final five years, for a total of **\$135,000** savings over that time period.

Questions regarding this year's budget, please contact Terry Reynolds, District Administrator, School District of Pittsville at 715-884-6694.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

APRIL 5, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Pittsville on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 the following office is to be elected to succeed the present incumbent listed. The term of office for a School Board Member is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2011.

Office	Incumbent
Member	Lisa Schulz
Member	Connie Potter

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in the Office of the School Administrator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

Forms for filing can be obtained from the School District's Administration Office.

Done by the School District of Pittsville on November 8, 2010.

Connie Potter, School District Clerk



OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The open enrollment application period for 2011-12 school year is from February 7-25, 2011. The application period closes at 4:00 pm on February 25, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 3, 2011, and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period.

DECEMBER BREAKFAST at the HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov-29 Fruit Filled Poptarts Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Nov-30 Assorted Muffins Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-1 P.Butter Uncrustable Assorted Juice Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-2 Pancake on a Stick Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-3 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk
Dec-6 Fruit Filled Poptarts Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-7 Breakfast Wrap Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-8 Assorted Muffins Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-9 Apple Squares String Cheese Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-10 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk
Dec-13 Pancake on a Stick Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-14 P. Butter Uncrustable Assorted Juice Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-15 Assorted Bagels Chilled Juice, Chilled Fruit Cream Cheese Milk	Dec-16 Assorted Muffins Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-17 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk
Dec-20 Assorted Muffins Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-21 Assorted Bagels Chilled Juice, Chilled Fruit Cream Cheese Milk	Dec-22 Breakfast Wrap Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-23 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	Dec-24

DECEMBER BREAKFAST at the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov-29 Assorted Cold Cereal String Cheese Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Nov-30 Assorted Muffins Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-1 Fruited Yogurt Toast "N" Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-2 Pancake on a Stick Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-3 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juice or Fruit Milk
Dec-6 Breakfast Pizza Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-7 Hot Oatmeal or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-8 Assorted Muffins Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-9 String Cheese Toast "N" Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-10 Cinnamon Rolls Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk
Dec-13 Fruited Yogurt Toast "N" Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-14 P. Butter Uncrustable Chilled Juice or Fruit Milk	Dec-15 Assorted Cold Cereal String Cheese Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-16 Assorted Muffins Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-17 Cinnamon Rolls Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk
Dec-20 Assorted Muffins Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-21 String Cheese Toast "N" Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-22 Hot Oatmeal or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-23 Cinnamon Rolls Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	Dec-24

DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov-29 CHICKEN NUGGETS Mashed potatoes Fresh bread Chilled fruit Jungle cookies Milk	Nov-30 SLOPPY JOE or HAMBURGER ON A BUN Smiley fries Fresh bread Chilled fruit Sliced cheese Milk	Dec-1 NACHOS Cheese sauce, Taco meat Vegetable blend Fresh bread Chilled fruit Salad bar Milk	Dec-2 HOT PASTA Turkey ala king Carrot coins Chilled fruit Dinner rolls Milk	Dec-3 PEPPERONI PIZA TUNA SALAD KAISER Fresh bread Salad bar, pasta salad Chilled fruit Milk
Dec-6 FRENCH TOAST STICKS Sliced ham Fresh bread Juice Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-7 FISH SQUARE ON A BUN or HAMBURGER ON A BUN French fries Chilled fruit Relish sticks & dip Sliced cheese Milk	Dec-8 MINI CORNDOGS Baked beans HOT PASTA Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-9 SPAGHETTI Italian Sauce Corn Dinner rolls Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-10 BREADED CHICKEN ON BUN Mashed potatoes Chilled fruit Chocolate chip cookies Milk
Dec-13 CHEESE FRIES HAM & CHEESE KAISER Broccoli rice Fresh bread Salad bar, chilled fruit Milk	Dec-14 SOFT SHELL TACOS Pizza casserole Carrot sticks Fresh bread Shredded cheese Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-15 SUB SANDWICH Chicken noodle soup Fresh bread Carrot sticks Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-16 HOT HAM ON A BUN BBQ RIB ON A BUN Tater tot casserole Fresh bread Chilled fruit' Sliced cheese Milk	Dec-17 CHICKEN NUGGETS Mashed potatoes Fresh bread Chilled fruit Holiday coolies Milk
Dec-20 CHEESE QUESADILLA Salad bar Spanish rice Fresh bread Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-21 CORN DOG ON A STICK Baked beans HOT PASTA Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-22 ROAST TURKEY Mashed potatoes Corn Chilled fruit Dinner rolls Pudding Milk	Dec-23 SPAGHETTI Italian sauce Corn Dinner rolls Chilled fruit Milk	Dec-24

The January School Lunch Menu can be viewed on the district webpage after December 23.

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

As a convenience to parents, the Pittsville School District now provides parents an easy way to add money to their child's food service account. Online payments can be made into food service accounts through the Skyward Family Access parent portal they currently use. We have contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments.

Online Payments Are Easy And Convenient!

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. Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

To make online payments:

- Visit our district website www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
- Click on **For Students/Parents** tab
- Click on **Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Use your **MasterCard** or **VISA** (Debit or Credit Card)

Payments made through Skyward Family Access will immediately be posted to the student's food service account. Parents will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment.

LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly using email and the Pittsville School District Instant 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 instant 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.

View your family account online through Skyward Family Access at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517.

2010-2011 MEAL PRICES

4Kgn- Grade 4 Lunch	\$2.00
Grade 5-8 Lunch	\$2.50
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.00
Adult Lunch	\$3.75
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.25
4Kgn-Grade 12 Breakfast	\$.60
Adult Breakfast	\$1.20

Skyward 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.



PARENTS: Please update your Skyward Family Access Account. Cell phone numbers did not transferred to the new software during the summer.



PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We have reached the middle of the second quarter. The winter sports season has begun. The girls' and boys' basketball teams will open their seasons at the Cranberry Classic at Assumption High School during the Thanksgiving break. Wrestling begins at Chequamegon (Park Falls) on Thursday, December 2. During the month of December, Pittsville High School will host eight home contests. During the weeks of December 5 and 12, all three squads will compete at least once at home. I encourage our fans to come out and support our athletes.

The annual Winter Concert is another opportunity to witness the talents of our students. The concert will be on Sunday, December 12, at 1:30 P.M. I hope you find time to see the talents and energy that our music students possess.

At the beginning of the school year, we changed a procedure for dealing with cell phones. Overall, I believe the change has been positive. I do feel it is important to share some comments that community members have made to me regarding cell phones. Shortly after the year began one parent spoke to me about individuals losing their jobs because the employees are using their cell phones in their place of employment. I have heard some businesses do not allow employees to bring their cell phones on site with them. I bring these comments forward because cell phone etiquette is now a skill being talked about by employers. Knowing when a cell phone can be used is now a skill in the workplace. This might be a worthy topic for a discussion at home.

Another change this year was the time change between classes. The passing time went from five minutes to three minutes. Three minutes between classes is the norm for most of the schools in the Marawood Conference. I give the students a lot of credit for helping to make this change. It is hard for anyone to change their routine, but our students have stepped up to meet the challenge. The number of students tardy for class is now lower than last year at this time when the students had more time between classes.

The focus of students, I believe, has improved due to the shortening of the passing time. The students need to keep moving between classes, which helps them avoid the distractions of having too much time. They are more ready to learn when they arrive at their next class because there is less commotion in the halls between classes.

The reason the switch was made to shorten the passing time was to build a homeroom period. This is a time when groups can meet. For example: one day the Ecology Club will meet during homeroom; the next day the FFA will have their meeting during homeroom.

The homerooms are set up by grade. Each group is assigned a staff member. The homeroom groups have about 12 to 14 students. One other purpose of the homeroom is to allow the staff to have discussions with individual students on grades or have group discussions about a particular topic. The homeroom groups are used to deliver information about testing, preparing the class for activities, or to write a positive note to a peer for Kindness Day. The shortened passing time has helped our school improve communication as well as student focus.

John Olig, Senior High School Principal



Students at the High school are reminded throughout the day of the PBIS Panther traits. These banners are hung in the LMC window and are seen from the cafeteria and the hallway as students move through their day. Students are expected to be *Respectful*, *Responsible*, *Honorable*, and *Engaged* in all areas and activities. We would like to offer a special thank you to Monica Poppy for sharing her sewing talents and time with the construction of the banners.



PBIS Reward Day



Pittsville Elementary School

Dear Parents & Students,

We have successfully completed our first quarter of school. The State of Wisconsin requires all schools to administer the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination to students in Grades 3-8. This year we were able to complete these tests within a one-week time frame. We eagerly await the results, which should be sent to us sometime during February. We use these results to help us evaluate the curriculum that we provide to our students.

We also recently honored our Veterans during our annual Veterans' Day Program. We were very fortunate to have members of our local Legion participate in this program. Mrs. Kelly Look, once again, spearheaded the Veterans Day display in the lobby of the auditorium/gym complex. This is an awesome salute to all those who have served our country. If you get a chance, take a moment to stop in and see the display. See if you can find your loved ones names, and if not, be sure to let us know so next year they can be added to the Wall of Honor.

Nearly 80 students in our 3-8 grade are preparing for the annual school play titled "The One and Only Santa Claus." The students are working very hard at memorizing their lines and getting their actions just perfect. We hope you will join us on December 2nd for the 7 p.m. production in the district auditorium. The play is under the direction of Jodie Sanken and Sara Janz and is sure to tickle your heart.

Our school music programs under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Gronski and Miss Amanda Lewin will be held on December 7th at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Our elementary winter program is going to be held on December 17th. This program begins at 1:00 p.m. All the programs are held in the auditorium.

We hope that you will join us for these events and the many others that are held here at school. You are important to us and we want to share our school with you.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

JoAnn Sondelski
Elementary Principal

HAVE YOU MOVED?

It is extremely important that you provide the elementary office with any changes to your address, telephone number, or e-mail address. Also, be sure that you update this information in Instant Alert as well.

If you have any changes to your emergency contacts, please let us know that also. Having this information up-to-date saves us precious minutes in the event of illness or emergency.

SEPTEMBER GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS

- Golden Dustpan/Broom Award: Ms. Pavlick's 3rd Grade*
- Golden Slipper Award: Mr. Downing's 4th Grade*
- Golden Slide Award: Mr. Sanken's Kindergarten*
- Golden Pencil Award: Mrs. Moore's Social Studies Class*
- Golden Book Award: Mrs. Sanken's Homeroom*
- Golden Table Award: Mrs. Sanken's Homeroom*
- Golden Spoon Award: Mrs. Moore's 4th Grade*
- September Panther Diner: Mr. Sanken's Kindergarten*



OCTOBER GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS

- Golden Slipper Award: Mrs. Niehaus' Kindergarten*
- Golden Dustpan/Broom: Mrs. Niehaus' Kindergarten*
- Golden Slide Award: Monday/Wednesday 4k*
- Golden Pencil Award: Mrs. Moore's Reading Class*
- Golden Book Award: Mrs. Whitrock's Class*
- Golden Table Award: Mrs. Denniston's 2nd Grade*
- Golden Spoon Award: Mrs. Brux's 5th Grade*
- Golden Present: Mrs. Moore's Class*
- October Panther Diner: Mrs. Moore's Class*

ATTENDING THE PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM DECEMBER 18?

Why not join your child for lunch that day. Please make reservations by calling 884-2517. The cost is \$3.75 per person.

COMMUNITY WALKERS

Pittsville Elementary School will be open for walking every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, Pittsville Elementary School Counselor Mrs. Bisek and Elementary Principal Mrs. Sondelski took ten 6th through 8th grade girls to the Expanding Your Horizons Conference at UW Madison. The Expanding Your Horizons Conference was a Day of Career Exploration Activities in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics for Young Women in Middle School. It's attended by almost 350 young ladies all over the state who volunteer their Saturday to attend. The girls attending were broken into small groups and got to experience a variety of activities related to working in different careers. Some were able to hold a human brain while others got to see a rat swim. These were just two of the many activities they were exposed to. Janessa Masanz said, "The classes were hands on and interesting," while Kari Beckman agreed, "It was pretty cool...the activities we did." All in all, it was a great day!



Mrs. Hautala's and Mrs. Kuehn's 1st grade students are sporting their painted apple t-shirts they made during their science unit about apples.



VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 11

PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY PLAY

The students of Pittsville Elementary will perform *The One and Only Santa Claus* by Pat Cook on Thursday and Friday, December 2-3, 2010. The cast and crew will perform this full-length, eleven-act play for the students of the school at 1:00 P.M. on December 3 and will hold a community performance on December 2 at 7:00 P.M. Seventy-eight students have worked for five weeks to prepare this show. The students are working very hard to memorize lines, build a set and master lighting and sound effects.

There is no cost for the performance but a free-will offering will be collected on Thursday evening. Please join us to see the talent of these wonderful 3rd-8th graders as they perform *The One and Only Santa Claus*. After the Thursday night performance, there will be a social time to visit with the actors and actresses.

1ST GRADE VISITS THE SCHOOL FOREST

Students in Mrs. Hautala's and Mrs. Kuehn's classroom enjoyed a beautiful October day as they ventured into the school forest. Accompanying them were high school students from Mr. Steward's life science class. Having studied about the forest and pond ecosystems in science class, this field trip allowed the first graders to experience and see first hand the intricate connections of nature in a forest setting.

The high school students led various stations that engaged the first graders in hands-on activities. They examined leaves, animal habitats, plant life on the forest floor, insects and other organisms of the pond and replicated animal tracks using plaster-a-paris.

To conclude their nature day, they enjoyed a sack lunch among the trees and under an open sky. Mrs. Hautala and Mrs. Kuehn would like to thank Mr. Steward and his students for their collaborative efforts in making this experience so educational and meaningful.



NEWS FROM THE AG DEPARTMENT...

PITTSVILLE SOILS TEAM WINS COUNTY CONTEST

The Pittsville Ag-Ed Soils Team took first place at the local Wood County Soils competition held this year in the Pittsville School District and hosted at Brad & Nikki Kremer's Farm. Each year the Wood County Soils Conservation Department in conjunction with the Wood County Ag-Education Departments hold a soils judging contest. Courtney Robus (1 overall), Amber Wegner (2 overall), Joelle Schuster (4 overall) and Maxine Kremer (7 overall) did a great job. Twenty-six other ag-ed students participated in the competition as well. Mr. Urban commented how well the students studied for the competition and got a good night's sleep to prepare. I can't be more proud of them. You could say they really "dug down deep."

The soils competition includes the student judges and observes three soil pits in competition. These pits are approximately four feet by four feet and four feet deep. The students go right into the pit to analyze the soil for its strengths and weaknesses.

The Soils Contest has five parts for the students to compete. The first part has the students identify the site's Position in landscape; slope and type and degree of erosion. Along with the surface soil's texture, subsoil, surface soil and understanding a soil test report.

The next three parts include judging the soil for its limitations, cropping systems and capability classes and conservation practices. The final part of the test is a written test.

UW Extension Agriculture Agent Matt Lippert did a wonderful job organizing the event once again this year.

2010 FFA National Convention

Cierra Coyle, Connor Coyle, Jenna Ginter, Christine Sturgis, Megan Christiansen, and FFA Advisor Bill Urban, all attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, this past October. While there, they attended sessions on entrepreneurship, CSI (investigating yourself), and martial arts (how to protect yourself without hurting others). The members also went to a Lady Antebellum and Easton Corbin concert, a motivational speech by Josh Shipp, listened to the national FFA president speak, went to a rodeo, and watched a hypnotist. Thank you to Mr. Urban for chaperoning and to the Pittsville FFA Alumni for this great learning experience.

Cierra Coyle and Jenna Ginter



PITTSVILLE FFA/ALUMNI ANNUAL MEAT and LABOR AUCTION A SUCCESS

The Pittsville FFA/Alumni Annual Meat and Labor Auction was once again success. The money raised from the meat and labor auction helps continued support for the FFA Alumni in scholarships, trips and much more helping out our students and FFA members here at Pittsville. This year's labor pool of strong young FFA members will provide over 250 hours of community service going back into our community. FFA Presidents Michaela Wolf and Hannah Marti along with FFA Advisor Bill Urban sold for \$300 for their 24 hours of labor.

Mic and Kitty Marti along with Bill and Beth Rosandick were the night's biggest buyers. The FFA Alumni and FFA would like to thank all those who donated and bought at this year's auction.

Meat auctioned off included ½ beef, 4 1/2 pigs, and 2 lambs that were generously donated by Schulz Construction, Foxwood Farm, Croptech Agronomics, Terry Frost Trucking, Baums Mercantile, Pittsville Therapy, Pittsville Family Dental, Hay Creek Pellet, Gardner Cold Storage, Gardner Cranberry, Fox Country Cranberries, Buchanan Funeral Home, Perkl Septic, The Flower Shop, Cournoyer Oil, Chasteen Insurance Agency Debbie Kroening with Coldwell Banker Brenizer Realty, Pittsville Vision Center, Wisconsin Farm Business, Pittsville Homes, Wilke Landscaping, Hahn Transportation, Pittsville Farm and Home Center, Cartridge World-Troy Zickert, Shawn Dupee Construction, Under the Sun Pottery Studio, Kohls Plumbing, Matthews Electric, H & S, Harmony Co-op.

Pittsville Agriculture Education Department
is looking for pots, pruners, or any other horticulture supplies. Please drop them off at the high school. Thank you!



FFA Members Rachel Delaney, Abi DeWilde, and Sam Solatycki present a Halloween Safety Skit to the elementary students prior to Halloween.

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT GOES VIRTUAL AND PAPERLESS

The Business Education Department at Pittsville High School is trying something new this year, going online with classes and trying to eliminate paper waste. To do this the classes are using a Facebook like web-program called Edmodo, an education social network that connects teachers and students online for class work. Students complete their work in Microsoft programs and are then able to upload them to the site for grading.

Business teacher Jenny Jackson is trying the new program this year to help prepare Business students for post-secondary schools where they utilize the Blackboard online system. "Edmodo is a nice training program for Blackboard because it is user friendly so they aren't intimidated by the program like Blackboard, which is complicated to navigate when you first begin using it" Jackson said. The online system is not replacing the instruction in the classroom, Jackson still teaches the students all the appropriate material in lecture and through demonstration, but the homework is submitted online making it a hybrid learning environment. "It is a great tool for students who have been absent to find out what they need to make up at any time from school or home, and it also adds more responsibility on their part to stay informed of when assignments are due, similar to what they will experience when they go on to post-secondary school."

Cutting down on printing costs was another goal of the new program because of the large amount of printing that is done in the business classroom. It was estimated that in Word Processing class last year each student printed at least two sheets of paper a day which was 40 sheets of paper per class period. For a 5 day week that would be 200 sheets of paper which then totaled 3600 sheets of paper for the semester. That is over 7 reams of paper for a single class. "If we can cut down on the cost of printing and to get students to become wise printers it will reduce the cost of paper, toner, and repairs to the printing equipment. We want students to be responsible when printing to not only cut down on the cost but to also have the environment in mind too." So far the response from students has been a positive one and the new program is also being used in the Tech Ed department in their Exploring Tech class which uses Adobe software.

SENIORS.....Please turn in your Senior picture, baby picture, and a candid picture to the Yearbook by December 15th. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Jackson.



Raking like Rock Stars

On Saturday, October 23, Pittsville FCCLA students joined with youth across the nation participating in Make a Difference Day. Amber Wegner, Ashlie Potter, Jessica Wix and Brianna Fox traveled to Marshfield and raked the lawn of a 91 year old gentleman. This simple effort of these students made a huge impact the life of someone else. Way to go girls!! Rae Ann Leonhardt is the FCCLA advisor.

Ho-Ang-Ho 2010 Yearbooks available for sale for \$35. For more information, contact Mrs. Jackson at the high school at 715-884-6412.



Sophomores are quickly adapting to "FreeRead Friday" in Ms. Freedlund's classroom. Students are expected to read and record specific elements for a quarterly book report.



2010 Homecoming Court: Congratulations to the following Pittsville High School students who were on Homecoming Court: Olivia Wesely escorted by Tyler Beckman, Mindy Bakken escorted by Mason Frost, Amber Wegner escorted by Lee Friedl, Emma Huber escorted by Gavin Hautala, Cassandra Kuhlka escorted by Ryan Knutson, Lindsey Robus escorted by Adam Reno, Summer Wilke escorted by Justin Schueller, Katelyn Copeland escorted by Ryan Schwanebeck. The Homecoming Queen was Michaela Wolf escorted by King Jordan Rayburn.

PHS Students Attend UWSP STEM Career Day

On Friday, November 5, Pittsville High School students Hannah Marti, Rachel Neve, and Thomas Hughes attended the UW-Stevens Point STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Career Day. These students, along with hundreds of other students from all across Wisconsin, had the opportunity to attend workshops designed to introduce them to STEM career options, speak with college professors, and experience a brief glimpse of college life. The STEM Career Day is offered annually at UW-Stevens Point and all students are allowed to register.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT... WINTER WONDERLAND

The seventh grade Art Class decided to create a display for the Winter Wonderland light show at the Marshfield Zoo that opens the day after Thanksgiving through New Year's Days. They were presented with the challenge of creating a display that would reflect light from Ben Lee of Staab Construction. Lindsey Winterhack, Jesse Poppy, Tom Schubert, Marti Dietz, Miranda Huber, Brandon Geer, Jenna Hughes, Everett Rasmussen, Sara Minor, Paul Downs, and Aron Masanz spent many hours testing theories to reflect light for the light show. They practiced with a variety of materials and numerous supplies until they decided on their project. They learned what materials would reflect the best and how to play with the angles to create more reflection. One of the final projects was creating three large snowflakes with mirror and CD reflections. The group is still working on finalizing a large kaleidoscope that will shine down onto the ground. The testing began with a small scale kaleidoscope and continued on the larger scale model. Make sure you stop by Winter Wonderland to see their snowflakes and kaleidoscope. The Winter Wonderland provides food to our Pittsville Food Pantry.



ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND SPAIN INTERNATIONAL TRIP OFFERED TO PITTSVILLE STUDENTS

The Art Department is offering the high school students an opportunity to travel aboard to England, France, and Spain during June 2012. EF Educational Tours brings classroom lessons to life. By experiencing foreign cities, iconic monuments and distant cultures firsthand, your child will connect with academic studies and the world at large in a whole new way.

Adrian, a representative from EF Educational Tours will be coming to the high school on December 1 during lunch to answer questions. Mrs. Doering will also hold an informational meeting on December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Art Room at Pittsville Elementary School. Stop in to see how you can save by registering before December 15.

ART CLUB

Shopping Day Babysitting Service

The Art Club is offering babysitting services on Saturday, December 4 for parents that would like to have a day to go shopping. Parents can drop off their children ages 4 - 10 starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 4th and ending at 3:00 p.m. Please send a sack lunch with your child. The children will make a parent gift during the babysitting hours. The fees are \$2.50 per hour per child (\$12.50) and \$5.00 per hour for a family of three children (\$25.00). Pre-registration is necessary, please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs. Doering at Pittsville Elementary School. Make checks payable to Pittsville Art Club.

Parent Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Fee: _____ Check #: _____

DECORATE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

FOR \$10.00 ON DECEMBER 12

4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.

AGES 4 AND UP

SIGN UP NOW WHILE THERE ARE STILL
SOME AVAILABLE THROUGH THE
PITTSVILLE ART DEPARTMENT

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS.....

Greetings from the Pittsville Bands!

6TH GRADE BAND

The 6th grade band is 19 strong and off to a great start! We just started a new process called *Playoff!* in which students compete to advance further than their classmates. The only trick is that we do not accept anything but perfection! Starting next week, I will post the top Playoff players on the band website! Make sure to check it out and encourage the students you know.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND

Junior High School Band is 31 students strong with a good mix of instruments. Starting after the holidays, we will also start the Playoff process to get students focused on improvement. We're working hard on our holiday music and hope to see you December 6th and 7th for our Winter Concert!

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The high school band is doing a lot of great things! We're 21 students strong, including two foreign exchange students learning western instruments for the first time. We've progressed in our playing dramatically since September and are working towards new goals every day. In addition to playing, we've recently started a project revolved around *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky. Each student has taken on a project of his or her own ranging from sculptures to video projects to dancing. We hope to complete these projects before our Winter Concert so we can share them with you as we play movements from the ballet!



In other news, I'd like to congratulate our Marawoods Conference Band members from Pittsville (pictured here): Angela Rahm, Zach Zdun, Megan Piotrowski, and Hope Moos. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn some challenging music and play with leaders from other school districts. They should be very proud.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

1st Annual Alumni Pep Band Night - Dec 10th!

All band alumni and friends are invited to play with the current PHS Band for the Boys Varsity Basketball game on December 10th! We'd LOVE to see you there as we kick off this annual event! Bring your working instruments and we will provide all of the music on the set list!

5:30 Dinner and Rehearsal (required)

7:00 Pre-game music

7:30 Game

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 7th so we can plan for music and food. Everything will be provided free of cost! Visit the evite on the Band Website or email Miss Amanda Lewin to RSVP.

Music Department Info at a Glance

Alumni Pep Band Night! – December 10th. PLEASE invite all alumni and friends with working instruments to RSVP to this event. We'll be providing food and music free of charge. Help spread the word! Please email me at lewinama@pittsville.k12.wi.us so I can add you or your friends to the guest list.

Band Website: Visit <http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/faculty/lewinama> for weekly updates on what's going on in the band room!

Facebook Page! Search for Pittsville Music Department on Facebook and join!

Upcoming Events! Monday, December 6th Junior High Concert (6:30)
Tuesday, December 7th Junior High Concert (1:45)
Friday, December 10th Alumni Pep Band Night (5:30)
Sunday, December 12th High School Concert
TBA - January 6th Grade Band Progress Concert

MEET THE NEW BAND INSTRUCTOR...



My name is **Amanda Lewin** and I'm originally from Cudahy, a suburb of Milwaukee, WI. I hold a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point with instrumental, choral, and general emphasis. I've played trumpet for 15 years, voice for 7, and have had a number of directing experiences including theater productions, choirs, orchestras, and bands. I am also currently on tour staff for the Kids from Wisconsin, a very important part of my life. I am currently the Director of Bands at Pittsville and teach music for Kindergarten, First Grade, and the Looping Class.

My goal is simple: do all that is in my power to use music as a media to mold leaders for a generation that desperately needs them. At Pittsville, this has meant a few small changes to refocus and restructure how band students interact, prepare, and perform. While concerts are an important part of any group, how we think and act as young adults will determine our success in the world – whether we'd like to take over the family farm or become the head of a Fortune 500 company. That is why I set high, yet reachable, goals for each student and expect nothing less than attainment.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Margaret Gronski. She is an amazing asset to this community and I couldn't be more blessed with a mentor and colleague. Also, I realize the risk involved in hiring a teacher fresh from college and I'd like to thank the district for taking that risk and I promise not to disappoint. The warm welcome by the community and staff has been amazing and I'm looking forward to growing roots here.

Photo Courtesy: Photographic Memories LLC



2010 POPS CONCERT



Congratulations to our Marawoods Conference Choir members: Jamie Dietz, Matt Peckham, Anna Schwaneback, Nathan Amundson



HS Drama Presents....

The Pittsville High School Drama Club presented *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* on November 12, 13, and 14th. The comedy was written by William Gleason and directed by Ruth Buettner and Sarah Freedlund. Thirty-eight students were involved this year as actors, stage crew, sound and lights, and hair and make-up.

This year's production had actors learning accents (French, Italian, German, and British); as well as several action scenes. The blocking for the assassin and Cato action scenes was complicated but looked seamless to the audience. Special thanks to Ruth Buettner for the many things she does behind the scenes that make a production better. Her keen ear for picking just the right music to go with a play is amazing. Karen Garrels for finding the costumes. Robert Wolff for sharing his skills on the follow spot. And Preston Fuller for being there to help out at the end.



State Superintendent Tony Evers took time out of his busy schedule to take our nationally recognized Splash of Red Cranberry Tour. Mr. Evers commented how impressed he was with the students.

Ecology Club

Last year the Pittsville Ecology Club built benches and created trails through the school forest and this year they were put to use. On Monday, October 25th, the High School Ecology Class teamed up with Mr. Hautala's and Mrs. Kuehn's 1st grade classes and visited the Pittsville School Forest.

This is the second visit to the school forest by Mr. Steward's Ecology class. The first visit was to learn about forestry survey methods, tree identification, and to calculate the tree density in different areas. On the second visit, the high school students used their knowledge gained on the previous trip to teach the 1st graders about the forest.

In preparation for the visit, Mrs. Hautala and Mrs. Kuehn created five stations the 1st graders would visit that were located throughout the forest. Ecology students were placed at each station that covered tree identification based on their leaves, animal track, forest observations, adopt a tree, and their favorite; pond animals.

As the 1st graders visited each station, they handled aquatic insects, discovered animal tracks, found tree leaves, listened for bird calls, and took in all of the sights and sounds of the forest. There was plenty of time to listen, question, explore, and experience first hand the wonders of a forest. It was a great learning experience for everyone. The morning ended with a lunch in the forest before heading back to school.

The Pittsville School Forest provides an excellent experience for all students to learn in an outdoor environment. This is just the beginning in a series of field trips planned for Pittsville students to get outside and enjoy nature for many years to come. *Contributed article written by Rachel Neve, the Ecology Club Networking/Community Chair.*

Ski/Snowboard Club News...

Want to learn how to snowboard? The PHS snowboard club is giving lessons. Call Pam at 715-884-6412 for more information. As soon as the snow flies and the hills are open the ski/snowboard club will be hitting the slopes. Here are some dates planned for the winter:

Sat. Dec. 18 – Cascade Mountain

Tues. Dec 28 – Bruce Mound – tubing, skiing or snowboarding

Sat. Jan 22 – Granite Peak – Evening trip

Fri. Feb. 25 – Devil's Head

Sat.-Mon. Jan. 15-17, HS only weekend trip

The club is enforcing the helmet rule for all skiers & snowboarders who go on trips with the club. All members must wear a helmet while on a trip. You can purchase a helmet for \$20.00 through the club. Call Pam at the high school if you need further information. The club is purchasing some helmets to borrow to members for the day. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of helmets, please make checks out to PHS Ski Club and send to Pam Kumm at Pittsville High School, 5407 1st Ave., Pittsville WI 54466. We would like to thank Jeff & Grace Ignatowski, Wayne & Julie Dietz, and Jerome & Carmen Kumm for their donations. We were able to purchase 14 helmets so far.

The club will be doing their annual "Cookies-in-a-Jar" fundraiser starting just before Thanksgiving. If anyone has any quart/pint canning jars they would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated.

¡Qué Pasa, Amigos?

"Hola" from the Spanish classes! As many of you already know, Mrs. Kumm was not able to be here to start the year, but things are going well and we hope to have her back soon.

We have continued on, and something new we are trying is that the Spanish III and Spanish IV classes are working with the Kindergarten classes twice a month. We started with the basics – numbers, colors and days of the week – and have just moved on to animals you might see around the house or farm (such as horses, dogs and cats) as well as some you might not see on a regular basis (such as whales, sharks and penguins). It was a welcome surprise for the High School students when they began with the younger students and discovered that many of them already knew some of the material, thanks to the hard work of our Kindergarten teachers. We plan to continue throughout the year, as both groups of students really seem to be enjoying it and getting something valuable out of the collaboration.

High School Student Council Helps Sponsor Blood Drive

On Wednesday, November 10, Pittsville High School was visited by the Blood Center of Wisconsin. This was an opportunity for students to donate blood which would be used at St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinic. The blood supply tends to get low around the holiday season, and many students and community members were willing to help.

After the day was done, there were 52 donors and the Blood Center collected 39 whole blood units, 5 platelets and 4 dual red products. The Student Council and the Blood Center would like to thank everyone who made this possible. Another blood drive is planning on being scheduled this spring.

SNOWBOARD CLUB is looking for quart jars, lids, and rings. If you have any, please contact Pam Kumm at 884-6212.

SCHOOL DAY MODIFICATIONS

If weather conditions are such that the school schedule may be interrupted, notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals will be made through the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System or on one of the radio stations listed below. 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 on those days.

WIFC	95.5 FM	Wausau
WOFM	94.7 FM	Wausau
WOSQ	92.3 FM	Marshfield
WGLX	103.3 FM	Wis. Rapids
WSAW	TV-7	Wausau
WAOW	TV - 9	Wausau
WEAU	TV-13	Eau Claire

Athletic Department News...

The fall sports season has come and gone, and I'd like to congratulate all of Pittsville's fall athletes and coaches on another great season. I would like to recognize Tory Palmer and Coaches Casey and Renee John and Eric Winter on qualifying for the State Cross Country meet. Tory ran a great race and represented Pittsville extremely well. It is a huge accomplishment to participate in a state tournament, and we are all proud of her hard work.

With the completion of the fall season brings the start of the winter season. We are looking forward to a great winter season with our wrestling, girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling cheer, and pom pon programs. The winter season also brings winter weather and the possibility of school cancellations and athletic events being rescheduled. I'd like to encourage those of you that like to follow Pittsville athletics to visit the school website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click on the Athletics/ Sports Schedules link. At the top right of the page there is a link entitled Notify Me! which you can click on and follow the steps to ensure that you get the latest updates to the Pittsville Athletic schedules via email. Another great communication tool that we, as a district, use is the Honeywell Instant Alert System. Information about this system is available on the District webpage under the Honeywell Instant Alert/SignUp/Information tab. You can also get help with this system by contacting the school office. We are working hard to keep the lines of communication open.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome three new coaches to the Pittsville coaching staff. Our new pom pon coach is Pittsville graduate Tiffany Grys. Tiffany coached the Pom girls this fall and will continue to work with the girls this winter. We look forward to their performances throughout the season. Pittsville also would like to welcome new coaches to the girls basketball program. Jim Pieper is our new head girls basketball coach and Pittsville graduate Ashley Normington is our new JV/Assistant varsity girls basketball coach. As a community, please make our new and our veteran coaches feel welcome and give them our support this season. I would really like to see our gym filled with positive support for our student athletes who put so much work into representing the Pittsville School District.

Todd Sanken, Kindergarten Teacher/Athletic Director
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S.O.D.A / P.O.P.S Club News

(Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol Power Of Positive Students)
Submitted by Jessi Wix, Reporter

Senior SODA-POPS Officers Present to School Board

On November 8, Mindy Bakken (President,) Jessi Wix (Reporter,) and Zach Zdun (Vice President) presented to the board about our upcoming events and events we have already completed this year. The board received a packet of information including a brochure from the Inner Wisconsin Coalition for Youth, a timeline of our monthly events, and a Parent Network Contract. We thought this was a valuable experience and hope to turn it into a yearly event.

Youth Initiative Projects: Day of Kindness: Oct 13

On October 13, Pittsville High School celebrated Day of Kindness. During the students' homeroom on October 8, students got small yellow slips of paper. Students put their name in the Dear____, spot and then handed them back to the teacher. After that, they all came up and grabbed a random piece of yellow paper. From there, the students wrote a kind letter to the person that they had and then signed with either their name or, if they didn't want them to know who wrote it, signed it anonymous or your homeroom friend.

Then, on the 12th, S.O.D.A. P.O.P.S (Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol-Power Of Positive Students) members stayed after school and put the yellow slips into the other students' lockers. On Wednesday morning, the notes greeted students in hopes of giving them a brighter day. Also, on the 12th, S.O.D.A.P.O.P.S members put up posters with positive and kindness quotes all around the school; every lunch table also had a bright colored kindness quote. We would like to thank all of those who participated in Day of Kindness; we believe that it was very successful.

High School Counselor Upcoming Events & Activities

SAVE the DATE!

Seniors and Parents

- **Financial Aid Night:** Monday, Dec 13th at 6:30 pm in the HS Cafeteria
- **FAFSA Help:** Thursday, Feb 24th from 4:00-8:00 pm in HS Computer Lab. Please bring in your (student and parent) 2010 completed tax information; you will be able to fill out the FAFSA right then and there ☺
- **Wisconsin Covenant Scholars Confirmation Form:** Due Apr 1, 2011

Juniors and Parents

- **Junior Individual Planning Conferences:** November and December (Please call Mrs. Backaus to set up a time if you have not yet done so)
- **Spring ACT Test Dates:** Feb 12, Apr 9, and Jun 11. Please visit the website at www.actstudent.org for more information.

Sophomores/Freshmen and Parents

- **Plan and Explore Test Results:** Please contact Mrs. Backaus if you have not received your results in the mail and/or if you have any questions regarding the test and/or your student's results.
- **Post Secondary Planning Night:** Thursday, Feb 24th at 7:00 in the Auditorium. Guest speakers from local schools will present information helpful to students and parents as they begin planning for life after PHS.

8th Graders and Parents

- **8th Grade Night:** Thursday, Feb 24th at 6:00 in the High School Gym. Meet the HS teachers and learn important information regarding transitioning to high school.

9-12 FAMILIES: PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE MAIL FOR OUR YEARLY LETTER AND UPCOMING PACKET OF INFORMATION DUE OUT IN DECEMBER.

PHS National Honor Society Chapter News

The Pittsville High School's National Honor Society is looking forward to being a more active and involved club in the community this school year. Members of this organization are invited to apply for membership based having a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above upon completion of three semesters of high school. Upon completion of the student form, the five member Faculty Counsel evaluates potential members on three characteristics: character, leadership, and service. The NHS Advisor is Julia Backus and our newly elected officers are Olivia Wesely (President), Cassandra Kuhlka (Vice President), Ashlie Potter (Parliamentarian/Vice President), Hannah Marti (Treasurer), Brianna Fox (Secretary), and Joelle Schuster (Historian). Thus far the club has participated in clean up of Riverside Park after the flooding and volunteering at the Winter Wonderland Light Display at Wildwood Park in Marshfield. New activities will include tutoring students, an official Induction Ceremony for new members, and getting club t-shirts and officer polos. This year the club will continue to hold their Annual Spring Clean Up and is looking forward to a rewards field trip to Mt. Olympus in the Wisconsin Dells in May. Members of the club are anxious to work towards leaving a positive impact on our community.

Submitted by Joelle Schuster, Historian

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

According to Wisconsin law, drivers must stop a minimum of 20 feet from a stopped school bus with its red warning lights flashing. Drivers must stop whether the bus is on their side of road, on the opposite side of the road, or at an intersection they are approaching. However, drivers are not required to stop for a school bus if they are traveling in the opposite direction on the other side of a divided roadway separated by a median or other physical barrier.

When they are passed illegally, school bus drivers are authorized to report the violator to a law enforcement agency and a citation may be issued. The owner of the vehicle, who might not be the offending driver, will then be responsible for paying the citation.

A citation for failure of a vehicle to stop for a school bus costs \$326.50 with four demerit points. If reported by a school bus driver, the vehicle owner's liability for the illegal passing of a bus costs \$326.50 with no demerit points.

STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL

State law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians:

- Who have started crossing an intersection or crosswalk on a walk signal or on a green light if there's no walk signal.
- Who are crossing the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals.
- When a vehicle is crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway.

In addition, drivers may not legally overtake and pass any vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians at an intersection or crosswalk. Drivers who fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians who are legally crossing roadways may be issued citations that cost approximately \$175 to \$232 (depending on the type of violation) along with four demerit points assessed on their license. A citation for passing a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians costs \$326 with three demerit points.

STUDENTS BIKING TO SCHOOL

When drivers are passing bicycles traveling in the same direction, they must leave a safe distance of no less than 3-feet of clearance and must maintain that clearance until they have safely passed the bicycle.

A violation of the state law that requires drivers to overtake and pass bicyclists safely costs a total of \$200.50 with three demerit points.

"Students, especially young children, are not always paying attention to traffic around them, so drivers should expect the unexpected," says State Patrol Superintendent David Collins "Because children and teens can be unpredictable, we need to remind drivers at the start of every school year to keep an eye out for buses and students riding bikes or walking on their way to and from school."



Saturday, December 4

The Memories Christmas Show

Warren Petryk and Tim Stevens have been performing together since 1972. This is their fifth concert in Pittsville. Their Christmas is a family event that includes a mix of traditional carols, sing-a-longs, comedy and special surprises. This is a wonderful concert to begin the Christmas celebration.



Sponsored in part by: Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc., Pittsville Vision Center, Pinecrest, Pittsville Family Dental, Pittsville Farm and Home Center, Buchanan Funeral Home, Hay Creek Pallet Co., Diane & Charles Hayden, Pittsville Homes, Gross Motors, The Flower Shop, Wisconsin Farm Business

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Show time: 7:30 pm

Tickets: Adult \$10, Senior \$8, Student \$5

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please check www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click on Athletics for the most current and accurate information.

THINGS TO SAVE

Please help us throughout the school year by collecting the following:

Campbell's Labels for Education – labels from any Campbell's product

Boxtops for Education – the "coupon" located on General Mills products

Milk Caps & Bags – from Kemps, Kwik Trip, Land O'Lakes, Morning Glory

We also participate in **rebate programs from Target and Pick 'n Save**. To participate in the "We Care" program at Pick 'n Save, simply list our school's account number (617190) on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application. Each time you present your card at the checkout, a donation from that purchase is added to our account. There is no cost to participate in either rebate program.

INSTANT ALERT FOR SCHOOLS

Instant Alert for Schools is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert can also be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. It's an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes. Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success.

The system can be found through a link on the district website or at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system for much of our school-to-home communication.

If you need assistance with your profile, please go to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the **Help Request** link on the lower right hand side of the page, or contact the school at 715-884-2517 (elementary office), 715-884-6412 (High School office).

"You are the only one who can use your ability. It is an awesome responsibility."
-Zig Ziglar

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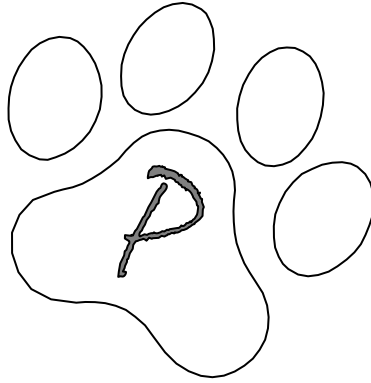
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NEWSLETTER

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