

Pittsville School District News

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

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THIRD QUARTER, 2012-13

From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds . . .

At the February 11 School Board Meeting, the Pittsville School Board approved the purchasing and installation of added security equipment. So what will this mean to those of you who visit our schools?

Most of the equipment being purchased, very few visitors will see any difference in their normal access. A total of five doors (four elementary, one high school) will be altered to allow for keyless entry by staff who need access to those areas. The District currently has six keyless entry doors, the additional door equipment will allow for more safe and secure entry for students during the school day, especially during recess time.

Three doors, however, (the high school entryway, elementary school entryway, and district office building entryway) will have "buzz in" security systems installed. This technology will establish a more controlled entry into the school buildings during the school day. Once installed, all school entry doors will be locked during the school day (8:00 am - 3:00 pm). The only way an individual will be able enter the buildings is to push a button at the main entrance. This will notify one of the secretaries in the offices to greet you, ask your name, and purpose to enter. The secretary will be able to see and hear the individual on the outside through a camera system. The secretary will then push a button to allow entry into the building, asking the individual to first report to the office. If there are concerns, no entry will be allowed and an administrator will be notified to assist in the situation.

This will give you a glimpse of what parents and visitors will be experiencing in the future. We do not have the dates yet of when the installation will be able to take place, but we will be notifying parents in the near future when this will occur ahead of time. The District is currently working on specific procedures that will need to be followed, for example, when the system should be shut down to allow free access into the building, how to ensure visitors do not enter the hallways without checking into the office areas first.

We understand that these new procedures will take time for everyone to get used to and make things a bit less welcoming than we would like, however, the system will allow our students and staff to be more secure and safe during the school day than what is occurring right now. We ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward with this security system. It is our hope that with these changes, we can help avoid tragedies in the future from ever happening.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(SECTION 120.06 (8)(c), WIS. STATS.)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

Robert A. Wolff

MaryAnn T. Lippert

Jane Wesely

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

Connie Potter, District Clerk



OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The open enrollment application period for the 2013-2014 school year is from Feb. 4 – Apr. 30, 2013.

The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2013. *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/Opal2012/>
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district.

SCHOOLMESSENGER PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Pittsville School District will no longer be using Instant Alert for our instant messaging service. We instead will be using our Skyward system's SchoolMessenger. This service will allow you to update all your information in just one account. For this system to work, all you need to do is make sure all contact information in Skyward's Family and Student Access is updated. The district is also excited to announce that with this new service we will be able to deliver important information to you via SMS text messaging. This service is not intended to replace our existing means of communication— rather it will enhance them. The service is provided by SchoolMessenger. Information can be found at www.SchoolMessenger.com or on the Pittsville School District Web Site. The district will only use the service to provide information that is timely and relevant.

In order to participate in the new feature of this service you must indicate your willingness to receive text messages to your phone. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply text any one of the following words to the number **68453**: subscribe, optin, yes. You'll know you were successful if you receive the following reply message: "You are registered to receive approx 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help." You'll want to repeat the opt-in process for any wireless numbers that you wish to include. In addition to performing the opt-in process above you'll want to insure that the district has your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you haven't already provided your cell information to your school please remember to do so in your Skyward Family Access account.

Please note, although the district does not charge you for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's school.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

Mr. Reynolds, District Administrator
715-884-6694

Mr. Weddig, Senior High Principal
715-884-6412

Mrs. Fischer, Elementary Principal
715-884-2517

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.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Art Stevenson and High Water Saturday, May 11, 2013

This four-piece bluegrass band from the heart of Wisconsin has become a local favorite as it returns for a eleventh annual performance. You'll hear bluegrass classics, early country and mountain songs, as well as gospel vocal trios and quartets; warm with friendly humor. Visit them at www.highwatermusic.com.

Sponsored in part by: Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc., Chasteen Agency, Cenex, Heuer Brothers Construction, Pittsville Family Dental, Stratford Therapy Services, Inc., Health Centered Dentistry-Dr John & Judy Laughlin, Diane and Charles Hayden

Time: 7:30 PM
Tickets: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Students \$5



PHS News



As the days get longer and the snow starts to disappear, there are certainly many changes inside and outside of Pittsville High School. In our memories are the sounds of basketballs bouncing and the special intensity of a home dual meet. We are now hearing the slap of a ball in a glove and see the hopes of sprinters and jumpers that the snow will soon be completely gone so they can practice their skills in earnest.



Seniors are counting the days until graduation. It is a mixed feeling for them knowing they will miss PHS, but also getting ready to forge ahead toward a new chapter in their lives. Graduation will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 25th. Seniors will take their final exams early, on May 23rd and 24th, after which we will have our graduation practice. We will be having a special Senior Awards Night at 7:00 pm on May 22nd, when we will honor those seniors who have earned scholarships and other awards. Special invitations will be sent to the scholarship recipients in May. The public is welcome and encouraged to join us in this celebration of the achievements of Pittsville High School's finest students, which takes place in the auditorium.

Next year's high school students have schedules ready and four-year plans that are tied to their post-high school aspirations. A great thanks goes out from me to all of the teacher-advisors, and especially Julia Backaus and Pam Kumm, for all their efforts to make this process run as smoothly as possible and helping students make plans to meet their future goals. I also want to thank the students for enthusiastically using a new method, arena scheduling, to get things in place for next year. It was truly a team effort by parents, students, and the dedicated staff here at PHS.

You undoubtedly received your child's WKCE scores in the last few weeks. Please realize when you look at how they performed, the reading and math portions are being evaluated according to a new set of "cut scores" or standards for comparison. This is to get us ready for the new nationwide testing system that will begin in the 2014-2015 school year in which the standards are a great deal higher. We are working diligently to align our curriculum with these new standards which should increase the rigor of our classes and be a benefit to all of our students. More information is available on the website regarding the new standards.

At the end of the month, we finish the third term this year with Final Exams right before the spring break. I encourage you to speak with your children about doing their best to get ready for finals and reward themselves with a carefree break from school to follow. Then, we will be back for the final stretch toward the end of the year.

Please enjoy spring break and hope for plenty of sunshine for all of us!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING, AMERICA'S TOP FEAR

Juniors and Seniors at Pittsville High School have been learning to overcome the top fear by most adults in America in their Oral and Interpersonal Communications class. The class focuses on getting students in front of their peers to perform speeches that are well-practiced and polished; however, another focus is having student understand the importance of being able to speak in an impromptu method.

Students so far have written informative and special occasion speeches. Many staff have been eulogized during the students' special occasion speeches, and the class has learned about a variety of topics, including the Harlem Shake, McDonalds and Dan Hahn, during the informative speeches. Students have also been watching some of the best speeches giving by famous orators, examining them for successful rhetorical devices. In the future, the students will be practicing their interview skills and working on their persuasive techniques.

"BE PREPARED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE"

The Consumer Math class was joined by Tom Gardner, employee and business owner of four local businesses. The math class has been studying employment topics, including finding employment, pay checks and types of insurances available.



Mr. Gardner shared his road to success, starting in consumer math himself and on the farm, hitting the road as a truck driver and finally ending up as an employer of others in trucking, cranberries, pallet construction and mulch. He was able to give the perspectives, as employee and employer, to many of the questions asked by the students and repeatedly advised the students to learn as much now while in school because it makes that road of employment and advancement easier along the way. "Learning never ends, and employees that are willing to learn are in high demand."

"Be prepared for the opportunity to advance", Mr. Gardner repeated a number of times encouraging students to take every opportunity that high school has to offer to prepare for the future. None of us know what opportunities will be offered to us in the future and it is our abilities and attitudes that enable us to take advantage of them. Be prepared and start now!

Counselor's Corner: 3rd Quarter, Julia Backaus, 7-12 School Counselor

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

SENIORS:

Upcoming Important Dates: *Josten's Delivery Date:* Tuesday, April 16th at 9:30 AM, Cafeteria (all unpaid balances due). *NEW--Awards Evening:* Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM, Auditorium (*this will replace the traditional Awards Day morning held the Friday prior to graduation*). *Graduation:* Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium (*Senior Breakfast will be held prior at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria; all seniors must report to the LMC by 9:00 AM*).

Paying for school: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships! As most of you know, most local scholarships are due Friday, April 12th, but some are due before spring break. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2012-2013 Scholarships and Contests) under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college; your 2012 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (*There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.*)

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

JUNIORS:

Spring Campus Visits: Spring is great time for juniors to visit prospective campuses to get the "real feel" for campus life with classes still in session. Many colleges provide students and parents the opportunity to experience this together through their *Preview Days* programs. Juniors have recently received a list of all the UW preview days for this spring; additionally, scheduled PHS campus trips were listed on this sheet as well. *Students need to register and pay for school sponsored trips in advance with Mrs. Backaus.* If the school you are interested in is not listed, please see their website or Mrs. Backaus to find out more information.

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

a. Test Date: June 8th, 2013—Registration Deadline: May 3rd, 2013

b. Test Date: September 21st, 2013—TBD later this month, see website for update

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

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN:

Spring Field Trips: *Sophomores* will take a field trip to participate in the Career Expo hosted by the Portage County PIE in Stevens Point on *Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013*. Students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from different occupations as well as participate in a mock interview experience. *Students will be given information about this trip prior to spring break in their Life and Personal Class.*

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

8TH GRADERS:

Spring Field Trips: The "**Reality Store**" field trip is a real life budgeting simulation event hosted at Marshfield Middle School by MACCI on Wednesday, April 10th, 2013. *Information about this trip was given out during 8th grade English on Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th.* Permission slips are due back to Mrs. Sanken (the English teacher) by Friday, March 22nd.

The "**Discovery Days**" field trip is a whole day event where students visit Mid-State Technical College and UW-Marshfield on Friday, April 26th, 2013. The purpose of this field trip is to encourage students to start thinking about post-secondary options early as well and introduce them to certain careers they might be interested in. *Information about this field trip will be given out after spring break.*

PHS: NEW College and Career Readiness Program for 2013-14

An Overview for Potential Community Partners

Rational: In an effort to address post-secondary and work force concerns about the readiness of the next generation, Pittsville High School has established a two year program for all juniors and seniors with the following targeted goals for all students upon graduation from Pittsville High School:

- Soft skills development and application
- Financial literacy awareness and utilization
- Real world career observation and evaluation

JUNIOR YEAR: Career and Financial Literacy Class

All juniors at PHS will take a career and financial literacy class that alternates with PE 11 during the fall semester (September–mid-January).

Job Shadow Requirements: As part of this class, students will be asked to complete 3 job shadows that match up with their career interest areas. If possible, job shadows will be scheduled during October-December for a 3-4 hour time period, preferably during the AM. The employer will be asked to sign off on a verification sheet indicating the date and time the student was there; a formal evaluation of the student will not be required. Students will complete any health screenings, safety trainings, etc. prior to the job shadow experience if requested by the employer.

SENIOR YEAR: Senior Capstone All seniors at PHS will take a career capstone class that alternates with their required Contemporary American Problems course during the fall semester (September–mid-January.) Seniors will have three options for this course to choose from: a career internship at an off-site location, service learning experience at the elementary school, or a virtual class.

Career Internship (non-paid) Requirements: Students will complete a 12 week career internship (September 30, 2013–December 20, 2013) at an off-site location two days a week (M/W or T/TH) between 8:00–10:00 AM. A student can choose to complete the internship at one site for the full 12 weeks or two sites for 6 weeks each. Students are expected to act in a professional regard by following all rules and dress code requirements set forth by the internship site. Additionally, students are expected to complete entry level tasks, observations, etc. as deemed appropriate by the employer. The employer will be asked to complete a formal evaluation (provided by the school) of the student at the end of week 5 and 12 which will be a large part of the student's term grade.

If you are an employer (or know an employer) who might be interested in supporting this program by hosting a student at a business for a job shadow experience or career internship, please contact: Julia Backaus, Pittsville 7-12 School Counselor, 715-884-5223 or backajul@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

Elementary News



The 8th graders were selected to take the Nation's Report card (NAEP) test in math or reading on Wednesday, February 27. They each represented 15,000 8th graders from around the country and each received 90 minutes of community service hours to apply to high school.

Learning Fair: Over 70 students participated! We had prizes: a Nook, a school colors blanket, and choice of Spirit Wear.

The 7th graders will be participating in a pilot study for the new computer based Smarter Balanced Assessment in March. By 2015, this assessment will replace the current Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE).

Parents interested in submitting a letter regarding their child's class placement for next year should send a letter to Mrs. Fischer by May 17th.

Mrs. Fischer, Elementary Principal

Upcoming dates:

April 10-11: Spring Pictures by Becker Photography—sponsored by the PTO.

May 17: A Night of Fun in Pittsville!

- Pittsville Elementary Carnival 5-7:00 p.m. in the main gym with booths, tickets, prizes.
- Talent Show from 6:00-6:30 pm for Kgn-4 and 6:30-7:00 pm for Grades 5-8 in the Auditorium.
- PTO Book Fair
- Bike Rodeo

June 5: 8th Grade Graduation, 6:00 pm in the Auditorium. Reception and dance to follow.

Students in **THE LOOPING CLASSROOM** celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday this past week. Literary elements were focused on each day as a new Dr. Seuss book was read aloud. The students enjoyed the following books: Green Eggs and Ham, I Can Read with My Eyes Shut, I am Not Going to Get up Today, Oh the Places You'll Go, and The Lorax. The students completed a flip book that practiced rhyming words, sentence writing about favorite parts of the story, future plans, and acrostic poems. Friday was a big celebration day – wearing pajamas, eating Dr. Seuss' hat snacks, reading poetry while wearing their homemade Thing 1 and Thing 2 headbands, and watching The Lorax.

*The more you read, The more you know. The more you know, The smarter you grow.
The smarter you grow, The stronger your voice. When speaking your mind, Or making your choice.*



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 School Messenger alert system 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.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Parent support is vital to the overall effectiveness of our school programs. The use of school volunteers can help strengthen existing programs or introduce new programs. All parents and community members are encouraged to become volunteers. The only requirement is to complete a Volunteer Form and have an interest in the education of children. Please contact Mrs. Fischer if you would like to volunteer.



*Second grader Waylon Grimm won the raffle for **Principal for a Day**. Waylon presented Marissa Ortner, high school senior, with a scholarship from the money raised from the raffle at the elementary school. We wish Marissa good luck at college this fall.*

PLANNING AHEAD WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Once again, student who will be in grade 7 or 8 next year will be offered the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. during the summer of 2014. A parent meeting will be held March 21 to discuss the trip and fundraising efforts. This meeting will take place in Mrs. Sanken's high school classroom at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to set up an appointment to meet, please call Mrs. Sanken at 715-884-6412 ext. 401.

4TH GRADE WISCONSIN HISTORY

Mrs. Moore's 4th Grade Wisconsin History Classes have been studying immigration from 1800-1960. Students interviewed grandparents, great-grandparents, and parents to discover their ancestry background. They then presented their information to the class and guest speakers were invited to share pictures, artifacts, and food items from their country of origin. The map skills have increased in the 4th graders and especially noteworthy is the better familiarity of the European countries and surrounding waters the 4th graders have shown. The students discovered the majority of the heritage is of German descent. The students enjoyed the topic immensely.



Octavia Beaudreau wearing her Grandma's Ho-Chunk Nation shawl.



Codi Fox and his Grandma speaking about their ancestry and family history.

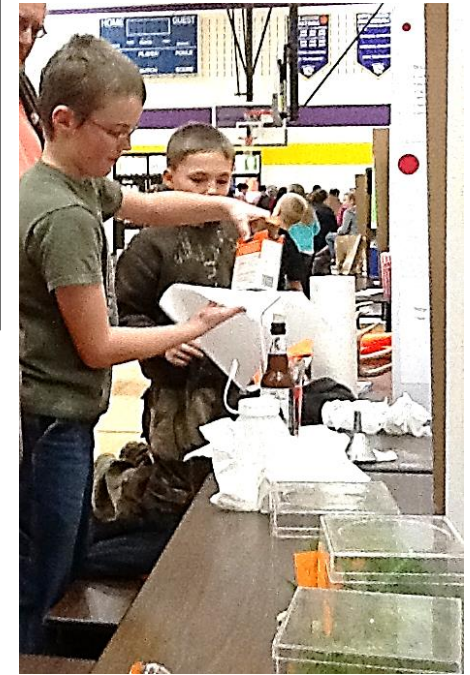


Dezerae Pelot and Grandma holding WWII Ration Booklets that were used to ration out food during the war.



Hannah Hensel and her mother making Lefse.

LEARNING FAIR



2ND AND 8TH GRADERS SUPPORT EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

Pittsville students created 77 ceramic bowls for the *Empty Bowls* fund-raiser that was held on March 2 at the UW Marshfield. *Empty Bowls* is an organization that raises 100% of their money for Soup or Socks. Some of the money is used to help our local food pantry. In the fall, 2nd grade students worked together to create 30 bowls made from leaves. Recently, 8th grade students hand constructed bowls, as well as throw some on the pottery wheel, a total of 47 empty bowls. The Empty Bowls project raised over \$10,000.



JH FORENSICS FINISHES SEASON

The Pittsville Junior High Forensics team wrapped up a successful season on February 21 in Eau Claire. Forty-two members of the team were able to compete in a state-level competition at South Middle School. Several members of the team were unable to participate due to conflicts with the state individual wrestling tournament. Of the 42 team members, 40 of them earned blue ribbons, the highest award that students in the state of Wisconsin can earn at the junior high level. Of the speakers, 3 groups earned an "A+," signifying the best speech that a judge has ever heard in the particular category. Students competed in such categories as 8-minute persuasive, demonstration, extemporaneous speaking, reader's theater and play acting. Up next for the Forensics Team is a trip to see the traveling Broadway production of *The Lion King* in Appleton on April 10.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS...

The Kindergarten classes went on a field trip to Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids on March 5th. The students had a tour of a Pediatric room by Winnie the Pooh characters and hospital staff. Our goal for the trip was that the children learn that hospitals are a place where people go for help when they are sick, and we want to alleviate any fears that the children have. The children practiced proper hand washing techniques and saw x-rays and compared them to a skeleton model. The children also saw various tools that the nurses use to help patients. The children were each able to hear their heart beating using a Doppler tool. A special thanks to the Riverview Hospital Auxiliary for paying for our busing costs of this trip.



On March 1, Dr. John visited the Kindergarten classrooms. Dr. John talked to the children about keeping their teeth healthy. The children learned by eating healthy snacks and limiting sugary foods--they will have healthier teeth. They were reminded to brush at least twice a day. Dr. John demonstrated using his HUGE toothbrush and floss. He also provided the students with goodie bags containing a new toothbrush, floss, and brushing timer. Thanks so much Dr. John for visiting us and for all that you for us and our teeth!!

4K NEWS...

The 4K classes celebrated their 50th day of school with a beach party. We dressed for the beach, ate lunch in our classroom on our beach towels, counted by 10's to make a 50th day necklace, played musical beach towels in the gym, and hunted around our classroom for 50 hidden Hershey Kisses. We had a great day!



FOOD SERVICE NEWS

LOW LUNCH BALANCES

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

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

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

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

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.

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on the district webpage at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

2012-2013 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.00
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.50
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.00
Adult Lunch	\$3.75
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.25
4K-Grade 12 Breakfast	\$.60
Adult Breakfast	\$1.20

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parents can make online payments from home or work by 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 at 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.

Transcripted Credit at PHS

Students at PHS have the opportunity to earn post-secondary credit while at high school. There are many opportunities in the Career and Technical Education Department.

The Business department offers two different courses for transcripted credit with MSTC, Intro to Microsoft Office and College Accounting. Both classes were taught for the first time in the 2011-2012 school year and the Intro to Microsoft Office class will run again in 2012-2013. Last year, Blake Lau a class of 2012 graduate, earned 4 credits for successfully completing the College Accounting class at PHS in replacement for MSTC's Accounting I class. Twelve Juniors and Seniors are enrolled in the Intro to Microsoft Office class to receive transcripted credit for MSTC's Microsoft Office-Intro course. Students enrolled in this class are Danzic Balcom, Ashley Brookhart, Brad Brux, Connor Coyle, Keira Deedon, Jenna Ginter, Frank Huber, Emily Kissner, Kyle Kolar, Brittini Kunding, Jamie Pieper, and Connor Pierce. By earning a C or better, these twelve students will earn three credits from Mid-State plus earning a .5 elective credit at Pittsville High School. "Earning credit in Intro to Microsoft Office is a great option for any of our students who are thinking of entering a Business program at MSTC because it is a required course for all Business Division programs. Not only is it a wonderful skill for students to gain, it is also a great money saving feature for business program majors" said Business Education teacher Jenny Jackson.

The Family and Consumer Education Department offers three classes that are transcripted with MSTC. The students who are enrolled in Health Career Connections program earn credit in Health Careers Exploration Seminar. The students who take Child Care at PHS can earn credit in Foundations of Early Childhood Education. Five students in the Child Development class earned three credits at MSTC's Infant and Toddler Development. Those students are Brad Wesley, Frank Huber, Ed Kleinhenz, Connor Coyle, and Jenna Ginter.

The Agriculture Education Department offers Horticulture Science as a transcripted offering. Currently eight students will have the opportunity to earn transcripted credits to Mid-State Technical College Those students include: Alex Jensen, Phillip Park, Trevor Skortz, Matt Abel, Zach Jones, Adam Sturgis and Jake Wipfli Horticulture Science is has also been accepted as a Science credit for admission into any Wisconsin University as one of the three graduation credits required for admittance. Recently, Mr. Urban has submitted Veterinary and Small Animal Science to the Department of Public Instruction for review as another science opportunity for students needing a science credit

The Technology Education Department offers two transcripted credit courses with MSTC, Intro. to AutoCAD and Advanced Welding. Intro to AutoCAD was offered as transcripted credit for the first time in 2012-13. Six students: Ashley Larson, Frank Huber, Marita Mitchell, Sarah Schmitz, Nicholas Krohn, and Cole Robus all earned transcripted credit. Intro to AutoCAD and Advanced Welding will both be offered as transcripted in 2013 – 14. Please contact Mr. Stephen Hadfield, Technology Education Instructor with any questions.

History Department Update

Time marches on, but recently students in the newly formed History Club took advantage of the opportunity to reflect on the past. The movie "Glory" was shown on the evening of March 7th. The film focused on the challenges of the Massachusetts 54th regiment during a challenging time in American history – the Civil War.

Viewing the film, students were reminded of the difficulties of forming a black regiment as well as the challenges of Robert Gould Shaw, a white officer chosen to train recently freed slaves into a fighting regiment. The nature of war proved challenging, but not necessarily as challenging preconceived notions of race. This is the first "movie night" and it was seen by ten students. They agreed that future films would be good, and plans are being made to view a new release "The Emperor" – a film starring Tommy Lee Jones as Douglas MacArthur.

This spring, the history club members will also get an opportunity to visit Eau Claire and see the travelling exhibit called "For All the World to See," which focuses on the Civil Rights era. This is a terrific start to this new club here at Pittsville High School.

PHS Spanish

The Spanish classes this year are progressing nicely with the block, as it is allowing for more practice when first learning vocabulary. First semester they learned as much as if they had still been in a traditional schedule. So far the PHS Spanish classes haven't been able to get schedules adjusted in order to meet via Skype with the Argentinian classes as they did last year. Now that they are getting back from their summer break and the two professors have been in contact trying to figure it out, we should be able to set it up pretty soon (barring technical glitches)!

Chemistry Studies Water Hardness

As part of a unit on the periodic table and element properties, high school chemistry students recently spent time studying water hardness. Water hardness refers to the concentration of dissolved calcium and magnesium ions in water. Since we live in a region of the country that has relatively hard water, students studied the causes of hard water, detrimental effects of hard water in the home, and the science of how water softeners work. Students also brought in water samples and determined their water hardness using an analytical technique known as titration.



FFA News and Notes...

2013 PITTSVILLE FFA BANQUET A SUCCESS!!

The Pittsville FFA held its annual banquet on March 14. The banquet was a great success with over 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 John and Gail Baum received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award for their continued support of our community's FFA program and help with the Splash of Red Cranberry Tours. While President Megan Christiansen received the Star Chapter Farmer Award for her participation and leadership in agriculture and outgoing Vice President Sam Solatycki received the Gold and Blue Award for excellence in the FFA program the past four year. Miranda and Eric Huber were recognized for being high fruit salespersons this year. The Hubers sold 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, he then handed out scholarships, to deserving members. Each year the FFA Alumni has given up to \$2000 in scholarships to deserving FFA members this year's winners included Christine Sturgis, Jared Fox, Christiansen and Solatycki. FFA member Olivia Pelot 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 Arron Zimmerman from Spencer gave an inspirational speech about how the FFA Organization has helped her grow. FFA President Megan Christiansen 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.



Pittsville FFA Alumni Secretary Marv Kohlbeck presents a check to Pittsville Superintendent Terry Reynolds for support towards the greenhouse. The Pittsville FFA Alumni has pledged 10% of their yearly profit from their fund raisers for the next five years towards support of the new greenhouse built last year. The FFA Alumni's two main fund raisers each year are the Fall Meat and Labor Auction and the upcoming June Dairy Breakfast at Joe, Marce, Dan, and Lori Ortner's Farm on Saturday June 22, 7-11 AM.



Pittsville FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast

Saturday, June 22 at 7:00-11:00 a.m.

Joe and Marce Ortner, Dan and Lori Ortner Farm
6608 Highway A, Pittsville

Bring your friends and family and help celebrate June Dairy Month with the Pittsville FFA and FFA Alumni.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

Athletic Director News....

Greetings from the Pittsville Athletic Department. We have officially wrapped up another winter season and now look forward to warmer weather and the spring sports season. Congratulations to the girl's basketball, boy's basketball, Pom, wrestling cheer, wrestling teams, and coaches on their seasons.

Basketball All-Conference awards went to:

Marissa Ortner – 2nd Team
Tasha Vogel – Honorable Mention
Sarah Schmitz – Honorable Mention
Brad Wesely – 1st Team
Sawyer Ladick – 2nd Team
Trail Pierce – Honorable Mention
Gabe Hautala – Honorable Mention

Wrestling Conference Medalists were:

Scott Worlund – 1st at 113
Anthony Marten – 2nd at 120
Jared Fox – 1st at 126
Eddie Kleinhenz – 2nd at 132
Kaleb Meyer – 3rd at 145
Nathan Potter – 2nd at 160
James Lassa – 3rd at 220

I would also like to congratulate Scott Worlund on earning 4th place at 113 lbs. in the Individual State Wrestling Tournament in Madison. Making it to a State tournament is a great accomplishment, and earning a spot on the medal stand is a true honor.

With the winter season complete, we are now into our spring season. In the spring, Pittsville sponsors boys/girls track, softball, and baseball. As I write this article, the track and ball fields are buried under the snow, but hopefully warm weather is on the way. If there are canceled or rescheduled games or meets, the easiest way to find out is through the *Notify me!* link on our school calendar program. If you log into www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click on a date on the calendar at the top of the page, it will take you to our school calendar and in the top right corner there is a letter and mailbox icon with the link *Notify me!* next to it. Click on the link and follow the directions to sign up to be notified of any changes that occur with the athletic schedules you are interested. If you have questions about this or any other athletic issues, please feel free to contact me at 715-884-2517 Ext 116. GO PANTHERS!

Todd Sanken
Kindergarten Teacher/Athletic Director



ART SHOW



VISIONEERS DESIGN CHALLENGE 2013

April 25-26, twenty-five students will travel to Milwaukee to participate in the state-wide Visioneers Design Challenge. On Thursday afternoon, the group will have a guided tour at the Milwaukee Art Museum. After the art tour, the students will head over to Discovery World Science Museum to participate in a Screen Printing Lab and have an opportunity to explore interactive displays. The group will participate in their selected challenges at UW Milwaukee all day Friday.

The overall theme for the challenges this year is global challenges. Keeping this theme in mind, the students need to research and solve a long-term challenge to complete their project. Once they are in Milwaukee, they will present their long-term solution and be presented with an on-site challenge. The students from around the state will work on their new challenge throughout the day and present their solution at the end of the day. The real-world challenges offer an opportunity for the students to work with business people as they solve the challenge, present and support their solutions to the challenge, as well as observing how other students solved the same challenge.

Participates and challenges this year include: Sarah Schmitz–Architecture, Hannah Downs–Digital Photography, Anna Johnson and Alicia Grant–Graphic Design, Haley Kumm and Erika Peterson–Digital Photography, Adrianna Zickert and Brittany Schwanebeck–Interior Design, Cheryl Soetebier–Exhibit Design, Elijah Harris and Josh Zogleman–Interior Design, Kacey Soetebier and Leah Kumm–Fashion Design, Isis Ignatowoski–Graphic Design, Tyler Carlson and Nick Hibbard–Product Design, Luke Denniston, Bailey Herkert, and Riley Wayerski–Exhibit Design, Ryan Zickert and Henry Meyers–Gaming, Sarah Downs and Laney Garrels–Product Design 2, Sam Hardinger and Cody Havlik–Architecture and Bethany Strenn–Alternate.

April 11 at 6:00 p.m., the students will explain their challenge, how they solved the challenge, and present their projects during a parent night held in the art room at Pittsville Elementary School. If you would like to know more about the Visioneer Design Challenge, please attend their presentations.

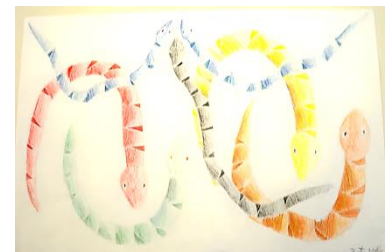
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Student Show

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum sponsored a student art show for grades fifth through eighth. For the show teachers were allowed to select three pieces of artwork.

Landyn Wayerski and Alexi Schiller represented fifth grade with their prints. After learning about artist Jennifer Schmitt, the students created geometric and nature-inspired designs for their prints. The students' nature-inspired image was carved on Safety-Kut blocks using linoleum cutters, while their geometric background was pressed into a piece of printing foam. Once both blocks were completed, they learned how to print. After selecting colors for their blocks they printed the geometric, styrofoam background first. The next class period they printed their Safety-Kut nature block on top of the background print. The trick was to get the two prints to line up and have the right amount of ink on each print.

With his Pop Art drawing, Hunter Wilke represented the sixth grade. The sixth grade class walked into the art room to be presented with four plates in a row and a quarter of a donut on each plate at each table. After a discussion on what donuts have to do with art, the students learned about Pop Artist, Wayne Thiebaud and reviewed artist Burton Morris and Andy Warhol. The class was assigned to bring in a common object from home that they would use in their artwork. After planning how to arrange their object, they drew the outline and selected a medium to add color. *Congratulations!*

Hunter Wilke, *Snakes*



Landyn Wayerski, *Issie*



Alexi Schiller, *Fly for Freedom*



Pittsville FBLA Hosts Regional Leadership Conference

The Pittsville chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America hosted one of seven Regional Leadership Conferences held across the state on Saturday, February 2nd. The event was held at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids where Pittsville played host to over 600 students, judges, and guests. Pittsville was given the honor of hosting the event because Sam Solatycki, a senior, has been serving as the Region II Vice President since last April. Part of his duties, along with Advisor Jennifer Jackson, was to plan and host the Regional Conference and its success was more than what was anticipated.

Students from 20 different high schools made the trip to Wisconsin Rapids to compete in over 65 business competitive event categories. Students were able to test in events ranging from Accounting to Network Design to Sports Management and everything you can imagine in-between. While part of the day was spent competing the other part of the day was having fun where the students were entertained with karaoke and dancing put on by Mobile Music Productions out of Nekoosa. Prizes were awarded to the top five talented individuals in what was known as "Region IIs Got Talent". We also helped to support the March of Dimes, FBLA is the largest organizational supporter for the March of Dimes and their mission to help premature babies. To support of the March of Dimes a Miracle Moment took place and \$314.65 was donated to the organization.

Awards were handed out to the top finishers in each event and Pittsville had its best finish ever. As a chapter we finished in 3rd place behind Marathon and Rhinelander, both quality FBLA chapters that brought many more competitors than Pittsville. With 62 students competing, 22 have earned a spot to advance on to the State Leadership Conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells on April 15-16th.

Students earning a trip to state include:

1st Place Finishes: Sam Solatycki-Hospitality Management, Morgan Frost-Web Site Design, Audrey Meis-Web Site Design, Jenna Sanken-Web Site Design.

2nd Place Finishes: Marissa Ogurek-Business Communication, Megan Christiansen- Business Financial Plan, Tristin Shaw-Business Financial Plan, Christine Sturgis- Business Procedures, Jesse Poppy-Network Design, Jack Zdun-Network Design, Kayla Larson-Public Speaking I, Miranda Coulthard-Word Processing II.

3rd Place Finishes: Tiffany Snook-Business Presentation, Lindsey Winterhack-Business Presentation, Brooke Zdun-Business Presentation, Jamie Pieper-Client Service, Colton Ortnier-Computer Problem Solving, Marissa Ortnier-Hospitality Management, Adam Sturgis-Sports Management.

Students who placed in the top five earned a medal and narrowly missing a trip to state are:

4th Place Finishes: Gage Stascak-Computer Problem Solving, Florent God-Global Business, Sarah Peters-Global Business, Pau Secall-Global Business, Anthony Marten-Sports Management.

5th Place Finishes: Angela Rahm-Accounting II, Brad Brux-Business Calculations, Makida Lathrop-Business Ethics, Brittaney Peterson-Business Ethics, Ashlee Zakrzewski-Business Ethics, Janessa Masanz-Business Math, Kari Beckman-Intro to Business, Austin Carlson-Management Decision Making, Damien Moore-Management Decision Making, Cheyenne Meyer-Word Processing I.

Congratulations to all Pittsville FBLA members on a job well done in helping with the Regional Leadership Conference, and good luck to those advancing on to State.



PTO Corner . .

Mark Your Calendars:

- April 10-11, Spring Pictures
- May 6-10, Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13-17, BOGO Book Fair in conjunction with the PFD/PPD Bike Rodeo and School Carnival. Hours to be determined.

We have a busy spring ahead of us. We look forward to working with you. If you are interested in helping with these events and have not filled out a PTO Volunteer form, please contact PTO via email at pto@pittsville.k12.wi.us or call Liz Knutson at 715-884-3314. Please watch the Pittsville Record and your children's folders for more details regarding these events as they get closer.

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