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Celebrate our Schools!

*American Education Week
November 18-22, 2019*

Come and take a moment to celebrate our wonderful staff and students in the Poynette School District as well as the nation's 50 million K-12 students in our great public schools.

Join us for lunch on Friday, November 22. Students are always excited when their favorite adults are able to come and enjoy a meal with them. Lunch times are as follows:

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| • Kindergarten: | 11:30 am - 12:00 pm |
| • 1st Grade: | 11:40 am - 12:00 pm |
| • 2nd Grade: | 12:05 pm - 12:25 pm |
| • 3rd Grade: | 12:35 pm - 12:55 pm |
| • 4th Grade: | 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm |
| • 5th Grade: | 12:50 pm - 1:10 pm |
| • 6th Grade: | 12:10 pm - 12:40 pm |
| • 7th Grade: | 12:10 pm - 12:40 pm |
| • 8th Grade: | 12:10 pm - 12:40 pm |
| • High School | 11:11 am - 11:41 am |

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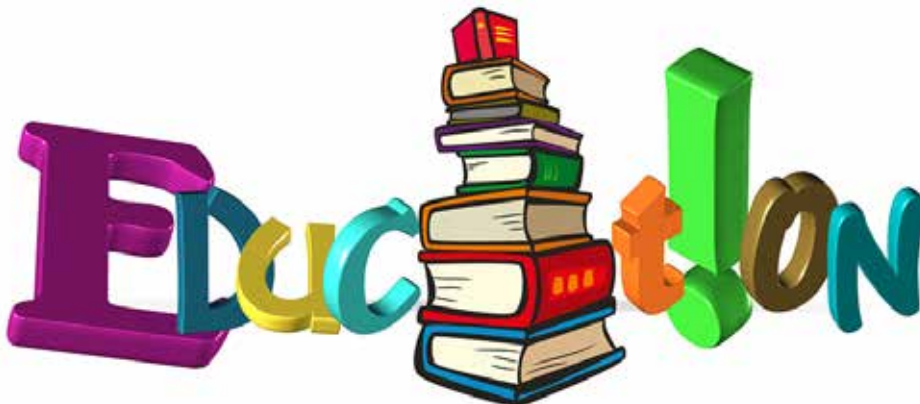
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Board of Education Meetings

All meetings are held in the Poynette High School IMC at 7:00 p.m.

You will have the opportunity to address members of the Board of Education for up to 3 minutes during the "Community Forum" portion of the agenda. Please register in the visitor book prior to the beginning of the meeting. You will be asked to state your name and address for public records. The Board will listen to all concerns, but can only address an item if it appears on the agenda as part of that agenda item. There will be no discussion of personnel or individually named students.

11/18/19 -- Regular Board Meeting , 7:00 pm
12/18/19 -- Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (tentative)
1/20/20 -- Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

"Upon request to the District Administrator, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format as necessary for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity. At least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of the need for accommodation is appreciated."

2020 Spring Election for School Board Members

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
(S 120.06(12) Wis. Stats.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Poynette that a school board election will be held on April 7, 2020 to fill two (2) School Board Member offices. These offices will each serve a three-year term starting April 27, 2020. The positions are currently held by Ron Redell and Randy Tomlinson.

An elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the school board must file a Campaign Registration Statement (Form ETHCF-1) and a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162SD) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Poynette School District Office. Once filed, a declaration may not be withdrawn.

Forms and guidelines can be also be accessed through our district website at www.poynette.k12.wi.us, under the District tab, School Board Members, or on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <http://elections.wi.gov/>.

Forms can also be obtained in person from the Poynette Schools District Office, 108 N. Cleveland St., during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Friday, until Friday, December 20, 2019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the School District Offices WILL BE CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK from Monday, December 23, 2019 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Questions regarding district boundary information may be directed to the Columbia County Land Information Office or the Poynette School District Office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary school board election is necessary said primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Randy Tomlinson
District Clerk

4K Families Please Make Note

4K will be in session on the following Fridays. Please be sure to send your 4K students to their 4K programs on these days: **November 1, December 6, and January 3, 24.**

Does Your Child Know Where to Go When Schools Close Early?

It is recommended that you speak with your elementary/middle school student(s) about a safe place to go if schools must close early and no one is at home. We would also appreciate a call to the school office with this information so that it can be noted on the student's registration information (if not already noted). Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Two Hour Early Release - All Grades

Wednesday, November 27

All students will be released from classes two hours early on Wednesday, November 27. Dismissal time for all grades on this day is 1:15.

Attention Class of 2020

Please keep in mind these important dates:

- **November 19:** Jostens will meet with Seniors in the IMC during AA to explain graduation information and measure for cap/gown
- **December 3:** Seniors turn in graduation orders during lunch
- **March 10:** Graduation orders will be delivered during lunch

Contact Mrs. Rylander if you have any questions

The View From Here

A Message from Matt Shappell, District Administrator

I recently watched the kindergarten students hustling down the hallway after lunch, excited to get out to recess during one of our rare dry and beautiful fall days. One young person was gently chided for running in the hall; she stopped and turned to her accuser to defend herself, "I'm not running, I'm skipping!" The adult smiled and the student smiled back. I thought that perhaps this was a daily exchange between the two. As a rule, there's a lot of energy in Kindergarten, and it seems the elementary students are always in a hurry -- so maybe it is appropriate that the new Elementary Building is moving along quickly as well!

- On North Street, the nearly 90,000 square foot elementary building should be just about enclosed by the time you read this. The slab is finished -- 1338 cubic yards of concrete was poured -- and it weighs in at about 5,238,000 pounds! We've decided on landscaping, some of the seeding is complete, the roof is just about done, and the exterior brick work is about to be installed. The construction workers will spend the winter installing the interior and getting ready for the spring -- which will be here sooner than we think. We are excited to share that, as of this writing, the elementary building is on time and on budget. It feels like it was just the start of June and the students were participating in a ceremonial groundbreaking.
- The bathrooms at the athletic fields are complete and we managed to solve quite a few drainage issues in the process. We also added a driveway for emergency vehicles off Lincoln Street so our EMS partners have safe access to our sport facilities.
- The high school project gets underway (tentatively) March 20, 2020. There's going to be a lot of activity the last few weeks of the 19-20 school year. The high school front entrance will be modified and the driveway temporarily impacted as the contractors stage equipment and materials. I want to thank the community in advance for their flexibility. Parking will be impacted and traffic flow altered to accommodate the worksite. The current technology education wing will be closed off so work can begin. Some students will have classes in different locations throughout campus. When the project is completed we'll have: about 2000 square feet of new secured entrance; the current technical education area will be transformed into a 21st century STEAM learning center; the guidance area moved and turned into a career center; and about eight classrooms getting new flooring and some new finishes. Quite a lot of work.
- The Middle School will also get a bit of a refresh. The total scope of that plan is still being developed, but we anticipate some new flooring and some work done to expand the capacity of the cafeteria. The playground

will be redesigned to accommodate middle school interests. Building envelope and some drainage issues will be addressed and we hope to add to the green space as well.

- There's lots of work, seen and unseen, that we've been able to complete: new rooftop heating and air conditioning units at the high school; large sections of the high school roof replaced; more efficient lighting; etc. etc. We have more planned as well: replacement of some of the middle school rooftop heating and air conditioning units; new blacktop; repointing some of the brick; more roofing; and a list of other items and projects that will help keep our buildings "learner ready" for some time.

The impact of construction goes well beyond our campus boundaries. We're working with the Village of Poynette and Columbia County to finalize a traffic study with a focus on the intersection at North and Main Streets. We are having discussions with the bus company about the impact the new building will have on the current routes and the daily start time.

It is safe to say that your school district is evolving to meet the needs of 21st century learners. If you look up on "the hill," you can see there's been a lot of progress -- but there's still quite a lot to do! Our goal is to have the high school and elementary school projects completed by August. We'll have a handful of other jobs that continue throughout the next year or two but the majority should be done.

There's always a lot to celebrate in your school district: new construction, high student achievement, students ready to take on post-graduation challenges, and Kindergarteners who know the difference between running and skipping -- and aren't afraid to share their joy on the way to recess.

Great things happen here each and every day.

*Thanks,
Matt Shappell
District Administrator
School District of Poynette*

Counselor's Corner

by **Todd Anderson**

Seniors should be completing applications to colleges and universities now if you haven't already done so. Remember that a complete application includes a transcript and an ACT score as well so make sure you have requested those from the high school and ACT. Please contact the counseling office if you are having difficulties doing that. Housing applications will be arriving in the near future. Make sure to complete and send those applications back in a timely manner to get your first choice if you plan to live on campus next year.

Hopefully, you have also completed the FAFSA (Federal Application For Student Aid). If not, you still have time to get that done. You can do this online at www.fafsa.gov. Many colleges will have priority deadlines that are in December, January or February so don't wait to get that application done. Remember, you should not have to pay anything to complete this form. fafsa.com & fafsa.org WILL charge you to complete the fafsa. Only access the application at www.fafsa.gov. If you have questions, or need assistance completing the application, contact the school counselors

at the high school at 635-4347 ext. 404 or ext. 314.

If your student is required to take placement testing for college next fall you will receive information on that. Testing usually takes place from January through March or early April. If required, be sure to sign up early to get your desired date and location.

Local scholarship applications will be made available to students in December and those applications will be due in the counseling office on February 15th.

Juniors should be thinking about making those college campus visits this spring. This is a great time to begin narrowing your college choices to keep your applications in check. Remember that the required ACT Test is fast approaching. All Juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, March 3rd. All Juniors have taken a practice ACT test and will have those results that they can use through Method Test Prep to work on improving their scores. Method Test Prep is available through your student's Xello account.

Conferencing for all Freshmen and Juniors is taking place now. Contact Mr. Anderson to schedule your Freshman Connections Conference or Mrs. Sukowski to schedule your Junior Connections Conference.

School Calendar

Friday, November 22	First Trimester Ends Grades 4K-5
Wednesday, November 27	EARLY RELEASE for ALL GRADES at 1:15
Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 20	ALL GRADES RELEASED at 2:45
Monday, December 23 to Wednesday, January 1	NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
Thursday, January 2	CLASSES RESUME
Friday, January 17	Second Quarter Ends Grades 6-12
Monday, January 20	OPEN HOUSE, Grades 9-12 ONLY, 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development Day
Friday, February 28	Second Trimester Ends Grades 4K-5
Thursday, March 5	EARLY RELEASE K-5 ONLY at 1:15 MS & HS REGULAR DISMISSAL TIME 4K-12 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4K-5 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6-12 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 20	Third Quarter Ends Grades 6-12
Monday, March 23 to Friday, March 27	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
Friday, April 10	NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 13	NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development Day
Sunday, May 24	Graduation at Poynette High School, Kerr Gymnasium
Monday, May 25	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
Friday, May 29	EARLY RELEASE for ALL K-12 STUDENTS at 12:30 p.m. Last Day of School for Students & Teachers ½ Day Professional Development for Teachers

Nurse's Report

Vaping: What You Need to Know

What Is Vaping?

Vaping is the inhaling of a vapor created by an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or other vaping device.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered smoking devices. They have cartridges filled with a liquid that usually contains nicotine, flavorings, and chemicals. The liquid is heated into a vapor, which the person inhales. That's why using e-cigarettes is called "vaping."

What Are the Health Effects of Vaping?

Vaping hasn't been around long enough for us to know how it affects the body over time. But health experts are reporting serious lung damage in people who vape, including some deaths.

Vaping puts nicotine into the body. Nicotine is highly addictive and can:

- slow brain development in kids and teens and affect memory, concentration, learning, self-control, attention, and mood
- increase the risk of other types of addiction as adults

E-cigarettes also:

- irritate the lungs
- may cause serious lung damage and even death
- can lead to smoking cigarettes and other forms of tobacco use

Some people use e-cigarettes to vape marijuana, THC oil, and other dangerous chemicals. Besides irritating the lungs, these drugs also affect how someone thinks, acts, and feels.

How Do E-cigarettes Work?

There are different kinds of e-cigarettes. But many people use the Juul. This e-cigarette looks like a flash drive and can be charged in a laptop's USB port. It makes less smoke than other e-cigarettes, so some teens use them to vape at home and in school. The Juul's nicotine levels are similar to a cigarette's.

Do You Have to Vape Every Day to Get Addicted?

Even if someone doesn't vape every day, they can still get addicted. How quickly someone gets addicted varies. Some people get addicted even if they don't vape every day.

What About E-cigarettes That Don't Have Nicotine?

Most e-cigarettes do have nicotine. Even e-cigarettes that don't have nicotine have chemicals in them. These chemicals can irritate and damage the lungs. The long-term effects of e-cigarettes that don't have nicotine are not known.

Why Should People Who Vape Quit?

People who vape need the right motivation to quit. Wanting to be the best, healthiest version of themselves is an important reason to quit vaping. Here are some others:

Unknown health effects: The long-term health consequences of vaping are not known. Recent studies report serious lung damage in people who vape, and even some deaths.

Addiction: Addiction in the growing brain may set up

pathways for later addiction to other substances.

Brain risks: Nicotine affects brain development in kids and teens. This can make it harder to learn and concentrate. Some of the brain changes are permanent and can affect mood and impulse control later in life.

Use of other tobacco products: Studies show that vaping makes it more likely that someone will try other tobacco products, like regular cigarettes, cigars, hookahs, and smokeless tobacco.

Toxins (poisons): The vapor made from e-cigarettes is not made of water. The vapor contains harmful chemicals and very fine particles that are inhaled into the lungs and exhaled into the environment.

Sports: To do their best in sports. Vaping may lead to lung inflammation (irritation).

Money: Vaping is expensive! The cost of the cartridges over time starts to add up. Instead, someone could spend that money on other things that they need or enjoy.

To go against tobacco company advertising: Many e-cigarettes are made by the same companies that produce regular cigarettes. Their marketing targets young people by making fun flavors for e-cigarettes and showing young, healthy people vaping. They are trying to make kids and teens of today into their new, lifetime customers.

How Can Kids and Teens Quit Vaping?

For kids and teens who want to quit, it can help to:

- Decide why they want to quit and write it down or put it in their phone. They can look at the reason(s) when they feel the urge to vape.
- Pick a day to stop vaping. They can put it on the calendar and tell supportive friends and family that they're quitting on that day.
- Get rid of all vaping supplies.
- Download tools (such as apps and texting programs) to their phone that can help with cravings and give encouragement while they're trying to stop vaping.
- Understand withdrawal. Nicotine addiction leads to very strong cravings for nicotine. It can also lead to:
 - headaches
 - feeling tired, cranky, angry, or depressed
 - trouble concentrating
 - trouble sleeping
 - hunger
 - restlessness

The signs of withdrawal are strongest in the first few days after stopping. They get better over the following days and weeks.

Talk to your kids about the reports of serious lung damage, and even deaths, in people who vape. Call your doctor right away if your child or teen vapes and has:

- coughing, shortness of breath, or chest pain
- nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- tiredness, fever, or weight loss

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Upcoming Events



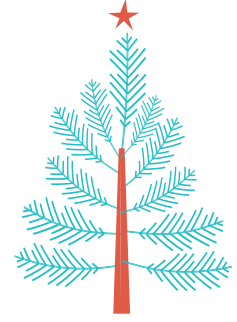
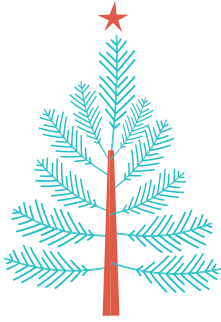
HOLIDAY SPLASH DECEMBER 5TH 5:30PM-7PM

Poynette High School
HS and MS Music Performances,
Cookies, Crafts, and Concessions

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to
the P.A.D Food Pantry



Upcoming Events



CELEBRATE THE SONGS & SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

POYNETTE SCHOOLS WINTER CONCERTS

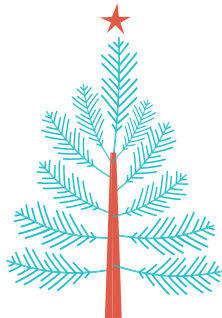
Come & Enjoy An Evening With Us

HOLIDAY SPLASH | DEC. 5 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL & BAND CONCERT
DEC. 12 | 7:00 PM | AUXILIARY GYM

2ND & 3RD GRADE CONCERT | DEC. 16 | 6:30 PM
1-8 GYM

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL & BAND CONCERT
DEC. 17 | 7:00 PM | 1-8 GYM



Upcoming Events



PUMA NATION, LET'S PACK THE GYM!

A Poynette Basketball Tradition

WISCONSIN HEIGHTS VS POYNETTE

**DECEMBER 21, 2019 | GAMES START AT
4:30 PM | PHS GYMNASIUMS**

Boys & Girls Varsity & JV Basketball

BBQ Supper 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Bake Sale

Cookie Walk

Free PUMA Rally Towel to the First 25 Fans

Holiday Face Painting Provided by PHS Art Club

Photos with Santa

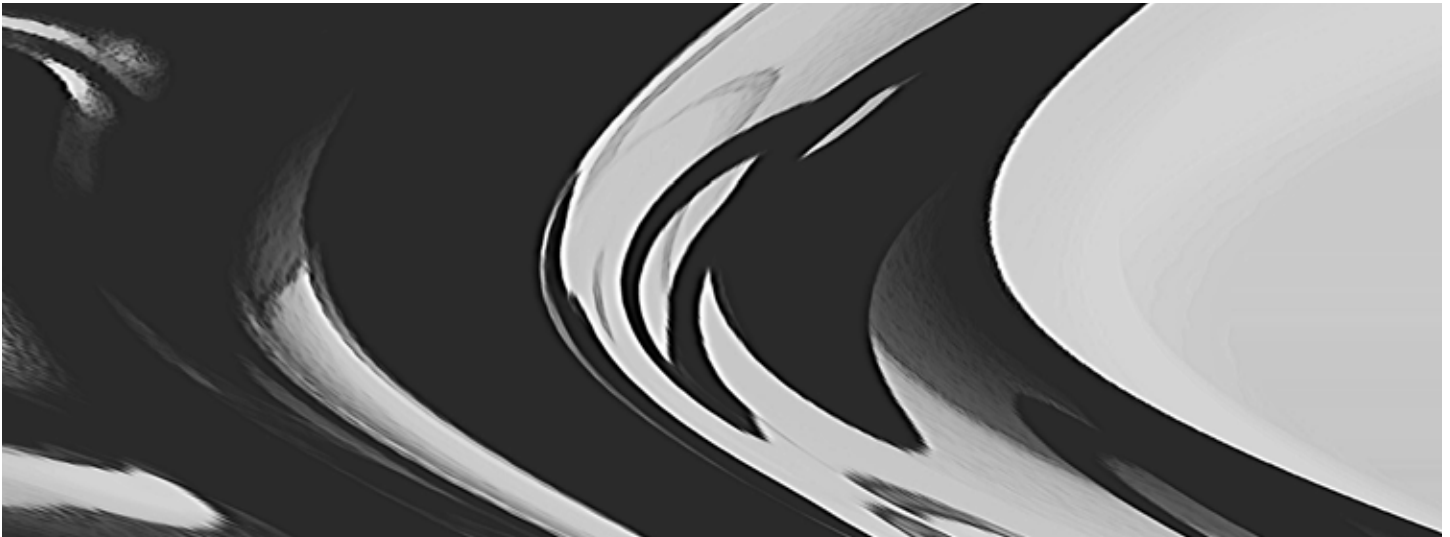
Raffle Baskets

Ugly Sweater Contest

50/50 Raffle, free giveaways, & halftime contests

Sponsored by Poynette Athletic Booster Club

Upcoming Events



POYNETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOWCASE

January 27th, 2020
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Reception at
Poynette Public Library

All artworks are created by 8th grade artists! Art will be available to view from Wednesday, January 8th-Monday, January 27th.

Puma Highlights



PHS Fine Arts Weekend

This year, 11 Drama Club students traveled to Spring Green, WI for the annual Fine Arts Weekend field trip!

The weekend included three performances: *FENCES*, *SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER*, and *THE BOOK OF WILL*.

Students participated in workshops held by the actors, and went on a grand tour of APT's campus.



ANTIGONE NOW PHS Competing One Act

Competing One Act

PHS One Act, traveled and performed a ONE ACT for a panel of judges. We transported our actors, our costumes and our set to each performance, where we had a limited time to present our production. After the show, the judges gave us feedback and presented us with our score. If we scored a certain number, we moved on to the next competition! Scores were not available at the time of print for this newsletter; nevertheless, we are so very proud of our performances and very much enjoy each practice and production we participate in!



Show Synopsis

The story is inspired by the myth and tragedy of Antigone. In a war-torn Thebes, the new leader, Creon, tries to recover from the aftershocks of war, by dedicating himself to following the law. One decision he makes is to leave his nephew, turned traitor's body to rot in the streets. By refusing to give him a proper burial, Creon's niece, Antigone, defies her uncle and buries her brother anyway. Creon must then decide how to punish Antigone who believes she followed the rules of ethics. These dueling character's fate is decided by their unwillingness to empathize.

The Literary Arts Council

The Literary Arts Council is in its third year at Poynette High School. PHS Literary Arts Council members work to encourage literacy in all facets of the school district and community. One way the group does this is to volunteer in the elementary school. During their weekly visits, high school students help with reading, writing, and increasing student understanding of the importance of literacy. This year the Literary Arts Council students are volunteering in Ms. Stone's and Mrs. Trantow's rooms.



A PHS Literary Arts Council Member volunteers her time in the elementary school.

Puma Highlights

Ag Day: May 22, 2019

Ag day is a combination of FFA members, third graders and community members. Ag day is designed to inform and help younger children have a better understanding of agriculture and FFA. The FFA students, with the help of community members, were able to have 16 stations ranging from facts about food and cheese to animals and safety. The Arlington Fire Department, Poynette Police Department and a local farmer, Shawn Wheeler, spoke about different safety aspects in a farm and community setting. Poynette FFA had a calf, rabbits, a miniature horse, baby chicks and piglets at Ag Day. Poynette FFA Chapter is hoping to continue Ag Day for many years to come because it's more than just a learning experience, it's also a new way of seeing how our everyday lives are so heavily influenced by agriculture.



SLW: September 30, 2019

On September 30th, 14 members attended the Sectional Leadership Workshop held at Sauk Prairie High School. The theme for the workshop this year was "Start Your Engines". This allows FFA members to kickoff the new school year and to get the members minds running about new ideas to bring back to the chapter. At this time our members were able to meet the new State Officer team and were able to interact with them and other local FFA members.



World Dairy Expo: October 1, 2019

On October 1st Poynette FFA took a field trip to the World Dairy Expo which was held. Poynette FFA Chapter had a great turn out and was able to take over 50 FFA members. While at World Dairy Expo students participated in watching dairy cattle from all over the world compete in judging competitions. Students also walked around to the many dairy businesses to talk about new trends in the dairy industry. The World Dairy Expo is a highly anticipated event each year that students love to keep attending!



National FFA Convention: October 28-November 2, 2019

Poynette FFA took 10 members to National Convention which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. On the way to the convention members were able to tour different companies and learn how those companies relate to the agriculture industry. Once arriving at the convention, students attended the career expo and spoke with the vendors about their products and/or business. At the convention, students attended workshops, listened to guest speakers, and attended convention sessions showcasing student and chapter success. The members who attended the workshop gained lifelong memories and discovered new ways they can impact the agriculture industry in the future.

Puma Highlights

Grandparents/Special Guest Day 2019 at Poynette Elementary

On Friday, October 4th, over one hundred grandparents and special guests shared their afternoon with the fourth graders at Poynette Elementary. The event involved an interview, a tour of the school, snack and craft. The interview allowed nine and ten year olds to discover, with their special guests, how life was years ago, also realizing some life skills have remained the same. The students learned that being respectful and showing appreciation is never outdated.



Homecoming 2019



Class 2023 Float, "Send the Phoenix Out to Sea"



PHS Staff model their best for Tourist Day as part of Homecoming Spirit Week festivities

Homecoming 2019



PHS Puma Band perform in the Homecoming Parade



Class of 2021 Girls Football Team and Coaches



Homecoming Court 2019



Class of 2022 Float, "Freeze the Phoenix"



Poynette Panther Cheer Group



Class of 2020 Girls Football Team and Coaches

Around the District

Opportunities to Volunteer at Poynette Elementary and AELC

We appreciate all of the community support that we have received over the years. One area that our community has helped us out tremendously is in the area of tutors, mentors, volunteers during the school day, and WATCH D.O.G.S.®

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers, father-figures, and adult male role models in a student's life. Our goal this year is to have the D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) spend a day or half-day at school, being a positive male role model and providing an extra set of eyes and ears in the building and on the playground. We had over 60 Watch D.O.G.S. days last year.

We also offer opportunities for community members to tutor, mentor and just spend time with our students. You can sign up in our Mentor/ Tutor program to come on a consistent basis. The PAD Parents' Club is also always looking for new members. The PAD Parents' Club meets the first Tuesday of the month in the 1-8 IMC.

New this year is the creation of a Community Wall of Fame to recognize and express our sincere gratitude for all the wonderful helping hands our school has been the beneficiary of. There will be pictures of community members who help us out in the 1-8 building.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the school office at 635-4347 ext. 6. Our great staff will help you become connected with the right people and provide answers to your questions. Please join us!

Pool Hours

Pool is closed Tuesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays

Monday

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Lap Swim

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Water Aerobics

6:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Lap Swim

Wednesday

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Lap Swim

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Open Swim

Thursday

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Water Aerobics

6:15 pm - 8:15 pm Lap Swim

Sunday

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Open Swim



Yearbook News

The 2018-2019 yearbooks have been received and picked up by almost all who ordered one. If you did not order one, but would like to receive one, please contact the yearbook adviser, Mrs. Shepard.

Orders for the 2019-2020 yearbook should be ordered online with payments made directly to Jostens. Place your order today at jostensyearbooks.com.

All 2020 seniors should submit their senior photos by January 15, 2020. Jostens has a private link for parents and photographers to use to upload their senior's photo directly into the yearbook software file. The link to upload the photo is <https://images.jostens.com/413373681>. A confirmation of the submission automatically goes to the sender, and the yearbook advisor will be able to access the upload. To ensure high quality printing in the yearbook, please provide only high resolution images in JPG, TIFF, or PNG format. The only props allowed in the photo are props related to school activities. Please contact Mrs. Shepard, yearbook adviser, if you have any questions.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society applications for sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be due in late February. If students have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better in January at semester, students are invited to then apply for NHS. NHS operates on the basis of four pillars: scholarship (as demonstrated by the >3.5 GPA), leadership, character, and service. As students complete the application, they can demonstrate the ways they have shown leadership (at least one, ideally 2-3). They should also show at least 10 hours of service (ideally 30+ hours), and they also need to get recommendation forms from three staff members.

The Pauquette Chapter of National Honor Society is a very active chapter with running four blood drives per year and leading many other community service projects such as the Free Community Book Drive, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Neighborhood Food Drive. We welcome all students to apply who have met the GPA requirement, as the more students we have in NHS, the more service we can provide to the community.

Around the District

The PAD Parent Club

The PAD Parent Club is a volunteer organization committed to making a positive impact on our students, staff and school climate. Every year, the Poynette-Arlington-Dekorra Parent Club hosts or supports over 40 events! In addition, we support improvements to our school and technology for our students.

How can you help support the PAD Parent Club?

- 1) We need more members! Join us at a meeting, the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the PES IMC
- 2) Volunteer for an event – contact poynetteparentclub@gmail.com to sign up
- 3) Clip and Save – Box Tops – Tyson Project A+ – for our twice yearly competitions
- 4) Download the Shoparoo App – you can raise \$ for our school just by scanning your receipts
- 5) Support our events!
- 6) LIKE us on FB - PAD Parent Club

Poynette Athletic Booster Club

Poynette Athletic Booster Club is committed to supporting athletics in a positive manner. Please be a part of Boosters to help us continue to promote good sportsmanship and standards for our children. Meetings are held the third

Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school IMC. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Feel free to contact us at poynetteboosterclub@gmail.com.

The Poynette Music Parents (PMP)

The Poynette Music Parents (PMP) is dedicated to promoting music education and activities at all grade levels (K-12). All parents of music students are welcome and encouraged to participate! Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the high school IMC. Please join us to find out what exciting activities we have planned for this year! Visit our website <https://google.com/site/poynettemusicparents.org>.

The Friends of the Fine Arts

The Friends of the Fine Arts is an organization committed to providing area youth and community members with opportunities to experience performing and visual arts through establishing a Performing Arts Center in the community of Poynette. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the 1-8 School IMC. Any community member is welcome to attend the meetings.

To contact the group, please email: finearts.information@gmail.com.

Athletics and Sports

Accessing School Sports Online

We want to provide accurate sports information but many times there are last minute cancellations or rescheduled games. You can now access and print all up-to-date high school athletic schedules at www.capitolnorthconference.org or through the school website www.poynette.k12.wi.us.

Middle school athletic events can be found by accessing the school district's website at www.poynette.k12.wi.us, then hover over the Schools tab, click on Poynette Middle School, (then on the left bar menu) click on Middle School Extra Curricular Activities, Capitol Conference Athletic Schedules in blue text on the right side of your screen.

Athletic Cards and Fee Reminder

Student athletes participating in sports must complete an alternate year card or physical card before beginning practice sessions. Forms are available at the school offices. Athletic fees need to be paid at the school office before the first contest and are not refundable. Grades 6-8 fee is \$25, and grades 9-12 fee is \$50 (per sport season per student).

Use of School Facilities

The School District of Poynette has policies related to district and non-district residents' use of our school facilities. Anyone interested in using our facilities can stop by either office for a Facility Use Agreement form. Mr. Hausser is the contact person (635-4347, ext. 101) for use of

Arlington or the 1-8 buildings, and the Mrs. McCracken (635-4347, ext. 401) for use of the high school. As always, we will continue to work with our community organizations and residents to allow the usage as stated in Board policy. School activities take precedence, and then clubs or groups based on their seasons. More information can be found on our school district website or by calling Mr. Hausser or Mrs. McCracken at the above numbers.

Golden Years Passes

The Golden Years Passes (if you are age 65+, or 62+ and retired) are available at the high school office for our senior sports fans. The pass holder must be a resident of our school district. Passes are available at the high school office.

Season Game Passes

Season athletic passes for students and adults may be purchased at the high school office or at upcoming high school games. Investing in a pass is both convenient and economical for those sports fans who regularly attend high school games. Passes are only valid for the name listed on the pass.

Passes cost \$30 for adults and \$10 for students. (Regular admission price for adults is \$4 and \$3 for students in grades K-12.). Passes are accepted at all regular season home high school games this school year including football, volleyball, basketball and wrestling competitions.

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School Website: www.poynette.k12.wi.us

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District Newsletter Marie Klink, Ext. 403
PHS Sports Updates..... www.capitolnorthconference.org

The Mission of the School District of Poynette is to provide an education that treats each person as an individual. We will instill within each student the love of learning, foster self-esteem and civic responsibility. Our educational program will impart the necessary skills to excel in a changing and progressing society.



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School Announcements...

regarding Late Buses, Closings, and Severe Weather Advisories

If schools are closed or delayed due to severe weather, consequently causing buses to run late, the following stations will be contacted:

WPDR–Portage, 1350 AM and 100.1 FM

WIBU–Portage, 900 AM/WBKY

WNNO–Wisconsin Dells

WTSO–1070 AM/WZEE–104 FM

WIBA–1310 AM/101.5 FM WMAD/WMLI

WOLX–94.9 FM/WNNN–105.5 FM/WYZ–98 FM

TV CHANNEL 3–Madison (Radio–WJJO–94.1 FM/

WQWM–106 FM; WTDY–1480 AM/WMGM–98 FM)

TV CHANNELS 15 & 27

Families may also check the district website and social media pages or call 635-4347, ext. 8 for delays/closures.