



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

● Announcements for October 21st, 2024

- TODAY: Finally! Math League is right around the corner. Practice begins Monday, the 21st of October, in Mr. Imming's room (178). The time will be 3:20-4:00. If you want to be a part of Math League this year, but can't make the practice, please email Mr. Imming your intentions. mimming@pineisland.k12.mn.us
- Each year, on the day before winter break, we have an event called Winter Bash. It includes a fun morning of activities. At lunch time, students who have completed 5 hours of service by Friday, December 6th AND who have properly submitted their hours will be released from school to begin winter break early. Those who have not completed service will need to remain at school and do a service project.

NOW is the time to get your service hours done. Have you volunteered your time as part of a school club? Submit your hours! Have you volunteered with a youth sports team? Submit your hours! Have you assisted a teacher voluntarily? Submit your hours! If you do not know what to do, staff have provided you with many opportunities. Ask any teacher if they need some help or use the link below for more ideas. Remember, the hours have to be done with the approval of a PI Staff member or coach. Volunteer opportunities appear in the announcements EVERY DAY!

Are you looking for "Semester of Service" hours? Click on the link below for opportunities. Contact the supervising teacher for more information.

Staff Service Opportunities

Once you have completed a service opportunity, you should enter your service into the Google form at this link. You should enter each time you do a different service opportunity. All service hours must be completed by December 6th. The form asks you to submit a photo of you completing service if possible.

Pine Island High School Semester of Service Form

Don't delay! Get your hours done before the deadline sneaks up on you!

- SENIORS: This is a reminder that your cap and gown order is due on Thursday, October 24th.

PRIOR Announcements:

- **The Oronoco VFW Auxiliary would like to promote Americanism as Veterans Day approaches.**

See the opportunities for essay contests below:

Grades 4-6:

They are holding a MN only essay contest. **Grades 4-6** are invited to write an essay where the theme is "My Country is Great Because". Rules are Standard White Copy Paper or Standard Loose Leaf with lines (smooth edge please). Essay can be typed, printed or cursive, with 250 words or less. If the student needs someone to scribe for them, please note that on the back. Identifiers are First Name ONLY, last initial if more than one student with the same name and grade.

Please turn any entries into the office by October 30. If you have any questions, please email Katie Dudley at cnktdudley1@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing entries from Pine Island Middle School.

- Grades 6-8:

The Patriot's Pen Theme for 2024-2025 is "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 30, 2024

Patriotic Written Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

Grades: 6 to 8

If you have any questions please contact Katie Dudley at cnktdudley1@gmail.com

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?v=1&d=20240318T134132Z&la=en>

- Grades 9-12:

The 2024-2025 Theme

"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$35,000 Award

Grades 9 to 12

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20240809T150321Z>

Halloween Costume Guidelines and Reminders




1. Ensure face is not covered or masked
2. **No replica weapons** (guns, knives, bats, etc.)
3. **Costumes should encourage positive, creative and non-violent themes.**
(No blood, violence, violent characters, etc)
4. **Costumes should be culturally appropriate and not offensive**
5. **Costumes should align with our school dress code** (Costumes that promote vulgar language or images that promote illegal activities will not be permitted)
6. **Costumes should allow students to see clearly and move freely**
7. **Costumes should be conducive to the learning environment**

**Have a question about your costume? Ask your teacher.*

Let's have a
fun and safe
Halloween at
PIMS!



- **RIP Jace - You Are Loved bracelets** are available to continue to honor Jace Lee. Some of you never got one and some might need a new one. See Mrs. Hoppe during Prowl.



- **Post Prom Fundraiser:**
Looking for a great way to support a fun, safe way for our High School Students to celebrate prom??!!
Please mark your calendars for the Post Prom Pizza Fundraiser for Sunday, October 27 from 12-4. Stations will be at the Pine Island and Oronoco Fire Departments if you would like to stop and shop. Students will

also be doing door-to-door sales during this time. If you would like to place an order in another way, please email pi-postprom@pineisland.k12.mn.us. Thank you for your support!


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 @Post-Prom-2023

Supporting
a good cause
never tasted
so great.

PI Post Prom Fundraiser



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BBQ Ribs 2 lbs. \$20 	Homestyle Cheesy Potatoes 2.5 lbs. \$20 	Chicken Wild Rice Baked Potato w/Cheese \$20 
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Mini Donuts 48/bag \$20 		Cookie Dough (48 count) \$20 -Choc. Chip -Monster -M & M -English Toffee
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- [ACT PREP CLASS - Monday, November 4th - 8 AM - 12 PM.](#)
 * Juniors who have registered for the ACT Prep class will meet in the forum room. Please bring your computer, a notebook, and pen/pencil. Any student who will not be able to attend due to the HVL Honors Band and Choir event can talk to Mrs. Organ to know what will be missed in her session.
- [Snack Attack Book Club - 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:30-4:30pm](#)

[Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th](#)

Join Van Horn Library's Choose-Your-Own-Adventure book club! Over the course of the school year, we will read 9 choose-you-own-adventure books during this after-school program. Enjoy snacks as Ms. Heidi reads a book aloud each month; participants who read all 9 books will receive a prize pack - including a free book!

You do not need to attend every month in order to earn a prize pack. Contact the library at pipl@selco.info for details. Recommended for ages 8-12.

- [Middle Schoolers - Want a chance to win \\$150? Are you 11, 12 or 13 years old? Love expressing](#)

yourself through drawing or painting? You should enter the *Lions Club Peace Poster Art Contest*, PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS.

Due: November 1st Talk to Mrs. Flaig (kflaig@pineisland.k12.mn.us) and look at [this slideshow](#) for more information.



LIONS CLUB
Peace POSTER CONTEST

2024 Theme:
"Peace without Limits"

Open to Pine Island Students,
age 11, 12, or 13
as of November 15, 2024

Pine Island Lions Club Prizes:
1st Place* = \$150.00
2nd Place = \$100.00
3rd Place = \$50.00

*1st place moves on to Regional contest

- MIDDLE SCHOOL PASS: Do you want a quiet space to get homework done and extra help if needed. You can go to PASS with Mrs. Zincke in Rm. 221 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.
- Middle School Timberwolves Get Fit Program



In October, Elementary and Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in the "GET FIT" program by the MN Timberwolves.

Students who would like to participate will track their daily movement, and get their sheets signed by a parent or guardian along the way. For every 15 Minutes of physical activity, ONE point is earned. Students who reach 25 points by the end of October will turn their sheets in to their teachers or drop in the appropriate drop box area at the middle school or elementary school.

Where will the drop box areas be?

Middle School: Staff Lounge DropBox or Mr. Horner's Mailbox
Elementary School: By the PE Office or Mr. Horner's Mailbox

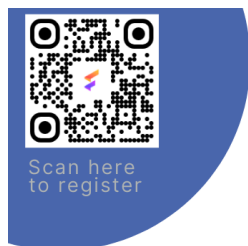
Mr. Horner will be collecting and organizing all trackers on the week of November 4th-7th. After November 7th, no more trackers will be accepted. Students who complete their 25 points will earn complimentary tickets to a game this season and a chance to shoot free throws after the game.

***PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME, TEACHERS NAME, AND GRADE.**

How do I access the tracking sheet if I didn't get one?

[Click the Link Here](#)





Pine Island High School presents...

GO TO COLLEGE, NOT INTO DEBT: SOLUTIONS FOR AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

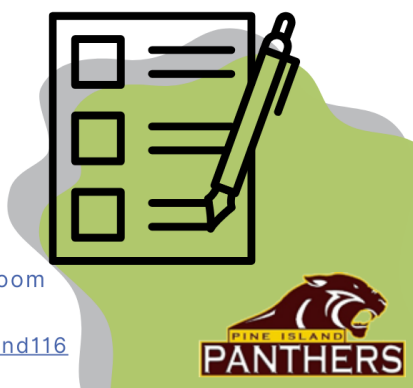
A COLLEGE
PLANNING
WORKSHOP FOR
PARENTS OF
STUDENTS
GRADES 7-12

📅 November 6, 2024

🕒 6:00 pm CST

📍 Pine Island HS Forum Room

🖱️ Register @
<https://foxly.link/pineisland116>



- Juniors and Seniors:

The Department of Education announced recently that there will be another delay in this year's FAFSA. Families of college bound students are in a unique situation to use this delay to their benefit by using the additional time to assess strategies that may require more time to implement. This includes the chance for senior families to set-the-stage and prepare for a stronger appeal to their top-choice college/university. Families of Juniors will benefit with the additional time to review and implement income strategies that will lower college costs even more. Learn what to do to maximize your financial aid offers!

Pine Island HS is teaming up with the financial aid experts at My College Planning Team to offer a live workshop to junior and senior families to help you understand the increasingly complex world of need-based and merit-based financial aid so that you are better able to navigate this process with your colleges. Advanced registration is appreciated.

Go to College, Not Into Debt: Solutions for an Affordable Education

Pine Island High School - Forum Room

Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00pm

Click [here](https://foxly.link/pineisland116) to register today!



Join us
for virtual financial aid events! Free for MN students and families. \$1,000 scholarship and interpreters* available!

Ready, Set, FAFSA!

SESSION DATES/TIMES:

- 10/01/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Apply to College
- 10/08/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Understand Financial Aid
- 10/15/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Create your FSA ID
- 10/22/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Search for Scholarships

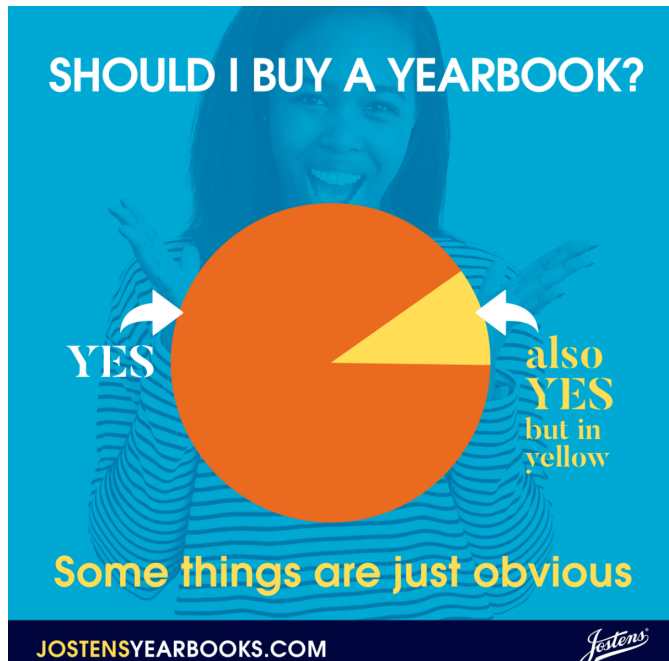
* Interpreters available in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali.

SIGN UP NOW!
QR Code
<https://bit.ly/MNFAFSA>

Space is limited; register now!

Logos: Office of Higher Education, ECMC The College Place, Department of Education, Minnesota Goes to College

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- [FAFSA Informational Session Registration Link](#)



SHOULD I BUY A YEARBOOK?

YES (indicated by a large orange slice of a pie chart)

also YES but in yellow (indicated by a small yellow slice of a pie chart)

Some things are just obvious

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- Order your 2025 YEARBOOK today for the lowest price of the year!
[High School Yearbook](#)
[Middle School Yearbook](#)
 You can also find the link on the HS homepage of our website.
**Please choose the correct school when ordering.*
- Did you forget to hand in your “Program Participation and Release” form to your advisory teacher?
Hand it in today!
- Winter Coat Giveaway: Questions? Please contact district school social worker, Cait Earle, at cait.earle@pineisland.k12.mn.us or 507-356-4849 – ext. 3088.



- Wanted: Event Photographers- do you need some service hours? See Mr. Smith about taking pictures at sporting or school events. This opportunity is open to everyone but must be pre-approved. A camera will be provided.
- Study Hall Students: If you have a study hall and need to see a teacher or have an arrangement to have a meeting in the office with admin, please bring a pass to your study hall from the staff member you have a meeting with.
- The Minnesota Honor Society (MHS) is one of the most decorated clubs for a high school student. Not only do they need to have a 3.5 GPA, but all students must display the four pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

If you are eligible to apply, you should have been added to the MHS Schoology course, where the application is located. If you are interested in applying for the 2024-25 year, please note that you will need three teacher recommendations, and the Application deadline is Oct 10th. If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Horner.

Lunch Menu

MENUS

HVL Calendar link: [HVL Calendar](#)

A complete list of athletic events can be found at www.hvlconference.org. The PI Athletic Department now has a web page with a variety of information on it for parents and athletes. There is a coach's directory, links to important websites, the extra-curricular handbook, PAC meeting dates, HVL Conference, athletic trainer and more...

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/25 -October 23rd, 1st Period - 8th Grade Washington D.C. Meeting - Forum Room
- 10/25 - Orchestra 10-12 Fall Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- 11/1 - End of 1st Quarter
- 11/4-No School - Teacher Work Day
- 11/4- ACT PREP CLASS - Monday, November 4th - 8 AM - 12 PM
- 11/7- Grades 5-6 Orchestra Informance
- 11/11 - Veterans Day Program @ 1:30
- 11/19- Band Concert 9-12 + HS Jazz Band @ 7 p.m.
- 11/21 - Band & Choir 5 Informance @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11/27-11/29- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Music Event Schedule:

Click here for the full schedule: [MUSIC EVENT SCHEDULE WEBSITE](#)

College/Military Visits:

- October 25th - University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse - 11:45 - Flex Area
- October 24 - UMD - 8:30- 9:00 AM - Flex Area
- November 15th - MSC Southeast in Red Wing/Winona - 11:45-12:15 - Commons Area

Field Trips:

- 10/23/24 - Trip to Oxbow Park and Zoo for Roots and Shoots from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 10/29/24 - Trip to RCTC for Tyler Baker from 8:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 11/4/24 - Trip to Byron HS for Music: HVL Conference Music from 8:20 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 11/16/24 - Trip to Chester Woods Park for High School EcoliteracySCHOOL from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 12/19/24 - Trip to St. Paul for 6th Grade - Social Studies from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 1/11/25 or 1/11/25 - SEMBDA Honor Band - bus/suburban to transport kids to the event in the morning, will return immediately to school as students will get rides home from parents
- 2/5/25 — HVL Band Clinic - all day during school hours at Goodhue HS, 60 students + band instruments
- 2/12/25 - Trip to Lake City for Choir: HVL Clinic from 8:20 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.
- 3/5/25 - Trip to Goodhue HS for Music: Large Group Contest on 3/5/2025 from 8:20 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/19/25 - Trip to U of M - Winona College of Science & Engineering for Engineering Club from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 4/14/25 - Trip to Quarry Hill Nature Center for 5th Grade from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

College Signings (Congratulations)!

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Interested in supplemental insurance? Michael Petterson with AFLAC will be at the 5-12 to meet with staff beginning at about 7:15. He will head to the elementary school in the afternoon.

around 2:00 before heading over to the elementary school. This is 100% optional for staff to attend.

- Teachers - Don't forget to return the "Program Participation and Release" forms to the office. Thank you!
- We will use Channel 4 for our walkie talkies at the 5-12.
- PLEASE PUT ALL ABSENCES, INCLUDING INTERNAL SUBS YOU FIND YOURSELF, INTO TOC. Also, please let Kerry in the 5-12 office know if you found your own internal sub and when they are covering for you. Thank you!
- Please advise your subs that they CAN park in the numbered spots in the city lots, behind the legion and to the north of the school. (numbered 300 and higher) Please refrain from parking in the student lot on the east side of the building. Street parking is also available, but please check the signs.
- Please make sure you contact the office if you are taking the class outside. Please share your cell phone number with the office if you have not already so that we have a way to contact you if needed.
- Casual for a Cause Wednesdays - Want to wear jeans mid-week? You can for a \$2 donation you can on Wednesdays! Donations for the 1st quarter will go to the Pine Island Community Ed Holiday Helpers. Stop by the office Wednesday morning before school to make your donation and grab a sticker.
- You can call the custodial staff directly for any maintenance needs? The extension is 3220. (After 2:30, call 3221).

PASS Schedule 2024-2025

Monday: 3:15-4:15 PM

Tuesday: 7:05-8:05 AM

Wednesday: 3:15-4:15 PM

Thursday: 7:05-8:05 AM

Friday: 7:05-8:05 AM

All High School PASS will be held in Ms. Schimek's room 240 on Monday - Thursday and Ms. Kaul's room 260 on Friday.

*Middle School students can go to High School PASS

*Please note – If you are late to PASS you will need to make up your time at the next scheduled PASS

Middle School Pass 2024-2025

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:10 in Mrs. Zincke's Room 221

Early Dismissals:

- **None Today**

Did you Know?

- **Student devices to check out-** If you have a student that forgot their device, we have a limited number of devices to check out from the 5-12 Library. These devices should be returned when not in use/ by the end of the day and are not to be taken home at night.

Subs:

5-12

Unfilled:

External Subs:

Dawn Lenz, all day, Doug Strandell
Ashley Quandt, all day, Jocasta Adelsman

Internal Subs:

Tom Horner, 10:30-EoD, no sub needed
Barb Hoppe, 7:30-12:15, Megan Schimek
Mary Meyers, all day, Mika Brannan
Lucas Sansovich, all day, David Luther

