



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

● Announcements for January 14th, 2025

- Recess will be inside today!

Pine Island FFA

1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser

@ the High School

Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 2025, 11:00AM - 5:00PM

SCAN ME To Learn More

Savings on mattresses from top brands!

Twin Mattresses from \$199 | Full Mattresses from \$249
Queen Mattresses from \$299 | King Mattresses from \$399

Adjustable Bases

Mattresses

Protectors

Pillows

purple

Beautyrest

Benefits Pine Island FFA & Ag Dept.

- ✓ All sizes & firmness levels available
- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Adjustable bases available
- ✓ Mattress protectors, premium pillows & more!
- ✓ Home delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ Financing available

Pine Island FFA Mattress Fundraiser

10% off any mattress over \$299

Special Discount for Faculty, Staff, Police/Fire/EMS & Military

Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 2025, 11:00AM - 5:00PM @ the High School | cfsbeds.com
Questions? Contact: cfsfwincities@gmail.com

PRIOR Announcements:

- Aspiring Ed. will meet Friday, Jan. 17th to take their yearbook photo and welcome guest speaker Zoey Haugen who will share her freshman year experience at UWRF. Any student - member or not - is welcome to attend.
- The end of 2nd quarter will be this Friday, Jan. 17th. There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 20th.
- HS Students: When you return to start the 3rd quarter on Tuesday, January 21st, please check in to Study Hall with Mrs. Wachter if you have an Honors Pass.

- **ACT PREP CLASS - Monday, January 20th - 8 AM - 12 PM.**

*** Juniors who have registered for the ACT Prep class will meet in the forum room. Please bring your laptop, a notebook, and pen/pencil.**

- After the classroom bee was completed, the following students will be advancing to the school bee on Thursday, January 16, at 8:20 AM in the auditorium: Paide Leis-Madison, Ainsley Fox, and Caiden Grenier (6th graders); Marissa Kautzer, Cylis Gayles-Lopez, Ava Johnson, and Chase Hoffman (7th graders); Brittany Guilette, Elizabeth Koelsch, and Parker Anderson.
- Berne Wood-Fired Pizza is looking for summer interns to volunteer to help run varied aspects of our summer concert events on Wednesdays from 4:15-8 PM. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Mrs. Organ.
- **High School Students:** Please log into Skyward to check your 3rd quarter schedules. If you notice that you have any blank periods or need to make any changes, now is the time to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Hoepfner to do that. To schedule an appointment please click here: <https://calendly.com/pihs-counselor/counselor-meeting> or email Mrs. Hoepfner at chellyne.hoepfner@pineisland.k12.mn.us.

If you need help logging into Skyward, please contact the 5-12 office.

- **PINE ISLAND SKI CLUB GIANTS RIDGE TRIP 2025!**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 9, 2025

Registration: <https://forms.gle/yRRWF2cnhLk54a2GA>

Please complete one (1) form for each participant

Dates: February 21-23, 2025

Loading: Panther Door at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23

Returning: at approx. 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25

Grades: 7-12 no parent required

Grades: 5-6 require a parent to participate

Skiing: Giant's Ridge near Biwabik, MN 1-800-688-7669

Lodging: Biwabik Park Pavilion- Emergency contact: 218-748-7510 or 507-279-1890

Cost: \$215

Includes:

- 2 days lift tickets
- Transportation via school bus
- Lodging
- Meals for: Saturday - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Sunday - Breakfast Lunch (*Dinner will be on your own for Friday night and Sunday night*)

Contact for additional information

Christian Wernau

P: 507-398-8433

E: cwernau@gmail.com

PAYMENT must be received by February 14, 2025

Learn more by clicking on the [REGISTRATION LINK!](#)



- **6-8 Band Concert:**

PINE ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

6-8 BAND CONCERT

FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 2025
6:30 pm
 5-12 Performing Arts Center

Maroon Band 6 - Gold Band 7
 Beta Band 8 - All-Ages Jazz Band

Maroon Band 6 students * 6:10 pm band room
 Grade 7-8, jazz 7:12 * 6:15 pm PAC with instruments

- Musicians wear PI Middle School music t-shirt for performance.
- HS Jazz Musicians wear all black.
- Group yearbook photos will be taken during and after the concert.
- Live Stream YouTube Channel 'PI Streaming'

- **Date Change for Band Fest:**

Change *the* Date

5.15.25

Band Fest
HS Spring Band Concert
Date changed due to home track meet on May 13.



Ready, Set, FAFSA!

SESSION DATES/TIMES:

01/07/25 @ 7 p.m. | Apply for Financial Aid – FAFSA

01/14/25 @ 7 p.m. | Apply for Financial Aid – MN Dream Act

01/21/25 @ 7 p.m. | Search for Scholarships

01/28/25 @ 7 p.m. | Understand Your Aid Offer

* Interpreters available in Hmong, Spanish and Somali.

SIGN UP NOW!



<https://bit.ly/MNFAFSA>



• 2025 Papa Summer Musical Update:

[Click Here for the Update](#)

• Do you have a PIMS shirt that you would be willing to donate?



Do you have a PIMS Music t-shirt at your house that you don't need and no one is emotionally attached to?

Consider donating your gently used shirt to the music dept. so we can share it with others. We often have students in need.

Thanks!

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- PI Accessories is selling Wristbands and Rally Towels. The Wristbands will be \$3 for one, \$5 for two, and \$7 for three. The towels will be \$4 for one. There is also a bundle option of a rally towel and a PI bracelet for \$5, and two bundles for \$10. Click Link [Here](#) for Pre-Orders. Go Panthers!





11" x 17" White Rally Towel with PMS 202 & 136 Imprint set as Landscape

- [Snack Attack Book Club - 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:30-4:30pm](#)

[Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th](#)

Join Van Horn Library's Choose-Your-Own-Adventure book club! Over the course of the school year, we will read 9 choose-your-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 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.

**START THE NEW YEAR
OFF RIGHT**



Classes are kicking off. Sports and clubs are getting back into gear. Before you get too busy, it's the perfect time to order your yearbook!

- Don't forget to order a yearbook!

[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.*

- 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.

Lunch Menu

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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:

- [1/17](#)- End of 2nd Quarter
- [1/20](#)- NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
- [1/24](#)- Band 6-8 Concert + All-Ages Jazz Band
- [1/28](#)-High School Registration
- [2/10-2/14](#) - HS Snow Week
- [2/14](#) - Early Release

Music Event Schedule:

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

College/Military Visits:

- [1/21/25](#) - Army National Guard from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Field Trips:

- [1/21/25](#) - Trip to Stewartville for FCCLA 9-12 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- [1/31/25](#) - Trip to SE Service Cooperative, 210 Woodlake Dr, Rochester, MN for HS Knowledge Bowl from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [1/31/25](#) - Trip to State Capitol for PI Engineering Club from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- [2/5/25](#) - Trip to Welch Village Ski Resort for 6th Grade Class from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- 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.
- 2/19/25 - Trip to St. Paul - Capitol and MHC for 6th Grade from 8:15 a.m - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/21/25 - Trip to MN Zoo for High School Roots and Shoots Environmental Club from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.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.
- 4/28/25 - Trip to Wood Lake Meeting Center, 210 Wood Lake Dr. SE, Rochester, MN, 55904 for Math Masters 5th Grade from 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

College Signings (Congratulations)!

- Brandon Week - South Dakota State University - Baseball
- Zoe Njus - University of Dubuque - Basketball
- Blake Schiltz - North Dakota State University - Football

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cards for Jen Tilford and Lisa Swanson are in the 5-12 office and will be available until January 24th.
- Grades are due on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:59 p.m.
 - Need help in grading tests or assignments? Cassandra Wachter is offering to help with any grading if you provide her the answer key. If you would like her help, please reach out to her by emailing her at cassandra.wachter@pineisland.k12.mn.us or calling ext. 3360.
- High School Staff,

This is a reminder that TZD will be hosting a Wellness Fair at Pine Island High School on Friday, February 14th in the Gold Gym.

All high school students and staff will gather in the auditorium at 9:00 AM. An announcement will be made when it's time to be excused prior to 9:00 AM. The fair itself will run from 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM with the following grades visiting:

- Grade 12: 9:45-10:12 AM
- Grade 11: 10:15-10:42 AM
- Grade 10: 10:45-11:12 AM
- Grade 9: 11:15-11:42 AM

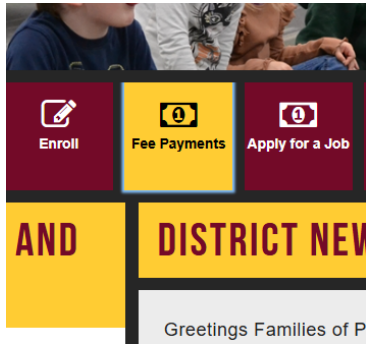
Please accompany your students to the fair to help supervise unless you have only a small number of students in a mixed grade class that are attending. Thank you!

Tom Horner & Angela Organ

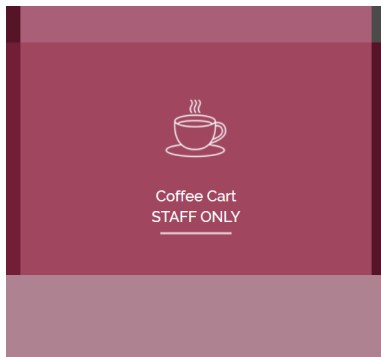
- You now can pay for coffee cart items online using a credit card.

Here are the instructions:

1. Go to [Pine Island Public School Homepage](#).
2. Click on the "Fee Payments" tile.



3. Click on the "Coffee Cart - Staff Only" tile. Choose your items and pay.



Thank you to the Coffee Cart crew for providing the Coffee Cart service!

- [Puzzle Library Link](#)



- We donated \$75 to Holiday Helpers through our Casual Wednesday donations. 2nd quarter donations will go to PBIS and SOP. Thank you for your generosity.
- 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:

- **Gymnastics (JV & V) dismisses at 2:00 p.m. for a 2:15 p.m. bus.**

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.**
- **High School Students: If you are going on vacation and will miss school, it is your responsibility to pick up a Vacation Form from the office. Once you pick up this form, you will take it to each of your teachers to get the assignments you will miss and then get a parent's signature. Once it is completed, bring it back to the office for final approval.**

Vacation Form

Subs:

5-12

Unfilled:

Bella Mehrkens, all day, Kim Pokrandt 10:30-12:15

Summer Cavallaro, all day, Mike Downie (1st, 5th)/Katie Brenny (7th)

External Subs:

Scott Miller, all day, Brian McCollough

Andrew Boman, all day, Katie Brenny

Internal Subs:

Cait Carr, all day, no sub needed

Josh Pederson, all day, no sub needed

Haley Moe, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., no sub needed

