



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

● Announcements for December 2nd, 2024

- The High School Winter Bash Assembly will be held at 11:00 in the Auditorium.
- Please hand in any SCRIP orders to the office before the end of the day.
- 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 20th 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 20th. 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!



We invite you to take part in the 7th Annual Grandparent Bingo event!
Friday, December 20
8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Pine Island High School Cafeteria
Coffee and snacks will be served.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 13 using the Google Form below:

<https://forms.gle/18buQy9PGX9LidXd6>

After Bingo, grandparents (or special guests) are invited to watch a holiday theatrical performance in the auditorium with their special student from 9:50-10:35 AM. This play will be performed by students in the Pine Island High School Theater class. There will then be a Student Council presentation from 10:40-11:00 am that you are welcome to stay for or depart after the play. At 11:12 AM, students will be dismissed (if service hours have been completed) or will stay to complete community service projects.

PRIOR Announcements:

- **Nature Play Trail Grand Opening:**

NATURE Play Trail

GRAND OPENING

Explore the Trails
New trails were built with care by PIHS Roots & Shoots and EcoliteracySCHOOL (Students Collaborating in Health Oriented Outdoor Learning) students at the PIHS Outdoor Classroom. Come check them out!

Nature Play Stations
Try 9 play areas along the trail -- each designed to spark imagination and creativity. Stations target kids ages 2-10, but all ages are welcome on the trails!

Forest Bathing Workshop
10:30 - 11:30AM (FREE!)*
Led by Laura Lenz, certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide! *Pre-registrations are required. Email Megan Schimek at meschimekepinesisland.k12.mn.us to RSVP today! Please include the number of participants in your email.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7
10:00-11:30AM

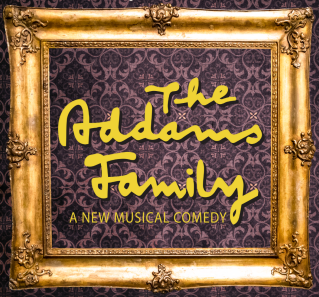
• Nature Preserve Park
8th St SE, Pine Island, MN 55963
(Across from the Softball field complex)

Children's Nature Play Area Requirements

- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times
- No dogs allowed - this is a nature preserve area - keep it wild!
- Be respectful, have fun, clean up when you're done



Pine Island High School Drama
Department



AUDITIONS

DECEMBER 10 or 12

Sign-up for a time outside Mrs. Laack's room and **PICK UP AN AUDITION PACKET!**

- Audition materials are now available for the spring musical: The Addams Family. See Mrs. Laack for an audition packet and to sign up for an audition time. Audition slots are available either December 10 or 12. If you can't make one of the audition times, you need to let Mrs. Laack know ASAP.
- Pine Island's Toy/Gift Drive is underway:

How You Can Help:

- **Donate New, Unwrapped Toys:** Bring toys of all kinds – from educational toys to fun games, sporting equipment, books, and stuffed animals. Every contribution counts!
- **Drop-Off Locations:** At all Pine Island school buildings as well as Hardware Hank, City Hall, Island Market, Frandsen Bank & Trust, and United Methodist Church.
- **Deadline for Donations:** Sunday, December 8th.

Whether you're donating a single toy or gathering a collection, your generosity will help make the holidays brighter for children in our community. No contribution is too small – together, we can make a big impact!

Let's Share the Joy of Giving!

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Pine Island Community Education Office at 507-356-8876. Thank you for helping us make this season a little brighter for our students.

Thank you for your support!



Pine Island Holiday Toy/Gift Drive
November 18th-December 8th, 2024

Please consider donating to our local **TOY/GIFT DRIVE** for Pine Island & Oronoco families.

These items will help support the **Holiday Gift Event** hosted by Pine Island Community Education and local area churches. This event supports Pine Island students and families in need during the holiday season.

Pine Island Schools will be collecting toys/ gifts specifically for the following age groups:

- ELC:** ages newborn-5 years
- K-4 School:** ages 5-10 years
- Middle School:** ages 11-14 years
- High School:** ages 15-18 years

Other Drop Off Locations:
Hardware Hank, City Hall, Island Market, Frandsen Bank & Trust, and United Methodist Church



Drop off new and unwrapped items by December 8th

Toy/Gift Ideas:

- Legos, Barbie, dolls, trucks
- Board games
- Puzzles
- Crafts

Teens (11-18 yrs)

- Panther Gear
- Lotions/soaps/perfume
- nail polish, make up
- Headphones, earbuds
- Sports Equipment
- Basketball, football, volleyball, soccer balls, pickleball racket/balls
- Outdoor equipment
- bikes, scooters, sleds

Pine Island High School Student Council

FOOD DRIVE

Event Date:
December 2nd - December 20th



We are excited to announce our Pine Island Student Council Food Drive, where we come together as a community to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity especially during these holiday months were the food banks need donations the most.

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Food
- ▶ Sugar
- ▶ Flour
- ▶ Non Perishable foods Ect.

DROP-OFF LOCATION Pine Island Public Schools office entry way
223 1st Ave SE #7518, Pine Island MN 55963

For More Information: Kylie.Stai@pineisland.k12.mn.us

2025 Friday, January 10

BOYS BASKETBALL GOLD GYM START 6:45 PM



PINE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL Alumni PEP BAND

**MUSIC PROVIDED
NEED AN INSTRUMENT?
CONTACT MRS. HOPPE
BHPPE@PINEISLAND.K12.MN.US**

- Note from PTO: If you need to purchase gift cards for the holiday season, this is for you! Listen to how easy it is to order numerous gift cards from different stores (from the comfort of your own home) and only have 1 stop to pick up, all while supporting PI Schools. Complete the form and send it to school with a check included. Checks payable to Pine Island PTO. Make sure the envelope is clearly labeled PTO SCRIP ORDER. Your child can turn it into the MS/HS office and they will turn it in to get the order placed. You will be contacted when your order arrives for pick up at the District Office. Order due dates are listed on the back of the form. Pine Island PTO gets a small percentage from the company you ordered from at no extra cost to you! WIN WIN!

Let us know if you have any questions! PTO@pineisland.k12.mn.us Thank you for all your continued Panther support!

[SCRIP Order Form 2024](#)

- Winter Bash Service Hours Opportunity:

FCS Cookie and Beverage Service on Winter Bash Day (4 hours-approved by administration because it is later than allowed)[Cookie and Beverage Service](#)

- Snack Attack Book Club - 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:30-4:30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th

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 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.



- Give the Gift of Memories!

[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!
- 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

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:

- [12/11](#) - Early Release
- [12/10](#) - Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert 8-12 + Jazz Strings
- [12/18](#) - Making Spirits Bright (grades 10-12 performing)
- [12/20](#) - Winter Bash Service Hours Due
- [12/23-1/1](#) - Winter Break

Music Event Schedule:

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

College/Military Visits:

Field Trips:

- [12/3/24](#) - Trip to Guthrie Theater for 7th grade from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- [12/5/24](#) - Trip to PI Sharing Shelves and Oronoco Food Shelf for MS Student Council from 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.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)!

- Brandon Week - South Dakota State University - Baseball
- Zoe Njus - University of Dubuque - Basketball

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A note from PTO: If you need to purchase gift cards for the holiday season, this is for you! Listen to how easy it is to order numerous gift cards from different stores (from the comfort of your own home) and only have 1 stop to pick up, all while supporting PI Schools. Complete the form and send it to school with a check included. Checks payable to Pine Island PTO. Make sure the envelope is clearly labeled PTO SCRIP ORDER. Your child can turn it into the MS/HS office and they will turn it in to get the order placed. You will be contacted when your order arrives for pick up at the District Office. Order due dates are listed on the back of the form. Pine Island PTO gets a small percentage from the company you ordered from at no extra cost to you! WIN WIN!**

Let us know if you have any questions! PTO@pineisland.k12.mn.us Thank you for all your continued Panther support!

[SCRIP Order Form 2024](#)

- **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:

- **C Team/8th Grade Boys Basketball dismisses at 3:00 p.m. for a 3:15 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.**

Subs:

5-12

Unfilled:

Bella Mehrkens, all day,
Mindy Robertson, all day, Mika Brannan

External Subs:

Marlee Rosenthal, all day, Katie Dudley
Emily Kaul, all day, Daniel Thompson
Alexis Aaby, all day, Ariane Bromberg

Internal Subs:

Kim Pokrandt, all day, Bella Mehrkens

