



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

Announcements for February 29, 2024



- **TODAY:** State Wrestling and Adaptive Floor Hockey walkthrough will be held on Thursday, February 29th at 9:35 a.m.
- **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TOMORROW:**

Attentions Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:

Pine Island High School will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Program on Wednesday, **March 6**. This test is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and will be administered free of charge. The ASVAB can provide students with the opportunity to learn more about their strengths in relation to future academic success and career interest areas in both college and the military.

What is the ASVAB? The ASVAB is a test that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. For more information about this exam, please visit <https://www.asvabprogram.com/parents-test>. We will be offering the computerized version of the test.

Who should take the ASVAB? Students may choose to take the ASVAB if they are contemplating a career in the military, would like to further explore how their interests translate to career opportunities, or would like additional practice testing in a standardized environment.

Students interested in taking the ASVAB can **sign up by emailing Mrs. Hoepfner by Friday, March 1**. The test will be free of charge and students will be excused from classes the morning of the test. Students taking the ASVAB should report to the Forum Room by 8:15 a.m. on March 6 with your computer. Testing will take up to 3 hours and will be followed by an informational session about scoring and career exploration resources available through ASVAB.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the ASVAB, please contact Chellyne Hoeppner at 507-356-3217 or chellyne.hoeppner@pineisland.k12.mn.us.

- **DEADLINE IS TODAY:** Today (Thursday, Feb. 29) is the priority deadline to apply for next year's EcoliteracySCHOOL program! Click here to [apply](#).

Contact Mrs. Schimek with any questions.

- **TOMORROW: Pine Island Trap Team-** This Friday (March 1st) is the last day to sign up for the spring trap shooting season. See Mr. Smith with any questions or to pick up the forms.
- **TOMORROW: Seniors,** if you wish to be included in the Zumbrota News Record Senior Profiles, please fill out this form by **March 1st:** [2024 Senior Profile for News Record](#) (Please make a copy before editing).
- **DUE TOMORROW: American Legion Auxiliary Americanism - Essay contest -** This contest is available to students in grades 3-12. Entries need to be turned into a Pine Island Schools office prior to **March 1** for local American Legion Auxiliary to judge.

Click on the link below for instructions (dates do not apply - our local judges would need to have the essays first).

[Americanism Contest Requirements](#)

- **LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the lost and found for any missing items. The items will be donated after middle school conferences are complete.

PRIOR Announcements:





- Time for some DRAMA! For the first time we are doing a show-reveal elimination. Each weekday, one (or more?) of these show titles will be eliminated until the 2024 summer musical is revealed and the audition posters posted! You didn't think we'd just tell you, did you?!

Follow us on Instagram: [papa_jr_musical](#)

Share this with your PAPA Musical friends so they're ready for the 2024 show REVEAL!

AUDITIONS: APRIL 3-4.

- American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster Contest**
This contest is available to students in grades 2-12. Entries need to be turned into a Pine Island Schools office prior to March 26th for our local American Legion Auxiliary to judge.

[Poppy Poster Rules](#)

[Poppy Contest Registration](#)

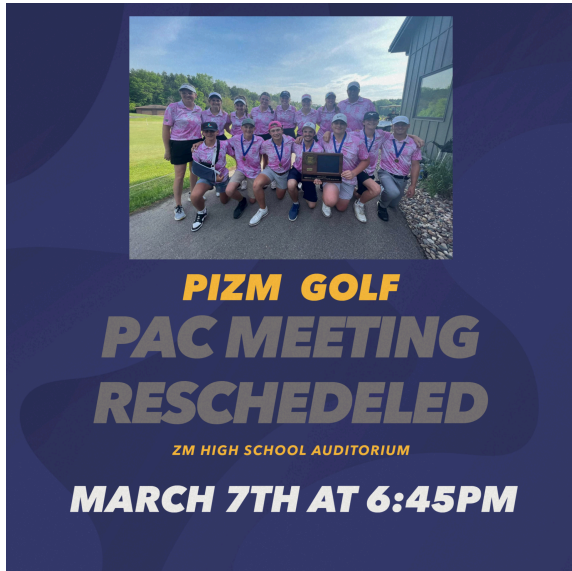
- Attention class of 2025- If you are interested in being a yearbook editor for next year's (2024-2025) book please see or email Mr. Smith.
- Spring PAC Meetings:
- Due to state election/caucus rules, we cannot have any events in the school on March 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm, so the presentation and PAC meeting times have been moved back.

All athlete and parent presentation: 8:00 PM in the Gold gym



PAC meeting to follow at 8:30 PM in the designated areas: Baseball (maroon gym), Track (gold gym), and Softball (forum room).



- There has been a change for the PIZM Golf PAC meeting. It will now be on March 7 @ 6:45 pm in the Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School auditorium.



- ROYC is seeking new members:

 <p>Are you a student in Olmsted County who wants to share your youth voice and create change in your community? Join the Rochester-Olmsted Youth Council!</p>	
<p>MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGE</p> <p>Join a group of peers from around Olmsted County with diverse backgrounds and a common passion for moving our communities forward.</p>	<p>WHAT IS ROYC?</p> <p>A Student-organized group which is a collaboration of high school to college aged students who work to make active change in the Rochester Community and greater Olmsted County.</p>
<p>HOW TO APPLY</p> <p>Applications are accepted twice a year (September and March). After applying you will be invited to an orientation and meeting as well as to join our Google Classroom. Then it's time to get to work!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>WANT TO JOIN?</p> <p>Scan Here:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>-First & Third Wednesdays of the Month</p> <p>-5:00-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Government Center Conference Rooms. Dinner is provided!</p>

FOR MORE INFORMATION email: rochesteroyc@gmail.com instagram: [@rochester_olmstedyc](https://www.instagram.com/rochester_olmstedyc)

- **Spring Sports Registration is Open:**

7th-12th grade Spring sports registration is available online for baseball, softball, track and golf.

All athletes must have a sports physical on file at the school in order to be able to participate

To Register – go to the Pine Island School website and scroll to the bottom of the page and into online fee payment then click into Athletic Payments then into the specific sport (Please be aware of what level, middle school or high school). You can also access registration by clicking [HERE](#).

Practice Start Dates:

Softball – March 11

Track & Field – March 11

Golf – March 18

Baseball – March 18

- **Student School Board Representative:**

Student School Board Representative (Must Be A Sophomore or Junior)

What does a Student School Board Rep do?

- Attend regular school board meetings
- Provide monthly reports covering K-12 activities
- Serve as an active voice for the K-12 student body
- Communicate with administration and other school leaders



Position Benefits:

- Activities Pass
- Successful completion of the year will result in a \$500 scholarship
- Eligible to apply for the MSBA Student Representative Scholarship (\$3,000)
- Letter of recommendation for scholarship opportunities

● 7th/8th Grade Masquerade Dance



7TH-8TH GRADE

MASQUERADE DANCE

Friday, March 1st, 7-9 PM
Maroon Gym, 5-12 building

\$5 entry fee

Bring your own mask or decorate one at the dance!

- [Click on the link](#) for information on the 1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament sponsored by PI softball. This is a fundraiser that will take place on Sat. March 9, in the gold and maroon gyms. The student tournament will begin at 9:30 AM and the adult tournament will begin at 12:00 PM.

● Prom Information:

Prom and Post Prom are working together to have all of your information in one central location - We are now The Prom Experience!

We are still separate groups, but we are collaborating to update you in real time! Our website is LIVE NOW! Scan the QR code to get all the updates for PROM 2024!



<https://sites.google.com/pineisland.k12.mn.us/the-prom-experience/>

- **Parking Notice:** The City Center Apartments located on 1st Ave SE and 4th St SE near the 5-12 school is currently having renovations and construction work done. This requires space for work to be completed as well as parking for the workers. They are requesting residents and students to please park in another location to help with this project.
- **Student Support Update:**
Mrs. Hoepfner and Cait Earle will continue to be available for individual check-ins whenever you need.

Please use the form below to connect with one of us by scanning the code, or by following this [link](#).

We are always here to support you.

PINE ISLAND STUDENT SUPPORT

The graphic features five circular headshots of staff members arranged around a central QR code. At the top center is the Pine Island School District logo, a maroon and gold tiger head. The background is a light beige color with decorative black starburst patterns on the left and right sides.

Cait Earle
(District Social Worker)

Chellyne Hoepfner
(High School Counselor)

Brittany Kowalewski
(Middle School Counselor & Social Worker)

Ashley McKittrick
(Zumbro Valley Health Therapist)

Tom Horner (District Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator)

Scan Here to Connect

- **SENIORS:** You have your own Senior Page for announcements. You can find it on the Pine Island website under the 5-12 School Tab and then "Senior Year Information - Class of 2024." [Senior Year Information - Class of 2024](#)
 - **Scholarship Opportunities:**
The Pine Island Community Scholarship application opens today, Monday, February 26 for seniors to apply for scholarships. Most scholarships require a teacher recommendation which can be found by clicking on [this recommendation form](#). The application deadline is March 29. See the [Pine Island Community Scholarship Guide](#) for information about the scholarships offered and application process.
- **When is the Fitness Center available?** Click here: [Weight Room Hours/Supervision](#)
- Lisa Daak and Kerry Rosane will be the advisors for the Middle School Yearbook this year. We are looking for YOUR photos to add. Please email us any photos from your classroom, clubs, sports, or after-school activities. Be on the lookout for additional ways you can contribute soon.

Lunch Menu

[February Lunch Menu](#)

[March Lunch Menu](#)

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:

- [3/27/24](#) - Celebrations Formal Wear - will be coming in during PROWL & Lunch for tuxedo information/ittings.

- 5/9/24 - Staff Appreciation Lunch provided by PTO:MSHS School - Thurs, May 9th (approx 11a-1p)
- 5/23/24 - Senior Lunch provided by PTO (@MSHS) - Thurs, May 23rd (approx 11a)

Music Event Schedule:

Click here for the full schedule:[Music Event Schedule](#)

3/6 - Large Group Contest (Band, Choir, and Orchestra)

3/8 - 3/10 - Theatre Musical Performance

3/12 - Grades 10-12 Music in Our Schools Concert

4/4 - HS & MS (7-8) Solo/Ensemble Contest

4/14 - Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Honors Recital (9-12) at 2 p.m. in Performing Arts Center

4/25 - Grade 5 Concert at 6:30 p.m. in Performing Arts Center

College/Military Visits:

- 3/6/24 - University of Wisconsin - River Falls will be visiting on March 6 during Prowl (11:15-11:45) in the Flex Area.
- 3/8/24 - St. Cloud State will be coming for a visit on Friday, March 8 from 9-10 AM in the Flex Area.
- 3/11/24 - The Navy will visit in the cafeteria during lunch.

Field Trips:

- 3/1/24 - Trip to Red Wing for High School Student Council from 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- 3/4/24 - Trip to Winona High School for FFA from 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/5/24 - Trip to Cannon Falls High School for 9th & 10th grade from 8:45 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
- 3/6/24 - Trip to Cannon Falls for Music from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/7/2024 - Trip to Wood Lake Meeting Center, 210 Wood Lake Dr. SE, Rochester, MN 55904 for 6th Grade Math Masters from 7:40 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- 3/10-3/12 - DECA Overnight Field Trip
- 3/13/24 - Trip to St. Paul, MN - Outfront Youth Summit for GSA - 9-12 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 3/15/24 - Trip to Mankato University for Engineering Club from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 4/7/24-4/9/24 - Overnight field trip for FCCLA State Conference in Minneapolis
- 4/17/24 - Trip to Quarry Hill for 5th Grade from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 5/16/24 - Trip to Minnesota Zoo for SPED- High school and Transition from 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

College Signings (Congratulations)!

- Nate Klusmann - U-W Stout - Football
- Paxyn Rendahl - St. Scholastica - Basketball
- Brandon Week - South Dakota State University - Baseball

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3rd quarter grades will be due by Tuesday, March 26th at 11:59 p.m.

- 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! Thanks to your donations, we will be donating \$215.00 to the PBIS-SOP Room. Donations for the 3rd quarter will go to the Pine Island Sharing Shelves. 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				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kau's Room	*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kau's Room	*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kau's Room
SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY
*Gr 7-12 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Schimek's Room 240	Gr 5-8 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Zincke's Room 221	*Gr 7-12 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Schimek's Room 240	Gr 5-8 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Zincke's Room 221	

**Designated PASS Room used to support academic eligibility for athletics and activities*

Early Dismissals:

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:

Krista Affeldt, all day, Seeking Internal Subs

External Subs:

Lucas Sansovich, all day, Amanda Banach

Internal Subs:

Jadin Suk, 12:00-EoD, no sub needed

Cassandra Wachter, 2:00-EoD, Students will report to the library

Angela Koster, 11:45-EoD, Internal Subs

Dawn Lenz, 12:15-EoD, Internal Subs

Clark Jones, all day, no sub needed

Grace Bruening, all day, Lillian Haseman

Chellynne Hoeppner, all day, no sub needed

Kristy Barnett, 2:00-2:30, Scott Miller

