



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

Announcements for October 24th, 2023:

- **2nd Quarter Schedules:** We are not going to print 2nd quarter schedules this year. Please log into your Skyward account to see your 2nd quarter schedule. Please check with the office if you need help in logging in.
- **TODAY: DECA Meeting** - Tues Oct 24th - Prowl into Lunch - Rm 113 - Ms. Banach's room . Still wondering what we are and what we do? Check out this meeting as we will show you how we Role!! See you Tues.
- Want a chance to win \$150? Are you 11, 12 or 13 years old? Love drawing or painting? Enter the Lions Club Peace Poster Art Contest, DARE TO DREAM of a more Peaceful world.

See Mrs. Flaig and [this slideshow](#) for more information. ***5th & 6th graders may work on poster in Mrs. Flaig's art room during recess.*

LIONS CLUB
Peace POSTER CONTEST

2023 Theme:
"Dare to Dream"
For a More Peaceful World

Open to Pine Island Students,
age 11, 12, or 13
as of November
15, 2023

Pine Island Lions Club Prizes:
1st Place* = \$150.00
2nd Place = \$75.00
3rd Place = \$50.00

**1st place moves on to Regional contest*

PRIOR Announcements:

- If any student lost an AirPods on or near Mrs. Organ's room in the past couple of weeks, stop in and see her!

- 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.
- Attention Girls Basketball Athletes (Grades 7 to 12):

Open Gym will resume Saturday October 28th, November 4th and November 11th as listed below. If you are interested in playing basketball this upcoming season, please join us for an Open Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the following dates: Sept. 28th; and Nov. 4th and 11th.



The annual Post Prom Pizza Fundraiser is October 28 from 10-2. Juniors and Seniors will be around neighborhoods selling pizzas, soups, cookie dough, and the popular mini doughnuts and BBQ ribs! Your support helps make Post Prom 2024 a success...and you can have a delicious, easy dinner night. Win-Win!

JUNIORS: Gather your friends and a parent or two! Sign up with this Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EACAA23A2F5C07-44776992-2024#/>

SENIORS: WE KNOW YOU HAD SO MUCH FUN LAST YEAR, YOUR HELP IS WELCOMED AGAIN THIS YEAR!

- *Dear Seniors, Juniors and Parents of Seniors and Juniors,*

It is the time of year to start fundraising for Post Prom. One of the biggest fundraisers we have is to sell Randy's Foods. We need all the help we can get to make this fundraiser a success.

Please see following information:

Selling date: October 28th from 10AM - 2PM.

Packing date: October 27th, 6:30PM Tree's house

Please sign up at the following link if you can help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EACAA23A2F5C07-44776992-2024#/>

You can sign up in groups and each group should bring 4 coolers if possible. Parents can drive the car with the food while the kids walk door to door selling the product. We will have pizzas, soups, ribs, cheesy potatoes, mini donuts, and cookie dough for sale this year.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks in advance for all your help!

pipost@pineisland.k12.mn.us

● Roots and Shoots Pumpkin Luminary Trail - Oct. 28!

Roots and Shoots environmental club is hosting a pumpkin luminary trail on Saturday, Oct. 28th at Trailhead City Park, which will benefit the Pine Island Sharing Shelves - and we need your help!

1. We need carved pumpkins to line the paved walkways! We are inviting YOU to carve a pumpkin that will be on display at the luminary trail. (Our goal is 150 pumpkins!) RSVP to bring a pumpkin by filling out this form. (Pumpkins will be returned at the end of the night - so you can decorate with them again on Halloween - or they will be donated to local farm animals.)

Have a business? Carve a pumpkin with your logo! This can be a free advertisement for you!

2. This event is free and open to the public! All ages are welcome! We do encourage visitors to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Pine Island Sharing Shelves. The holidays are coming! Items of high need include: canned fruits and soups, side dishes, and flavored rice/noodle packets.

3. The most important part... Prizes will be awarded for the pumpkins that receive the most votes in each category: Spooky, Creative, Funny and Environmental

Thanks for your help in making this community event a success! Specific questions can be directed to Megan Schimek (Roots and Shoots advisor) at meschimek@pineisland.k12.mn.us

- In the fall the VFW promotes activities to encourage Americanism and Patriotism in students. See these opportunities below and try one or more out.

For 9th through 12th grade students: Voice of Democracy Program need to know:

- 1.] A 3-to-5-minute audio essay with the theme "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy."
- 2.] Open to all public, private, home-schooled, or parochial students.
- 3.] They are due to participating VFW post nearest you by October 31st. (You may return them to the 5-12 office).
- 4.] Entries are available on line the Veterans of Foreign Wars site or by emailing Katie Dudley at katie.dudley@pineisland.k12.mn.us.
- 5.] No individual's name may be in the body of the audio essay or on the written copy, only on the entry form.
- 6.] Judging criteria: Originality: 30 points, Content: 35 points, Delivery: 35 points

For 6th through 8th grade students: - Patriot's Pen program's need to know:

- 1.] A 300 – 400 word essay with the theme, “How Are You Inspired by America.” Essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and the body should not identify the applicant in any way. Your personal information can only be on the entry form.
- 2.] The contestant’s teacher, counselor, or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar, and/or spelling.
- 3.] Open to all public, private, home-schooled, or parochial students.
- 4.] They are due to participating VFW post nearest you by October 31st. (You may return them to the 5-12 office).
- 5.] Entries are available on line at the Veterans of Foreign Wars site or by emailing Katie Dudley at katie.dudley@pineisland.k12.mn.us.
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- Winter sports registration is open.



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- ACT Prep Class: Juniors who registered to take the ACT Prep Class will have their first session on Monday, October 30th from 8 AM - 12 PM in the flex room (next to the forum room). Please bring your charged laptop, calculator, notebook, and pencil.
- FREE DENTAL CLINIC: There will be a free dental clinic will be offered to students pre K-high school at Pine Island Schools on December 5th held in the 5-12 forum room. This is through Children's Dental Health Services. Free services are offered to families that qualify for free/reduced lunch, who do not have a regular dental office, and are on medical assistance or are uninsured. Click [Here](#) for the application.

*Paper applications are available in the 5-12 office.
- Attention Seniors- If you are not planning on having professional senior pictures taken, but would like something more than your school picture in the yearbook, please reach out to Mr. Smith. The yearbook staff would be happy to take some shots for you to pick from! Fall is a nice time to do this so the sooner the better.
- Registration is open for the 3rd annual Freaky 5K and Kids' Fun Run! Don't miss out on this FREE event!
Follow the Freaky 5K facebook page for future updates, T-Shirt winners, and access to registration.
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094701100841>

OCT
28TH



2023

Register Here



First 100 Registered will be automatically entered to win a FREE event T-Shirt!



- 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



Cait Earle
(District Social Worker)



Brittany Kowalewski
(Middle School Counselor & Social Worker)



Chellyne Hoepfner
(High School Counselor)

Scan Here to Connect



Ashley McKittrick
(Zumbro Valley Health Therapist)



Tom Horner (District Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator)



- **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](#)
- **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.
- **Order your yearbook today at jostensyearbooks.com.** Make sure you choose the correct school!



**2024
YEARBOOK**

The Pine Island Middle School yearbook captures today's memories to enjoy for a lifetime.

Don't miss out — reserve your copy today!

WAYS TO ORDER:

		
ONLINE <small>JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM</small>	SCAN	CALL <small>1.877.767.5217 8AM-5PM CST MONDAY-FRIDAY</small>

OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

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Panther Sports News:

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Lunch Menu

October 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:

- [Friday, Oct. 27](#) - End of 1st Quarter
- [Monday, Oct. 30](#) - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
- [Monday, Oct. 30](#) - ACT Prep Class

College/Military Visits:

- [10/31/23](#) - Navy will visit in the Cafeteria during lunch
- [11/2/23](#) - University of Northwestern St. Paul from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the Flex Area
- [11/2/23](#) - Luther College from 2:00-2:30 p.m. in the Flex Area
- [11/8/23](#) - U of M, Duluth, 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- [11/9/23](#) - University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse from 11:45-12:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Field Trips:

- [11/2/23](#) - Trip to Oxbow Park/Zoo for High School Roots and Shoots from 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- [11/4/23](#) - Trip to Plainview, MN - Carley State Park for EcoliteracySCHOOL from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- [12/21/23](#) - Trip to St. Paul - Capitol and MN History Center for Grade 6 from 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- [2/14/24](#) - Trip to Cannon Falls for Music from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- [3/6/24](#) - Trip to Cannon Falls for Music from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

College Signings (Congratulations)!

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STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hello Staff,**

Watch Shark Tank? Want to be a Snarky Judge? Mr or Ms. Wonderful, Now is your chance!!! Yes - it is that time of year again when I am looking for Shark Tank Judges for my Intro to Business students.

Judges can sign up in increments of 15 minutes and with whatever best fits your schedule.

If interested, please sign up on the link below. Students will be assigned at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

[Judges Sign Up Sheet - Block 1 and Block 3 Oct 23 - Oct 25th Forum room](#)

- **Monday Oct 30th is our workday and starts in the Auditorium at 8:30. I thought a wonderful, individually packaged, freshly baked Scone may help to make your day.**

So attached below is a Google Form where you can purchase a Raspberry White Chocolate Chip Scone/ Pumpkin Scone/ or Lemon Blueberry Scone.

Pricing is \$2.50 each or 2 for \$4. Feel free to mix and match - that is the last option on the Google Form where you can pick two different scones.

The final screen also allows you to VENMO me if you wish to purchase for you.

Treats will be set up in the Cafeteria by 8am - by school and each bag will be labeled with your name - (Hope this will be easy to find)

These are made by Kayker's Cookies & Cakes out of Kasson.



Should you have any questions, please email me. Otherwise - sign up below. Orders close by 3pm on Friday - yes on our day off..

[Scone A Be A Great Day -Preorder Form For Oct 30th](#)

- **Grades are due at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st.**
- **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.**

Early Dismissals:

Did you Know?

- **You can call the custodial staff directly for any maintenance needs? The extension is 3220. (After 2:30, call 3221).**
- **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.**
- **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 be going to Holiday Helpers. Stop by the office Wednesday morning before school to make your donation and grab a sticker.**

Subs:

ELC

Liz Boehmke, all day, Michaun Marcoux

Elementary

Kelsey Wolf, all day, Clark Jones

Heidi Voeltz, all day, Tracy Barsness

Amanda Elliott, 3-EoD

Jennifer Oelkers, 3-EoD

5-12

Haley Moe, all day

Tyler Baker, all day, **INTERNAL SUBS NEEDED**

Dawn Lenz, all day, Marlo Zosel

Ben Bauer, all day, Don McPhail

Lisa Daak, until 10, Internal Subs

Megan Schimek, 2:45-EoD, Hoppe

Kim Pokrandt, 1:00-2:30, Internal Subs

