



# School District of Poynette Newsletter

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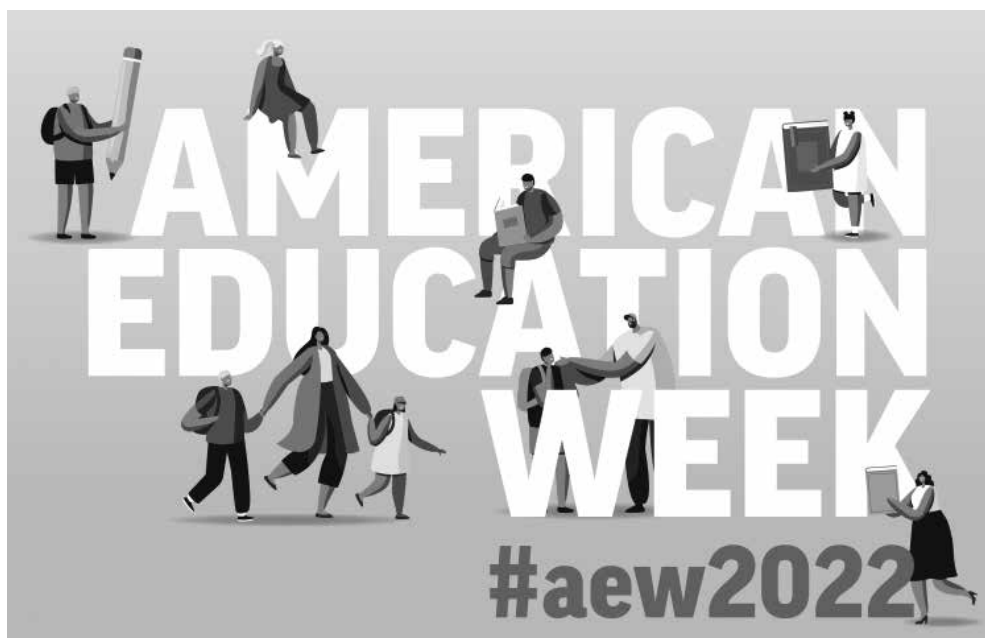
## Celebrate Our Schools!

**American Education Week**

**November 14-18, 2022**

Come and take a moment to celebrate our wonderful staff and students in the Poynette School District, part of the 50 million K-12 students in our nation's great public schools.

Join us for a casual open house on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in each of our district schools. We invite the community to come in to see and explore our buildings. Administrators will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The open house will run from approximately 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM. Visitors are asked to comply with current COVID-19 protocols and face covering requirements.



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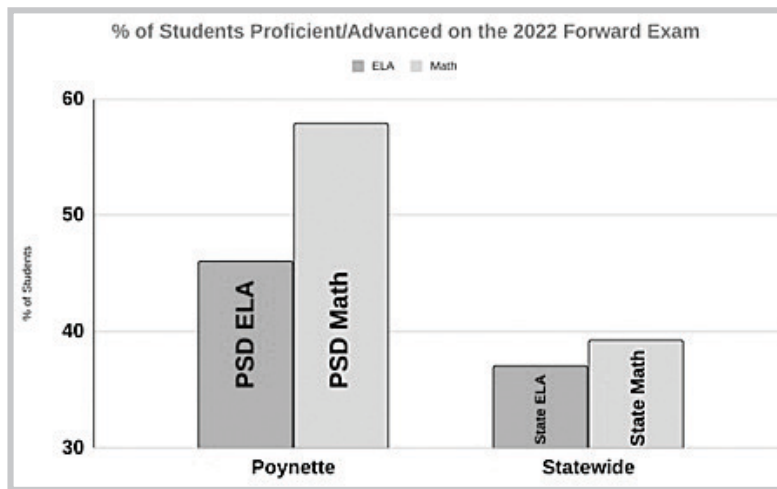


## The View from Here

Fall. I confess, I'm much more of a gardening enthusiast in February than in September. I prefer the planning and preparation, gathering supplies and starting seeds. Amending the soil, weeding, watching the plants grow and the bounty ripen. By early fall, I'd much rather take my mosquito bitten and sunburned carcass to the farmers market and coo over someone else's tomatoes as if they were pictures of grandchildren. By fall, I'm really looking forward to next year's challenge. I can't wait for the future harvest so I can measure the growth and productivity of our garden.

We may measure garden success by bumper crops and filled fridges, but at school there are many ways we measure our success: from state required assessments (Forward Exam and ACT), to number of college credits earned while students are still in high school. We pay attention to many measures, great and small, to assess our effectiveness as a system. By just about every measure, we do pretty well.

We'll ask your forgiveness while we brag just a little bit. Our staff and students work incredibly hard -- it's normal and expected -- and they work with little thought of outside recognition. But I wanted to take a moment to share our graph, below, from the most recent Forward exam that was given to students in grades 3-8. As you can see, our students achieve well above the state average in math and English Language Arts (ELA). (We also compare favorably against many of our neighbors.) Like climbing a mountain, we should take a moment to turn around and admire how far we've come. But we haven't reached the peak



yet. We have more to do -- we want to bring our ELA scores up to our math achievement and push math to the next level. Those results will come. Yes, there's more work to do, but, like the great western philosopher Ferris Bueller once stated, "life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

We'll ask for your continued support as we navigate tough financial times -- we don't want lack of state funding to interfere with Poynette student success. We provide opportunities for students to explore and achieve. We want to prepare them for whatever they want to do: four-year school, work force, two-year

school, apprenticeship, military, professional certificate, start their own business, etc. That is our commitment and obligation. We'll be sharing more information soon.

On a personal note, with my pending retirement on December 31, this is my last "View From Here." I'm excited for the future of our district. Dr. Pritzl is a proven leader and will push our district to the next level of achievement. The School District of Poynette

has become the 'education destination on Highway 51' and all indicators are that it will continue for quite a while. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the District Administrator since July 2012. I'm honored to serve a community that supports education, humbled to serve staff that puts students first, and privileged to support fantastic kiddos. Thank you. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Have a great holiday season.  
*Matthew Shappell, Ph. D.*  
 District Administrator  
 School District of Poynette

## 2023 Spring Election for School Board Members

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (S 120.06(12) Wis. Stats.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Poynette that a school board election will be held on April 4, 2023 to fill two (2) School Board Member offices. These offices will each serve a three-year term starting April 24, 2023. The positions are currently held by Randy Tomlinson and Sally Stewart.

An elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the school board must file a Campaign Registration Statement (Form CF-1) and a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162SD) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the Poynette School District Office. Once filed, a declaration may not be withdrawn.

Forms and guidelines can also be accessed through our district website at [www.poynette.k12.wi.us](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us), under the District tab, School Board Members, or on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <http://elections.wi.gov/>. Forms can also be obtained in person from the Poynette Schools District Office, 108 N.

Cleveland St., during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Friday, until Thursday, December 22, 2022.

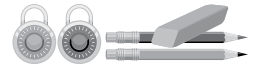
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the School District Offices WILL BE CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK from Friday, December 23, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023.

Questions regarding district boundary information may be directed to the Columbia County Land Information Office or the Poynette School District Office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary school board election is necessary said primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Randy Tomlinson  
 District Clerk



## Our Strategic Planning Process & Update

*By Dr. Jerry Pritzl*

*Assistant Administrator - Poynette School District*

The School District of Poynette recently concluded our Vision 2020 plan which resulted in improved student achievement and upgraded facilities. As we look forward to our continued pursuit of excellence, we will constantly strive to improve our programs for every student. A Strategic Plan communicates to all stakeholders the achievement goals and the measures of progress toward those goals.

Towards the end of the Summer of 2022, the School District engaged the community in the development of a Strategic Plan that will serve as the “north star” designed to guide district decision-making through the year 2030. All District Stakeholders were invited to participate in the first round of the Strategic Planning sessions. Interested people participated in a series of sessions where they identified important issues and trends that shape our schools, families, and community. Participants worked in small groups to review current school data and then collaborated with fellow stakeholders to identify priorities for our schools.

Data from these initial meetings were organized and analyzed. A smaller subset of the stakeholders group reconvened to identify key priority areas for the Strategic Plan. This representative group participated in a series of meetings

where they reviewed responses from previous meetings and developed the priorities that will anchor the district’s Strategic plan. Group members worked individually and as a part of a team to identify the issues and trends that capture the areas that should represent our focus areas.

As a result of their work, this group identified three core pillars, along with specific focus areas within each pillar (see below).

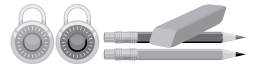
- Career, College & Life Ready Graduates
  - Rigorous & Relevant Curriculum & Instruction
  - Strong Life Skills Preparation
- Attract & Retain High Quality Staff
  - Highly Competitive Compensation Package
  - Staff Support
- Safe & Supportive Environment
  - Mental & Physical Safety
  - Positive School Culture
  - Community Connections

The next step in the process will be to identify specific goals focused on improving the areas identified in the Strategic Plan. The goals will be tracked with progress communicated regularly to all stakeholders. The Strategic Plan and priorities identified within the plan will serve as a guide in the district’s annual planning processes as well as the allocation of district resources both now and in the future.





# Student Services



## *A Season of Giving*



Help bring joy and cheer to Poynette families this holiday season! Contact one or both of the businesses listed below to find out how you can help or if you or a member of your family have a need this holiday season. Contact your school's counselor if you need assistance signing up for either of these two offerings.



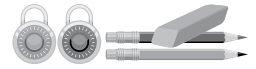
**Hometown Bank of Poynette  
(608) 635-4351**

**Poynette Ironworks  
(608) 635-7228  
[chucks@poynetteironworks.com](mailto:chucks@poynetteironworks.com)**





# Student Services



## Counselor's Corner

*By Todd Anderson and Ann Kirschbaum*

### **SENIORS:**

Seniors, you should be completing applications to colleges and universities now if you haven't already done so. Remember that students can now submit an unofficial transcript and ACT score within the application. Students also have the option of including their ACT score in the application process or choosing not to include it. Please contact the counseling office if you have more questions about this. Housing applications and meal plans will be arriving in the near future. Make sure to complete and send those applications back in a timely manner to get your first choice if you plan to live on campus next year.

Hopefully, you have also completed the FAFSA (Federal Application For Student Aid). If not, you still have time to get that done. You can do this online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Many colleges will have priority deadlines that are in December, January or February so don't wait to get that application done. Remember, you should not have to pay anything to complete this form. [fafsa.com](http://fafsa.com) & [fafsa.org](http://fafsa.org) WILL charge you to complete the FAFSA. Only access the application at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). If you have questions, or need assistance completing the application, contact the counseling office at the high school at 635-4347 ext. 404 or 448.

If your student is required to take placement testing for college next fall you will receive information on that. Testing usually takes place from January through April. If required, the college will contact your student with directions on how to take the required placement testing.

Local scholarship applications will be available to students in December and those applications will be due in the counseling office on February 15th. All scholarships that come through the counseling office will be posted in a Scholarship/Financial Aid Google classroom. All seniors have been invited to join this classroom and the students can also invite parents to that classroom. This will be a central location for scholarships and financial aid information throughout the school year.

### **JUNIORS:**

Juniors should be thinking about exploring their college options this year. This is a great time to begin narrowing your college choices to keep your applications in check. One way to gather great information is by attending a Wisconsin Education Fair. There are both in-person and virtual events that will allow students and parents to connect with college admission representatives to get some of those college questions answered. Visit the WEF website [wefs.org](http://wefs.org) for more information and to register for an event.

Remember that the required ACT Test is fast approaching. All Juniors will be taking the ACT in March. All Juniors should

have taken a practice ACT test in October and have those results that they can use in the Methodize program to work on improving their scores. Methodize is available through your student's Xello account.

### **FRESHMAN & JUNIORS:**

Conferencing for all Freshmen and Juniors is taking place now. Contact Mr. Anderson to schedule your Junior Connections Conference or Mrs. Kirschbaum to schedule your Freshman Connections Conference. These conferences are vital for student planning for both high school and post-high school goals.

## Nurse's Report: Help keep your child healthy and flu free



### **FLU FACTS:**

With the flu season upon us, it is important to keep our children healthy. Usually flu is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Occasionally, people get the flu from touching a germ-infested surface.

It is important to know the difference between cold and flu symptoms:

- Flu- symptoms come on quickly and include high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, chills, sore throat, exhaustion and dry cough. Children may also have nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Cold- symptoms come on gradually and they include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and hacking cough.

### **BEST WAYS TO PREVENT THE FLU:**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to prevent your child from getting the flu is to take him/her to get a flu vaccine. Talk to your child about practicing good health habits, such as:

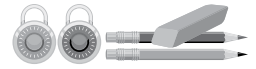
- Washing hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing- preferably into the inside of the elbow or with a tissue and disposing of the tissue immediately into the trash.
- Avoiding sharing drinks, water bottles, eating utensils and cell phones.
- Avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth.

You can help prevent the flu from spreading at home by disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, toys and other commonly shared items.

You also can prevent spreading illness to others by keeping your sick children home from school until they have been without fever for 24 hours. Antiviral medications are available through your physician and should be taken within 12-48 hours after the flu symptoms begin.



# Student Services




PSD STUDENT SERVICES

## WARM WINTER CLOTHING FUND

Is your child in need of warm, winter clothing? Poynette Student services can work with you to provide winter clothing for your child:

- Coats
- Snow Pants
- Boots
- Other Winter Accessories

If you would like to receive winter clothing for your child or contribute to our winter clothing fund, please contact Sidney Gorman at 608-635-4347, ext 314 or [sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us](mailto:sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us)

### BRIDGING Brighter Smiles


RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

- Oral Screening
- Dental Cleaning
- Fluoride Varnish
- Sealants
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Referral Assistance

Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

**Enroll Now!**

Open the camera feature on your phone and hold over the QR code below for fast access to enrollment!



OR

By going to the link below:  
<https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.  
Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit [www.bbsmiles.org](http://www.bbsmiles.org)

## Blessings in a Backpack

**Dear Poynette Parent/Guardian:** The Poynette School District partners with the Poynette Blessings in a Backpack program to help provide food security to school aged students. Students in this program receive a bag of non-perishable, kid-friendly food every week of the school year, usually on Fridays. The food is intended to supplement food for the weekend. Bags are dispensed in a discreet and caring manner at your child's school. The program runs throughout the school year and is open to any student within the district.

If you wish for your child to participate this school year, please complete the response slip below and return to your school. There is no cost to participate. Students can enroll at any time. For additional information about the program, please contact Sidney Gorman at [sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us](mailto:sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us) or 608-635-4347 Ext. 314

Please return this form to the school office.

Child's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO want my child to participate in the Blessings in a Backpack program.

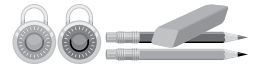
\_\_\_\_\_ My child DOES NOT have food allergies.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child DOES have food allergies. *(Please specify allergy)*

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has these special dietary needs. *(Please list special needs)*



National Organization: [www.blessingsinabackpack.org](http://www.blessingsinabackpack.org)



## ART CLUB 2022

Where: Middle School Art Studio

Who: All middle schoolers are welcome!

When: Get here early to get the best seat.

Why: Snacks sometimes provided.

Also, art is fun.

## 2022 SCHEDULE

3:15-4:00

No transportation provided

11/21 - Dollar Bill Origami

12/5 - Stop Motion

12/19 - Art Games

## The PUMA Locker

The Puma Locker is available for students in need of clothing and personal care items. The Puma Locker is a care closet located in a confidential, private room at Poynette High School with new and gently used clothing items, school supplies, winter gear and personal care items for students. Any middle school or high school student who is in need of clothing or personal care items is welcome to shop at the closet for free. No questions asked.

The Puma Locker is open during the school day as well as before and after school. Students and parents can contact Ann Kirschbaum, High School Counselor or Sidney Gorman, Mental Health Navigator for an appointment to visit the clothing closet. Guardians are welcome to accompany the student while shopping.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Sidney Gorman. The Puma Locker is currently accepting monetary donations.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Ann Kirschbaum, High School Counselor**

**608-635-4347 Ext. 448 | [akirs@poynette.k12.wi.us](mailto:akirs@poynette.k12.wi.us)**

**or Sidney Gorman, Mental Health Navigator**

**608-635-4347 Ext. 314 | [sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us](mailto:sgorm@poynette.k12.wi.us)**

## Attention Class of 2023

Please keep in mind the following items:

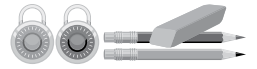
- If you have not yet ordered your cap & gown, there is still time to do so, but a late fee will be incurred as the deadline to avoid a late fee was October 31st. Late fee charges increase the longer you wait to order, and anything ordered after January 1, 2023 will not be guaranteed. Place your order today at <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1116432/Poynette-High-School/>. If you have questions, you can call 1-800-854-7464 or email <http://www.jostens.com/contact>. Thank you for your time and attention in getting ready for graduation.

- Senior portrait submissions for the 22/23 yearbook should be uploaded directly to Jostens. Use this link, [https://images.jostens.com/0qLNl3BxrkcfhemR\\_Bld94w](https://images.jostens.com/0qLNl3BxrkcfhemR_Bld94w), to upload your photo. If you're asked for an ID# at the time of submission, enter *0qLNl3BxrkcfhemR\_Bld94w*. Please remember that senior photos must be a high resolution JPG, PNG, or TIFF file, portrait orientation, and without a watermark. Props in the photos must be school-related. No screenshots please. Submissions need to be made before January 23, 2023.

- Families have an opportunity to submit a senior recognition ad for the 22/23 yearbook. Ad submission is completely optional. Information regarding ad submission is available at this link, [https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1116432/Poynette-High-School/2023-Yearbook/2022071412151849365/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1116432/Poynette-High-School/2023-Yearbook/2022071412151849365/CATALOG_SHOP/) (scroll down the page for ad information).



# Upcoming Events



## Join Us for the Sounds of the Season

8 DECEMBER, 6-7:30 PM

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCERT •
  - GRADE 3 | 6-6:30 PM •
  - GRADE 4 | 7-7:30 PM •

12 DECEMBER, 7 PM

- HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT •
  - CHOIR • BAND •

20 DECEMBER, 7 PM

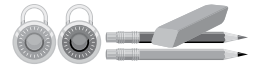
- MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT •
  - CHOIR • BAND •







# Upcoming Events



START THE SEASON WITH

## Holiday Splash

A POYNETTE TRADITION

**DECEMBER 5TH**

**5:30 - 7PM**  
POYNETTE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT MUSIC PERFORMANCE  
HOLIDAY TREATS  
CRAFTS AND GAMES FOR KIDS

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM  
TO DONATE TO THE P.A.D. FOOD PANTRY

**POYNETTE HS  
YEARBOOKS  
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FROM COVER  
TO COVER**




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*Jostens*

**TOP REASONS TO ORDER**  
**2022-2023 POYNETTE HIGH  
SCHOOL YEARBOOK!**

- Printed pics of all the things.
- Your future self will thank you.
- Pay in 3 easy payments.\*
- Signing day is the best day.
- SO. MANY. MEMORIES.

Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.  
Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

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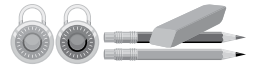
**Poynette Community Friends and Neighbors:**  
**Come join our**  
**RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE**  
**& INSTALLATION CELEBRATION**

Dr. Matthew Shappell will be retiring as District Administrator after 11 years of service to the School District of Poynette.

Dr. Jerry Pritzl will be welcomed as the new School District Administrator for the School District of Poynette.

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**  
**Poynette Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**225 W. North St. • 3:45pm to 6:00pm**

Guests may come and go as they please.



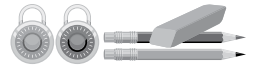
# HOMECOMING

*Homecoming King and Queen*



*Homecoming Prince and Princess*





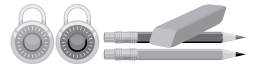
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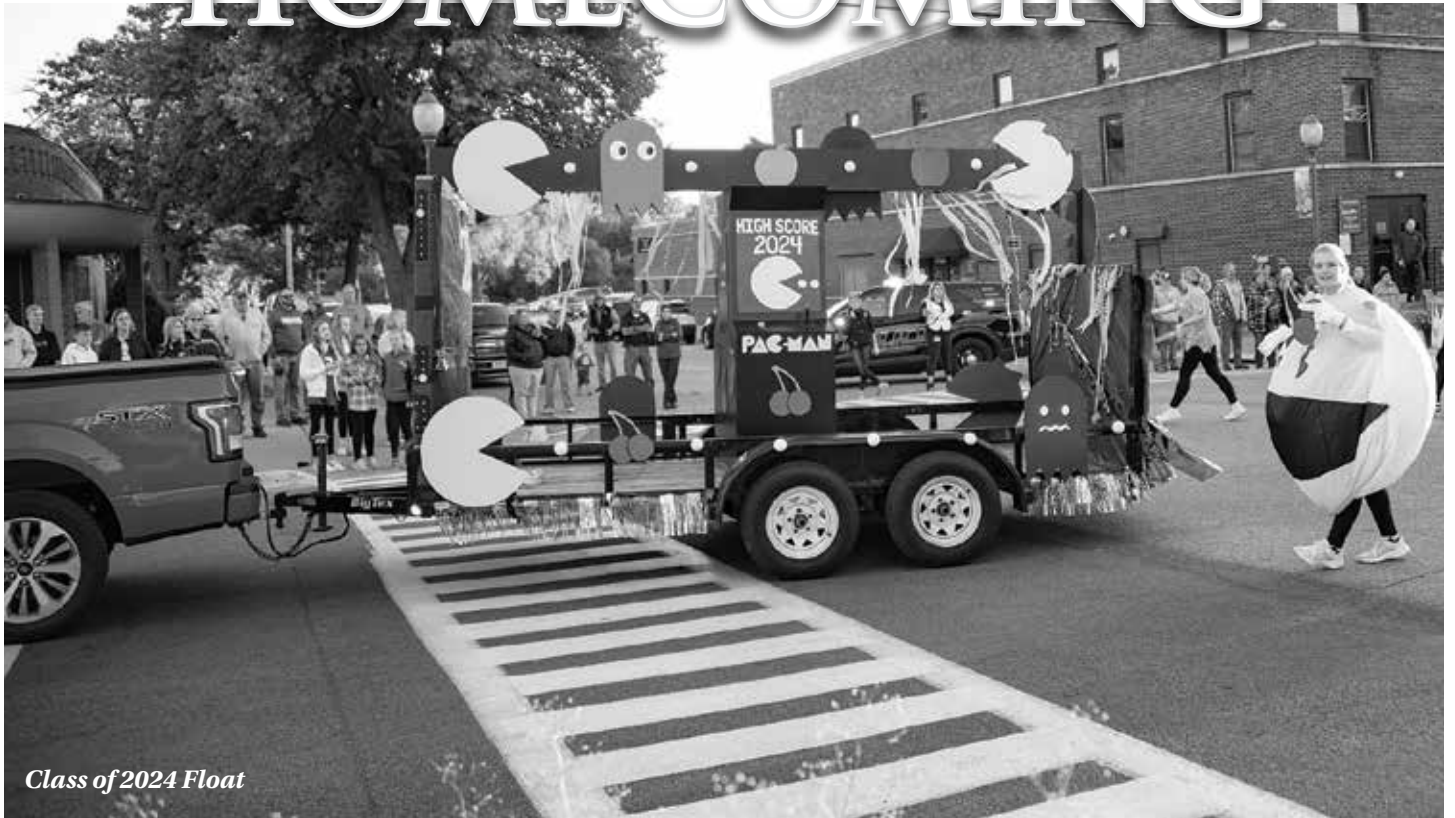
*Junior Class Representatives*



*Sophomore Class Representatives*



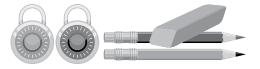
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*Class of 2024 Float*



*Class of 2025 Float*



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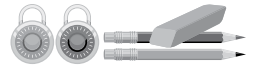
*Class of 2026 Float*



*PHS Staff: Puma Spirit Day*



# Puma Highlights



*Junior Boys Volleyball*

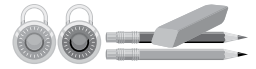


*Senior Boys Volleyball*





# Puma Highlights



*Poynette High School Marching Band*



## NHS Annual Neighborhood Food Drive

Poynette High School National Honor Society worked together to do a huge annual Neighborhood Food Drive, helping stock two area food pantries in the months leading up to Thanksgiving. Pictured are Hadley W. (President) and Brooke S. (Vice-President) who helped organize the project.



## Poynette Equestrian Success

In September, the Poynette Interscholastic Equestrian Team competed at the District 4 WIHA horse show at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

Seventh grader, Alex M., ninth grader, Emersyn M., and tenth grader, Neiley R. along with their horses competed all day on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25 against five other teams in their division. The team came home as Reserve Champions, missing the championship by only 1 point! The team qualified for the state competition in Madison that was held at the end of October.

Congratulations equestrians!



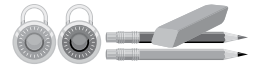
## Homecoming Thanks

The PHS Student Council would like to thank all staff, students, and community members for making Homecoming 2022 a great success and enjoyable time for all. Thank you everyone!





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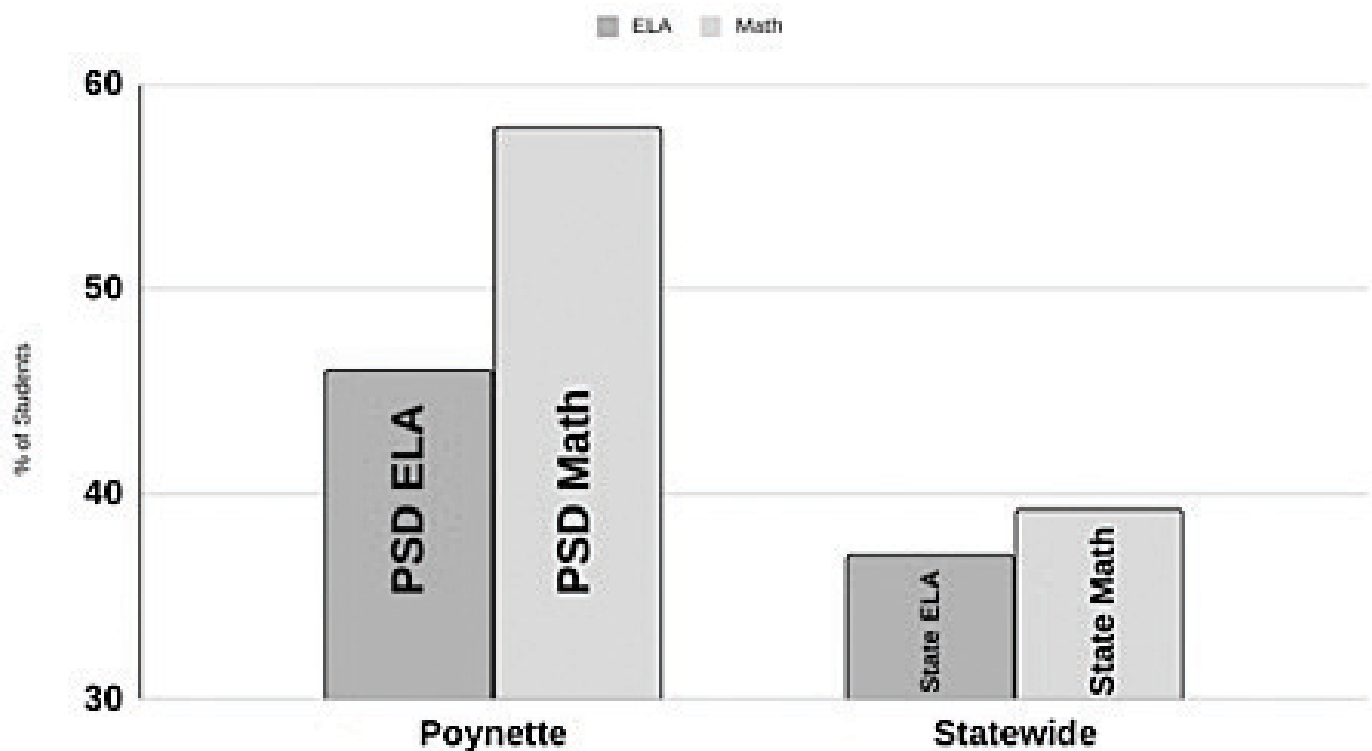


## High Poynette Student Achievement Shines Through on Forward Exam

With the recent release of 2021-22 Forward Exam data, we had a chance to determine how Poynette students in grades 3-8 perform in Math and ELA compared to the students in both our neighboring schools and throughout the state.

On last year's Forward Exam, Poynette Students outperformed the state average by 18.7% in Math and 9% in ELA. Our performance is impressive and indicative of our commitment to students -- and a steady recovery from the effects of the pandemic. The Forward Exam is a 'snapshot in time' and just one of many measures used to determine the readiness of our students and the effectiveness of our curriculum and instructional practices. We believe the results confirm what we already know about the high quality teaching and learning that takes place each day in the Poynette classrooms. While we aren't where we want to be -- yet -- we want to take a moment to pause and celebrate our performance. Thank you to our staff and families for what they do each and every day for our students!

**% of Students Proficient/Advanced on the 2022 Forward Exam**



## Poynette Area Adults Working with Students (P.A.A.W.S)

We are so excited to introduce a new program that we have started in the School District. The name of the program is P.A.A.W.S. (Poynette Area Adults Working with Students) This program encompasses several programs like Watch DOGS, the Buddy-Up Program, and our tutoring program. If you are interested in helping in any of our schools on a consistent basis please let us know. We will create a daily, weekly or monthly schedule for you based on your availability and interest to help. Please contact the Poynette Elementary School office at 608-635-4347 ext. 4 to get started.

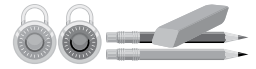


All volunteers do need to also pass our school district background check which is good for 3 years. We can email the form to you when you sign-up. We look forward to your help in making it another great school year.





# Puma Highlights



## Grandparents/Special Guest Day

On Friday, October 7th, grandparents and special guests shared their morning with the fourth graders as a culminating event, involving an interview, snack and craft. The interview allowed nine and ten year olds to discover, with their special guests, how life was years ago, also realizing some life skills have remained the same. The students learned that being respectful and showing appreciation is never outdated.



## Fire Prevention Week and Peppy at Poynette Elementary

In the beginning of October, we had our first field trip of the year. The wonderful people at the Poynette/ Dekorra Fire Department and EMS invited the students over to the fire station to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. It's always such a nice trip since the fire station is within walking distance. The kids enjoyed all of the activities and even left with some goodies.

Poynette Elementary had a busy start to the year. We have some old and new friends that have started the year with us. Peppy is our school mascot. Peppy recognizes students every week as we celebrate our Puma PRIDE expectations. Ms. Sisco is our new Associate Principal. She has done a great job of getting to know our students and families. Ms. Sisco has done everything from directing traffic to helping with our math and literacy interventions. We love having her as a part of our Puma Family.





# Around the District



## Poynette Athletic Booster Club

Poynette Athletic Booster Club is committed to supporting athletics in a positive manner. Please be a part of Boosters to help us continue to promote good sportsmanship and standards for our children. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month in the PHS IMC. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring ideas, energy and passion to support all athletes. Feel free to contact us at: [poynetteboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:poynetteboosterclub@gmail.com).

Do you shop on Amazon? Let Amazon donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchases to the Poynette Athletic Booster Club by shopping on the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) website. Applicable to Prime users too. When searching for supporting organizations, simply enter Poynette Booster Club.

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## The PAD Parent Club

The PAD Parent Club is a volunteer organization committed to making a positive impact on our students, staff and school climate. Every year, the PoynetteArlington-Dekorra Parent Club hosts or supports over 40 events! In addition, we support improvements to our school and technology for our students.

How can you help support the PAD Parent Club?

1. We need more members! - meetings take place the 1st Tuesday of the month, contact: [poynetteparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:poynetteparentclub@gmail.com) to join
2. Volunteer for an event - contact: [poynetteparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:poynetteparentclub@gmail.com) to sign up
3. Download the Shoparoo App - you can raise \$ for our school just by scanning your receipts
4. Support our events!
5. LIKE us on FB - PAD Parent Club

## The Poynette Music Parents (PMP)

The Poynette Music Parents (PMP) is dedicated to promoting music education and activities at all grade levels (K-12). All parents of music students are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Meetings are held the first Monday of January, April, July and October starting at 6:30 p.m. - via Google Meet. Contact us at [poynettemusicparentorg@gmail.com](mailto:poynettemusicparentorg@gmail.com) if you'd like to be added to the meeting invitation.

Visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/poynettemusicparents/>.

## The Friends of the Fine Arts

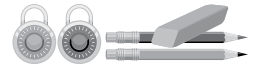
The Friends of the Fine Arts is an organization committed to providing area youth and community members with opportunities to experience performing and visual arts through establishing a Performing Arts Center in the community of Poynette. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Any community member is welcome to attend the meetings. To contact the group, please email: [finearts.information@gmail.com](mailto:finearts.information@gmail.com).

## Does your child know where to go if schools close early?

It is recommended that you speak with your elementary/middle school student(s) about a safe place to go if schools must close early and no one is at home. We would also appreciate a call to the school office with this information so that it can be noted on the student's registration information (if not already noted). Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 22.....	First Trimester Ends Grades 4K-4	Friday, March 3.....	NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development Day
Wednesday, November 23 to Friday, November 25.....	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break	Friday, March 24.....	Third Quarter Ends, Grades 5-12
Thursday, December 22.....	EARLY RELEASE for ALL GRADES at 1:15 p.m.	Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 7.....	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
Friday, December 23 to Monday, January 2.....	NO SCHOOL, Winter Break	Monday, April 10.....	NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday, January 3.....	CLASSES RESUME	Monday, May 29.....	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
Monday, January 16.....	NO SCHOOL, MLK Day	Sunday, June 4.....	Poynette High School Graduation
Friday, January 20.....	Second Quarter Ends, Grades 5-12	Wednesday, June 7.....	EARLY RELEASE for ALL GRADES
Monday, January 23.....	NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development Day		Last Day of School for Students & Teachers
Thursday, March 2.....	Second Trimester Ends Grades 4K-4		Half Day Professional Development for Teachers
	EARLY RELEASE for ALL GRADES at 1:15 p.m.		
	4K-12 SPRING CONFERENCES 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.		



## PHS Athletics

The start dates for PHS winter sports are as follows:

- Girls Basketball - November 7
- Hockey - November 7
- Boys Basketball - November 14
- Wrestling - November 14
- Girls Curling - November 14
- Boys Curling - November 14

Student athletes participating in sports MUST complete an alternate year form or physical form BEFORE beginning practice sessions. Both the Alternate Year form and Physical form can be found on the high school website under the “athletics” tab. Most of the other necessary athletic forms can be done online. The links for these forms can also be found on the high school website under the “athletics” tab.

## Athletic Fees

Athletic fees need to be paid either online or at the school office before the first contest and are not refundable. Grades 9-12 fee is \$50 and Grades 6-8 fee is \$25 (per sport season per student).

## Use of School Facilities

The School District of Poynette has policies related to district and non-district residents’ use of our school facilities. Anyone interested in using our facilities can review the usage guidelines found on the district website under Families & Community, Community, Facilities Use Registration. As always, we will continue to work with our community organizations and residents to allow the usage as stated in Board policy. School activities take precedence, and then clubs or groups based on their seasons.

## Accessing School Sports Online

We want to provide accurate sports information but many times there are last minute cancellations or rescheduled games. You can access and print all up-to-date high school athletic schedules at [www.capitolnorthconference.org](http://www.capitolnorthconference.org) or through the school website [www.poynette.k12.wi.us](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us)

Middle school athletic events can be found by accessing the school district’s website at [www.poynette.k12.wi.us](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us), Schools, Poynette Middle School, Activities, Athletics.

# VETERANS DAY

**The Poynette High School and Poynette Middle School will be hosting a Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11. The program will begin at 10 AM and will be held in the Kerr Gym. All are welcome to attend.**



★ THANK YOU ★

*veterans*

NOVEMBER 11TH

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## School Website: [www.poynette.k12.wi.us](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us)

District Administrative Offices ..... 635-4347, Ext. 5  
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Poynette Middle School ..... Ext. 6  
Poynette High School ..... Ext. 7  
GO Riteway Bus Company ..... 745-1501  
District Newsletter ..... Marie Klink, Ext. 403  
PHS Sports Updates ..... [www.capitolnorthconference.org](http://www.capitolnorthconference.org)

*The Mission of the School District of Poynette is to provide an education that treats each person as an individual.*

*We will instill within each student the love of learning, foster self-esteem and civic responsibility. Our educational program will impart the necessary skills to excel in a changing and progressing society.*



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# Read with your child

It could be the most important 20 minutes of your day!