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Last Day of School

The majority of students will be attending school until Friday, June 3 with an early dismissal time of 12:30 p.m. for all grades on that day.

- **4K:** The last day of school for 4K students is Wednesday, June 1.
- **Grades K-4:** On Friday, June 3, students in grades K-4 will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Buses will pick up students at that time. Please pay all fines/fees and return school materials before the end of the school year. Report cards will be mailed instead of being sent home with students. Watch for some important information included with report cards concerning the summer and next school year.
- **Middle School (grades 5-8):** Dismissal time for grades 5-7 students on Friday, June 3 will be at 12:30 p.m. Buses will be at the school to transport students home at that time. The last day for students in grade 8 is Thursday, June 2. Students in grade 8 will be going on a field trip to Mt. Olympus that day and will have a small picnic when they return from Mt. Olympus around 5:30. All fines/fees must be paid and materials returned before the end of the school year. Report cards will be mailed instead of being sent home with students. Watch for some important information included with report cards concerning the summer and next school year.
- **High School (grades 9-11):** Students will have classes as usual on Friday, June 3 with dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Buses will be at the school at that time. All fines/fees must be paid and materials returned before the end of the school year. Report cards will be mailed to parents.
- **Seniors graduate on Sunday, May 29. Their last day is Friday, May 27 which includes mandatory graduation practice. All obligations should be taken care of prior to graduation.**

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Board of Education News

The View From Here

A Message from Matt Shappell, District Administrator

Not that long ago, the Buildings and Grounds folks went on a bit of an archeological dig as they removed the poxy remains of our snow pile. Their efforts unearthed (un-snowed?) a sizable cache of old masks, waterlogged pencils, and plenty of plastic shopping bags. The goal was to clear a path to the ball diamonds and the track. Perhaps nothing is more “Wisconsin” than carving through a snow bank so kids can have spring practice. Just like the first sighting of a robin, there is no more predictable harbinger of spring than a baseball game being rescheduled because of snow.

Now that spring is here, we can turn our sights to the end of the year and all the celebrations that are inherent to that time. For example; we plan on having a full slate of Senior activities this year, culminating in an in-person graduation ceremony in the Kerr Gym. We are thrilled that this ceremony will be back to its familiar time and setting. Four-year-old kindergarten students are excitedly touring the “big building” where they’ll go next year. And staff are looking at an ever-shortening calendar. All this is normal; evidence that the pandemic has loosened its grip.

We have a few “new normals” as well: financial challenges from the state; challenging inflation; and lack of substitute teachers. Like most districts, we need additional substitute teachers and classroom aids. The guest teachers that work for our District believe in the same mission as everyone else. These are hard working folks who pitch in at a moment’s notice -- not always knowing what their role will be in the afternoon when they show up in the morning. These are professional people, worthy of

our praise and admiration.

But we need more folks willing to help. COVID strained our systems and several of our more active substitutes took other positions or chose to fully retire. I encourage individuals who have interest in becoming a substitute teacher or substitute paraprofessional (classroom aid) to call the Admin office and we’ll discuss requirements and training. You can also check out the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction webpage. It has quite a bit of information including location of approved trainings and education levels needed:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/substitute>

Maybe you want to serve, but don’t want to be in a classroom. Perhaps working a few hours during the day or evening is more appealing? We also need substitute food service workers and substitute custodians. These are extremely rewarding positions that offer great flexibility. You’ll just need to call the administration office at 608-635-4347 and we’ll send you an application. Or check out our website for the latest openings and for applications:

<https://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/district/opens-positions-for-support-staff.cfm>

Great things happen in your district every day. We invite you to apply to be a part of them.

Have a great summer!

Matt Shappell
District Administrator

2022 Spring Election for School Board Member Results

Congratulations to Amber Frieden and Jamie Pauli, our newly elected Board of Education Members! The new members were seated at the April 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting to start their three year term.

Board of Education meetings are held once a month, usually on the third Monday unless noted otherwise. School Board Committee meetings are also held monthly. There are three standing board committees: Facilities Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Policy/Finance Committee. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted on the school district website under the District tab, Board of Education menu at: http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/district/dist_schboard.cfm.

Meetings are open to the public and community member attendance is welcomed. Regular Board of Education Meeting agendas include a Community Forum time for members of the public to address the board for up to 3 minutes. Visitors must sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting. Individuals addressing the board during the Community Forum will be asked to state their name and address for public record. The Board will listen to all

concerns, but can only address an item if it appears on the agenda as part of that agenda item. There will be no discussion of personnel or individually named students.

Upon request to the District Administrator, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of information material in an alternative format as necessary for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity. At least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of the need for accommodation is appreciated. 608-635-4347, ext. 202.

Upcoming meetings:

- 5/16/22 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, 7:00 pm, Poynette High School IMC
- 6/20/22 Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Poynette Middle School IMC
- 6/20/22 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, 7:00 pm, Poynette Middle School Cafeteria
- 7/18/22 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, 7:00 pm, Poynette High School IMC

Board of Education News

Notice for Annual District Meeting

(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Poynette, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, including the conduct of a budget hearing, will be held in the Poynette Middle School at 108 N. Cleveland Street, Poynette, Wisconsin on the twentieth day of June, 2022. Randy Tomlinson, District Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF POYNETTE ANNUAL MEETING and BUDGET HEARING

AGENDA
JUNE 20, 2022

7:00 P.M.

POYNETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
108 N. CLEVELAND STREET, POYNETTE WI

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 and foster self-esteem and civic responsibility.

Our educational program will impart the necessary skills to excel in a changing society.

- I. Call the meeting to order: Board President
- II. Elect a chairperson
- III. Review of School District Activities: Administration Team Presentations
- IV. Budget Hearing
 - A. Review of: 2021-22 budget and Presentation of proposed 2022-23 Budget
 - B. 2022-23 Budget Hearing
- V. Consider Resolutions
 - A. Approve tax levy
 - B. Approve Board member salary
 - C. Reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses (for Board members) when traveling outside the school district in performance of duties
 - D. Authorize the School District of Poynette to make payment for student accident insurance
 - E. Allow the Board of Education to determine the date of the 2023 annual meeting
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjourn

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Retirement Announcements and Open House Celebration

Please come celebrate our recent retirees and honor their service to the community!

Linda Dallman, Business Manager • 7 Years of Service to the School District of Poynette

Vicki Sukowski, School Counselor • 20 Years of Service to the School District of Poynette

Jane Feuerstein, 2nd Grade Teacher • 32 Years of Service to the School District of Poynette

Scott Hazard, Middle School Instrumental Music Teacher • 31 Years of Service to the School District of Poynette

Tom Tenpas, High School Social Studies Teacher • 44 Years of Service to the School District of Poynette

Please join us on:

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Poynette Elementary School Cafeteria (225 W. North Street)

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

There will be no formal presentations. Guests may come and go as they please.

Congratulations and thank you to these dedicated staff members! We appreciate the service our employees have given throughout the years to our students, staff, and community.

District News

Save the Date for Fall Registration: July 2022

Dear Parents,

Once again the district will be hosting an On-line Registration for the 2022-23 School Year for our fall term by utilizing our Parent Portal and the district Google Docs.

What to expect:

At the beginning of July you will receive an email via Campus Messenger with directions and links for:

- **Updating your household information** in the Parent Portal
- Completing a Google Survey that allows you to **update your child's current Medical History and Emergency Contacts** electronically. (This will replace the paper form we have sent home for you to fill out in the past.) This information is required for every student, every school year.
 - ❖ If you do not have a Parent Portal Account, you will be asked to set one up. To prepare for our online registration processes in July, you may request an account before our registration event. Directions for requesting a portal account can be obtained on the school district website at www.poynette.k12.wi.us under the Families & Community menu, follow the link under the Curriculum & Instruction heading to the Infinite Campus Portal Information.
 - ❖ If you do not have a device from which to gain access to the internet, call and make arrangements with your child's school office.
- **Registration Fees** can be submitted remotely through the Parent Portal, or families may send a check to the school offices through the mail.
- **Transportation/bus registration** forms will be included in the registration information and links.

Questions for the bus company will be handled by GoRiteway via email at portagebus@goriteway.com or phone (608)745-1501.

- **School Photos** will be taken during the summer and fall. A schedule will be included in the July communication about registration.

If your child is planning on participating in **school athletics**, registration, athletic forms, and fees will be handled electronically. Links for these forms will be shared with the registration communication distributed to families in July. Specific questions about athletics can be directed to the Middle School or High School offices.

Please watch for an email from the District with the directions and links for our electronic registration processes, and thank you for your participation.

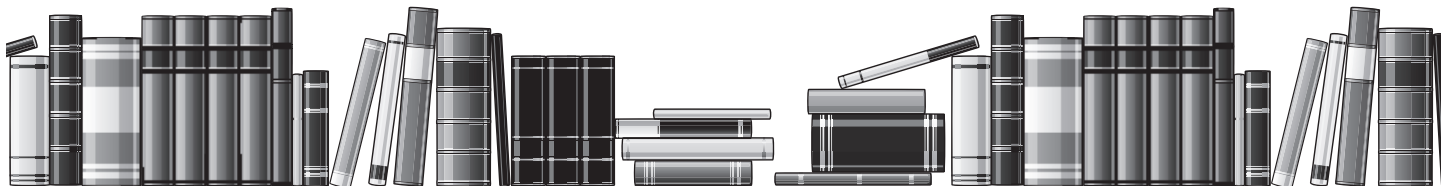
Have a wonderful summer!

Matthew Shappell, Ph. D.
District Administrator

Lisa Hazard
District Registrar

ATTENTION STUDENTS: End of the Year Library Dates and Deadlines

The Poynette School District Library-Media Specialist would like to remind students that the last day for checking out library materials is Friday, May 20. All materials are due back on or before Friday, May 27. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Upcoming Events



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

*"Chase your dreams, but always know
the road that'll lead you home again"*

Senior Awards Night

Wednesday, May 18 - 7 PM, Don Kerr Gymnasium

Mandatory Graduation Practice

Friday, May 27 - 8 AM, Poynette High School

"Senior Walk" through Poynette Elementary

Friday, May 27 - After Graduation Practice

Class Trip to Mount Olympus Water Park

Friday, May 27 - Buses leave at approximately 10 AM

Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 29 - 1 PM, Don Kerr Gymnasium

Soar high, graduates!

Upcoming Events



PHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SPRING BAND & CHOIR CONCERT



Wednesday, May 11

Awards 6:30 PM

Concert to Follow Awards

Don Kerr Gymnasium

Puma News

PHS Counselor's Corner

Mr. Todd Anderson
PHS Guidance Counselor

Hopefully, Juniors have been researching potential colleges that they may want to apply to this fall. Keep in mind that you will want to start the application process early in the fall (as early as August) so researching potential colleges now is a good idea. The summer can also be a great time to complete that college application essay or personal statement. You will have more time over the summer than once school starts up again next fall. The summer can also be a great time to tour some of the private campuses. Private college week is July 11 - 16 this year. It is a great time to visit some of the campuses and if you do, many will give you a voucher to apply for free. Here is a link with more information. <https://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/private-college-week>

Seniors still have time to complete the FAFSA if you have not done so yet. Remember there is no deadline to file for financial aid, so go ahead and complete the FAFSA if you have not done so yet. All seniors that plan to attend a college this fall will need to request a final transcript for that school. Most, if not all, colleges will require that the final transcript with your graduation date be on file with them in order for you to attend classes this fall. We will be reminding seniors of this toward the end of the year, but please give yourself a reminder to make sure this is requested. It is the student's responsibility to make the final request for an official transcript. A google form will be shared with Seniors to make this final request in May.

Parents of incoming 9th and 11th graders (currently 8th and 10th) are reminded of the connections conferences that will take place next school year. Counselors, Parents and Students will meet individually to review student goals, planning for after high school and prospective career plans. Counselors will begin scheduling these conferences in October and they will continue through January.

If any students are interested in retaking the ACT this summer they can get more information from the Counseling Office on how to register for a test date. Students can also register themselves through their MyACT account that was set up earlier this year.

High School students should receive their schedule for next year prior to the end of the school year. Incoming Freshmen will receive their schedules at Freshman Orientation which is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th. Students and parents can view schedules through the Infinite Campus portal once the 2022-2023 school year calendar is open to the public upon completion of summer school.

3-and 4-Year-Old Screening

All district children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2022, and have not been screened before are invited to participate in the district's 3-and-4-Year-Old Screening Day in September. If you would like to register your child, you can contact the school office at 635-4347, ext. 4 anytime after May 1. When you call, you will be able to schedule an appointment time for the developmental screening which will be held during school hours on Friday, September 9.

The purpose of the screening is to give the preschool child an opportunity to participate in some fun "school like" activities while professionals briefly check developmental skills. Parents will then have an opportunity to meet with school staff to review the screening results as well as ask questions or discuss concerns they may have. There will be some information on general child development and home activities available to take with you.

Federal legislation requires school districts to identify all children from ages 3 to 21, inclusive, who have special needs, disabilities, and/or significant difficulties in learning. If you have specific concerns about your preschool child, please call Jay Hausser at the Poynette Elementary School, 635-4347, ext. 100.

Summer Dates for School Pictures Set

Galley Studio will be in the Poynette Elementary School to take school photos for the 22-23 school year. Families whose last names begin with letters A-F are asked to come in anytime between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 12th. Families whose last names begin with the letters G-Z are asked to come in on Tuesday, July 19th from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Volleyball Camp to Happen Again This Summer!

- The INCREDIBLE volleyball camp from last summer, run by Janelle Richard and TJ Rantala, will be happening again! Open to students who are currently in grades 4th-11th this valuable experience will help participants refine their volleyball skills. The dates are Monday, June 6th through Wednesday, June 8th.
- Two camps will take place. The camp for 8th-11th grade costs \$90 and will run from 8:30AM-11:30AM. The camp for 4th-7th grade costs \$60 and will run from 12:00PM-2:00PM.
- Please reach out to Janelle Richard by call/text (phone number: (715) 296-5091 or emailing Jesse Atkins at jatki@poynette.k12.wi.us for more information (sign-up sheet/payment plans/etc.).

Puma News

Poynette Interscholastic Equestrian Team **EQUESTRIANS WANTED:**

We are looking for students, grades 6-12, who are interested in joining Poynette's Equestrian team for the 2022-2023 school year.

We are a lettering sport! Every year we have a lot of fun. The concept of showing as a team, instead of individually, makes it much more enjoyable for everyone.



The season for the equestrian team runs from September to the beginning November . It includes most disciplines: Western, English, Jumping and Gymkhana (speed). All classes have patterns (judged on the student and how well the student/horse shows as a team). There are no pleasure classes (judged on the horse).

We compete in three shows (all in one week-end—one day is double judged) in Oshkosh at Sunnyview Expo Center in September, usually the last weekend (exact dates TBD). If a team places 1st or 2nd in their division then we'll compete at the state show in Madison Oct 28-30, 2022.

Approximate Fees for the district show are as follows: \$45 membership, \$50 stall fee per horse and \$75 show fee (there may be an additional charge for camping). Your horse must also have a current negative coggins. The deadline for signing up is July 1, 2022. If interested, **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** to attend an organizational meeting Tuesday June 14th at 6:00 p.m. under the park pavilion in downtown Poynette. Any questions contact Beth Mislivecek at 608-279-0173.

Upgrade Pauquette Park

Our Puma varsity baseball team is fortunate to play their home games at Pauquette Park, a venue located in the heart of our community that provides great experiences for players, families and spectators of all ages. Pauquette Park is home to great experiences for our Pumas and their opponents as well as recreational teams and Home Talent club teams along with their fans.

The Poynette Home Talent Baseball Club is leading a fundraising campaign for upgrades to Pauquette Park. Funds raised will be used to replace the backstop (built four decades ago) and dugouts (fencing and foundation installed nearly three decades ago) while improving drainage for the infield. These improvement projects will improve the experience for all who use the park by helping the field recover from rain, reducing obstructed views for spectators, and nearly eliminating foul balls from reaching the playground.

Fall 2022 is the target for the project to break ground, coinciding with a project underwritten by the Village of Poynette to replace the light poles for the first time since the 1960s. To finalize plans for the project, funds need to be raised before June 1, 2022. If you would like to contribute to this project or learn more about it, you can visit <https://upgradepauquettepark.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/upgradepauquettepark>.

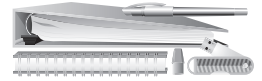
A graphic with a background image of a baseball field. The text is centered and reads: "UPGRADE PAUQUETTE PARK" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, in smaller text, it says "In-ground dugouts | Fencing and netting | Drainage system". Underneath that is "VISIT UPGRADEPAUQUETTEPARK.COM TO LEARN MORE". At the bottom, it says "Thanks to Hometown Bank for matching up to \$35,000!" and features the Hometown Bank logo.

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday, May 29..... Poynette High School Graduation Friday, June 3.....EARLY RELEASE for ALL GRADES at 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30..... NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day Last Day of School for Students & Teachers
Half Day Professional Development for Teachers



Nurse's Report



COVID-19 Communication and Prevention Reminder

Spring has arrived and that means more time for camping, hiking, gardening and playing outdoors. Unfortunately, it also means the risk of getting a tick bite increases.

You can find ticks in various environments, but most often they are in or near wooded areas. They hide under leaves, in the grass and on branches.

Preventing tick bites:

- Cover up. When in wooded or grassy areas, wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves. Try to stick to trails and avoid walking through low bushes and long grass. Keep your dog on a leash.
- Use insect repellents. Apply insect repellent with a 20 percent or higher concentration of DEET to your skin. Apply products with permethrin to clothing or buy pretreated clothing.
- Do your best to tick-proof your yard. Clear brush and leaves where ticks live. Keep wood piles in sunny areas.
- Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks. Be especially vigilant after spending time in wooded or grassy areas. Deer ticks are often no bigger than the head of a pin, so you may not discover them unless you search carefully.
- It's helpful to shower as soon as you come indoors. Ticks often remain on your skin for hours before attaching themselves.
- Don't assume you're immune. You can get Lyme disease more than once.
- Remove a tick as soon as possible with tweezers. Gently grasp the tick near its head or mouth. Don't squeeze or crush the tick, but pull carefully and steadily. Once you've removed the entire tick, dispose of it and apply antiseptic to the bite area.

*** End of the Year Reminders from the Nurse ***

- All medications must be picked up by parents seven days after the last day of school. Medications left in the office after June 10th will be destroyed.
- Health plans for the 2022-23 school year will be mailed out this summer. Please return them by the end of summer break to guarantee they are available for staff on the first day of school.
- Students entering 6th grade for the 2022-23 school year are required by state law to have a Tdap injection (or a signed waiver). Please schedule appointments this summer to get up to date on this vaccine.
- Summer is a great time to schedule an appointment with your doctor for a physical and to get caught up on immunizations. Below is the schedule for required vaccines.

Immunization Schedule

Grade/Age	Number of Doses
Pre-K (ages 2 through 4 yrs)	4 DTaP/DTP/DT 3 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 1 MMR 1 Varicella
Kindergarten through Grade 5	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td 3 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 2 Varicella
Grades 6 through 12	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td 1 Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 2 Varicella

Puma Highlights

Poynette Middle School Forensics

Our middle school forensics team, led by Ms. Stark & Ms. Moe, competed in area forensics meets in March. By all accounts, our middle school participants provided stellar performances. Great job middle school orators!



Puma Highlights

Lumberjack Days Return!

The 4th grade curriculum at Poynette Elementary includes the study of Wisconsin history. Within this curriculum the logging industry and its influence on our state are studied. A celebration, Lumberjack Day, concludes this unit on the logging industry.

Also a part of the Lumberjack Days festivities was a live conference with author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos. Janie explains all that writing a book, getting it published and the research behind her book, Journey Back to Lumberjack Camp, entails.



Puma Highlights

Poynette Middle School Mathematicians Shine

The middle school math teams have been busy! Given their successes in March, it appears they will continue to be busy the remainder of Spring. Congratulations to all of the middle school math team members!



Poynette 4th, 5th, and 6th graders competed in the Math 24 Regional Tournament in Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday, March 1st. Each of these students won at the Poynette level to advance to the regional tournament where they held their own!



On Wednesday, March 16th, the fifth and sixth grade math team competed at the regional math meet in New Glarus. The team took 2nd place and will now advance to the Mega Math Meet held at UW-Madison in May. Sawyer K. took fifth place individually, and Sawyer K. and Kinzie L. were awarded with the highest scores on the team. Each of the members worked so hard to prepare for this event, and their hard work paid off!



On Thursday, March 17th, seventh and eighth graders from Poynette competed in the regional math meet in New Glarus. The Poynette Team took First Place bringing home the trophy, and will now advance to the Mega Math Meet at Madison College. Individually, Capri L. took 1st place, Emma L. took 3rd place, and Jameson M., took 4th place out of forty students. All of the students worked so hard preparing for the meet, so the victory is even sweeter!

Attention Poynette Music Parents (MS and HS Families)

We NEED You (or maybe someone you know?!). Please help spread the word!

The Poynette Music Parents Organization (aka PMP and/or Music Boosters) is looking to fill our Treasurer Position for this upcoming 2-year cycle. If you or someone you know are interested in this role, please contact us at poynettemusicparentorg@gmail.com to discuss and to address any questions or concerns you may have. We will invite any candidates to join our next PMP Quarterly Meeting and will vote to make our selection.

We hope you want to support the Poynette District Music students and programs as much as we do and we would love to have your help!

If the Treasurer role is not a good fit for you, we also invite all of you to become participating Board Members. You qualify to be a Board Member if you have a student in our Music Programs. You participate by attending our meetings and/or volunteering/supporting our events. If you're interested in participating, please contact us at poynettemusicparentorg@gmail.com and we'll get you more information!

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Amy Nehls
PMP Chairperson

UW-Platteville STEM Exploration

Students interested in careers in science, technology, mathematics, and agriculture attended the UW-Platteville STEM Career Exploration Day. The students attended hands-on workshops exploring post-secondary and career options for their fields of interest. Students were able to explore the science behind ice cream flavor development, create mathematical formulas for solving logic puzzles, learn how safety equipment functions, and fabricate frisbees. The students had a great time working alongside college professors and other students from around the state.



Puma Highlights

Pies and a Penny War

The Poynette Middle School Leadership group hosted a Penny War among the staff. Whichever staff “earned” the most change in that staff member’s jar would be the recipient of a pie in the face. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Ms. Koistra, who happily accepted the pies she received. The \$183 raised from the Penny War was donated to the Puma Locker. The Puma Locker is a care closet located in a private, confidential room at Poynette High School and is open to any middle or high school student who is in need of clothing or personal care items. Students and families can “shop” at the locker for free, no questions asked.



Middle School Pig Races!

The Middle School Leadership group hosted the annual pig races as part of an assembly before Spring Break. Not only were there prizes for how the pigs finished in the race, but there were also prizes for “Best Named” and “Best Dressed”.



Puma Highlights

True Fish Tales from the PHS Ice Fishing Club

At the state qualifying ice fishing tournament, the PHS Ice Fishing Club members placed in the top fifteen teams to qualify for the state tournament that was held in February. Karl H. provided a last minute catch of a 9 inch perch that helped send the team to the state tournament. At the state tournament, the group placed in the top half of the teams. Conditions were brutal, but the team persevered.



The highlight of the tournament was a 38 inch Northern Pike reeled in by Lucas P. with assistance from Carter H. and Hunter W. It was by far the biggest fish caught during the tournament. Congratulations to the Ice Fishing Club!

Dream Rooms from PHS Home & Interior Design Class

Miss Miller's Home & Interior Design students designed their "dream rooms" and were able to share their displays with the entire school.



PHS Science Olympiad Competes

In February, the PHS Science Olympiad team competed at the Marquette University High School Invitational. Poynette seniors, Isabella M. and Whisper E. brought home a third place medal in the category of Virology. Congratulations to Isabella, Whisper, and the entire PHS Science Olympiad team.

PHS Math Team Has a Busy Month of March!

The High School Math Team has been busy this month! At the start of March, the team traveled to Waterloo for the conference math meet. On March 15th, members of the team competed in the Wisconsin Mathematics Council annual meet at school.



Puma Highlights

PHS Student Council Recycling Challenge

The PHS Student Council is conducting a drive for plastic film and bags that will be recycled into composite decking and railing material by Trex Plastics. Items that are being collected include ziplock, grocery, bread, and newspaper bags. Also, bubble wrap, case wrapping, and any clear, plastic film. They must be clean, dry, and free of residue. Large, white recycling bins can be found in the high school. PHS Student Council has collected 84 lbs. of material as of the time of this article. The council's goal is to collect 300 lbs. by the end of the school year.

What can be recycled?



PHS Art Students Submit Work

Senior art students Kyla T, Montana M., and Hope N. are competing in the Vans Custom Culture Design contest. PHS was one of 250 schools selected to create shoe designs. For the "Hometown Pride" theme, the design team incorporated the MacKenzie Educational Center. If their designs are selected as one of the finalists, they will need the community's help to vote for and put their design in the top 5. The grand prize is \$50,000 and the 4 runners up will win \$15,000. The top 50 entries are announced April 25 - May 6 with the public vote open during this same time frame. For more information, check <https://customculture.vans.com/>.



PHS Orators Compete

At the end of February, Poynette High School's Forensics team competed in their first meet of the season. All members of the team qualified for the district meet that was held in March! Congratulations to these students for having advanced to the district competition held at DeForest High School in March: Grace M., Isabella M., Hope N., Neiley R., Isabelle S., and Raschel T.



Hope N. & Raschel T. advanced to the state forensics competition in April where they received a gold rating for their play acting performance!

Congratulations to the entire PHS Forensics Team and coaches for a great season!

Amino Acids in Biology

Students in Mr. Sommers' Biology class created individual molecular models of amino acids. The students then connected their individual models to simulate the formation of a protein. The molecular model shown in the picture below is of a small protein.



Puma Highlights

PHS FBLA Shines & Qualifies for Nationals

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national, student organization designed to bring education and business together in a working relationship. FBLA provides students with excellent leadership training from both business professionals and education mentors, as well as opportunities for community service and academic competitions.



In February Poynette FBLA students traveled to James Madison Memorial High School to attend our regional leadership conference. Poynette students competed in business events against students from over 20 other schools, including Madison, Middleton, Verona, DeForest, and Waunakee. Here are the results:

- Morgan S. - Honorable Mention - 7th place - "Introduction to Business Communication"
- Melanie K. - Honorable Mention - 6th place - "Introduction to FBLA"
- Jaxon G. - Medal - 5th place - "Introduction to Financial Math"
- Logan W. - Medal - 5th place - "Accounting I"
- Abby K. - Medal - 4th place - "Healthcare Administration"
- Raschel T. & Hope N. - Medal - 3rd place - "E-Business"
- Bryn R. - Medal - 2nd Place - "Organizational Leadership"
- Michael L. & Blake N. also attended the regional leadership conference

On March 28th, FBLA hosted the State Leadership Conference in Madison, WI. Over 2,000 students from across the state gathered to demonstrate their business acumen

within highly-competitive, business events. The top four finishers of each event earned a trip to the FBLA National Leadership Conference being held in Chicago, IL in June of 2022.

Poynette sent four students to the state competition and had a great experience. In between their scheduled events, students were able to attend workshops, meet guest speakers, and network with students from across the state.

Raschel T. and Hope N. were able to present their excellent "E-Business" concept to the judges during the final round of competitors. Although they did not make the top four in their event, they were satisfied with their performance and enjoyed the experience. Bryn R. competed against a heavy field of students in the "Organizational Leadership" event and similarly had a great experience, but did not advance to nationals.

Abby K. competed in the "Health Care Administration" event and qualified for nationals with a 2nd place finish in the state of Wisconsin. Abby will be representing Poynette and Wisconsin when she competes with students from across the country this June.

Congratulations to all of our Poynette FBLA students!

Poynette FFA Announces Proficiency Results

The FFA proficiency results are in, and Poynette FFA performed very well!

- Maddie L. - Gold - 6th place - Wildlife Production & Management
- Becca M. - Silver - Small Animal Production & Care
- Alli R. - Silver - Agricultural Education
- Olivia R. - Silver - Section 6 Winner - Agricultural Education
- Hannah S. - Silver - Poultry Production
- Abby S. - Silver - Sheep Production
- Ryli T. - Silver - Sheep Production
- Rachel Y. - Gold - 12th place & Section 6 Winner - Equine Science (P)
- Rachel Y. - Gold - Section 6 Winner & State Finalist - Veterinary Science

Best wishes to Rachel as she competes at the state level later this summer!

Poynette FFA Freshmen Place

Freshman Poynette FFA members, Rebecca M. & Kaila C., competed in the sectional FFA Creed Speaking Contest at the end of January. Congratulations to Rebecca, who placed first and advanced to the sectionals held in March, and Kaila, who placed third. Fantastic job FFA members!

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Poynette High School Curling Tradition Continues

The following excerpt is taken from the World Curling Federation handbook:

“Curling is a game of skill and of traditions. A shot well executed is a delight to see and so, too, it is a fine thing to observe the time-honoured traditions of curling being applied in the true spirit of the game. Curlers play to win but never to humble their opponents. A true curler would prefer to lose rather than win unfairly.

A good curler never attempts to distract an opponent or otherwise prevent him from playing his best. No curler ever deliberately breaks a rule of the game or any of its traditions. But, if he should do so inadvertently and be aware of it, he is the first to divulge the breach.

While the main object of the game of curling is to determine the relative skill of the players, the spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honourable conduct. This spirit should influence both the interpretation and application of the rules of the game and also the conduct of all participants on and off the Ice.”

The Poynette High School Curling program continued to nurture the Spirit of Curling this past season and experienced success along the way as they did so.

The Poynette Girls Curling team welcomed three new curlers to the team, participated in three bonspiels in addition to their conference schedule, and ended the regular season as conference champions. In postseason competition at the state tournament in Wausau, the girls team came home as state champions. The team defeated Pard-

eville in the semi-finals and Wausau West in the finals to



become state champs, with opponents conceding early in all of their games throughout the tournament. Girls curling has not won a state championship since 1985.

The Poynette Boys Curling team welcomed six new curlers to the team, participated in three bonspiels in addition to their conference schedule, and end the regular season as undefeated conference champions. In postseason competition at the state tournament in Wausau, the boys team advanced to the semi-finals but fell to eventual state runner up, Portage.

The girls team was coached by Kira Wilson, and the boys team was coached by Mike Thurston. Congratulations curlers and coaches on a fantastic season!

Poynette Elementary Student Authors

Poynette Elementary had five students who had their haikus selected for publication! There were over 4800 haikus submitted from over 1600 students from 15 different districts. This is truly an honor to be recognized.

Each winner will be invited to an in-person celebration on May 26, at 6:30pm in the EAGLE School Auditorium in Fitchburg. The evening will be emceed by Dr. Adam Kern, Professor of Japanese Literature and Asian Culture at UW Madison. Congratulations to these Poynette Elementary Authors!

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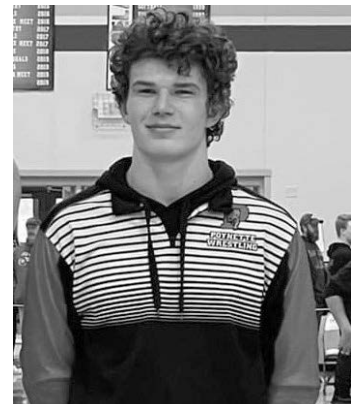
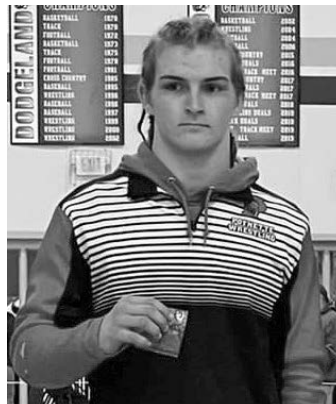
Puma Highlights

A Great Season for PHS Wrestling

It was a great season for the Puma wrestlers, with the wrestlers experiencing a lot of success, both individually and as a team. The team finished second in the conference. Several wrestlers placed individually at the conference meeting including:

- James A. - 1st
- Cash S. - 1st
- Isaiah G. - 2nd
- Ashton M., Owen B., Dylan E., Luke R. - 3rd
- Jackson G. - 4th
- Clayton N. - 5th
- Cornelio G. - 7th

At regionals in Markesan, the team had a close loss to Reedsville, but finished the night ranked 13th in the state! The following week at sectionals in DodgeLand, James, Cash, Owen, and Jackson qualified for state. While at state, Owen & Jackson finished in the top 12 and James finished in the top 8. Cash had a close loss in the finals and finished second. Cash finished out his high school wrestling career with a record of 42-2. Congratulations to the entire Puma Wrestling Program on a wonderfully memorable season!



PHS International Club Continues to be Active

Pulsera Project

In February, the newly formed PHS International Club proudly raised nearly \$500 for the Pulsera Project. According to the Pulsera Project's website "The Pulsera Project is a nonprofit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Central American artists with students in more than 3,000 U.S. schools through the sale of colorful handwoven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish... brightening U.S. schools with art and compelling



cultural education while employing Nicaraguan & Guatemalan artisans and investing proceeds to create lasting change in Central American communities." More information about the Pulsera Project can be found at <https://www.pulseraproject.org/> #pulseraproject #colortheworld



International Club Cooking Night

Members of the International Club hosted a cooking night where they prepared and sampled appetizers from around the world. Dishes the group cooked that evening were solteria from Columbia, bakwan sayur from Indonesia, cheese and walnut puffs from Belgium, and Moroccan chickpea tagine. All dishes were delicious! The International Club would like to thank Mrs. Miller for her help in this project.

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PHS Solo Ensemble Results

Congratulations to both instrumental and vocal students for their performances at the District Solo Ensembles held in Lake Mills in February. We are very proud of all the hard work and preparation that the students put into their events.

A 1 rating is the highest mark an event can receive on a 5 point rubric. Results are as follows:

On the instrumental side:

- Whisper E. - 1 - Drum Solo
- Zander O. - 1 - Bass Clarinet Solo accompanied by Jason M. on piano
- Anneliese G. - 1 - French Horn Solo
- Bryn R. - 1 - French Horn Solo
- Dominic G. - 2 - Bassoon Solo
- Dylon T. - 2 - French Horn Solo
- Lizzy E. - 2 - Alto Saxophone Solo
- Matthew L. - 2 - Trombone Solo

- Noah B. - 2 - Tenor Saxophone Solo
- Melanie K. & Kloie H. - 1 Flute Duet
- Clayton N., Kyla T. & Michael L. - *1 - Trombone Trio

Congratulations to the trombone trio for getting a starred one which made them eligible to perform at the state festival in Whitewater that was held in April!

On the vocal side:

- Infinite Voices (Isabella M., Jessa R., Aubrey C., Ella W., and Maggie S.) - *1
- Ella Wentz - 2 - Vocal Solo
- Cierra Tierney - 2 - Vocal Solo

Congratulations to the Infinite Voices group for getting a starred one on their performance. This score made them eligible to perform at the state festival in Whitewater that was held in April!

Congratulations to Mr. Ferkovich, PHS Band Director, and Mrs. Graeve, PHS Choir Instructor, and all the music students who participated at the district solo ensembles!

Poynette National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony for new officers and members for the Pauquette Chapter was held in March. Members must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA or better, and uphold the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

The incoming officers are:

- Hadley W. - President
- Brooke S. - Vice President
- Laken W. - Blood Drive Coordinator
- Grace H. - Blood Drive Coordinator
- Felicia R. - Blood Drive Coordinator

Welcome to these new members!

- London C.
- Kloie H.
- Melanie K.
- Madeline L.
- Erin R.
- Teagan T.
- Rylan F.
- Abigail H.
- Matthew L.
- Jocelynn N.
- Tyler S.
- Connor W.

Congratulations to these new members & officers of the Pauquette Chapter of National Honor Society!



Around the District

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 to join
2. Volunteer for an event – contact 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

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. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Feel free to contact us at poynetteboosterclub@gmail.com.

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 the month starting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us to find out what exciting activities we have planned for this year! Visit our website <https://google.com/site/poynettemusic-parents.org>.

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.

Fall Athletics

Important reminders:

Summertime is an excellent opportunity to schedule physicals for the upcoming school year. Please make sure all physical information is up to date for your student if she/he would like to participate in any athletics for the 22-23 school year. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in any practices without physical information on file. Please check with your respective school office for information specific to your athlete's paperwork needs. Online sports registration can be found on the high school website under activities then PHS athletics.

Important Fall Sport dates:

Monday, August 1: Football equipment hand out

Tuesday, August 2: Football first day of practice

Monday, August 15: Cross Country, Volleyball, and Boys Soccer first day of practice

Accessing School Sports Online

We want to provide accurate sports information but many times there are last minute cancellations or rescheduled games. You can now access and print all up-to-date high school athletic schedules at www.capitolnorthconference.org or through the school website 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, Schools, Poynette Middle School, Activities, Athletic Schedules.

2022-23 School Supply Lists

The 2022-2023 School Supply List will be on the website mid-May, early June. Check out the district website or contact any school office for a copy.

Student Dress and Clothing Code

The responsibility for maintaining good grooming and acceptable dress habits rests with the student and parents. Common sense should prevail. Halters, half tops and other brief forms of clothing in school are not acceptable. If you have any questions, please refer to the student handbook.

Census Information

To facilitate an accurate school census and to also plan for the district's future, we are asking that all residents new to the school district and all residents who have had new babies to please contact Lisa at 635-4347, ext. 202.

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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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