

We Are Pearl!

Pirate Points 12-5-2019



Congratulations to the following PHS football players for being selected to represent the Pirates in post-season play:

- Davion Carter and Kenyatta Harrell will play for Mississippi in the annual Mississippi-Alabama Game on December 14.
- Kaleb Cadiere and Justin Bryant will represent the South at the Bernard Blackwell North/South All-Star Game on Saturday, December 21.

Good luck to all players!



Congratulations to the December 2019 Pearl Public School District Employees of the Month:

- Classified Staff of the Month: Beth Ditto, Central Office
- Certified Staff of the Month: Sarah Hodges, Pearl Junior High School
- Administrator of the Month: Sheila McKay, Pearl Upper Elementary

You can help us recognize our outstanding Pirate employees by submitting a nomination form.

Click [PPSD Employees of the Month Program](#) to read more details and access the nomination forms. Winners will be honored each month. This employee recognition program is sponsored by Merit Health.



All are invited to the Community Health Forum on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pearl City Hall Board Room. This event is an opportunity to work together to make the City of Pearl a healthier city. It is sponsored by the City of Pearl in partnership with the Jackson Heart Study Community Engagement Center. See the attached flyer for more information.



The PJHS PTSO will sponsor a 6th grade dance on December 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the PJHS Café. Admission is \$3 per student.



Come share in some holiday cheer with our Pirates!











PLE will hold two nights of PTSO Holiday Programs:


- December 5 at 6:00 p.m. will star the classes of Brown, Curlee, Estes, Fairley, Irby, Sawin, Wiles, and Williams
- December 10 at 6:00 p.m. star will star the classes of Allen, Fagan, Farrar, Jones, Johnston, McInnis, Prejean, and Skaggs

Pearl Upper Elementary will hold its annual PTSO holiday program starring fifth grade students on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the William Dodson Performing Arts Center on the campus of Pearl High School.

Northside Elementary will hold two nights of PTSO holiday programs:

- December 16 will star the classes of Acey, Ezell, Gatlin, Grant, Kersh, Murphy, Price, and Sullivan
- December 17 will star the classes of Friday, Holloway, Moore, Parks, Roberson, Spell, and Welch

-  Santa Claus is coming to town! Join us in ushering in the holiday season on Saturday, December 7, with the special events sponsored by the City of Pearl. The tree lighting at City Hall will take place at 6:00 p.m. with the parade down North Bierdeman and Old Brandon Roads at 6:30 p.m. Festivities will conclude with a community Christmas concert and party at the Pearl City Complex from 7:30-9:30 p.m. See the attachment for more details and parking/transportation options.
-  Good luck to the PJHS and PHS Cheerleaders as they compete in the Dixie Championships this Sunday, December 8, at the Jackson Convention Center. Competition times are listed below:
- PJHS at 9:24 a.m.
 - PHS at 2:07 p.m.
-  Pearl High School Archery Team try-outs will be Monday, December 9, starting at 3:30 p.m. in the indoor building at the football stadium.
-  The Pearl Junior High School Band will hold its Winter Concert on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the William Dodson Performing Arts Center on the campus of Pearl High School. All are invited to attend.
-  Pearl Junior High School Archery Team try-outs will be Tuesday, December 10, starting at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 11, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the indoor building at the football stadium.
-  PLE Grandparents' Breakfast is next week. The cost is \$2.25 for all guest meals. Students will also be able to visit the PTSO Santa Shop with their grandparents to purchase items.
- December 10: E Hall
 - December 11: D Hall
 - December 12: C Hall
 - December 13: B Hall
-  The 6th grade Quest students at Pearl Junior High School are asking for donations of Pearl t-shirts for use in the creation of a community quilt. Donations can be taken to PJHS during normal school hours. The group is also seeking an experienced quilter to help with this project. Contact Kacee Hobson at khobson@pearlk12.com for more information.
-  PJHS will celebrate Pastries with the Principal the morning of December 13 in the PJHS Café and Pirate's Gold Drawing that afternoon at 2:50 p.m. in the gym.
-  Creative Arts and Quest classes are selling Altered Art and Origami Ornaments. Ornaments make great, inexpensive gifts for friends and family. See Ms. Hobson, Ms. Perkins, or any Quest/Creative Arts student to order.
-  PHS will once again host the Coaches vs Cancer Charity Basketball Tournament on December 14 to raise funds for the Baptist Hospital Foundation mammogram testing program. A total of twelve games will be played at PHS and PJHS with teams from across the state competing. See the attached schedule. All are invited to come support our Pirate Basketball Programs in this worthy cause.


 Good luck to the PJHS and PHS dancers and cheerleaders when they compete in the MHSAA State Championships in the Mississippi Coliseum.


Friday, December 13


- PJHS Pirates' Crew Dance Team at 12:42 p.m. (kick)
- PHS Pirates' Crew Dance Team at 12:00 p.m. (pom) and 5:34 p.m. (kick)


Saturday, December 14


- PJHS Cheerleaders at 10:50 a.m.
- PHS Cheerleaders at 4:14 p.m.


 ECEC will recognize the Students of the Month on December 17 beginning at 1:00 p.m.


 PNE will hold its Captains of the Quarter Celebration on December 17 at 1:00 p.m. and its All-As Breakfast on the morning of December 18.


 Orders for the PPSD elementary yearbook (ECEC- 5th grade) can now be placed online only. The cost is \$27. Parents may purchase a yearbook by clicking on this link: [Buy Your Yearbook](#).

 Senior Ads are on sale now. This is a wonderful tradition at Pearl High School. Ad space can be purchased and then published in the back of the yearbook in a section solely dedicated to graduating seniors. This is a great way to congratulate and commemorate this accomplishment. See the attached order form for pricing. Contact Susan Cauthen at scauthen@pearlk12.com for more information.

 Those interested in taking part in the 2020 PJHS Beauty and Beau Pageant should turn in the entry fee (\$25) and profile sheet to Ms. Olexy on or before 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 10. No late entries will be accepted. The pageant will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the William Dodson Performing Arts Center on the campus of Pearl High School. See the attachment for more information.

 Order your "Pirate Country" long-sleeved t-shirt or hoodie. See the attached order form for pictures, colors, and prices. All orders are due by January 17. Proceeds will benefit the PHS Class of 2022.

 Interested in being a substitute in Pearl Schools? Contact Kelly Educational Staffing at 601.939.4113, extension 3. Kelly Staffing provides free online training, flexible hours, and competitive pay.

 Interested in moving the next generation toward higher education? Interested in medical benefits with a part-time job? If you answered "yes," you should consider driving a school bus for PPSD. We are currently hiring and training school bus drivers. For more Information contact Steven Webb at 601.932.7985.



Athletic Events December 8 to December 14

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14
4:00 pm 7th Boys 7th Grade Basketball vs Clinton Junior High HOME	4:00 pm Varsity HS Bowling vs Madison Central High School AWAY		4:00 pm 7th Girls 7th Grade Basketball vs Northwest Rankin MS HOME	5:30 pm Varsity HS Soccer vs Northwest Rankin HS HOME	(Time TBA) MHSAA State Championship Varsity HS Cheer AWAY
5:00 pm 9th Grade 9th Grade Basketball vs Clinton High School AWAY	5:00 pm JV/Varsity HS Basketball vs Clinton High School AWAY		4:00 pm 7th & 8th JH Soccer vs Brandon Middle School HOME		(Time TBA) MHSAA Championships JH Girls JH Cheer AWAY
5:00 pm 8th Grade JH Basketball vs Clinton Junior High HOME	5:30 pm Varsity HS Soccer vs Brandon High School AWAY		5:00 pm JV/Varsity HS Basketball vs Wingfield High School HOME		(Time TBA) Coaches vs Cancer Varsity Girls HS Basketball HOME
5:00 pm 7th & 8th JH Soccer vs Clinton Junior High HOME			5:00 pm 9th Grade 9th Grade Basketball vs Northwest Rankin HS AWAY		(Time TBA) Bolton-Edwards Shootout JH Boys JH Basketball AWAY
5:00 pm JV Girls JV Soccer vs Clinton High School HOME			5:00 pm 8th Grade JH Basketball vs Northwest Rankin MS HOME		
			5:00 pm JV JV Soccer vs Saint Joseph High School HOME		



Upcoming Dates

- 12/16-12/19: Semester Exams
- 12/20: Make-Up Exam Day, 60% Day (lunch will not be served)
- 12/23-1/3: Christmas Holidays
- 1/6: Professional Development Day for Staff (Student Holiday)
- 1/7: Second Semester Begins
- 1/7: New Stage Performance at PLE
- 1/11: PJHS First Lego League Robotics Competition
- 1/14: New Stage Performance at PUE

As always, it's a great day to be a Pirate!

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