










We Are Pearl!

Pirate Points 8-15-2019

-  Congratulations to the Pearl Pirate Athletic Program for finishing 7th in the 6A All-Sports Award for the 2018-2019 school year.
-  All are invited to Meet the Pirates tonight, August 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Ray Rogers Stadium. Athletic teams for the fall sports teams with students in 7th - 12th grades will be introduced. In addition, the band, cheerleaders, and dance teams will perform. Come out to show your support for our Pirates!
-  All are also invited to the annual "Under the Stars" Cross Country Meet at 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Woody Barnett Track & Field Complex. Admission is free.
-  Pirate Passes will be sold from 5:00-6:30 p.m. during Meet the Pirates in the PPSD Athletics Office inside Pearl High School. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$20 for students. A Pirate Pass will provide admission to all home, regular-season athletic events for PHS and PJHS. Reserved and chair back seating upgrades are also available. See the attached order form for additional ticket options and prices. Contact the Athletic Office at 601.939.7063 for more information about getting your Pirate Pass.
-  Boys Basketball tryouts for new enrollees will be held Friday, August 16, after school until 5:00 p.m. in the PJHS gym.
-  The Fighting Pirates will travel to Northwest Rankin for a pre-season jamboree Friday, August 16. Pirates will take the field against the NWR Cougars and the Brandon Bulldogs beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.
-  Join us for the PPSD Parent Expo on Monday, August 19, at Pearl High School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This event is for you to gather information and resources that can assist you in raising strong families. You will be able to participate in multiple sessions to learn about cyber safety, health, academic support resources, special needs resources, language support, and many more! The event is free and open to all parents of Pearl students 4K-12th grade.
-  Come to the Parent Expo to get assistance with completing your student athlete's DragonFly requirements. The requirements for this online system for processing health and eligibility forms for student athletes must be complete before any student athlete can participate in athletic events. Assistance with completing these requirements will be available at the PPSD Parent Expo on Monday, August 19, at PHS. Parents will need their insurance information and student physical forms to complete the DragonFly requirements. Parents can also visit www.dragonflymax.com to set up an account and submit the appropriate forms. See the attached flyer for details. Contact the PPSD Athletic Office at 601.939.7093 if you have questions.
-  Pearl Upper will kick off its annual World's Finest Chocolate Fall Sale on Monday, August 19. See any PUE student or staff member to get your chocolate covered almonds!



Just a reminder that the tardy bell for students in 4K-5th grade rings at 7:30 a.m. Any student who arrives after this time will need to be walked into the office and signed in. Also, the PJHS and PHS campuses open at 7:45 a.m. Students should not be dropped off prior to this time. Thank you for assisting us in adhering to these schedules and procedures for the safety of our students.



Being informed and participating in your child's school is one way to help them experience success. Attending Open House is a great way to begin the school year. See the list of dates below:

ECEC Open House: August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Pearl Lower Elementary Open House: August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Pearl Junior High School Open House: August 26, 5:30 p.m.

Pearl High School Open House: August 29, 6:00 p.m.

The PTSOs will be on hand at the Open House for each school to accept membership dues and to sell Pirate PRIDE t-shirts.



PNE will hold its monthly Party with the Principal on August 30. Students must earn 12 greens and have no office or bus referrals to be eligible to attend.



PJHS will focus on perfect attendance for its August Courtyard. On Friday, August 23, students with perfect attendance from August 8 through August 22 will be invited to attend Courtyard activities. Encourage your students to be at school every day in order to attend this event.



Nominations for the first class of inductees to the Pearl High School Football Hall of Fame are now being accepted through August 30. The purpose of the PHS Football Hall of Fame is to pay tribute to past Pearl High School football greats. See the attachments for more information and an application packet or visit www.pearlk12.com for more information. Contact Richard Smithhart at 601.939.7063 or Jimmy Foster at 601.906.4419 if you have any questions.



Make-up senior portrait day will be on October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by appointment and the cost will be \$20. Seniors who need to have their portrait taken can sign up in Ms. Cauthen's room.



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.



For a complete listing of all athletic events, visit the PPSD Athletic Department webpage on the district website and click on [Fall Sports Schedules 2019](#).

Athletic Events August 18 to August 24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21	22	23
5:00 pm Junior High JH Volleyball vs Vicksburg Junior High School AWAY	5:00 pm 8th Grade JH Football vs Jamboree AWAY 5:30 pm JV/Varsity HS Volleyball vs Murrah High School AWAY 6:00 pm 9th Grade 9th Grade Football vs Jamboree HOME		5:00 pm Junior High JH Volleyball vs Brandon Middle School HOME 5:00 pm JV/Varsity HS Volleyball vs Puckett High School HOME 7:00 pm Varsity HS Football vs Clinton High School AWAY	



Upcoming Dates

- 9/2: Labor Day Holiday
- 9/5: PHS College Fair
- 9/6: ECEC Picture Day
- 9/10: PNE Picture Day
- 9/12: PLE Picture Day
- 9/12-9/13: Progress Reports Issued
- 9/17: PUE Picture Day
- 9/17: PJHS Picture Day
- 10/1: PHS Senior ACT
- 10/21: PHS Picture Day
- 10/24: Senior Portrait Make-Up Day

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

The mission of Pearl Public School District is to prepare each student to become a lifelong learner, achieve individual goals, and positively impact a global society.

