

# PIRATE POINTS



The official newsletter of Pearl Public School District



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## UPCOMING DATES

February 26 - March 1  
Read Across America Week

March 11-15  
Spring Break

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE  
PPSD CALENDAR](#)

## Presidents' Day

**Monday, February 19**

All schools and offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

**Tuesday, February 20**

Staff Professional Development Day  
(Student Holiday)

**Wednesday, February 21**

Classes will resume with PJHS and PHS on an A-day schedule.



## School Board Appreciation Week



Thank you to the incredible men and women on the PPSD School Board for their outstanding service. Your passion, devotion, and guidance have a profound impact on Pearl's students, staff, and community!



## NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY



Today is National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day! Thank you to our SROs for their dedication in keeping our schools and community safe. Remember to show your appreciation by giving them a friendly greeting whenever you see them around!

## SCHOOL NEWS

- **Pearl Lower:**
  - 3/7: Spring Pictures
- **Northside:**
  - 2/16: Pete the Cat Visits Northside
  - 2/29: Literacy Night "Leap Into Literacy"
- **Pearl Upper:**
  - 2/21: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Kickoff
  - 2/23: February Student of the Month celebration
  - 2/29-3/1: "We LOVE Reading" Book Fair
  - 3/1: Read Across America Day Celebration—Students may dress as their favorite book character
- ECEC, Pearl Lower, Northside, and Pearl Upper combined 2023-2024 yearbooks are \$29.00. Orders will be placed under Pearl Lower Elementary. Deadline to order is February 29. [Click here to place your order!](#)
- **Pearl Junior High School:**
  - 2/20: 6th Grade Preview Night
  - 2/21-2/24: State Beta Convention
- **Pearl High School:**
  - 2/27: Junior ACT



Did you know that you can save time by purchasing tickets to PHS and PJHS events on GoFan.co?

[Purchase PJHS event tickets.](#)

[Purchase PHS event tickets.](#)

## UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

- 2/15:
  - Archery vs. Ridgeland @ Pearl
  - Girls Tennis @ Florence
  - Baseball @ Brookhaven
- 2/17:
  - Softball @ Pearl
  - Baseball vs. Warren Central @ Pearl
- 2/19: Softball vs. Richland @ Pearl
- 2/20:
  - Archery vs. Germantown @ Pearl
  - Baseball @ Florence
  - Softball @ Terry



**Download the activity scheduler app to view Pirate athletic schedules.**

## PEARL HIGH SCHOOL CHEER PACKETS

Any 8th - 11th grade student interested in trying out for the 2024-2025 Pearl High School Coed Cheerleading squad can get a tryout packet from Coach Saxon at PHS, Coach Gatlin at PJHS, or on the [PHS Cheerleading webpage by clicking here.](#) Completed packets are due by February 22. For questions, email Coach Saxon [ksaxon@pearlk12.com](mailto:ksaxon@pearlk12.com).





# Read Across America SPIRIT Week!

## Pearl Lower Elementary

**Monday, 2/26 – CAT IN THE HAT DAY!**  
**WEAR STRIPES OR A HAT.**

**Tuesday, 2/27 – FOX IN SOCKS DAY!**  
**WEAR SILLY SOCKS.**

**Wednesday, 2/28 – 1 FISH, 2 FISH!**  
**WEAR RED OR BLUE.**

**Thursday, 2/29 – GREEN EGGS & HAM DAY! WEAR GREEN.**

**Friday, 3/1 – DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY!**  
**DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER.**

## Random Acts of Kindness Day



*"In a world where you can be  
anything, be kind."*

Saturday, February 17, is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Let's spread positivity and make the world a brighter place! Doing something small can make all the difference, so let's pay it forward and make the world a better place.

Here are a few random acts of kindness ideas:

- Smile.
- Help someone in need.
- Thank someone who you appreciate.
- Be a good listener.
- Give someone a compliment.



**FEBRUARY  
20TH**

# 6th Grade

## PREVIEW NIGHT

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**



- Junior High Transition
- Expectations
- 6th Grade Schedule
- Elective Options

PIRATE AUDITORIUM  
MARY ANN DRIVE  
PEARL, MS

5:30pm-6:30pm

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
ONLY**

## Class of 2024 Scholarship Opportunities!



[Click here for the Pearl Educational Foundation scholarship application.](#) Please return completed applications to the PHS counseling office.

**Due March 1**



The Rankin County Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships each year to seniors graduating from high schools in Rankin County. [Click here for the application.](#)

**Due March 4**

# Free ONLINE TUTORING

**PAPER**

- MATH
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- SPANISH
- ENGLISH
- ELECTIVES



Free tutoring provided by PAPER is available for PPSD students in grades 3-12. PAPER is a secure, online tutoring service that provides students with unlimited, 24/7 academic support. All students have to do is log in, ask their questions and an online tutor will give them a helping hand!

Log into your Clever account and click on the PAPER icon to access 24/7 academic support. [Click here to log into your Clever account.](#)



## Kelly Education

Great substitute teaching opportunities at Pearl Public Schools are available through our partner, Kelly Education. You don't need prior teaching experience—just a desire to help students become the best versions of themselves. [Click here to fill out an interest form!](#)

## PEARL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pre-Kindergarten Program

FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Please visit our website or call the PPSD Early Childhood Education Center for more information on the 4-year-old program.

601.933.2461

[www.pearlk12.com](http://www.pearlk12.com)



If you're interested in enrolling your child in the 4-year-old program at the Pearl Public School District Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) for the 2024-2025 school year, reach out to the Early Childhood Education Center by calling 601-933-2461 or [click here to head to our website for more information.](#)



## Bus Drivers Wanted!

Contact the PPSD Transportation Department at 601.932.7985 for more information.

Visit [pearlk12.com/](http://pearlk12.com/) employment to apply online!



**Catch a Pirate!**  
[Tell us about a PPSD staff member deserving of recognition!](#)



**Become a Pirate Perks Partner today!**



[Stay informed - click here to check ActiveParent.](#)



[Click here to nominate someone for the PPSD Alumni Spotlight.](#)

*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.*

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