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# 2024 • 2025

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## MEETING DATES

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Pulaski Middle/Senior High School Library

August 13, 2024	March 11, 2025
September 10, 2024	April 8, 2025
October 8, 2024	April 29, 2025
November 12, 2024	2025 CiTi Administrative Vote
December 10, 2024	May 13, 2025
January 14, 2025	May 20, 2025
February 11, 2025	Budget Vote
	June 10, 2025

# THE CRIMSON AND BLUE

There are those who long have favored  
The violet's blue shade  
And others who will ever  
To the crimson rose be staid  
We will place them both together  
And never shall we rue  
The years we stood defenders  
Of the Crimson and the Blue

We have studied 'neath thy ensign  
We have worked beneath thy flag  
And our hearts will e'er be with thee  
Though the years may fleet or lag  
We will ever be thy guardian  
Ever keep thy memory true  
And we'll ever fly the banner  
With the Crimson and the Blue.

All the pleasures that we cherish  
Soon will pass fore'er away  
And the memories of our school days  
Sink beneath the shadows gray,  
Yet there's one thing we'll remember  
All the years we yet pass through  
'Tis the thought of Old Pulaski  
And the Crimson and the Blue.





# PACS DISTRICT INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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# 2024-2025 PACS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

	BUSES ARRIVE	SCHOOL BEGINS	SCHOOL DISMISSED	BUSES DEPART
<b>Pre-K (a.m.)</b>	8:15-8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
<b>Pre-K - Grade 5</b>	8:15-8:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
<b>Grades 6-12</b>	7:15-7:20 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	2:02 p.m. (early bus) OR 2:45 p.m. (late bus)	2:10 p.m. (early bus) OR 2:50 p.m. (late bus)







## JULY

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# AUGUST 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>				1	2	3
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11	12	<b>13</b> <b>Board of Education Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	<b>21</b> Stuff-a-Bus Collection @ Kinneys, 9am-3pm	<b>22</b> Stuff-a-Bus Distribution @ MSHS, 12-3pm	23	24
25	26	<b>27</b> Grade 6 Locker Day 12-3pm	<b>28</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b> <b>No School</b> Grade 6 Parent Night 6pm	<b>29</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b> <b>No School</b> Kindergarten Orientation 2pm Senior Parent Information Night 6pm	30	31





## AUGUST

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# SEPTEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY No School	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	4	5	6	7 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
8	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	18	19 MS Picture Day	20 HS Picture Day HS Student Government Elections	21
22	23	24	25 Senior Photo Make Up	26	27	28
29	30					<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>





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# OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 <b>End of 5 Week Marking Period</b> Lura Sharp Picture Day MS Student Government Elections	5 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
6	7 Grade 5 Hovercraft Project Day	8 Grade 6 Hovercraft Project Day <b>Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm</b>	9	10 Lura Sharp Open House 6pm	11 Ignite The Den 6pm	12 Homecoming Football Game 1pm HS Homecoming Dance 7pm
HS Spirit Week						
13	14 <b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</b> No School	15 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	16	17 Honors Dinner 6pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 MS Play 7pm	26 MS Play 2pm
27	28	29	30	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b> Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal		FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





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# NOVEMBER 2024



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<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>					<b>1</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MSHS Picture Retake	<b>6</b> MSHS Open House 6pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>End of Quarter 1</b>	<b>9</b> Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>12</b> Lura Sharp Picture Retakes <b>Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> MS Dance 6pm	<b>16</b>
<b>MS Spirit Week</b>						
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	<b>20</b> NHS Induction Ceremony 6pm	<b>21</b> Lura Sharp Parent-Teacher Conferences <b>Lura Sharp Early Dismissal</b>	<b>22</b> Lura Sharp Parent-Teacher Conferences <b>Lura Sharp Early Dismissal</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Recess No School</b>						





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# DECEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Jones/Decker Boys Basketball Game @ APW 6pm	3	4	5	6	7 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
8	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	11 Grade 6 Band/Chorus Winter Concert 6pm Grade 7-8 Band/Chorus Winter Concert 7pm	12 Grade 4-5 Chorus Concert 6pm	13 End of 15 Week Marking Period	14
15	16	17 UPK-3 Holiday Concerts 1pm	18 Grade 9-12 Band/Chorus Winter Concert 7pm	19	20 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal	21
MSHS Holiday Spirit Week						
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
Christmas Recess No School						
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Christmas Recess No School						 SCAN ME





## DECEMBER

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# JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
			Christmas Recess No School			
5	6	7	8 MS Art Show 5pm Grade 8 Parent Night 6pm	9	10 All County Band	11 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am All County Band
12	13	14 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY No School	21 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	22	23	24 End of Quarter 2 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal	25
		Regents Exam Days				
26	27	28	29 LUNAR NEW YEAR No School	30	31	FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
						 SCAN ME





## JANUARY


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# FEBRUARY 2025



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2	3	4	5	6	7 MS Sweetheart Semi Formal 6pm	8 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am HS Winter Ball 7pm
9	10	11 NHS Faculty Tea 2:45pm Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19	20	21	22
	Winter Recess No School					
23	24	25 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	26	27	28	FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





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# MARCH 2025



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2	3	4	5 Family Fun Night and K-3 Art Show at Lura Sharp 5:30	6	7 <b>End of 25 Week Marking Period</b> HS Drama Production 7pm	8 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am HS Drama Production 7pm
9 Daylight Saving Time Starts	10 Staff Development Day No School	11 HS Artist of the Year Reception 5pm Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14 Lura Sharp Musical 6pm	15 Lura Sharp Musical 1pm
16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	19	20 NHS Blood Drive	21	22
23	24	25 Battle of the Books Grades 1-2	26 Battle of the Books Grades 3-4 Java Jam 7pm	27 Battle of the Books Grades 5-6	28	29
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# APRIL 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 MS Spring Fling 6pm	5 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
6	7	8 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	9 Grade 7-12 Band Concert 7pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21	22 Lura Sharp PTG meeting 6pm	23	24 NYC Trip Parent Meeting 6pm	25 End of Quarter 3 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal All County Chorus	26 All County Chorus
27	28	29 2025 CITi Administrative Vote	30			FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





## APRIL

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# MAY 2025



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<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>				1	2	3 8th Grade NYC Trip
4	5	6	7 Grade 4-5 Band and Chorus Concert and Art Show at Lura Sharp 6pm	8 MSHS Piano Recital 7pm	9	10 Superintendent's Coffee Hour from 9-10am
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13 Valedictorian/Salutatorian Celebration 2:15pm <b>Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm</b>	14 Grade K-3 Spring Concerts 1pm	15 Grade 7-12 Chorus Concert 7pm	16	17 Jr/Sr Prom 7:30pm
18	19	20 <b>Budget Vote and Board Election 8am-8pm</b> Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	21	22	23 <b>End of 35 Week Marking Period</b>	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY No School	27 Kindergarten Screening	28 Kindergarten Screening	29 Kindergarten Screening	30 Lura Sharp Elementary Poetry Slam 2pm	31





## MAY


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# JUNE 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Grade 6 Band/Chorus Concert 6pm	5 Visual Arts Showcase Reception 5pm Senior Dinner 6pm	6 Dairy Festival Parade 7pm	7 Sherburne Pageant of Bands
8	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm	11 MS Awards Night 6pm	12	13 Lura Sharp Flag Day Celebration 9am	14 Belleville Field Day Parade 6pm
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 MS PACStravaganza	17	18 Scoville Olympics Varsity Club Awards Night 6pm	19 JUNETEENTH No School	20	21
		Regents Exam Days			Regents Exam Days	
22	23 Senior Awards Night 6pm	24 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal Grade K-4 Awards 9am	25 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal Grade 5 Celebration 9am	26 Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal UPK Celebration 9:30am Graduation Rehearsal 4:30pm Senior Parade 6pm	27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Lura Sharp-Early Dismissal	28 GRADUATION 10am
	Regents Exam Days					
29	30					FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
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# 2024-2025 ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS



## **ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives students over 18 years of age and parents the right to review certain educational records. Pursuant to law, the following records are available for review:

- the guidance folder, which contains standardized test scores, biographical data and elementary progress reports;
- academic records for grades seven through 12;
- cumulative health records;
- attendance records;
- student disciplinary records reflecting superintendent's hearings in which the student has been found guilty and letters and/or records of school suspension lasting five days or less;
- school medical records maintained at the school nurse's office that contain the student's medical history;
- pupil service records that include psychological reports maintained by school personnel.

These records are confidential and cannot be released without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian. The law does provide for limited exceptions to the prior consent requirement, e.g., certain school employees or state or federal officials have a legitimate purpose for needing access to information contained in the students' records.

The Board of Education has established a policy for maintaining the confidentiality of student education records, and for providing access to such records for parental review. Copies of this policy are available in the district office. Applications for access to student records also are available in the district office. Please direct any questions about the right to review student records to the respective building principal.

## **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987, Pulaski Academy and Central School District's facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to ensure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. The district conducts re-inspections every three years. The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation safety & risk management department was contracted to complete the 2022 triennial inspection of all facilities and update the asbestos management plan, which is available for your review in the district office.

## **CHILD NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM**

Children need healthy meals to learn. Pulaski Academy and Central Schools offer healthy meals every school day. For the 2024-2025 school year, PACS will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) through the New York State Education department. This provision allows for all students to receive one complete breakfast and lunch per day at no charge. Additional information may be obtained by visiting the cafeteria page of the PACS website.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Pulaski Academy & Central School District Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly learning environment for students and staff. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other Pulaski Academy & Central School District personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

Pulaski Academy & Central School District has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at its functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, integrity, and the belief in the educational mission of the organization. The Board recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on Pulaski Academy & Central School District property, identify the possible consequences of unacceptable behavior, and to see to it that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly.

To this end, the Board of Education adopts the District Student Code of Conduct. Unless otherwise indicated, this code applies to all students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when on Pulaski Academy & Central School District property or attending a Pulaski Academy & Central School District function.

## **DISCLOSURE OF SECONDARY STUDENT INFORMATION TO THE MILITARY**

Pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the Pulaski Academy & Central School District upon request will disclose students' names, addresses and telephone listings to military recruiters. Parents and students can request the district not release such information without prior written parental consent.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY**

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), some districts or schools may be a "covered entity." If a district or school (or person within that school, i.e. the school nurse) is included in the "covered entity" category, then the district must provide notice of its privacy practices with regard to protected health information.

## **HOMELESS FAMILY/SAFETY POLICY**

All school districts have responsibilities to homeless students in the district. In order to serve these students, each district must appoint a liaison for homeless children that are currently residing within a district. The liaison must first identify these students and, to aid in doing so, post notifications regarding educational services and contact information at places where the parents of homeless students will see it. These locations can include, but are not limited to, homeless shelters, medical clinics, post offices and local Social Service offices. Michael Bateson, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is the liaison for Pulaski Academy & Central School District.

# 2024-2025 ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS



## **NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX**

It is the policy of the district not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, military status or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment, in accordance with Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Section 504 of the Rehabilitative Act of 1973. Any parent who believes his or her child is disabled has the right to refer the child to the building principal for evaluation. No otherwise qualified individual with a disability solely on the basis of that disability, shall be denied benefits of, or be subject to, discrimination from any program or activity of the district.

Any parent who believes his or her child has been denied the benefits of an appropriate education as a result of discrimination based on disability should contact the building principal or Superintendent of Schools. Moreover, any person who believes his or her rights have been violated should contact the Superintendent of Schools.

## **PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

The purpose of the Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security is to inform parents (which also includes legal guardians or persons in parental relation to a student, but generally not the parents of a student who is age eighteen or over) of the legal requirements regarding privacy, security and use of student data. In addition to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Education Law §2-d provides important new protections for student data, and new remedies for breaches of the responsibility to maintain the security and confidentiality of such data.

## **PESTICIDE NOTICE**

Pulaski Academy & Central School District practices Integrated Pest Management to keep pests a safe distance away from students, staff and property, while limiting the use of pesticides.

New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents/guardians, faculty and staff about the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Further, the state requires us to maintain a list of those who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirement:

- anti-microbial products;
- non-volatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other non-volatile, ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;

- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA-designated bio-pesticides;
- the application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. To receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications scheduled to occur in a school, please contact Director of Facilities, 315.298.5103.

## **STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

From time to time, student directory information (e.g., name, grade, photo, awards) depicting activities in the schools is released for use in district publications, on the district website or given to the media. Parents who object to the release of their child's directory information and/or photograph should notify their child's building principal in writing.

## **STUDENT PRIVACY**

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents certain rights regarding district surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. Parents may exercise their right to excuse their child from participating in any survey created by a third party (before it is distributed to students) and questionnaires intended to collect personal information from students for marketing purposes.

## **TEACHER QUALIFICATION REQUESTS**

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, parents/guardians are entitled to information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. This includes whether the teacher has state certification for the classes being taught; the teacher's bachelor's degree major and any other certifications or degrees by field or discipline; and whether the child is provided services by instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. To obtain this information, call the district office at 315.298.5188.





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