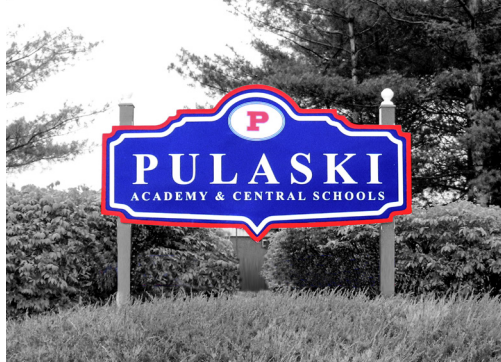




ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

PULASKI ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOL



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Tom Jennings
Superintendent
315.298.5188

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. I hope you are as excited, optimistic, and grateful as I am as we settle into the new school year. I am excited to restart some of the work we began before the pandemic and reinforce the lessons we have learned since. I am optimistic about our curricular and extracurricular programming and the many ways we will be able to engage our students this year. I am grateful for a supportive community, a dedicated staff - especially for the many new people who have made the commitment to join the PACS team, and for our students. It's going to be a great year!

This Annual Report will highlight where we are as a district and some of the work we will be doing in 2023-24. You will find the same themes across all our departments: long-range planning, improving service and communication, capitalizing on efficiencies, and increasing opportunity for students.

Most notably, the District has started a new school improvement process. This initiative, named the PACS Plan, is intended to help us embrace systematic, sustained improvement, and maintain a strong focus on the essential aspects of effective schooling - what we call the Right Work. It is

grounded in research on High Reliability Schools by Robert Marzano, our own experience, and common sense. The Plan focuses on four levels of school effectiveness:

- Safe, Supportive, and Collaborative Culture
- Effective Teaching in Every Classroom
- Guaranteed, Viable, and Challenging Curriculum
- Personalized Education

The PACS Plan, and the process we use to implement it, provides a clarity of focus to prioritize our efforts; uses data and evidence in a systematic way to identify areas of improvement and implement targeted strategies to improve; encourages collaborative decision-making to ensure that everyone in the PACS community is invested in and responsible for school improvement efforts; aligns the school's practices and policies to ensure that all aspects of our operations are working together to support student learning; and engages school administrators, faculty, and staff in rigorous self-assessment and reflection.

For more information about the PACS Plan and updates throughout the year please visit our website www.pulaskicsd.org

Sincerely,
Tom Jennings
Superintendent

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



Steve Komanecy
Assistant Principal/
Athletic Director
315.298.5103

After a year highlighted by numerous school records being set, plus several league titles, sectional titles, and even a state title, Pulaski Athletics is looking to continue that momentum into the future.

In addition to the individual and team accolades of last year, the Varsity Athletics Banquet made a return after a several-year absence. Pulaski legends Pauline Rossman and Mary Jane Gates spoke at the banquet to commemorate such a historic year in Pulaski athletic history. The varsity football team also returned to sectional play, and the program continues to grow following a

rebuild led by head coach Paul Monnat.

"The football program is trending upward again," said Athletic Director Steve Komanecy. "Paul has done such a good job rebuilding this program. There are some new coaches as well. I'm so proud of this athletic department. Everyone is a team, and we all work together to keep things running smoothly and efficiently. Our coaches are self-motivated, and I'd like to give a special thanks to our grounds crew for keeping our fields groomed and clean at all times."

Komanecy also added that the athletic department is hoping to take student-athletes on a field trip to attend a leadership conference in Cooperstown.

The athletic department's mission continues to be providing students with the opportunity to

participate in athletics and be part of a team, in any sense.

"We want to teach students resilience," Komanecy said. "At the varsity level, our main goal is to win, but we ultimately want to provide our students with a safe and fun environment to participate in whatever sport they are passionate about."





MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL



Jordan Fahnestock
Principal
315.298.5103

In his second year at the helm of the MSHS, Principal Jordan Fahnestock looks forward to the future of Pulaski’s advanced programs.

“I feel like for the first time since COVID ended, we’re really making strides and growing, instead of just maintaining, our new programs,” Fahnestock said. “I’m excited to continue the conversations we’ve started having around our advanced programs. We’ve also begun to discuss grading policies and making updates as

we continually strive to improve. We want to update and modernize our instruction overall based on new state curriculums.”

Fahnestock also discussed how enrichment-focused learning continues to drive new ideas and discussion.

“I’m proud of the fact that a lot of our goals are focused on the full educational experience and really caring about our students as people, rather than just seeing them as a metric,” he said. “We’ve focused on a lot more enrichment-based activities, such as hands-on learning and field trips. We want our students to associate learning with fun, so that they truly want to be involved and grow up as life long learners.”

There are several new courses that will be offered this year to provide students with a range of options to spark their interest and curiosity. Students get to take new digital media courses, which provides instruction on digital design, photography and editing programs utilizing the Adobe Creative Suite. Additionally, there is a new journalism club, a classroom dedicated solely to science labs, and a trade union course that will teach students valuable hands-on skills related to various trades.

COMMUNICATION AT PACS

Our goal at PACS is to establish clear, effective lines of communication between the District and our community. We work hard to: be the first and best source of information about our school and education; encourage dialogue that is informative, factual, thoughtful, and civil; and promote excitement about education, scholarship, and our school.

Our Board of Education meetings provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments during a designated public comment period. Additionally, the superintendent hosts monthly coffee and conversation events, where community members are encouraged to attend and address any District-related questions in a casual environment. All members of our administrative team are also available by phone and email to discuss concerns and answer questions.

Notifications & Reminders

We use a robust notification system to alert parents via phone, text and email in the event

of an emergency school closing, upcoming events or other issues that concern you and your child. Please contact your child’s school to update your contact information or with any questions about the alert system. Important notices will also be found on the homepage of the website. You may also register for notifications of specific events on the District’s calendar page.

Returning Phone Calls & Emails

District faculty and staff are expected to return non-emergency phone calls and emails within two school days of receiving a message. Emergency phone calls are returned immediately.

Who to Contact

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. Please contact your child’s school main office.

NEWS & EVENTS


 **School Calendar:**
pulaskicsd.org/calendar

 **Facebook:** [pacsacademy](https://www.facebook.com/pacsacademy)

 **Instagram:** [pacsacademy_official](https://www.instagram.com/pacsacademy_official)

 **X:** [PACS_Academy](https://twitter.com/PACS_Academy)

 **YouTube:** [PACS_Academy](https://www.youtube.com/PACS_Academy)

 **News:**
Past and current school news stories on the homepage of the website

 **Newsletters:**
District publications including the graduate newsletter, programming guide, annual report, calendar, and budget newsletter:
pulaski.org/newsletters

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH AND SCHOOL NURSES



Sue Clark

Nurse

315.298.2412



Alyson Tighe

Middle-High School Nurse

315.298.5103

The School Health Offices are happy to welcome students back for the 2023-24 school year. The goal of the School Health Offices is to protect and promote student health so students can be successful in school. The office and its staff collaborate with students, teachers, and parents to provide a healthy learning environment.

The School Health Offices include a nurse's office and a school-based health clinic (SBHC). The school nurse is available to provide care for all students in the school. This includes care for chronic medical needs as well as care for acute illnesses and injuries.

The SBHC is a full-service health center operated by ConnexCare, and is available to treat any student enrolled in their program. Students can be seen by the nurse practitioner on-site for preventive care (immunizations and physicals), as well as treatment for acute and chronic needs. The SBHC also has a mental health counselor and dental hygienist. Dental services are new for this school year. The hygienist can do teeth cleanings and screening exams.

Feel free to contact your child's school nurse or SBHC with any questions.

Lura Sharp Elementary School:	Middle/High School:
Nurse: Sue Clark	Nurse: Alyson Tighe
315-298-2412 x5611	315-298-5103 x5011
SBHC: 315-298-2570	SHBC: 315-298-2696



THE ARTS



Bill Whaley

Instrumental Music Teacher

315.298.5103

Last year was a big year for the Fine Arts Department. There was a trip to Washington, D.C. for the marching band, several successful productions for the performing arts program, and piano recitals returned to PACS. Our students also saw great success in local and regional art shows, with several awards being won in the past year. With all these successes fresh in mind, we are focused on further growth and development in the arts.

"Our numbers are solid right now," Whaley said. "They're still not quite where they were pre-COVID, but we're seeing a continuous trend of students wanting to take part in the arts."

The department has planned even more piano recitals for this year, and there will be more instrumental recitals in general. The most exciting change for the coming year, however, is the brand new uniforms for the marching band.

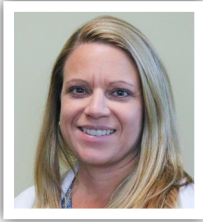
"They will be entirely custom fitted to each student, and easily adjustable from there, Whaley said. This is very exciting for us, because it's been 20 years since we updated our uniforms."

The pride of the fine arts department continues to be student programming and participation. New digital media classes have provided our students with a range of arts opportunities in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, students are flourishing on stage in various PACS plays, musicals, recitals, art shows, and concerts.

"We have a ton of kids involved," said Whaley. "We have a similar number of kids participate in the arts as some of the much bigger schools. We are such a tight-knit team, and we all work together so well. We want to do right by the kids and give them the opportunities to pursue whatever they're passionate about. That's what our department has always been about."



BUSINESS OFFICE



Sarah Starbird
Business Manager
315.298.5188

The Business Office continues to focus on long-term planning, as well as the upcoming year's budget. Through the utilization of finance and budget workshops, many expenditures and projects are being carefully planned and mapped out for the future. Multi-year planning allows for us to set long-term priorities and to strategically work toward goals.

"Our short-term goal is to prepare our district for the end of the American Recovery funds," said District Business Official Sarah Starbird. "This is the last year we'll be receiving federal stabilization funds. We've planned accordingly for this and are being very strategic with our expenditures and are focused on a balanced budget. We are also in the early stages of planning a capital project. The projected completion date is targeted for 2027."

Looking ahead, the district is poised to potentially establish a capital reserve fund, which could help fund future capital projects with minimal impact on the tax rate. Proper planning and use of reserve funds allow us to continue to provide long-term financial stability while providing programs and opportunities for our students.

IT DEPARTMENT



Mike Davis
Technology Director
315.298.5103

A lot of major improvements and upgrades happen behind the scenes when it comes to the IT department. Mike Davis, head of the department, said that the focus this year will be on continually improving technology and connectivity throughout the district.

"We had a lot of projects pass the final approval stage, so we're working on a lot of installs," Davis said. "We're upgrading our network switches for the first time in eight years. That will set the framework

to allow us to really improve our Wi-Fi and wireless hotspots. It will allow us to install the next wave of wireless upgrades without having to install new wiring throughout the buildings."

Davis also spoke about upgrades and improvements to the campus notification system. "We will be upgrading the entire system," he said. "We're adding new lights, a new sound system, and some digital signage that will give the community more of a notice as to why alarms are going off. The system itself will have a smoother integration with our current system. It will bring an all-in-one solution to what we have now."

Improved connectivity, faster Wi-Fi speeds, and a more reliable network will set the foundation for what should be a positive year to come regarding technological upgrades at PACS.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



John Lewis
Director of
Transportation
315.298.7378

Safety and efficiency have always been the main focal points for the transportation department, and with the adoption of the new EZRouting software, it's easier than ever to provide safe transportation to Pulaski students.

"EZRouting is a program that helps develop our routes and allows us to see in real time where our buses are," said John Lewis, head of the Transportation Department. "We can go back in our archives to see when buses stopped, dropped off students, and more. It adapts as we use it, and it constantly updates the bus routes and times to best serve our purposes. It functions very autonomously and is constantly updating itself to match our routes and the number of students we pick up and drop off on a given day. It allows our bus drivers to always know who they are or are not picking up."

In addition to the new technology, there are also some new faces within the department. The district has hired new bus drivers and new bus monitors to its transportation team.

"Everyone here is motivated by safety and efficiency," Lewis said. "This department values student safety above everything else, and we all come together as a group to achieve that."





LURA SHARP ELEMENTARY



Joelle Hendry
Principal
315.298.2412

At the elementary level, staff members are committed to providing students with the highest quality of education possible. Staff consistently review NYSED assessment data and use that data to adapt and modernize instructional practices to best meet the needs of students.

Principal Joelle Hendry said the guiding principles for this year are communication and collaboration, and the entire elementary school staff is driven by a “student first” attitude.

“Before any decision is made at any level, we always analyze how it will impact our students,” Hendry said. “We really value each student as an individual, and we want to make sure every student’s individual needs are being met in the

best way possible. We want to support learning in a variety of ways, with an emphasis on enrichment-based learning.”

To align with that goal, the Odyssey of the Mind program will again be offered this year after a brief hiatus. Additionally, Hendry aims to grow the Battle of the Books program.

“Battle of the Books is so popular amongst our students,” she said. “We already have over 100 students signed up for it. We want to expand this program to ensure that every student who is interested has a chance to participate. Supporting our students’ reading growth and nurturing their desire to read is so important.”



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Joelle Hendry
Principal
315.298.2412



Mike Bateson
District Principal
315.298.5188



choices and opportunities, and to make learning fun. Each day, Lura Sharp students are reminded that they are respectful, responsible, safe, a problem-solver, and that they matter.

At Lura Sharp Elementary School, we focus on creating a healthy and positive school atmosphere. Our small class sizes allow us to hone in on where students are doing well, supporting students in areas of need, and challenging them to reach their highest potential. We strive to broaden students'

CURRICULUM

Core Knowledge Reading Program Pre-K-5

Eureka Math Program

MOBY MAX

Second Step Social

Emotional Learning Program

Morning Program

Acadience ELA

Acadience Math

UPK Half-Day Programs

Mystery Science

Music Grades Pre-K-5

Band Grade 5

Chorus Grades 4 & 5

Art Grades Pre-K-5

Library Grades Pre-K-5

Physical Education Grades Pre-K-5

Media Classes Grades Pre-K-5

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Response to Intervention K-5

Speech and Language Improvement

Banana Splits

Special Education Services

and Programming

Summer Academic Program

Academic Intervention Services

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Backpack Food Program

School-Based Health Center

Stuff-A-Bus

Oswego County Literacy

Initiative (OCLI)

Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Parade

Veterans Day

Family Fun Night

Scholastic Book Fairs

Kids Night Out

Flag Day

Scoville Olympics

Academic Field Trips

Imagination Library

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Odyssey of the Mind

PARP (Pick a Reading Partner)

Battle of the Books

Elementary Musical

Yoga/Mindfulness Club

Running Club

Art Club

Lego Club

Stay Sharp Reading Program

Summer Enrichment Program

One School, One Book

Safety Patrol



MIDDLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Jordan Fahnestock
Principal
315.298.5103



Steve Komanecy
Assistant Principal/
Athletic Director
315.298.5103



to begin to develop their sense of self. The skills developed in our middle school programs lay the foundation for success in high school.

At Pulaski Middle School, our focus is student-centered. We work to foster growth in academics, character and social-emotional development. Students are provided opportunities to pursue their own interests in academics and extracurricular activities,

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English Grades 6, 7, & 8

Math Grades 6, 7, & 8

with Advanced Option

Social Studies Grades 6, 7, & 8

Science Grades 6, 7, & 8

with Advanced Option

Science Fair Grades 6, 7, & 8

Spanish I Grade 8

Chorus Grades 6, 7, & 8

with Group Lessons

Band Grades 6, 7, & 8

with Group Lessons

Marching Band Grades 7 & 8

Introduction to Piano Grades 7 & 8

Art Grades 6, 7, & 8

Family and

Consumer Science Grade 7

Health Grade 7

Physical Education Grades 6, 7, & 8

Computer Applications

Grades 6 & 7

Technology Grades 7 & 8

Library Grade 7

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Education

Services & Programming

Academic Field Trips

Advisement Period

Character Education

Counseling

School-Based Health Center

After-School Tutoring

Academic Intervention Services

Summer Intervention

ATHLETICS (GRADES 7 & 8)

Cross Country

Soccer

Football

Swimming

Basketball

Volleyball

Wrestling

Indoor Track

Baseball

Softball

Track & Field

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

Drama Club

Student Council

Art Club

Book Club

Science Club

Battle of the Books

Seeds of Success

All County Band & Chorus

STEM Club

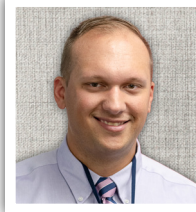
Trivia Club



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



**Jordan
Fahnestock**
Principal
315.298.5103



**Steve
Komanecky**
*Assistant Principal/
Athletic Director*
315.298.5103

At Pulaski High School, we strive to offer individualized programming as unique as each child. We provide multiple opportunities for students to pursue their own interests in rigorous academic programming and extracurricular activities. Our students build a well-rounded knowledge base, develop strong communication skills, become self-directed learners, and demonstrate a high level of respect for themselves and others.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English 9
English 10
English 11
AP Literature & Composition/
College English 11
English 12
AP Language & Composition/
College English 12

MATH

Algebra 1
Intermediate Algebra
Geometry
Algebra 2
Consumer Math
College Precalculus
AP/College Calculus

SCIENCE

Living Environment with lab
Earth Science with lab
Chemistry with lab
Physics with lab
AP Environmental Science
Anatomy & Physiology

SOCIAL STUDIES

Global History 9
AP World History 9
Global History 10
AP World History 10
US History 11
AP US History 11
Participation in Government 12
College Government 12
Economics
AP Macroeconomics

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish 2
Spanish 3
AP/College Spanish 4
AP/College Spanish 5

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health
Food & Nutrition
Physical Education Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

ART

Studio Art
Painting & Drawing
Ceramics
Digital Photography
AP 2D Art & Design
AP Art History
Media Art 1&2, 3D Art
Advanced Art

MUSIC

Chorus with Group Lessons
Piano
Band with Group Lessons
Marching Band
Drumline
Jazz Band
Music Theory
All County
NYSSMA

TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

Personal Professional Planning
Exploring Business
CAD/Advanced CAD
Drawing & Design for Production
Trades 1 & 2

CITI PROGRAMS

Advanced Metal Manufacturing
Agricultural Studies
Auto Body Repair
Auto Technology
Computer Coding
Construction Technology
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Dental Assisting
Digital Media Technology
Early Childhood Education
Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation
Industrial Electrical Technologies
Nursing Assistant
Outdoor Power
Equipment Technology
Public Safety & Justice
Welding Technology
New Vision Allied Health
New Vision Law & Government
New Vision Specialized Careers
P-TECH
Welding Technology

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Education Services
& Programming
Make Sense Shop
Work-Based Learning Program
College and Career Advising
Counseling
Academic Center
Alternative Education Program
Distance Learning
Online Courses
Advisement Period
Tutoring Program
Academic Field Trips
School-Based Health Center

After-School Tutoring

Academic Intervention Services
Summer Intervention

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

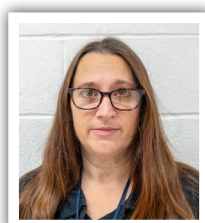
Peer Leaders
National Honor Society
Student Council
Art Club
Varsity Club
Envirothon
OCAY League
Mock Trial
Yearbook
Trivia Club
Drama Club
Game Club

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

Cross Country
Soccer
Football
Swimming
Basketball
Volleyball
Wrestling
Indoor Track
Hockey
Baseball
Softball
Track & Field
Tennis
Golf



FOOD SERVICE



Cheryl Maxfield
*Director of
 Food Service*
 315.298.5103

When Cheryl Maxfield took over as head of the Food Service Department this year, she had a major goal she wanted to accomplish: Getting students more involved and excited about the food they eat.

One of those proposed initiatives, “Taste It

Tuesdays” will give students an opportunity to taste and try potential new food items and give their feedback to the food service department. By creating a chance for students to voice their opinions, students will have a greater role in their food choices.

The Food Service Department is also proud to announce the district is providing free breakfast and lunch to all students this year.

“That is something that is so exciting,” Maxfield said. “The number of students who participate in our food programs is good right now, but we want that number to grow. What better way than by offering diverse options — for free — that every student will enjoy?”

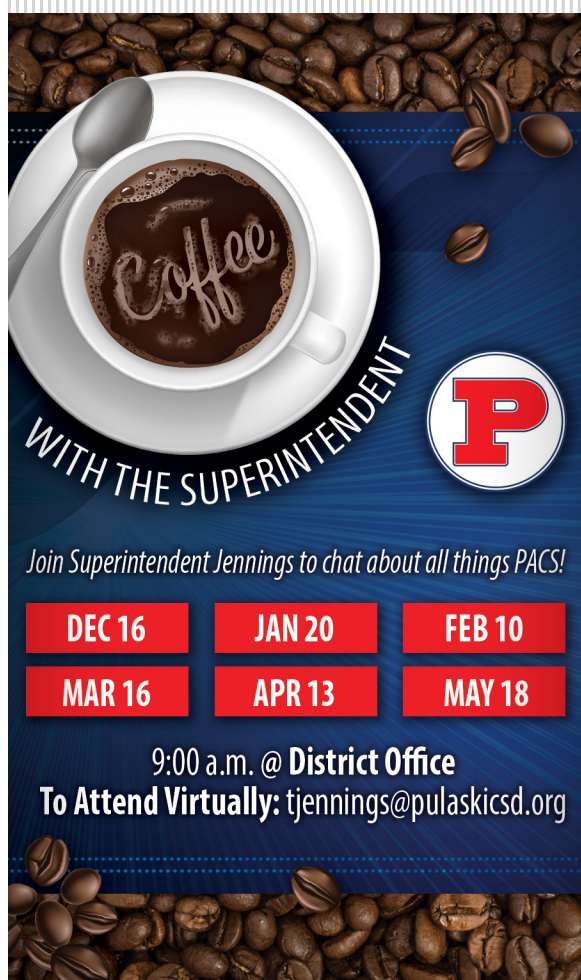
The Food Service Department already offers a variety of meal options, including vegetarian and global recipes. The goal for this year is to include recipes that will accommodate even more dietary restrictions, such as vegan and gluten-free.

“To help increase involvement and transparency, we have a Wellness Committee that we’re in


the early stages of developing,” Maxfield said. “Students, parents, and staff members would all be invited to sit on the committee. We really just want everyone to feel included and listened to, and we’re hoping to have the committee running by the end of this school year.”

There are a couple new programs going into effect this year, as well. We now offer an after-school meal program where students can pay \$5 and choose from a variety of after-school meals that are complete with all the essential nutrients that their bodies need.

The Food Service Department also plans on incorporating food holidays into their menu. On these days, special foods may be served that correlate with the holidays. One such day is National Ice Cream Day, in which all students have the option to receive a free ice cream.



WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



Join Superintendent Jennings to chat about all things PACS!

DEC 16

JAN 20

FEB 10

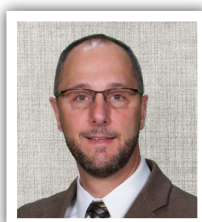
MAR 16

APR 13

MAY 18

9:00 a.m. @ **District Office**
To Attend Virtually: tjennings@pulaskicsd.org

CURRICULUM UPDATES



Mike Bateson
District Principal
 315.298.5188

For the 2023–2024 school year, and as part of the ongoing PACS long-range planning, Pulaski Academy and Central Schools is focused on creating job-embedded professional development model focused on what we term “The Right Work.” This critical work fosters teacher leadership and growth, while providing targeted professional development for new hires and veteran staff.

Within the model, veteran teachers and members of the District Advisory Council (D.A.C.) construct professional development sessions and teach the research and evidence-based content to their PACS colleagues. This internally driven model of PD empowers staff

to collegially share and support effective teaching practices within the school district. The PD presentations are offered during the Mentor-Mentee monthly meetings to PACS’ new hires and is open to all teachers/teaching assistants.

During each PD session, the focus is on creating a safe, supportive, and collaborative culture, ensuring effective teaching in every classroom, and guaranteeing that a viable and challenging curriculum is in place. The sessions’ topics include Curriculum & Lesson Design; Content; Feedback; Context; and Health & Wellness.

The implementation of the revised and updated professional development model has already begun this school year. Additionally, D.A.C.’s long-range planning is for this PD model to be sustained and offered annually to teachers and teaching assistants so that PACS has a continual growth model established for effective teaching and learning practices.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Vanessa Phillips
Director of
Special Programs
315.298.5188

The Special Programs department excels at providing students with hands-on and/or alternative learning methods to help them succeed in their learning. Vanessa Phillips, the head of the department, is proud of all the work staff have done, and continue to do, to offer these programs to students.

"We've worked really hard to build collaborative teams that meet the needs of struggling students," she said. "Our teams work together to use data to identify student struggles and then use teamwork to address the need, whatever it may be.

We're constantly expanding internship opportunities through the Make Sense Shop, and even through our own buildings. This year we've partnered with the PACS maintenance and IT departments to offer our students intern positions with internal staff."

Other new programs include an independent art elective, which has been very popular amongst students.

At the Make Sense Shop, there is a community service project that is new for this year. It doubles as an internship opportunity, and it will help beautify the village. Students in this program have been taking care of the village by collecting trash and litter.

At the Academic Learning Center, there are additional field trip opportunities to include team-building activities at locations such as the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Sky Zone, and visits to local colleges as well. The English class has added many new texts this year to provide students with an opportunity to study a wide range of writing topics.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

For Regan Roach, being a Special Patrol Officer is not a position he takes lightly.

I am so happy to be here, and this is an amazing opportunity to serve this community and protect these students."

In an effort to keep students as safe as possible, there are several new changes and projects for this year. There's an ongoing project to improve the security cameras, including increasing the amount, quality, and locations. There are also ongoing upgrades and improvements to facilities and the security and network infrastructure.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT



Jim Gilman
Director of Facilities
315.298.5188 x 5013

Over the past year, the Facilities Department has continued to review and update its long-range facilities plan. With the assistance of architects and engineers, the department has developed a list of building and grounds needs to be considered for future capital projects. There are a variety of projects on this list, from small projects with quick timelines, to bigger and lengthier projects.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS:

One type of small project is referred to as a Capital Outlay Project. Capital Outlay Projects are for work costing less than \$100,000. These projects are approved by voters during the annual budget vote. Project work is completed during the school year and building aid revenue is received the following year. Due to the district's building aid ratio, the district receives 85-90 percent return of the funds for each annual project.

The 2022-2023 Outlay project work included the replacement of two circulating boiler pumps at the Middle-High School. The pumps had reached the end of their useful life. By replacing these pumps, the building boilers operate more efficiently.

The 2023-2024 Outlay project will replace the pool's ejector sump pump system and heat exchanger. This results in consistent pool temperature and water circulation.

EMERGENCY PROJECTS:

Last year, there was a project to repair a water main break. Water was found to be leaking into the crawl space underneath the east wing of the elementary building. The project consisted of replacing the 6-inch waterline from the driveway to the building. Since New York State declared this project to be a state emergency, we will receive building aid revenue (90% return of the costs) this year.

The elevator in the elementary school requires major repairs. The elevator is more than 25 years old, and replacement parts are hard to locate and are expensive. The project is to modernize the elementary school elevator and related electrical components. We will receive building aid revenue for these costs as well.

CAPITAL BUILDING PROJECT:

We are in the beginning stages of developing a scope for the next capital building project. Preliminarily, the main focus areas for project work being considered are heating systems and controls upgrade, security upgrades and roof systems.

Tom Jennings
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education

Joel Southwell, *President*

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THE MAKE SENSE SHOP



Pulaski's Make Sense Shop is open for business, providing a variety of goods and services for customers while also offering unique learning experiences for its student workers.

The Make Sense Shop provides students with valuable job experience, internships and life skills. Students — with guidance

from staff if needed — facilitate all aspects within the shop, which sells crafts and gifts alongside its food offerings prepared in the fully operational commercial kitchen.

"The students run the registers, they handle all the maintenance, they do it all," said Miranda Cerone, a special education teacher at the Make Sense Shop. "They also produce about 10 percent of the gifts here in the store."

HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:

Gift Shop: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday - Friday

Cafe'/Kitchen: 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

Both are closed from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.



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