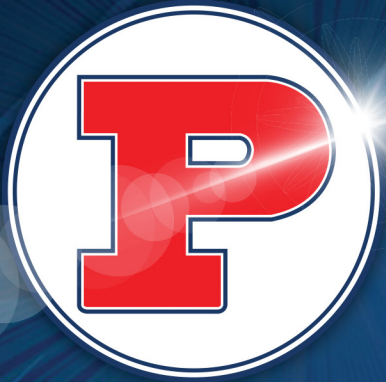


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CALENDAR  
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## MEETING DATES

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

July 11, 2023	March 12, 2024
August 8, 2023	April 9, 2024
September 12, 2023	April 18, 2024
October 10, 2023	<i>CITI Administrative Vote</i>
November 14, 2023	May 14, 2024
December 12, 2023	May 21, 2024
January 9, 2024	<i>Budget Vote</i>
February 13, 2024	June 11, 2024

# 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.





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# 2023-2024 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 (p.m.)</b>	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
<b>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.	2:01 p.m. (early bus) OR 2:45 p.m. (late bus)	2:10 p.m. (early bus) OR 2:50 p.m. (late bus)








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# AUGUST 2023



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<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 UPK Visitation/Screening	18 UPK Visitation/Screening	19
20	21	22	23 Stuff-a-Bus Collection Kinney Drugs	24 Stuff-a-Bus Collection Kinney Drugs	25	26
27	28	29	30 6th Grade Orientation 6pm	31		





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# SEPTEMBER 2023



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





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# OCTOBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Senior Photo Day LMS Open House 6-7pm	6 End of 5 Week MP	7
8	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY No School	10 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	11	12	13 Powder Puff Game 4:30pm Ignite The Den 6pm	14 Homecoming Football Game 1pm
HS Spirit Week						
15	16	17 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	18 Honors Dinner 6pm	19	20 MS Dance 6pm	21 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
MS Spirit Week						
22	23	24	25 NHS Blood Drive	26 MS Play 7pm	27 Staff Development Day No School MS Play 7pm	28
29	30	31 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20				FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





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# NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 HS Yearbook Fundraiser Begins	7	8	9 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20 MSHS Picture Retake Elem. Picture Retake	10 VETERAN'S DAY (Observed) No School End of Quarter 1	11
12	13	14 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	15	16 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20	17 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20 HS Yearbook Hot Chip Challenge	18 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
19	20	21 Chili Cookoff Challenge	22	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
			Thanksgiving Recess-No School			
26	27	28 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	29 NHS Induction Ceremony	30		FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





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# DECEMBER 2023



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3	4	5	6	7 UPK-3rd grade Winter Concerts	8	9
10	11	12 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	13 4th and 5th grade Chorus Concert 6pm	14 Grade 6-8 Band/Chorus Winter Concert 7pm	15 End of 15 Week MP	16 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
17	18	19 Grade 9-12 Chorus/Band Winter Concert 7pm	20	21	22 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20	23
MSHS Holiday Spirit Week						
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 Game Club X-Mas Con	28	29	30
NEW YEAR'S EVE 31	Christmas Recess-No School					





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# JANUARY 2024



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	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6
	Christmas Recess-No School					
7	8	9 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	10 8th Grade Parent Night 6pm	11	12 Jones/Decker Basketball Game	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY No School	16 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	17	18	19	20 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
21	22	23	24	25	26 End of Quarter 2 Lura Sharp Early Dismissal@ 11:20	27
		Regents Exam Days				
28	29	30	31			FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
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# FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 HS Winter Ball 7pm
4	5	6	7	8	9 MS Semi Formal 6pm	10 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
11	12	13 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Java Jam 6pm	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24
	Winter Recess-No School					
25	26	27 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	28	29 Jeff Shirley Memorial Dodgeball Tournament 6pm		FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  SCAN ME





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# MARCH 2024



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3	4 MSHS Artist of the Year Display Opens PARP Begins at LMS	5 MSHS Artist of the Year Award Night 5pm	6 Family Fun Night at LMS 6pm K-3 Art Show	7	8 End of 25 Week MP HS Drama Production 7pm	9 HS Drama Production 7pm
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 Staff Development Day No School	12 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	13	14 Faculty Basketball Game 6pm	15 PARP Ends at LMS LMS Elementary Musical 6pm	16 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am LMS Elementary Musical 1pm
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	20	21 NHS Blood Drive	22	23
24 EASTER 31	25	26 1st and 2nd grade Battle of the Books 2pm	27 3rd and 4th grade Battle of the Books 2pm	28 5th and 6th grade Battle of the Books 2pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY No School	30





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# APRIL 2024



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	1	2	3	4	5 MS Spring Fling 6pm	6
7	8	9 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	10	11	12 End of Quarter 3	13 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am
	ELA Test Administration					
14	15	16 Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	17 NYC Trip Parent Meeting 6pm	18 Grade 7-12 Band Concert 7pm	19	20
	ELA Test Administration					
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	Spring Recess-No School					
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# MAY 2024



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<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>			1	2	3	4 8th Grade NYC Trip
5	6	7	Math Test Administration			11
			8 4th/5th grade Band/Chorus Concert and Art Show 6pm	9	10	
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 Valedictorian/Salutatorian Celebration 2:15pm 6:30 Board of Education Meeting	15 BOE Meet the Candidate Night 6pm	16 K-3 Spring Concert 1pm Grade 7-12 Spring Chorus Concert 7pm	17	18 Superintendent Coffee Hour 9am Armed Forces Parade 10:30am Jr/Sr Prom 7:30pm
19	20	21 Budget Vote and Board Election 8am-8pm Lura Sharp PTG Meeting 6pm	22 MS/HS Piano Recital 6pm	23	24 End of 35 Week MP	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY No School	28	29 Kindergarten Screening	30 Kindergarten Screening	31 Dairy Festival Parade 7pm	





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# JUNE 2024



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<b>FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  <b>SCAN ME</b>						<b>1</b> Sherburne Pageant of Bands
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Visual Arts Showcase Opens	<b>4</b> Algebra I Regents	<b>5</b> Grade 6 Band/Chorus Concert 6pm	<b>6</b> Senior Dinner 6pm	<b>7</b> HS Yearbook Distribution Begins <b>Lura Sharp</b> <b>Early Dismissal@ 11:20</b> Visual Arts Showcase Reception 7pm	<b>8</b> Senior Trip
<b>9</b> Boxing Hall of Fame Parade 12pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> College Athlete Signing Day 2:15pm HS Varsity Club Olympics 3:30pm <b>6:30 Board of Education Meeting</b>	<b>12</b> MS Awards Night 6pm Scoville Olympics	<b>13</b> Scoville Olympics Rain Date	<b>14</b> <b>Regents Exam Days</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>JUNETEENTH</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>20</b> Varsity Club Athletic Awards 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>Regents Exam Days</b>			<b>Regents Exam Days</b>		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Lura Sharp</b> <b>Early Dismissal@ 11:20</b> Elementary Awards Day	<b>25</b> <b>Lura Sharp</b> <b>Early Dismissal@ 11:20</b> 5th Grade Celebration	<b>26</b> <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> <b>Lura Sharp</b> <b>Early Dismissal@ 11:20</b> UPK celebration MS PACStravaganza Graduation Rehearsal 4:30pm Senior Parade 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>GRADUATION</b> <b>10AM</b>
	<b>Regents Exam Days</b>					



# 2023-2024 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 2016 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. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the District Office at 315.298.5188 or by visiting the Cafeteria page of this 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.



# 2023-2024 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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