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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dear Pal-Mac Neighbors:

You are here.

"You are here" may be a strange way to begin a letter to you but we must recognize that at this time and place, we are all here at Pal-Mac. Whether we just moved into the community or have lived here for generations, we are here investing in this place we affectionately call Pal-Mac.

Having a sense of belonging here, the place we are at this moment, is critical. The Palmyra-Macedon Central School District is committed to ensuring all members of the school community have a sense of belonging and contribute to the belonging of others. To support belonging, our learning opportunities seek to create a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our doors.

Let me be clear: learning is the District's highest priority. It is the very reason Pal-Mac exists as a public school. It is the very reason that taxpayers support our school district. Caregivers send their children to school with the primary goal of learning. Our commitment to student learning is not to be diminished. Every member of the Pal-Mac staff enters the school's doors and drives our buses to support our mission of providing a world-class education. Our students deserve it. Our community deserves it!

To do this, our educational approaches seek to create an environment where learning, through reflection and the exchange of ideas, is integrated and not isolated. We want students to own their learning, as well as understand how their ideas, thoughts, and perspectives are connected to others. The more students can see the world from different points of view, the greater the sense of belonging they can provide for themselves and others.

A positive school climate will help learning take place. School staff will work with students and their families to help students achieve expectations so everyone feels that sense of belonging. To support student learning, the following expectations are in place:

Attendance: In order to learn, students must be present in school for the full school day. Together, let's help students develop healthy habits that allow them to be active participants in the educational setting. Let's work together to identify any barriers that may hinder a child from attending school regularly.

Behavior: Pal-Mac staff members understand the significance of mutual respect between students and staff. Staff members are ready to support students to be successful in the school setting. Students need to come to school with a readiness to learn and display a level of respect deserving of the school staff who are committed to their success. Use of vulgar language or refusing to follow school rules makes it difficult for everyone to learn. Students are encouraged to seek out the variety of support available in school to assist them with self-regulation, coping strategies, and following the rules. School staff members are available to help students learn academically, as well as deal with daily life stressors.

Cell Phones: In order to preserve the teaching and learning environment for all students, personal cell phones/electronic devices are prohibited in all instructional spaces, including labs, the Performing Arts Center, gymnasiums and areas which may be designated by school administration such as bathrooms and locker rooms. Personal cell phones/electronic devices need to be put away and made undetectable in prohibited spaces.

Student Dress: Parents are primarily responsible for student compliance with the Dress Code, which can be found in the Student & Parent Handbooks. Students should come to school ready to learn and be dressed for such an environment. Students must consider what they wear and make sure it is appropriate for school. It makes a difference for everyone to be able to learn.

The school climate is at its best when we see school as something that belongs to all of us just as each student has a sense of belonging to our school. When we consider how our behaviors impact others and act for the common good, our school is better for everyone.

We are asking families and school staff to be partners in learning. Teachers will teach and support student learning. Students need to come to school ready to access the amazing instructional opportunities being provided for them. Parents and community members are asked to support the school district's endeavors for positive student behavior, good attendance, and a readiness to be in school to learn. **TOGETHER** we can achieve great things for our kids!

You are here.

We are excited to start the 2022-23 school year!



Bob Ike
Superintendent of Schools





BOARD OF EDUCATION CORNER

FALL 2022

Greetings Pal-Mac Neighbors!:

We are excited to embark on a project to gather full-scale, communitywide input for the future of Pal-Mac. Are our current mission and vision relevant? What are the community's core values that need to guide the District's focus for the next 5-7 years? What will be the District's priorities in the coming years as we aim for 2030?

A link to our ThoughtExchange survey will be released on the District website and social media accounts. Be on the lookout for updates so you can participate.

Some History

In 2007, the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District went through a substantial review of its practices and commitments with input from a broad range of constituents. From this, district goals were established that would set the district on a course of success for several years.

As part of this work, the Board of Education, in 2011, adopted a new mission statement: All students will receive a world-class, relevant education, and a new vision statement in 2012: Ready.

In 2013, the Board of Education elicited community input specific for facilities planning. The results of these meetings have served as the bones of facility improvement projects in 2017, 2019, and 2021.

In 2017, ten years after the decade prior review in 2007, broad community input was again gathered to establish the next iteration of the District's goals.

Now in 2022, the District will undertake a substantial endeavor, to review all of the prior years' efforts and establish new benchmarks for actions for the District's future. Keeping in mind that:

The current 6th graders will graduate in 2029; the incoming kindergarteners will graduate in 2035.

Our work now will have a lasting impact into the foreseeable future. This work is critical for the future of Pal-Mac's children and the entire community.

As such, an anticipated timeline for this next phase follows:

Board of Education and School Leadership meet to define scope of work.	Early September 2022
Community Input through Thoughtexchange	September 2022
Stakeholder groups review community input	September 28, 2022
Action Plan Development	October 2022
Draft results shared with community partners	October 2022
BOE Adopts mission and vision	November 2022
BOE adopts action plan	December 2022

Please be sure to follow the public release of all information on the District's website and agendas of the Board of Education.

Thank you for continuing your strong partnership with the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I look forward to seeing the many ways our community contributes to and partners with our school.

THREE REELECTED

In May, Chris Doyle, Gary LaBerge and David Landon were all reelected to the Pal-Mac Board of Education by voters. Their appointments were effective July 1, 2022 and will expire on June 30, 2025.



Chris Doyle



Gary LaBerge



David Landon



LAURA ARRINGTON

PALMYRA-MACEDON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION





START TIMES

Check out the
start/dismissal
schedule as some
times have changed!

Pal-Mac High School

Start: 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.*

Pal-Mac Middle School

Start: 7:42 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:55 p.m.*

Pal-Mac Intermediate School

Start: 8:30 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.

Pal-Mac Primary School

Start: 8:45 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.

*Dismissal at 2:15 for High School students who do not need additional support or who are not serving detention.

*Dismissal at 2:14 for Middle School students who do not need additional support or who are not serving detention.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FRI. 10/7
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon. 10/10
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED

Fri. 11/11
VETERANS DAY

WED. 11/23 - FRI. 11/25
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

FRI. 12/23 - TUES. 1/03/23
WINTER BREAK

MON. 1/16
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

MON. 2/20 - FRI. 2/24
FEBRUARY BREAK

FRI. 3/17
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

MON. 4/3 - FRI. 4/7
SPRING BREAK

MON. 5/29
MEMORIAL DAY, OBSERVED

END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

THURS 6/15
GRADUATION (Subject to change)

THURS. 6/22
FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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CLASS OF

2022



SENIOR



WALK



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2022





RED RAIDER ATHLETES HONORED

SEVERAL PAL-MAC RED RAIDER ATHLETES WHO COMPETED AT THE JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY LEVELS WERE HONORED AS PART OF THE 2022 ATHLETIC AWARDS.

AWARDS INCLUDED TEAM MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AND IDEAL TEAMMATES. THE FINAL AWARD OF THE NIGHT WAS THE OUTSTANDING RED RAIDER AWARD, WHICH WENT TO SENIORS PAULIE GOODNESS AND KYLIE WAEGHE.

ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

On Tuesday, April 26, the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District celebrated four student-athletes signing National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers in the fall of 2022 at the collegiate level. Pal-Mac Athletic Director Tom Schmandt introduced the signees in front of coaches, family and friends. Schmandt lauded their incredible athletic accomplishments during their Pal-Mac careers.

The four signees include Andon Fedor (Swimming, Roberts Wesleyan), Ailena Reynolds-Diaz (Track & Field, Robert Morris), Quinn Nolan (Lacrosse, St. Bonaventure), Kylie Waeghe (Lacrosse, Grand Valley State), Will Nichols (Lacrosse, D'Youville).

Full Bios



HOMEcoming 2022

HOMEcoming EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 7

5 p.m.
Food trucks at High School

6 p.m.
Homecoming Parade

7 p.m.
Varsity Football Game with
Fireworks at Halftime

Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Homecoming Games on
Hyde Parkway Campus

11 a.m.
Food Trucks at High School

SPiRiT WEEK 2022

**Monday, Oct. 3-
Thursday, Oct. 6**

America Monday:
Wear your red, white, and blue

Tie-Dye Tuesday:
Wear your favorite color creation

Neon Day (Wednesday)
Break out your brights

Fan Frenzy Thursday
Wear your Pal-Mac gear!

No School Friday
Enjoy the games!



FACILITIES PROJECT WORK CONTINUES AT PAL-MAC



Hallway at the Primary School



Main Office at the Primary School



New bathrooms at the Middle School



Outside look at the Primary School



Bathroom at the Middle School



Siding work at the Performing Arts Center

A TALK WITH TYLER: A NEW FACE AT PAL-MAC AS JOHNSON BEGINS ROLE AS DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES



Back in June, the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Tyler Johnson to the position of Pal-Mac Director of Facilities. Johnson replaces longtime Director Jim Carlett.

A native to the area and graduate of Monroe 1 BOCES, Monroe Community College, and Roberts Wesleyan College, Johnson has more than a decade of experience in facilities-related management.

He joins Pal-Mac after recently serving as the Director of Maintenance and Facilities at another Rochester area school.

He also spent close to a decade with the Penfield Fire Company, where he worked his way up to serving as high as a 3rd Captain.

"I'm excited to be a part of this community, I'm here to serve the community," Johnson said. "My knowledge and experience are at your disposal."

Visibility, a passion to share his talents and help others, and a personal commitment to quality are characteristics that he brings to the position.

"I'm a part of something so much bigger than just me," Johnson said. "It's an entire system of staff and students working together towards one goal."

Johnson began his role on June 27.



Golden Apple

Pal-Mac High School Choir teacher Kayla Osika took a step into the TV spotlight in March as she was featured on WROC-TV (News 8 Rochester) during the station's "Golden Apple Award" segment.

The award topped off a month-long transition for Osika, who had just come back to the district after being on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter, Harper, who was born just hours after the Winter concert!

Full story can be found on the District homepage, or by scanning the code below:



STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

To wrap up the 2021-22 school year, four Pal-Mac students were presented with the Pal-Mac Student of the Year Award.

Presented annually to one student from each school building, students were nominated by teachers based on citizenship, commitment and participation in school activities and community involvement.



Logan Babcock, High School



Isaiah Bransford, Middle School



Charlie Ike, Intermediate School



Kylee Craft, Primary School



The Palmyra-Macedon Dollars for Scholars program celebrated its 35th annual awards ceremony on Thursday, June 2, 2022. The ceremony honored the Class of 2022 with close to \$200,000 in total scholarships between the program and the District. The evening also marked a return to an in-person ceremony for the first time in three years.

Full Award List/Pictures



TWO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Both Ian Ryan and Zooey Graham were recipients of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award!

As part of the award, Graham and Ryan received \$500 each, which was placed into their respective college funds.

To qualify for the award, both Graham and Ryan had to be in "good standing" with the NJHS. This means they had to meet requirements for a minimum grade point average (GPA), service activities, and expectations for character and leadership.

My parents were very very proud of me," Ryan said. "It's a very big accomplishment."

"They were extremely excited that I got it," Graham said.



HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL CEROMONIES HELD

Pal-Mac High School and Middle School students took the spotlight as both schools hosted its respective award ceromonies in May and June.

More than 100 students took home a wide range of awards, including several montetary awards.

Both ceremonies marked the return of in-person awards.

We came together as a community to celebrate our most important asset, these kids right here," High School Principal Andy Wahl said.



ATHLETIC NEWS

FALL 2022

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAMS SPRING 2022

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Girls Outdoor Track
& Field

96.8175
GPA

Boys Tennis

92.36
GPA

Baseball

92.20
GPA

Girls Lacrosse

91.94
GPA

Softball

90.93
GPA



BASEBALL

SECTION V CLASS B1 CHAMPS,
UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON



BOYS LACROSSE

SECTION V CLASS C CHAMPIONS





GIRLS LACROSSE

SECTION V CLASS D
CHAMPIONS/ FIFTH-
CONSECUTIVE TITLE

ALL-AMERICANS

★ ★ ★

Quinn Nolan
Boys Lacrosse

Kylie Waeghe
Girls Lacrosse

ALL-GREATER ROCHESTER

Chris Finocchario Jr. (Baseball),
Paulie Goodness (Baseball),
Quinn Nolan (Boys Lacrosse),
Kylie Waeghe (Girls Lacrosse)

OTHER ACCOLADES

Section V Scholar Athlete
Joey Pompeii
Boys Tennis

Finger Lakes East Player of the
Year

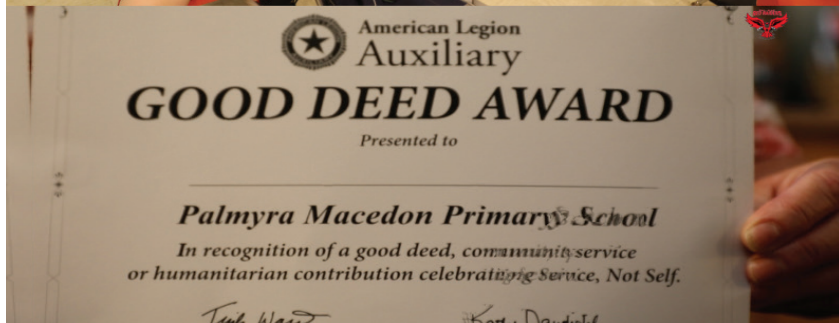
Paul Goodness
Baseball

W-FL League First Team
Emma Robinson
Track and Field



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM

MULTIPLE TOP FINISHES



#PalMacGivesBack

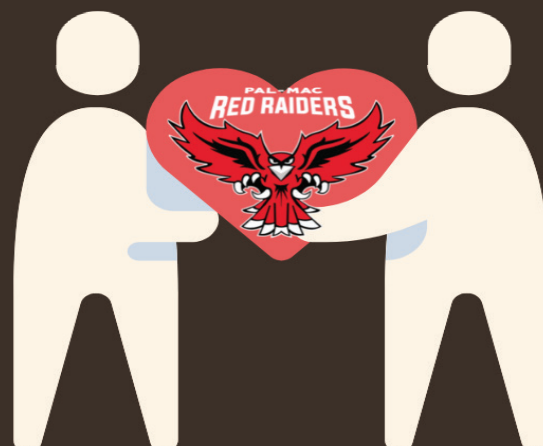
Part of being a Pal-Mac Red Raider is a commitment to your community, which includes giving back to it.

Check out some great stories of Pal-Mac students who stepped up to make an impact.

All stories



*Stories can also be found on the District website, just look for the "Communications" tab.



JAZZ NIGHT

The Pal-Mac Middle and High School Jazz Ensembles hosted national recording artist Al Chez and his band, The Brothers of Funk Big Band on Wednesday, April 6.

Chez and his group took the stage in combined performances with both bands as part of a free and open to the public concert Wednesday night. The performance was a part of the band's 22nd annual Jazz Night!

Prior to performing, Chez held a clinic with students at the Pal-Mac Intermediate School before heading over the High School to hold separate clinics with both the Middle and High School bands.

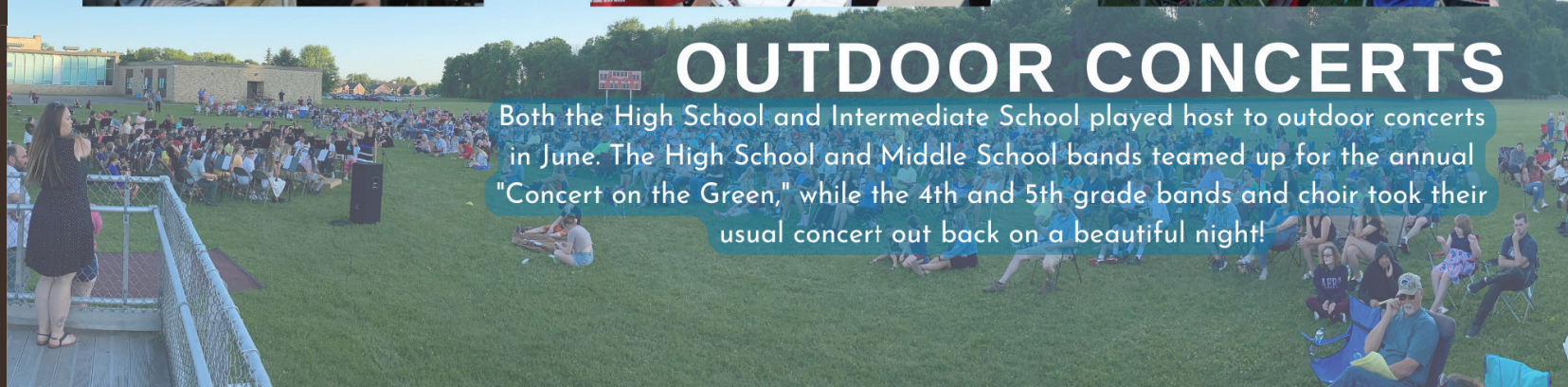


The Palmyra-Macedon Central School District was yet again honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

Pal-Mac was recognized for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The program has received the award the last eight years.

In-Depth Look at the Program



OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Both the High School and Intermediate School played host to outdoor concerts in June. The High School and Middle School bands teamed up for the annual "Concert on the Green," while the 4th and 5th grade bands and choir took their usual concert out back on a beautiful night!



AMAZING ALUMNI



Pal-Mac is full of amazing alumni, and we'd like to highlight them! The set up is simple: If you know a Pal-Mac alum who has done something amazing, fill out our Google Form! The form/ more info can be found on the District homepage under the COMMUNICATIONS tab.

*The District reserves the right to select alumni to be included.

FOLLOW PAL-MAC ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

Want to know the latest Pal-Mac news? If you use Social Media, you can find timely announcements, stories and events on all of our platforms. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @PalMac_CSD, or check out our YouTube Page. The District invites its followers to use the hashtag #PalMacProud when commenting and sharing posts.

Links to all of our accounts are available on the District website, palmaccsd.org

The district website remains a comprehensive source for the latest updates and information. The District News section, found in the quick links area on the left side, features frequent updates on district happenings and important announcements.

The district will also continue to send Pal-Mac E-News monthly to email inboxes to highlight district accomplishments and events. Pal-Mac Pulse, an in-depth print and digital magazine, is distributed through the United States Postal Service with a digital copy available on the district's website as well.





VAPING

SPOT THE SIGNS

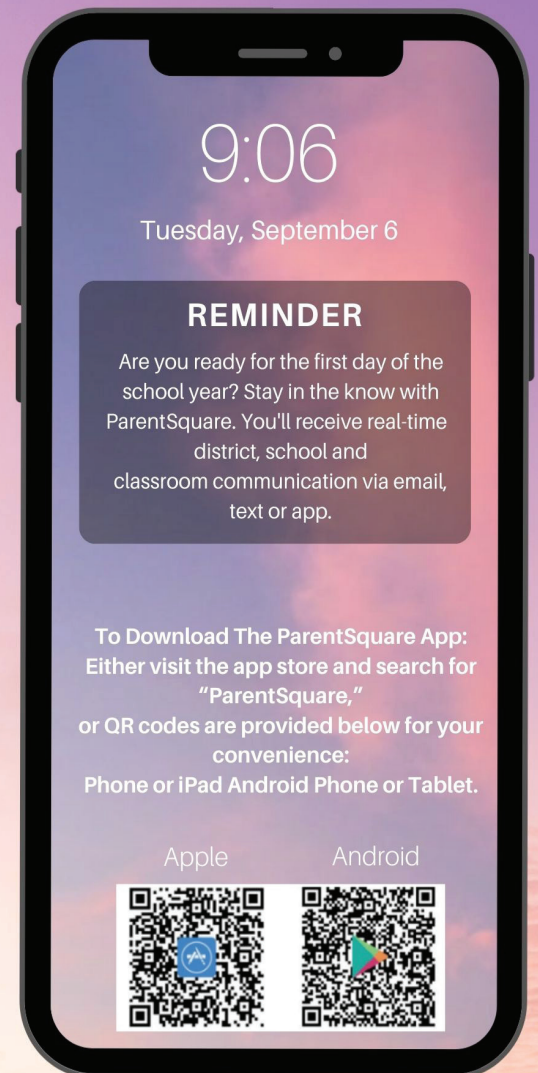
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MOOD CHANGES
TROUBLE SLEEPING
STRANGE BATTERIES/CHARGERS

ADDICTION
UNKNOWN INFLAMMATION
LUNG DAMAGE

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VAPING

QR CODE



9:06
Tuesday, September 6

REMINDER

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