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District Newsletter May 2024 - July 2024

SPEECH GOES TO STATE



PILLAGER CLASS OF 2024

Graduation May 24, 2024 7:00pm

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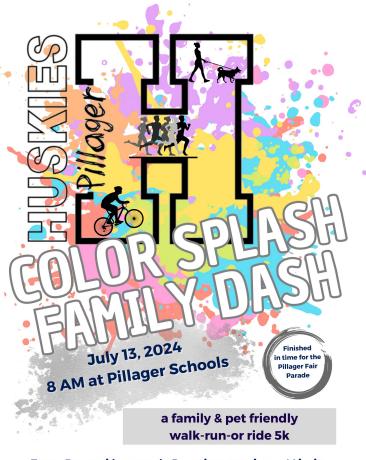
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Check out the Pillager Huskies Booster Club on Facebook and their website!

pillagerboosterclub.com





NHS VOLUNTEERS

The Pillager National Honor Society volunteered their time this Spring, serving at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. The crew represented Pillager well, working hard and receiving many compliments on the food and the service!

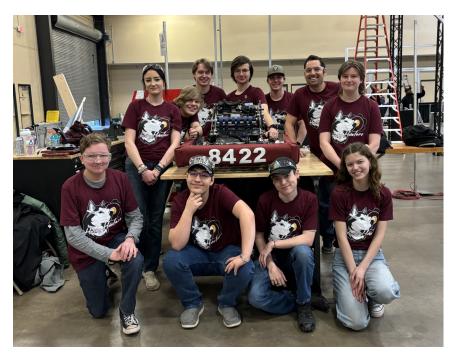
MATH MASTERS

Congrats to the 6th grade Gold and Maroon teams for competing March 7th at Math Masters Competition. They worked very hard on math problems that morning and proved to be great competitors to other area schools! Malachi Wright placed 4th out of everyone with his Facts Drill score!





ROBOTICS



The Pillager "Husky Howlers" Robotics Teams concluded their season with a very strong showing at the Lake Superior Regionals in Duluth, Minnesota February 28th through March 2nd. The FIRST team ended 15th overall out of 55 teams and was the top rated team in our Central Minnesota Region!

Our VEX Team also had a successful season, attending two competitions and performing admirably in both. There are plans to expand the VEX Team to Middle School students next year and field two teams (middle school and high school) to allow more students to engage in the activities.

Each year, the students have seemingly improved the various components and systems of the Robot and are already planning for "new and improved" versions of their robots. Even more important than the technological and engineering accomplishments, this activity created an opportunity for more than twenty (20) 9th through 12 grade students from a variety of backgrounds to work towards a common goal, learn through active problem solving, and demonstrate Husky Pride.





THIRD PLACE AT STATE

The Pillager ProStart Team placed 3rd overall in the culinary competition out of 18 teams this Spring at the NPSI ProStart Invitational in Saint Paul. These wonderful students also won the "Best Teamwork" award! Pictured are Eli Thom, Brooklyn Boehne, Mackenzie Gropper, CeCe Stephens, and Rachele Francioli.





FEATURED TEACHER MS. RIVERA

Militza Rivera teaches High School Spanish at Pillager Public Schools and was nominated as the Featured Teacher for this May-July edition of the Paw Press, and with good reason. She is an excellent teacher with an expansive knowledge within her subject area and never fails to connect with students by showing passion about what she is teaching. The Desktop Publishing class asked Ms. Rivera questions to get to know her better:

Why did you become a teacher?

A former college professor was my inspiration to become a teacher myself. She was someone I connected well with and she was fair. The dedication and guidance she provided her students were inspiring.

Who is the most influential person in your life?

My parents would be the most influential people in my life. I am grateful to have had their unconditional love, support, and guidance throughout my life. Did you always want to be a teacher? If not, what else would you be if given the choice?

When I first went to college I was in the Hotel/Restaurant Management program. I grew up traveling with my father being in the U.S. Army and we traveled abroad to some amazing cities. I planned to move to New York City after I graduated as I loved the hustle and bustle of the big city. However, I met an amazing professor while in college and I saw other possibilities for my future that I hadn't considered up to that point.

What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

I am always open to new experiences. I love to spend time with family and among those things I love to go camping and hiking. I love working on my flower beds and learning about different types of flowers. I keep adding additional flower beds to my yard that provide excellent blooms for pollinators. This may sound crazy but I have always really enjoyed mowing grass, too. Some people may consider yard work a daunting task but I enjoy it.

What is the best thing about teaching at Pillager Schools?

One of the things I enjoy most about teaching at Pillager Schools is the relationships that are built with students and families. I now have students whose parents were my students back in the day. Seeing the many different career paths previous students have taken makes me feel proud of the school and community in which I teach. Although our once-small school has significantly grown, I feel our school is more like one big family and I am proud to be part of the Husky family.

All of us at Pillager Public Schools are thankful to have Ms. Rivera here to provide her knowledge, to help us learn, and to allow us the chance to get to know her and all she has to offer to our school. Written by Haleyrose Blowers, 10th Grade.

Gracie Mudgett is a Junior at Pillager High School who was a recipient of the ExCEL Award. Gracie actively participates within the community in various ways and activities, such as: Band, National Honor Society, HS Musicals, Leadership Council, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. If you ask her fellow students, they'll say that she's incredibly kind and never has anything mean to say about her peers. Overall, she radiates positivity and does her best to make the environment she's in welcoming to all those around. We asked Gracie some guestions to get to know her better:

What do you want to be when you grow up? I am not one hundred percent sure as of now, but I know I want to own my own business. Who is the most influential person in your life? That is difficult, but I would have to say my sister since she has taught me so much even with everything she's gone through.

What teacher has had the most influence on you? I'd say Mr. Horn or Ms. Colgrove since they both are able to keep class interesting and are able to make me laugh when I need to.



What is the best thing about being a student at Pillager School? The people. I feel that everyone knows everyone and we are all supportive of each other, especially through sports.

Throughout your time attending Pillager Public Schools, what class would you say has been your favorite? My current favorite class is probably life science chemistry since class is always entertaining.

Who is your favorite artist/song? My favorite song currently is A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman because it reminds me of all the opportunities that the world provides.

Thanks Gracie!

Gracie is a student of high character, and we agree that she's well worthy to be featured as the Student Showcase in this edition of the Pillager Paw Press. Written by Haleyrose Blowers, 10th Grade.



GRACIE MUDGETT

STUDENT SHOWCASE



SPEECH

In the 2024 season, Pillager Speech Team competed at seven varsity and two junior high tournaments. The Pillager student competitors faced off in the following categories this season; duo interpretation, informative speaking, original oratory, humorous interpretation, dramatic interpretation, extemporaneous reading, and storytelling. Speech is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored activity where students interact at highly competitive weekly tournaments against area schools ranging from 8 to 26 different schools. In addition to rehearsing and practicing weekly, our Husky speakers make friends while developing highly effective speaking and performing skills that will be an asset for their future. Eight new speakers joined the team this year, learning the ropes from our five returning experienced speakers.



Highlights from the season include multiple first place finishes by senior Hailey Pikula, junior Lilian Wood, sophomore Isabella Brinkman, and

freshman Maria Stumbo; each high school speaker has earned a variety of awards throughout the season as well. Team members also received multiple honors finals ribbons, which are awarded when you place just short of top six. At our junior high tournaments, eighth-grader Malaika Pelgrine earned a first place medal, eighth-grader Gabrielle Schrom earned a second place medal, seventh-grader Violet Steffen earned a third place medal, and many other junior high members earned a variety of other awards.

Maria Stumbo and Lillian Wood made it to the State Speech Meet this year with Maria placing 7th overall!

If you are interested in learning more about Speech, please contact coach Megan Trout.





2023 -2024 PILLAGER SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

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From the Desk of Mr. Michael Malmberg, District Superintendent



I am proud of all of the employees and staff that work at Pillager Schools for all their efforts and commitment to serve our students and families throughout this year. I also want to thank all of you in our community as we appreciate all of the support we receive. It was great to have the great turnout for events such as Grandparents Day, the Daddy Daughter Dance, and Movies with Mom for all to enjoy.

Pillager Education Foundation "Evening for Education Dinner"

I would like to thank the Pro Start Culinary students for their work once again for a great dinner they prepared at the Evening for Education event for the Pillager Education Foundation and also to the students who participated in the musical "High School Musical". What a great night and a what great performance by our students! The event helps fund scholarships and classroom grants for innovation. A huge shout out to those businesses that sponsored the event and those that attended and donated to the cause.

Continuing to Strive for Success at Pillager

Ensuring the success of students is a collective endeavor, at the state, district, school, and classroom level and at home. Pillager School District continues to put an emphasis on programming by expanding opportunities for our students. Excellence in schools can happen when we collaborate and strive for new and innovative approaches to engage our learners each and every day and by providing them with choices and opportunities. As we look to continue to expand those opportunities, we must continue to look at our spaces and needs for those as well. I am very appreciative of our board of education as they continue to look forward to the future with programming. This past Fall, we added the school within school concept for 5th and 6th grade to add more time for the core classes. We also continue to expand the wrestling program with the addition of a program for grades K-2 and competing as a Pillager junior high team for next winter. We also continue to look at the space needed for a wrestling program and also a possible weight room expansion for the community.

Spring Sports Competing on Updated Complex

The spring athletic teams will compete this season on the updated complex for the first time. The new bleachers, new picnic areas, field work, irrigation, scoreboard, fences, dugouts, and pathways are all complete and ready for our athletes and fans to enjoy. It is a fantastic complex for our students and fans for years to come.

Have a great summer! #PulltheSled

Michael Malmberg Superintendent



The Pillager Education Foundation is a group of volunteers who support our school through fundraising for classroom grants and student scholarships.

Education Foundation
Our mission statement is: "Working with our communities, we will support innovative approaches and enhance student excellence in academics, arts, athletics and activities."

For more information on how you can get involved or how to donate funds to the Pillager Ed Foundation, please see our website at www.pillageredfoundation.org

High School Principal, Jason Savage

As the end of another school year approaches, it's with great excitement and pride that we prepare to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors at the Pillager High School Class of 2024. This will occur on May 24th at 7:00 pm, on the Pillager football field. In the event of inclement weather, we have the varsity gym reserved as our backup venue.

Graduation is a time to honor our graduating seniors' dedication, hard work, and achievements as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. We invite all families, friends, and community members to join us in celebrating this occasion and supporting our graduates as they take this critical step forward.

Before we reach the pinnacle of our academic year, we have a couple more important events to look forward to. The PHS Awards and Scholarship Ceremony will be held on May 22nd. At this event, we will recognize outstanding achievements and contributions from our students. It's an evening of recognizing excellence and scholarship within our Pillager High School community.

As we bid farewell to another school year, the last day of school with students will be May 30th. It's been a year filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable experiences, and we are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and families.

We thank our students, families, faculty, and staff for their support and commitment to Pillager High School. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer filled with relaxation, adventure, and cherished moments with loved ones. Congratulations to the Class of 2024! We are proud of each of you and can't wait to see the incredible things you will achieve.

Best regards, Jason Savage Principal, Pillager High School



Pillager High School offers a work experience program for high school students. This program supports students in high school completion and assists in their enthusiasm to join the work world.

Students participate in a paid position with academic and career related skills being instilled through training and supervision. Progress reviews are scheduled with mentors in the workforce.

Interested students or employers can contact Ann Hutchison at (218)746-2164 for further information.





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Pillager School YouTube Channel

Pillager's YouTube channel for the school district will serve as a central location where we can offer live-streaming and manage school related events.

Please visit: https://www.youtube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

Remember to like and share Pillager Schools CTC Center Facebook page and stay up to date on all the upcoming events!





Pillager Public Schools is honored to be recognized by the Brainerd Dispatch as the "#1 Best School" in the Brainerd Lakes Area, voted on by their



readers! We are thankful to all of you who made this possible.

We are proud of our great team of parents, staff and community members who continue to provide support and opportunities for our students! Remember... Once a Husky, always a Husky!

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SOURCEWELL 2024 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

It is an honor to introduce Ryan Saulsbury and Jackie Dickinson as the Pillager High School recipients of **Sourcewell's 2024 Educators of Excellence Awards**.

Congratulations!



Ryan Saulsbury



Jackie Dickinson



Middle School Principal, Wade Mortenson

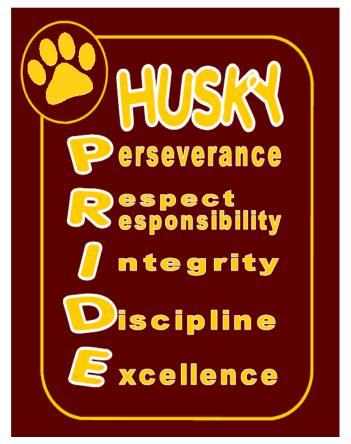
I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we navigate through the busy season of MCA testing, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work ethic displayed by both our dedicated staff and our incredible students. Our teachers and support staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that our students are well-prepared and equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in these assessments. As we move through the remaining days of the MCA

testing, let us continue to celebrate the incredible work ethic that defines our school. The collective effort we are witnessing is a source of pride for us all, and it reinforces the idea that when we work together towards a common goal, we can achieve great things.

The Pillager Middle School has been an active place as of late, with our students fully engaged in a variety of enriching experiences. Our Junior High Knowledge Bowl team put their minds to the test, showcasing their academic prowess in competitions against other schools. In addition to Knowledge Bowl, our Math Masters teams (5th and 6th grade) have been hard at work, honing their mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities. Our 6th graders had the opportunity to spend the day at Ski Gull this February to learn or enhance their skiing skills. Furthermore, our 8th graders recently had the chance to explore potential career paths at Central Lakes College during a career fair. This event gave them valuable insights into various professions, helping them make informed decisions about their future academic and career endeavors.

It is hard to believe as you read this newsletter that we are approximately a month away from the end of the 2023-2024 school year! We have been very busy planning for a strong finish while preparing for 2024-2025. As we move forward, let's continue to support each other in our mission of providing a great academic and social experience for our students. As always, if you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wade Mortenson Middle School Principal



Middle School Students of Quarter III

Congratulations to these students:

Adelyn Oehrlein, Aishi Beltran, Alex Stephens, Alivia Armstrong, Annalisa Schmidt, Brielle Berry, Caleb Hooge, Cooper Hanson, Devin Hudson, Ella Wagner, Ezra Amundson, Gavin Petersen, Natalee Kuklock, Nevaeh Robben, Pyper Paskewitz, Rachel Hollingsworth, Sam Kent, Tayla Bowman, Wyatt Binsfeld

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SOURCEWELL 2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

It is an honor to introduce Sara Kimman and Barb Snow as the Pillager Middle School recipients of **Sourcewell's 2024 Educators of Excellence Awards**.

Congratulations!







Barb Snow



Pillager Middle School is implementing a 5th and 6th grade school within a school

Highlights of the Program

- · Ease the transition to middle school
- Provide additional time for math and english classes
- Embed interventions
- Support the social-emotional needs of our children
- Reduced number of teachers for each student

Sample Schedules

5th Grade Schedule

- 1. Core Class (Math)
- 2. Core Class (English)
- Exploratory 5 / PE (Every other day)
- Core Class (Social Studies)
- Skinny (Math / ELA = 25 Minutes each)
- 6. Core Class (Science)
- 7. 4 Exploratory Courses
 - Health
 - · Intro to Singing
 - · Intro to Instruments
 - PE 5

6th Grade Schedule

- 1. Core Class (Math)
- 2. Core Class (English)
- Core Class (Science)
- 4. Skinny (Math / ELA = 25 Minutes each)
- Band/Choir or Arts 6 / AVID 6
- Core Class (Social Studies)
- Engineering / PE (Every other day)

HUSKY PRIDE TIME for the MIDDLE SCHOOL

All 7th and 8th students will have the opportunity to participate in a PRIDE TIME Period each day this school year. During PRIDE TIME, students will enjoy character education lessons related to a variety of topics. New this school year, an added standard has been incorporated into this class called #operationgiveback. Students will be involved in a service learning project each semester. For #operationgiveback, students will be involved in a variety of volunteer activities to give back to the community. This is also a perfect time to complete missing work, relearn material, or retake a test.

A wide variety of enrichment options will also be available related to all content areas. For example, students can use PRIDE TIME to prepare for the annual Husky Spelling Bee, work on a Science Fair project, prepare for a Math Masters competition, study for the 8th grade National Geographic Geography Bee, or simply read their favorite book. Certainly, PRIDE TIME will be a tremendously beneficial time for all students.

Before and After School

Parents, please note that students should not be in the school building before 7:55 a.m. Please know that they will be asked to leave the school to either go outside or home.

The school is closed to all children after school unless they are in a supervised after-school activity or enrolled in "Fun Stop."

Elementary Principal, Josh Smith



We have been busy and our students and staff continue to work hard in their classrooms. The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments are just around the corner and our students will, no doubt, do their best to demonstrate their knowledge in reading and math. While the MCA's are an important measure of where a student is academically compared to state standards, they are not a measure of the whole child. We continue to strive to provide a well-rounded education that prepares our students for success in their future endeavors academically and socially.

On behalf of the Student Council and our school community, I cannot thank you enough for the support shown during our Ninja Anywhere fundraising event. We are very excited to see how we will move forward in providing a playground space that all kids can enjoy!

Several exciting events are planned in the coming weeks to round out the school year. Some of the highlights include our spring program with our 3rd and 4th graders showcasing the work they've been doing in music class, Ninja Anywhere on May 1st, field trips, track and field day, and Kindergarten graduation to name a few!

As always, we thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child successfully finishes their school year.

Sincerely, Josh Smith, Principal

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th in the CTC Center.

- 10:00 to 10:45 Mrs. Lambrecht and Ms. Ivers
- 11:00 to 11:45 Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Ingberg, and Mrs. Logelin
- Seating will be available and should be reserved for 6 guests per student (information will be released at a later date)
- Reception following ceremony outside CTC Center
- The last day of Kindergarten is Thursday May 30

SOURCEWELL 2024 ELEMENTARY TEACHERS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

It is an honor to introduce Mrs. Alissa Anderson as the Pillager Elementary School recipient of **Sourcewell's 2024 Educator of Excelence Award** and Mrs. Alexis Headlee as the **2024 Pillar of Excelence!**



Alissa Anderson



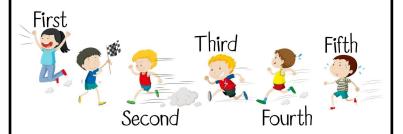
Alexis Headlee

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Thursday May 16: K-2nd Grade

Friday May 17: 3rd-4th Grade

We are excited to welcome parents to attend the events. We do ask that spectators make alternative arrangements when their children go inside for lunch, etc.



The last day for the Red School Readiness Class is Wednesday, May 29th.

The last day for the **Blue School Readiness Class** is Thursday, May 30th. (early release at 1:00 p.m.).

Title 1 — "It's for Everybody!"



Title I is a federal grant for schools that helps support students who need additional help. Our Title I funds are used to help reduce the number of reading groups, class sizes, etc.

Title teachers, as well as all teachers at Pillager are highly trained, licensed and working in their area of expertise.

We invite parents and community members to be involved with Title I. If you would like to help review and write grants or be involved in the planning of Title I or Title IIA, please contact our Local Educational Agency (LEA) Mr. Josh Smith or our Title I teacher, Mrs. Wendy Hall.

We encourage parents to be involved in their child's education here at Pillager Elementary School. All students in Pillager Elementary are able to receive services under the School Wide Title I Plan. We use data from our testing to determine strengths and needs of our students.

We want all parents to be aware of the many opportunities to be on school committees. This includes a Title I committee. The Title I committee will annually review the "Ten Elements" of school-wide planning as they work on the Title I plan.

The district-wide Parental Involvement Policy procedures have been developed jointly with parents of children participating in Title I programs. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of students participating in Title I, Part A on or before September 20 of the present school year.

If you have any questions concerning Title I, please feel free to see the LEA for Title I, Mr. Smith at (218)746-2110.



The Pillager PTO is back! We are looking for new members to help support our elementary students, teachers

& staff. Keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.



Facility Services Manager, John Gordon

May is here! We just finished our last concert of the CTC Concert Series left on May 2nd with Tom Petty Tribute Band Free Fallin! After this year's success, we will be bringing back the concert series again next year. We are working on the line up now and will be announcing it in August.

Thanks to all of you who supported the CTC Center and enjoyed the multitude of events that were hosted in the CTC Center. Our students use the CTC Center almost everyday and continue to expand teacher classroom usage, performing arts, as well as, community and private use. Thank you for your support as well.

Our custodial team is starting to prepare for the summer clean of the school. This year has been a bit easier without the long winter snow mess. As May brings the end to this school year, we think fondly of those seniors who will move on and make their imprint in the world. Our Crew wishes all of them a wonderful end and an exciting beginning.

Gordon Out!

Hello from the Pillager Health Offices! The elementary health office continues to be staffed by Jamie, and the secondary health office is staffed by Carol Henrichs, health clerk. We make a good team while caring for our Pillager Huskies!





Students are required by Minnesota Immunization Law to have their immunizations up-to-date on the first day of school: September 3rd, 2024. Typically Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade students are due for new immunizations. NOTE: The meningococcal booster is required for 12th grade students.

Notarized exemption forms need to be submitted by September 3rd, 2024 if your student will not be compliant with the immunization schedule. MDH school immunization requirements and exemption forms can be found at https://www.isd116.org/departments/health-services.

Jamie Shypkowski, RN, RD, LSN, PHN Pillager School Nurse (218)746-2114



See the **COVID-19** link at <u>isd116.org</u> for resources.

According to Food Allergy Research & Education, 1 in 13 children have a food allergy. The most common food allergies in children are allergies to peanuts, milk, shellfish, and tree nuts.

If your child has a food allergy and you have not notified the health office, please call our staff at (218)746-2114.

Activities Director, Matthew Moen



It is crazy to think that the school year is winding down and summer is fast approaching. I want to thank all of our students, athletes, musicians, actors/actresses that competed in a multitude of events during the school year. You represented the Pillager Husky family well in the classroom and on the field of play. Our coaches and advisors put in many hours preparing teams for competition, practices, events, and life and we are thankful for your dedication to your programs and the time you put into your teams, and activities your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thank you to our parents and fans for your support of Husky programs, from getting your child to practices, events, games, and supporting them in the crowd! You showed up and represented well! Thank you!

We had another successful musical this spring; "High School Musical" with a great turnout at each and every show. The Robotics team took 15th overall out of 55 teams at their Regional event in Duluth. They were the highest placing team in our area. The Pro Start team took 3rd at state in March and had another excellent showing this year.

We are excited to host for the first time the Section 6A track meet on May 30. There will be a lot of schools, and fans in Pillager that day to cheer on athletes from all over! The golf, baseball, and softball teams are gearing up for the playoffs and are hoping to make a run this spring.

We have also been very excited to use the updated athletic complex this spring for our track meets, softball and baseball games. We have some of the nicest facilities in the area for our teams to use. The weight room has been utilized all year with our strength coach, Coleman Larson, who has done an excellent job working with all of our students this year, and we look forward to that continuing this summer and into next fall.

There are lots of exciting things happening at Pillager and we are thankful for each and every opportunity! It is a great time to be a Husky! Have a great summer vacation.

Matthew Moen Activities Director

> Follow Huskies Sports All Year Long on CASH 95



To listen to the Huskies go to R&Jbroadcasting.com Noah Caruso Coach's Show Final Whistle 4:00 - 5:00 pm



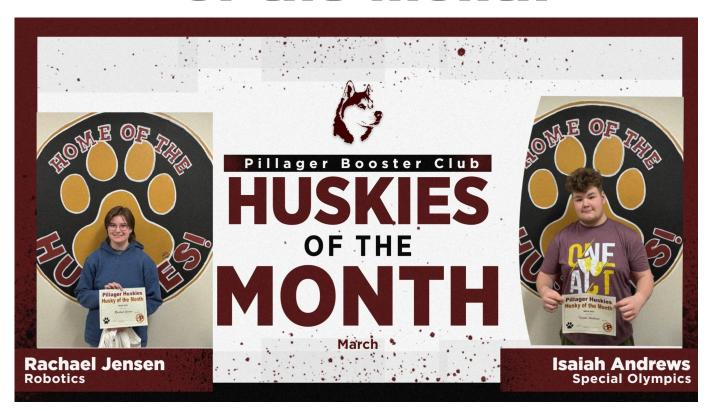


COACHES OF THE MONTH





HUSKY of the month







CO-OP SPORTS WITH LITTLE FALLS

Gymnastics Grades 7-12

Register through Athletics (MSHSL)

Dance Team Grades 7-12

Register through Athletics (MSHSL)

Nordic Skiing Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed

Grades 7-12 — Register through Athletics (MSHSL)

Wrestling Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed

Grades 7-8Register through Athletics (MSHSL)

MRR Diving Grades 6-12 MRR Lap Swim

--Both of these programs are Club Swimming. --Register through LF Community Education

Fees:

Com.Ed fees will be based on Little Falls registration fees (plus transportation fee). MSHSL Co-op and 7/8 wrestling will be our regular activity fees (plus transportation fee).

Transportation:

Contact Information

Will provide transportation to and from Little Falls for both MSHSL sports and these Com. Ed sports for <u>after school practices!</u>

Parents will be responsible for transportation home from games/contests

Parents will be responsible for transportation home from games/contests. MSHSL Co-op activities & 7/8 wrestling contact Matt Moen (218)746-2115.

For all Com. Ed activities contact Matthew Moen (218)746-2115.

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ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN

On our school webpage click "Community Ed" at the top and Youth Sports can be found on that page along with a registration link.

Strength and Performance

Dates: June 3 - August 1 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Week of June 19 Wednesday session will be Friday

No class the week of July 4th

Sessions: 7-8 Grade Athlete Strength & Performance Camp, 3:30-4:45

9-12 Grade Athlete Strength & Performance Camp, 4:45-6:00 9-12 Grade Football Strength & Performance Camp, 6:00-7:15 (Grades based off of 2024-2025 school year)

Location: Pillager Weight Room, Brand New Staples TCO Clinic, Pillager

Practice Football Field

Course Cost: \$185

Instructor: Cole Larson

In this 8 week program, you will be coached through Coach Larson's three "P" principles (Preparation, Performance, and Power) to be a better, well-rounded athlete. In this structured program, you do not need to be an elite-level athlete. You just need an elite-level mindset and be willing to give it your all each and every day. Opportunity is not given, opportunity is EARNED!

Every athlete registered will receive a Training Haus T-shirt. Shirt sizes

will be requested on a later date.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Go to the school website at www.isd116.org and click on Community Ed



Membership Plan

Enjoy the fitness center at the school with keyless entry.
Fitness center includes free weights and bike. Other options are being considered.

Cost: \$25 for first 12 months, \$10 refundable upon return of fob, \$15 renewal fee

Time: Monday-Friday

5:30 am-7:00 am

5:30 pm-10:00 pm Saturday-Sunday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Must be 19+ years old and live in Pillager School district (or have a child currently open enrolled)

This keyless entry membership is per person. Each person entering must swipe their card upon entry. This is monitored by camera. Any person entering without swiping a personal membership card will lose privileges and the card holder will lose their membership for the remainder of the year.

The registration information and waiver on the back of this form must be signed and brought to the high school office. You will be notified when your keyless entry card (fob) is available to be picked up.

Read the entire back of this sheet before signing!

Pillager School Call (218) 746-2156 with questions



Register wilth Little Falls **Community Services**

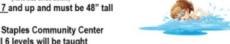
Swimming Lessons 2024

Taught by certified staff of Staples Community Center



June 17-28 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM for ages 7 and up and must be 48" tall

at the Staples Community Center all 6 levels will be taught



\$55 per swimmer — Max 10 per group (includes bus transportation from the school *) \$20 scholarship paid for every swimmer through a generous donation from Pillager Area Fire and Rescue. Swimmers must live in the Pillager School District or be a Pillager student.

Parents welcome - and encouraged - to ride with us!

*The bus will leave from in front of the school at 12:15 PM and return to the same spot at approximately 2:30 PM

On the last day of swim lessons, Friday June 28, we will be handing out dilly bars from Dairy Queen. Your registration fee includes a treat

Drop off at	the school or mail
	to:
	Pillager School
	attn.: Paul Clark
	323 East 2nd St. S
	Pillager, MN 56473

June 2024									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29			

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Swimming Lessons Session 1

Registration Deadline: June 10



Hoge's Coaching Clinic **Group Training**

Summer 2024

June 6th - July 25th Weekly Sessions (Thursday's only) At Pillager High School For boys and girls ages 11-18

> Session 1: 5:30-6:30 PM Session 2: 6:30-7:30 PM Session 3: 7:30-8:30 PM (Max 8 Per Group)

\$320 for all 9 sessions or \$45 per weekly session

payment portal under Community Education! Hoge's Clinic/Group Training

Online registration available in our

Sessions includes ball

handling skills, proper

footwork technique, proper

shooting form and more.

Register by May 27

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Pillager School attn.: Paul Clark 323 East 2nd St. S

Pillager, MN 56473

July 2024								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3		

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Registration Deadline: July 17 Swimming Lessons Session 2



Tot Spot

Cost \$10

(M-TH) June 10-13, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

3 to 5 year olds Coached by Karin Johnson

Recommended to have a parent or sibling attend to

Taste of gymnastic with a lot of motion

Maximum of 25 students

Elementary Gym

Other age levels to be run with summer school classes







ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED To register online go to the school website (www.isd116.org) and click on the tab called "Community Ed".

Gymnastics

Registration Deadline: June 5

WANT TO TEACH?

If you are interested in teaching a Community Education Class at Pillager School, please see the form on the school website (on the "Community Ed" tab).

> Contact Paul Clark, Community Ed Director & Youth Sports Coordinator pclark@isd116.org with any questions.



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EXPRESS





Now accepted in the District office for registration fees and lunch accounts.

Online registration and credit card payments are also

available for all athletics, youth sports, community education classes, and lunch payments.



Make a Difference In Your Community

Become a Substitute

in your child's school or classroom

Be involved in your child's education and help out in your local schools

Turn your volunteer hours into extra income

Maintain a flexible schedule - work when you want

Get paid weekly and take advantage of bonus pay opportunities

Take part in our Gold Star Rewards Program

MN Substitute Requirements

If no existing teaching license, Teachers On Call can help you obtain a Short Call License with a Bachelor's degree.

MN Paraprofessional Requirements

HS diploma only (some districts also require 60+ college credits).

Contact: Recruiting | 800-713-4439 TOCRecruiting@teachersoncall.com Or Apply Online Today at www.teachersoncall.com

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Clothes that are not claimed will be washed every two weeks and then donated on about the 1st and 15th of each month.

The Elementary lost and found is located by the elementary gym. Students

should check this every day! Please contact Brenda at 746-2111 if you would like her to look for your child's belongings.

Remember to like and share Pillager Schools CTC Center Facebook page and stay up to date on all the upcoming events!





VERY IMPORTANT!

It is more important than ever for every family to complete the "Application for Educational Benefits" form that will be mailed to your home in August.

This application measures the economic condition of our community.

The value to our school is:

- \$25 technology insurance fee waived with completed form.
- Additional funding to retain small class sizes.
- Additional funding for computers, basic skills training, core classes including math, reading, and science.
- Pricing for resources such as our school website and other technical resources is based on the economic condition of Pillager.
- Title 1 funding.
- Additional grant money available for other programs.

You see, it's not just about your family; it is a measure of the community. Please take the time to complete and return the form. Your information is confidential. Your papers are shredded when they are no longer needed.

ALC (ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER)

ALC through Freshwater Education District is offered after school at the Pillager High School. This is for students who are behind credits and need to make them up in order to graduate.

Summer classes are held Tuesdays starting June 4 and will last 6 weeks.

If you have any questions regarding ALC, contact:

Ann Hutchison at (218) 746-2146; ahutch@isd116.org

Sue Turner at (218) 746-2116; sturner@isd116.org

Classes will be held in Mr. Saulsbury's Room (#521)

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 am Breakfast (If available) 8:30-10:45 am 1st Class 10:48-11:33 am 2nd Class 11:33 am—12:00 pm Lunch 12:03-1:33 pm Finish 2nd Class 1:36-3:51 pm 3rd Class

The last Tuesday will be a make up class and all paperwork must be turned in by that date. Any questions, please contact Ann Hutchison.

ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION

Please stay connected to your student's progress and lunch account information by accessing this information online. You can get to this information from the school website through the link on the left side of the home page OR — through the web address below.



Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name: parent's last name in *lowercase*

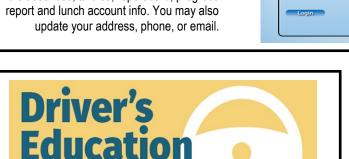
Enter your password. (If you do not remember your password, please speak to a secretary to access it.)

After you click "login" you may look at your child's absences, tardies, report card, progress Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name; Last two digits of your graduating year, first initial of first name, last name. Ex: 17jdoe

Password: Lunch number, first initial of first name last name. Ex: 1234jdoe

After you click "login" you may look at your absences, tardies, report card, progress report and lunch account info. (Online registration is not available at this time.)



A Driver's Ed course for students, age 14+, will be offered through the school. More details will be sent home with students when they are finalized.

kjanicke@isd116.org (218) 746-2071

renmac **EDUCATION STAFFING**

Now hiring Custodians & Educational Assistants

Custodian day shift and evening shifts available. Starting pay \$14.00 per hour. More for experience.

Educational Assistants for the 2022-23 school year! Starting wages \$15.20 to \$20+ per hour, based on previous experience and education.

Please contact Penmac Staffing in Brainerd at (218) 824-9675 or www.penmac.com Must pass an extensive background check.

Educational Assistant candidates with an AA Degree or have completed paraprofessional testing are preferred.

You can see complete information on all employment options on the school website at www.isd116.org/employment.

NOW HIRING SCHOOL **BUS DRIVERS FOR PILLAGER SCHOOL**

- The right candidate will be trained, must have a clean driving record, and have a valid CDL with S & P endorsement.
- Competitive pay and HIRING BONUS!
- Full-time daily route, substitute, and extracurricular positions available.



Call Fornshell Bus

Service for information: (218) 746-3770

Early Childhood



The Pillager Family Center is on Facebook! Look for them and become a fan! Keep updated on upcoming events, learn new ideas, read book suggestions and more!



Empowering and strengthening families to build a strong Pillager community.

www.pillagerfamilycenter.org

Michele Spar Family Support Coordinator 218-746-4009 Betty Doss, Executive Director 218-746-2185

Food Shelf: Thursday 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

WIC: Call 218-547-1430 for appointment

Child and Teen Checkup Clinics:

Call 746-4009 for appointment

Cass County financial workers:

Thursday through v-link

call 218-547-1340 for appointment

Cass County Veteran's Services

3rd Thursday of the month 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Other services: phone, computer use, fax and copy machine available to the public for a small charge.



Pillager School YouTube Channel

Pillager's YouTube channel for the school district will serve as a central location where we can offer live-streaming and manage school related events.

Please visit: https://www.youtube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict and click on the SUBSCRIBE button.

Early Childhood **Options**



School Readiness

This program offers a variety of experiences and activities that prepare preschoolers for success in Kindergarten. To be enrolled. children must be four years of age by September 1st. Pillager School offers two options of School Readiness classes:

- Monday, Wednesday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00)
- Tuesday, Thursday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00 p.m.)

If you have questions, please call Tracy at (218)746-3075.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Children ages birth to seven who exhibit developmental delays (motor, auditory, vision, cognition, social-emotional, or speech/ language) may qualify for services to meet their specific needs. Children receive services in their home, daycare, or in Pillager's Early Childhood or Kindergarten classrooms.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

This program provides support and resources to all families with children from birth until their enrollment in Kindergarten. The ECFE program believes parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Our program provides an opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a supportive environment facilitated by licensed child and parent educators.

All classes held at the First Baptist Church

Thursday

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Family Class Birth to 5 years old

12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. 2 and 3 year olds

4:30p.m.—6:00 p.m. Birth to 7 years old Open Gym

Friday (24 weeks)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Family Class Birth to 5 years old

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Family Class Birth to 5 years old

Call Milly at (760) 421-7696, mleone@fed.k12.mn.us, to register or for more information.

Pillager Area Family Center serves all members of our community

Home Visiting Program



The Family Center Home Visiting Program offers weekly home visits to new parents to gain information about child development, physical and social/emotional, parenting ideas, basic care and communication. The Home Visitor and parents work through the Growing Great Kids curriculum. This program is Healthy Families America (HFA) accredited. For more information, please call Amy at (218)587-4292.



Funding for this program is from the MN Department of Health, United Way, Cass County and the Cass County Children's Initiative. "Hand in hand for early success" ... Working together to build a secure foundation for newborn babies and their first time parents.

Pillager Little Huskies Child Care Center



Location: Pillager School Early Childhood Center Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 33 months up to Kindergarten

State licensed and Four Star Parent Aware Rated

Contact Ashley O. at (218) 746-2148 or aoehrlein@isd116.org for more information or to enroll your child. Children must be enrolled in the program and pre-registration and pre-payment is needed in order for your child to attend.

Fun Stop: School-Age Care Program



Location: Pillager School Ages: Kindergarten through 4th Grade

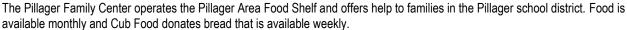
The Fun Stop program provides quality, safe, fun school-aged childcare for children in grades K-4. Games, puzzles, crafts, sports, and homework help are all a part of the Fun Stop choices.

▶ ▶ Due to the high number of participates, please call (218)746-2140 to make sure space is available.

There is a fee plus additional charge for special events. Fun Stop is available from 6:30-8:05 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. on school days and 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on non-school days and during the summer.

Pillager Area Food Shelf 305 Fir Avenue W





Thank you to everyone who has donated food and/or money to the Pillager Food Shelf. Your donations are greatly appreciated and continue to help families in our community. Monetary donations are preferred and are used to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank offers food to be purchased by food shelves at a lower cost and in bulk amounts,

helping to stretch every dollar donated.

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- Sports and activity drivers needed!
- Part time, full time, split route options all available.

Call Fornshell Bus Service for information: (218)746-3770





2024 POLAR PLUNGE



School Contact Information									
District Office	Early Childhood	Elementary School	Middle School	High School					
(218) 746-3772 office (218) 746-4236 fax awassen@isd116.org	(218) 746-3075 office (218) 746-2188 fax bdoss@isd116.org	(218) 746-2134 fax	(218) 746-2153 fax	(218) 746-2113 office (218) 746-3406 fax highschool@isd116.org					

School Leadership

School Board













1. Becky Bennett becky.bennett@isd116.org 2. Brian Grimsley brian.grimsley@isd116.org 3. Sara Nagel sara.nagel@isd116.org 4. Kassandra Nelson kassandra.nelson@isd116.org 5. Bridgette Brown Bridgette.brown@isd116.org 6. Sarah Smith sarah.smith@isd116.org

Administrative Team

Superintendent Mike Malmberg (218)746-2100 mmalmberg@isd116.org

Elementary Principal Josh Smith (218)746-2110 jsmith@isd116.org

MS (5-8) Principal Wade Mortenson (218)746-2096 wmortenson@isd116.org

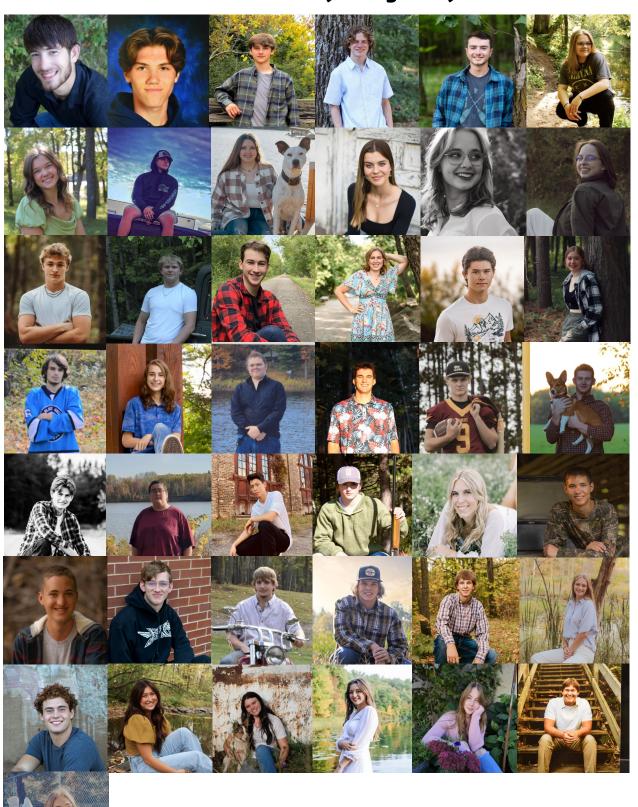
HS (9-12) Principal Jason Savage (218)746-2117 jsavage@isd116.org

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Activities Director and K-12 Dean Matt Moen (218)746-2115 mmoen@isd116.org

PILLAGER CLASS OF 2024

Graduation, May 24, 2024



Jacob Klinghagen Isaac Knoblauch Jakob Knosalla Brayton Kriegl Zane Kuesel Madison Leibold

Jada Loucks Kyd Lukanen Abigail Mayer Macyn McBroom Marissa Michalson Selena Michalson

Elijah Miller Kevin Miller Micah Moyer Alexa Mudgett Matthew Paulson Hailey Pikula

Aidan Rech Ceanna Roberts Raul Rocha Parker Schaefer Kobe Schultz Asher Scull

Wyatt Shingledecker Samuel Stubbs Marco Stumbo Terry Swanberg Katellyn Swenson Elijah Thom

Ethan Thom Evan Thompson Josh Tilbury Connor Tollefson Isaac Trout Allie Tryggeseth

Aiden Turnbaugh Elsie Turner Brooklyn Vargo Talene Whiddon Marian Williams Caden Zak

Hailey Zoellner

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

BOARD APPROVED 2024 - 2025 PILLAGER SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR February 27, 2023 S S T S First Day of School for Students: September 3 Last Day of School for Students: May 30 1st Semester: 82 days 2nd Semester: 87 days (13) (15) Total Instructional Days = 169 Days HOLIDAYS Independence Day July 4 September 2 Labor Day November 28-29 Thanksgiving Break Winter Break December 23 - January 3 FEBRUARY 2025 January 20 Martin Luther King Day February 17 April 18 Presidents' Day S S M W Т S S T Good Friday Memorial Day May 26 OPEN HOUSE 4:30pm - 7:00pm August 21 (5th) 5:30pm - 7:00pm (19) (24) NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION August 19 S Т W T S S S м STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (No School for Students) August 26-29 November I (7:30-II:30am) October 17, 21, 28 April 21 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (16) (17) MS/HS 4:00pm - 7:00pm Elementary 12:00pm - 7:00pm 4:00pm - 7:30pm 4:00pm 7:30pm October 28 October 29 January 21, 23 POSSIBLE SNOW MAKEUP DAY (If Necessary) S S S M W Т F S F т M Т w т February 17 March 13 April 21 SCHOOLS PHONE Early Childhood Cente 218-746-3075 (21) Pillager Elementary School 218-746-2111 Pillager Middle School 218-746-2112 NOVEMBER 2024 WAY 2028 Pillager High School 218-746-2113 S S S S W T Pillager District Office 218-746-3772 COMMENCEMENT MAY 23 KEY (19) 29 30 Regular Monthly Board Meetings 6:00pm Holiday or (No School) MEA Break for Students & Employees on 184-Day Contracts S S S T Semester Start/Stop Days Staff Development Day No School (9) (16) New Teacher Orientation Early Release Day 1:00pm