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DEAR PAL-MAC FAMILIES:



BOB IKE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As we strive to maintain a safe and positive environment for our students, staff, and families, I want to emphasize the power and responsibility each of us holds in protecting our community.

This includes our digital community. Information travels fast, and what we share online reflects not only ourselves but our community as a whole.

We've talked about "report, don't repost," and those words still hold true. When faced with concerning information, especially regarding safety, please consider the impact of sharing unverified rumors. Instead, report potential threats to school or local authorities.

By choosing to report instead of repost, we help prevent the spread of misinformation that can cause unnecessary fear and confusion.

Thank you to everyone who continues to show the Pal-Mac Way. The positive ways we act as a community send a clear message to others that we care for each other.

I leave you with this poem written by Pal-Mac's own Drew Hyman.

'Twas the season of kindness, of warmth and goodwill,
But with news flying faster, it's easy to spill.
Rumors and whispers, they travel by night,
Fanning fears swiftly and causing fright.

When a rumor's reposted without a clear source,
It takes on a life, an unstoppable course.
Our community's spirit—a treasure so dear—
Deserves facts and trust, not rumor or fear.

If you hear of a worry, a whisper, or threat,
Pause for a moment, please don't click "reset."
A safe place for all, it's our community's aim;
Report concerns early, don't spread them in vain.

Let's safeguard our students, our staff, and each friend,
With a culture of trust on which we depend.
So, this holiday season, let's give our best cheer,
By stopping the rumor mill right here.

Thank you for promoting a safe, caring place—
Together, we make Pal-Mac, a warm, trusting space.



Process For Weather-Related School Closures

Monitor 13WHAM TV, Spectrum News, WROC TV 8, WHAM AM 1180, WVOR FM 100.5, WHEC TV 10, WACK AM 1420, WARM FM 101.3, ParentSquare and the district website for closure-related information

With the winter season underway, now is a great time to remind the Palmyra-Macedon community about the process for school closures due to inclement weather.

An early dismissal or school closure will apply to in-person and remote learners.

First and foremost, the safety of students and staff is always a top priority when making a decision regarding the closure of school. With safety as a guiding principle, the decision to close school will be made based on numerous factors outlined below:

- Road conditions reports from transportation staff, town/highway personnel, meteorological experts and law enforcement agencies
- Amount of snow and ice accumulation
- Whether or not precipitation is continuing
- Building and parking lot conditions
- Temperature and wind chill
- Forecast predictions

Early dismissal may be necessary if weather conditions warrant, with a goal of ensuring students are home safely prior to conditions worsening.

The ultimate decision to close school is

that of the superintendent. The district will make every attempt to make weather-related decisions in a timely manner.

Once an announcement has been made to close school, the decision will be final.

Announcements regarding school closures will be sent out via our messaging system, ParentSquare. Contact information can be updated here: palmaccsd.org/contactupdate.

In addition to ParentSquare, a closure notice will be posted to district social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the district website. Local news outlets will be notified of the decision as well. News outlets to monitor for closure-related information include 13WHAM TV, Spectrum News, WROC TV 8, WHAM AM 1180, WVOR FM 100.5, WHEC TV 10, WACK AM 1420 and WARM FM 101.3.

Parents/guardians are advised not to call the district regarding weather-related closures unless it is an emergency.

During the cold days of winter, it is important to remember to bundle up to prepare for being outside for walks to a bus stop or to school. Warm clothing includes

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jackets, gloves, scarves, and boots. If your family needs assistance in the provision of warm, suitable clothing, please contact the Health Office at your child's school.

The district does not take the decision to close school lightly and carefully examines each decision on a case by case basis. No perfect decision exists and should parents/guardians feel conditions are unsafe, it is advised to exercise best judgement to decide if your student should attend school.

DATES TO REMEMBER (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

MON. 1/20/25 - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

MON. 2/17- FRI. 2/21 - FEBRUARY BREAK

FRI. 3/14/25 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

MON. 4/14- MON. 4/18 - SPRING BREAK

MON. 5/26/25 - MEMORIAL DAY

THURS. 6/12/25 - GRADUATION

THURS. 6/26/25 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



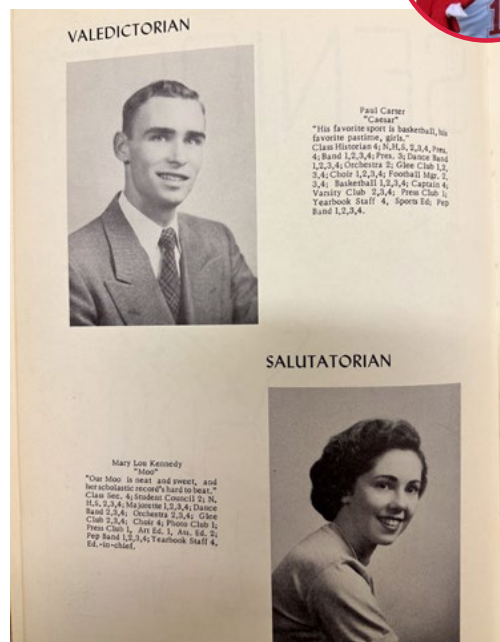
Have you heard?

The District is preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary, and we want you to be a part of it!

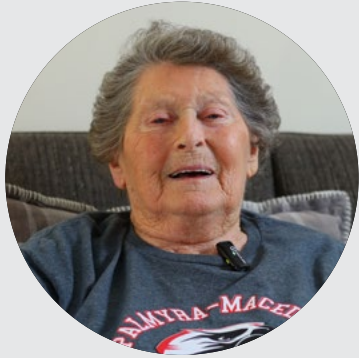
Pal-Mac will officially celebrate its 75th anniversary on June 4, 2025. The Anniversary Celebration Day will culminate with a High School Choir Concert that evening.

Check out some of these Pal-Mac throwbacks! Got some memories of your own to share? Send your pictures to our anniversary email, or check out our 75th Anniversary page on the District website for more details!

Speaking of pictures, there are hidden Pal-Mac Red Raiders in this magazine. Submit how many Red Raiders you found, and the pages you found them on to palmacanniversary@gmail.com by March 4, 2025. Submissions will be entered into a random drawing in which 10 people will receive Pal-Mac swag!



From top: 1974 Girls Soccer team wins Pal-Mac's first-ever Sectional Championship for any sport (Courier Journal), 1994 Albany Trip (Carl & Lisa Norsen), Valedictorian/Salutatorian from the 1952 Zeoniban, Class of 1965 members reunite at the 1990 Homecoming Parade (Nancy Dummer '65), 1990 Football Team (Fred Ciaburri)



AN INTERVIEW WITH A 1951 GRAD

Shirley Youngman, a member of the District's first graduating class in 1951, recently sat down with us to share her memories of the District's beginnings. Her class was the first to graduate following the centralization of schools in Palmyra and Macedon.

Youngman was born and raised in Macedon and still lives in the community to this day. She has sizable roots here with five children, 13 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren.

"I was born here; that's all I've ever known," Youngman said. "So I love the community and always have. And I loved every day that I went to school, in all honesty. My school years were great years."

We will share much more from our interview with Shirley on the District homepage and YouTube page coming soon!

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL RECENTLY CELEBRATED ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY ON OCT.4 WITH A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Students marched in a short parade and even helped create a giant paper birthday cake for the occasion.

Ground was broken for the building's construction, originally known as the Palmyra Classical Union School, in March of 1924.

In the 100 years since, the building has been home to different grade configurations and has been known by several names such as Palmyra High School, Palmyra Elementary School, and now Palmyra-Macedon Primary School. The original cornerstone still exists within the building.

Pictures here include a look at the historic laying of the building's cornerstone, which happened on Sep.19, 1924!



ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER AMAZING PAL-MAC HOMECOMING!

With our 75th anniversary as a backdrop, Pal-Mac celebrated its Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 5th and 6th. Thank you to the Pal-Mac community for coming together to celebrate a special milestone and weekend! Together, we are #PalMacProud.





ARE YOU RED RAIDER READY?

This new initiative, launched by Pal-Mac's Deans of Students, sets five positive principles—Kindness, Learning, Safety, Support, and Presence—to promote a safe, supportive school culture. Part of the District's Blueprint for Action, the effort is a fresh, student-focused approach to promote a positive and safe learning environment.

Watch a video breaking down each principle by scanning the QR code, or visit our YouTube page.



LET'S PLAY!

The Intermediate School enthusiastically celebrated the opening of its updated playground area with a series of ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

The updated area, which features swings, climbing equipment, and slides, is the first phase of playground improvements.

Students helped select the equipment and colors through a survey, making it a true community effort! The project was funded by the 2023-2024 Capital Outlay Project.



A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

The High School hosted its second annual "IB Signing Day," celebrating nearly 30 juniors and seniors committing to International Baccalaureate courses and diplomas.

Students signed declarations of intent before parents and teachers, affirming academic integrity and dedication. "IB builds skills and a flexible mindset for college and beyond," said IB Coordinator Rebecca DeSol.

Students tackle rigorous coursework, research, and community service projects.



Two Pal-Mac 6th graders turned their creativity into a thriving business. Ashlyn and Lilliana launched Lovely Beadz, hand-making and selling bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. "We were shocked we could actually do something like this," Ashlyn shared.

After earning over \$200 at their first event, sales doubled at Harvest on the Canal. "It brought us closer as friends," Ashlyn added.

The two are continuing to sell their handmade goods at various events.





Trick-or-treating is for everyone, and Ms. Gagliano's Opportunities With Language (OWL) class set out to show that! The class led an inclusive Halloween project at the Intermediate School, collaborating with teachers and other students to promote connection through speech-generating devices and other communication methods.

Ms. Gagliano's students practiced trick-or-treating, and built confidence and understanding. They then went out on Halloween night and had a great time!

"It's about neighbors and connecting," said Ms. Gagliano. Ms. Reale added, "We're making the world a better place."

Scan the QR code or visit our YouTube page to see the project in action!



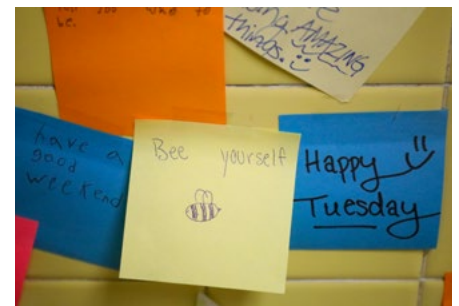
MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 15 DAYS OF KINDNESS

How do you show kindness? The Middle School dedicated 15 days from the end of October to the beginning of November to answer that question.

The "15 Days of Kindness Challenge" encouraged students and staff to do at least one kind act a day. Daily tasks included giving compliments, donating canned goods, asking someone about their day, and posting positive messages on a post-it note, among other actions.

Students also spent time writing thoughtful thank you cards for our wonderful bus drivers, and then handed them out to them personally.

Kindness is part of the building's ongoing "Wildly Important Goal" (WIG)



THANK YOU, VETERANS

Our nation's heroes were the focus of a series of ceremonies at Pal-Mac. Students, faculty, and staff in the District recognized several local veterans by sharing cards of appreciation, singing songs, or simply saying "thank you".

Rochester's 198th Army Band also made a special appearance at the Intermediate School!

Scan the QR code to view more pictures.



Pal-Mac Middle School students undertook a special project that involved interviewing alumni veterans for the District's Veterans Day and 75th anniversary celebrations. Guided by Mrs. Sousa, students asked about military experiences and the importance of honoring our veterans and active service members. Highlights were shown during the Veterans Day event on November 8.

Scan the QR below to view the video, or check out our YouTube page.





ATHLETIC NEWS

WINTER 2024



JILLIAN ANTHONY & ADDISON HENLEY

*Girls Swimming,
Sectional Champions*

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Sectional Finalists

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Jared Haers (Wrestling)
Bloomsburg University,
NCAA Division I, Zach
Rooks (Wrestling)
Bloomsburg University,
NCAA Division I, Jenna
Santelli (Lacrosse)
LeMoyne College, NCAA
Division I, Hayden Smith
(Swimming) Roberts
Wesleyan University,
NCAA Division II

VARSITY FOOTBALL

FINGER LAKES LEAGUE EAST
REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS/
LEAGUE FINALISTS



COACH MIKE KARNS (GIRLS SOCCER)

300 CAREER WINS





PAL-MAC ON STAGE!

Take a bow! Pal-Mac's Theater Department put on two thrilling shows in the Fall! First, the High School Drama Club presented "Clue." The show based on the popular board game mixed drama, with comedy and mystery thrown in!

Middle School students then followed the yellow brick road all the way to the magical land of Oz in their presentation of "The Wizard of Oz!" The classic musical movie made its way to the Pal-Mac stage with glowing performances brighter than Dorothy's red slippers!



CLEANIN' FOR A REASON!

Students in the Primary School Young Fives program spent some time in October cleaning up the Erie Canal path alongside the Pal-Mac Dollars for Scholars Chapter!

The group made a difference, and had some fun, too!

The District is proud of its relationship with the Pal-Mac Chapter, which is among the most successful in New York State! In 36 years of operation, the Chapter has awarded nearly \$3 million in scholarships to college-bound seniors (second-highest in raising money in NYS).

We thank the chapter for all it does to set Pal-Mac seniors up for success!



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, X (formerly 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.

GIVING BACK AT THE PAC

Pal-Mac senior Logan Vogl completed his Eagle Scout project by creating red folding benches for the school's Performing Arts Center lobby. "It feels amazing to give back to something I love, which is theater," said Vogl, who collaborated with directors, volunteers, and his dad to make the project a success.



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PAPER

Did you know Pal-Mac offers a free online tutoring program for students in Grades 6-12?

Visit [Paper.co](https://www.paper.co) to learn more!

You can also contact Pal-Mac Superintendent for Instruction and Student Learning Brian Brooks at brian.brooks@palmacsd.org with any questions.



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