



A member of the Food Services Department serving carrots at Calkins Road Middle School. Check out the gourmet salads and made-to-order wraps that are available every day.

What's Cooking: A Food Services Update

The District notified families in June that the Pittsford Central School District will no longer be participating in the National School Lunch Program. The Food Services Department has been and will continue to be a self-sufficient program. As a new school year begins, there are some important updates to share.

By leaving the program, the District has more flexibility and an opportunity to offer a better variety of options that are not only healthy but also appealing to students. As the District makes this transition, students will see changes implemented on a gradual basis. The commitment to nutritious meals, including whole grains, fruits and vegetables, will be emphasized.

Breakfast will be available at the elementary, middle and high schools for \$2. Some breakfast items include cereal, fruit and non-fat milk.

Lunch at the elementary level will cost \$2.75. Menu options will include turkey and cheese on a pretzel roll with vegetables and a fruit and yogurt parfait with a muffin.

The price for lunch at the secondary level will be \$3. Students can look forward to chicken fajitas with brown rice and a baked potato bar featuring broccoli, chili and cheese.

The popular mashed potato chicken bowl will continue to be offered. Gourmet salads will be available at all three levels, as well as made-to-order wraps.

The Department of Food Services continues to research healthy options inspired by student favorites, including Chipotle, Great Northern and Moe's Southwest Grill. As new choices are offered, the District looks forward to serving returning and new customers throughout the school year.

Pittsford recognized as No. 1 district out of 455 upstate New York school districts

The Pittsford Central School District has been recognized as the top district in upstate New York as a part of the Albany Business Journal's Schools Report for 2013.

The 50 counties north of Orange and Dutchess counties were the focus of the rankings that included 455 school districts.

The rankings were determined from various factors, including performance on Regents exams, elementary and secondary level assessment results and graduation rates.

Other Monroe County districts, including Brighton, Fairport, Honeoye Falls-Lima and Penfield, were also recognized.



Mendon High School and Sutherland High School recognized for STEM programs

Pittsford's Mendon High School and Sutherland High School were commended for their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Mendon was ranked nationally at No. 107 and Sutherland was ranked No. 23 (The STEM Index shows eight points separating the two schools). Only 250 of the nation's high schools made the list.

Both high schools have been highly ranked by U.S. News and World Report throughout the 2012-2013 school year. Mendon High School was ranked No. 13 in New York State and No. 71 in the country. Sutherland High School was ranked tenth in New York State and No. 62 among U.S. high schools.

Various factors were considered for the rankings, including the student to teacher ratio, percent of students taking Advanced Placement exams, as well as math and English proficiency.

Assistant Principals Appointed at Mendon High School and Calkins Road Middle School

The Pittsford Central School District's Board of Education appointed Kelly A. Zielke as assistant principal at Mendon High School. Zielke most recently served as a computer and math teacher at the secondary level and as the substitute assistant principal at Webster Thomas High School. Her experiences also include being a summer school principal for the Cooperative Summer School. In addition, Zielke has been a New York State Math League Officer since 2002.

Zielke received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics Education from SUNY Geneseo, her Master of Science in Education with a concentration in computer

education from Nazareth College. She also earned a School District and School Building Leadership administrative certificate from the University of Rochester's Warner School.

The Pittsford Central School District's Board of Education also appointed Audra Schmitt as assistant principal at Calkins Road Middle School. Schmitt most recently served as the interim assistant principal at Calkins Road Middle School. Previously, Schmitt was the Pittsford Central School District's Secondary Social Studies Standard Leader, a position that entailed the development of curriculum and assessments for students in grades 6 through 12.



Kelly A. Zielke



Audra Schmitt

Before teaching global history and geography in the Pittsford Central School District, Schmitt worked in the Brighton, Gates and Greece Central School Districts. She also served as an adjunct instructor at SUNY Brockport and Medaille College.

Schmitt received her Bachelor of Arts from Arizona State University, her Master of Science in General Education from Nazareth College and her Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Administration from SUNY Oswego.

The PCSD Board of Education elected president and vice president

The Pittsford Central School District Board of Education elected its president and vice president at the July 15 Board of Education reorganization meeting. Kim McCluski was again elected as president and Peter Sullivan will serve as vice president. For more information about the Board of Education, please go to the District website.



Kim McCluski



Peter Sullivan

2013 State Assessment Scores

The results of the ELA and Math Assessments given to students in grades 3-8 this past May have been published at the district level and are in the process of being sent to parents. As promised by the New York State Education Department's Commissioner, school districts around the state have received scores that reflect substantial drops in proficiency rates. This was forecasted by the New York State Department of Education as they elected to assess students on the

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Coming up . . .

September

- September 10**
 - MHS School Picture Day
 - TR PTSA Meeting
 - JR PTSA Meeting
 - JR Welcome Picnic
 - PR Welcome Back Picnic
 - AC Welcome Back Picnic Rain Date
 - MC Welcome Back Picnic
 - TR Gr 3 Curriculum Night
 - PYS Board Meeting
 - SHS Senior College Application Night
 - MHS Lunch Dismissal Required Meeting
- September 10-11**
 - CRMS Book Fair
- September 11**
 - MHS School Picture Day
 - SHS Freshman & Sophomore Yearbook Photos
 - SHS PTSA Meeting
 - CRMS Open House
 - PR Gr 3 Parent Information Night
- September 12**
 - MC PTSA Meeting
 - BRMS PTSA Meeting
 - BRMS Open House
 - SHS Open House
 - AC Kindergarten Parent Information Night
- September 14**
 - Town of Pittsford Community Event: Pittsford Celebrates
- September 16**
 - Board of Education Meeting
- September 17**
 - CRMS PTSA Meeting
 - PR Gr 4 Parent Information Night
 - TR Gr 4 Curriculum Night
 - PASS Meeting
- September 18**
 - District PTSA Leadership Orientation
- September 19**
 - Board of Education MCE Tour & Visit
 - AC PTSA Meeting
 - TR Gr 1 Curriculum Night
 - MHS Open House
 - JR Parent Information Night
- September 20**
 - BRMS School Picture Day
 - TR PTSA Welcome Back Picnic
 - CRMS Gr 6 Fun Night
- September 21**
 - ACT
- September 23**
 - PR PTSA Meeting
- September 25**
 - District PTSA Meeting
- September 26**
 - MHS Senior Parent Night
- September 27**
 - SHS Urban/Suburban Breakfast
 - BRMS Gr 6 Fun Night
- September 30**
 - Board of Education Meeting - School Report by MC

October

- October 1**
 - MC School Picture Day
- October 2**
 - BRMS School Picture Make-Up Day
 - SHS PTSA Meeting
 - MC Gr 5 Roller Skating
- October 3**
 - MHS PTSA Meeting
 - MC School Picture Day
- October 4**
 - PR Gr 4 & 5 Roller Skating
- October 5**
 - SAT and Subject Tests
- October 7-11**
 - MHS & SHS Homecoming Week and Float Building
- October 8**
 - AC School Picture Day
 - TR PTSA Meeting
 - JR PTSA Meeting
 - PYS Board Meeting
- October 9**
 - CRMS School Picture Day
 - MC Gr 4 Roller Skating
 - PASS Meeting
- October 10**
 - MC PTSA Meeting
- October 11**
 - Schools Closed Superintendent's Conference Day
 - Transportation Department Refresher Training
 - MHS Homecoming Dance
 - SHS Homecoming Dance

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Coming up cont'd ...

- October 12**
 - Homecoming Parade
 - Homecoming Football Game
 - October 14**
 - Schools Closed - Columbus Day
 - October 15**
 - MHS Teachers' Tea
 - Board of Education Meeting
 - October 16**
 - CRMS School Picture Absentee Day
 - District PTSA Meeting
 - MC Gr 3 Roller Skating
 - MHS NHS Fall Induction
 - October 17**
 - JR School Picture Day
 - Board of Education MHS Tour & Visit
 - Employee Benefits Fair
 - October 18**
 - CRMS Gr 6 Musical
 - October 19**
 - PSAT
 - CRMS Gr 6 Musical
 - October 19-21**
 - PTSA Super Sale Drop-Off
 - October 21**
 - MHS School Picture Re-Take Day
 - PR PTSA Meeting
 - October 21-25**
 - Red Ribbon Week
 - October 22**
 - PR School Picture Day
 - PTSA Super Sale Pre-Sale for Staff & Workers
 - October 23**
 - MC Gr 2 Roller Skating
 - AC Family Reading Night
 - October 23-24**
 - PTSA Super Sale Open to Public
 - October 24**
 - TR School Picture Day
 - AC PTSA Meeting
 - October 24-26**
 - SHS Drama
 - October 25**
 - PTSA Super Sale Half-Price Sale
 - PR Gr 2 & 3 Roller Skating
 - BRMS/CRMS Gr 6 Combined Fun Night - Halloween Theme
 - October 26**
 - ACT
 - PTSA Super Sale Bag-It Day
 - October 27**
 - Town of Pittsford Community Event: Family Halloween Fest
 - October 28**
 - Board of Education Meeting - School Report by MHS
 - October 30**
 - MC Gr 1 Roller Skating
 - SHS Vocal Concert
 - October 31**
 - PR Halloween Parade
- November**
- November 1**
 - BRMS Gr 7 & 8 Activity Night
 - November 2**
 - SAT and Subject Tests
 - November 3**
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
 - November 4**
 - Wrestling Begins
 - TR PTSA Book Fair
 - TR Kindergarten & Gr 1 Roller Skating
 - MHS Fall Concert Part 1
 - November 4-8**
 - MC Book Fair
 - November 5**
 - TR Gr 2 & 3 Roller Skating
 - CRMS PTSA Meeting
 - JR PTSA Meeting
 - November 5-7**
 - TR PTSA Book Fair
 - AC Book Fair
 - November 6**
 - BRMS School Picture Re-Take Day
 - Hockey Begins
 - TR Gr 4 & 5 Roller Skating
 - SHS PTSA Meeting
 - MHS Fall Concert Part 2
 - November 6-7**
 - PR Book Fair
 - November 7**
 - PR Book Fair and Family Fun Night
 - MC Book Fair Family Night
 - SHS Junior Parent/Student Night
 - November 8**
 - First Marking Period Ends
 - November 11**
 - Schools Closed - Veterans Day
 - Remainder of Varsity & JV Sports Begin
 - November 12**
 - Board of Education Meeting

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Pittsford graduate continues dedication to excellence in education

Kelvin Knight fostered a passion for education as a Pittsford student and has continued that pursuit. Knight attended Pittsford schools as part of the Urban-Suburban program. After graduating from Mendon High School, Knight went on to complete his undergraduate studies in psychology at the University of Rochester. He then earned his Master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois.

After completing his education, Knight returned to Rochester to work for Xerox. While working at Xerox, Knight moderated a Science Bowl Competition for students of the Rochester City School District. Knight wondered about students in the Urban-Suburban program having the chance to participate in similar events. This led him to search for programs, which resulted in the creation of the Urban-Suburban Science Bowl Program during the 2008-2009 school year. The team made it all the way to the semi-finals during the first year.

During the second year of the program, the team advanced to the finals and won second place. As a result of the first-place team not being able to attend, the second place winners had the opportunity to attend the national competition in Washington, D.C.

"It was a great experience for the students to spend time on a college campus and get tours of the nation's capital," Knight said. "One of the coolest moments was having Mrs. Obama moderate the last event."

Knight hopes the program gives students the opportunity to build their high school resumes and prepare them for college. The team



Pittsford Mendon graduate Kelvin Knight with members of the Urban-Suburban Science Bowl team. Students who are interested in joining the team should contact Knight at kelvin.knight@rocketmail.com.

recently visited Syracuse University, a school attended by a former teammate.

Participation is open to all students. Interest meetings will be held in the fall or contact Kelvin Knight at kelvin.knight@rocketmail.com.

2013 State Assessment Scores (cont.)

Common Core Learning Standards with the understanding that the curricular shifts required by the new standards have not been fully implemented.

KEY: Each number represents the percentage of students who scored a 3 or a 4 (proficient).

Black – Pittsford CSD

Maroon – Monroe County average

Grade/Area	3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA	57/27	62/21	57/21	65/17	72/25	73/25
Math	65/20	60/23	58/21	65/19	64/22	68/23

The changes in standards and assessments came at a time when the New York State Education Department also asked NYS school districts to learn about and implement the Dignity Act, Responses to Intervention, Annual Professional Performance Reviews and Common Core - simultaneously. With this tremendous amount of change, PCSD students and staff put their best work behind each initiative.

It is critical to understand that these scores are a measurement of the extent our students understood the new common core curriculum. The results will serve as a new baseline for us to measure student growth in the future years.

The Common Core curriculum is indeed promising and will help PCSD build something special as the future that current students are facing is vastly different than previous generations. Pittsford is a district that graduates 98 percent of students and in a manner where students are indeed college and career ready. PCSD will sustain this work around the Common Core and continue to be leaders in education. Now that the NYSED has established baseline scores, the District can analyze the results to see where its instructional focus needs to be for the coming school year.

PCSD will keep these scores in perspective. A score of a 1 or 2 does not automatically mean that a student needs additional support. It does not mean that a student is not proficient. It simply means that the student did not score well on an assessment that was new to schools last year. As always, teachers and administrators will look at multiple pieces of data, coupled with the state scores, to determine if a student may need more or different types of help. Students and staff should remain positive and proud of the work they did last year and look forward to an exciting 2013-2014 school year.

In accordance with New York Education Law Section 3012-c (10), parents and legal guardians may request the final quality rating and composite effectiveness score for each of the teachers and for the principal of the school building in which their child is assigned to for the current school year. The District will also provide you with an explanation of the composite effectiveness scoring ranges for final quality ratings, and an opportunity to understand such score in the context of teacher evaluation and student performance. To obtain the request form, visit www.pittsfordschools.org.

Sutherland, Calkins Road, Allen Creek and Jefferson Road to receive Title I Funds

This school year, the Pittsford Central School District is again receiving Title I funds. For this reason, the District is required to publish its "Program and Projects Funded by Title I" policy (#8260) adopted by the Board of Education on May 23, 2005. The policy is as follows:

Programs and Projects Funded By Title I

Parental Involvement

The Board of Education recognizes the rights of parents/guardians to be fully informed of all information relevant to their children who participate in programs and projects funded by Title I. The District shall ensure parental involvement in these programs and projects by:

- a) Providing such support for parental involvement activities as required by law;
- b) Convening an annual meeting to which all parents/guardians of participating children shall be invited;
- c) Providing parents/guardians with reports on their children's progress;
- d) Providing opportunities for regular meetings of parents/guardians.

In addition to the above, the District shall, jointly and in agreement with parents of students receiving Title I services, establish expectations for parent involvement in Title I programs in accordance with Section 1118(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Similarly, each Title I school within the District shall establish building level school/parent involvement policies in accordance with Section 1118(b). Such school/parent policies shall include, where applicable, school-parent compacts outlining how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the state's high standards.

Comparability of Services

The District shall ensure equivalence among the schools in the District of the same grade span and levels of instruction with regard to teachers, administrators and auxiliary personnel as well as equivalence in the provision of curriculum materials and instructional supplies in Title I programs.

See you at the stage!

"To Be Announced"

Sutherland High School Drama
October 24, 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, matinee at 2 p.m.

"White Christmas"

Mendon High School Musical
December 12, 13, 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 14, matinee at 2 p.m.

Moving forward on Strategic Initiative 2013-2017

“Engage students in the learning by increasing rigor and authenticity of their learning experiences.”

Despite 2012-2013 school year’s challenges of implementing the unfunded Reform Agenda (Response to Intervention, Common Core Standards, Dignity Act, and Annual Professional Performance Reviews for teachers and administrators), the District continues to stay committed and focused on moving forward with its strategic initiative of “Engaging students in the learning by increasing rigor and authenticity of their learning experiences.” This initiative was constructed through collaborative brainstorming and development with various stakeholder groups including parents, teachers, administrators, Board of Education members, staff members and residents without children enrolled in school.

“Engaging students and moving them along the continuum of increased rigor, authenticity and engagement means that we need to provide students more experiences of learning by doing instead of learning by listening,” said Superintendent Michael Pero. The full meaning behind this strategic initiative was examined and unpacked by various leadership groups over the summer to be sure it’s explainable and understandable for stakeholder groups and for those responsible for delivering on this initiative.

“Students in classrooms today need to learn different skills than generations that came before them. The District is committed to meeting the challenge of defining these skills and incorporating them in our curriculum,” said Superintendent Michael Pero.

District Dignity Act

The Pittsford Central School District is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy learning environment that promotes respect and dignity.

This school year, the District unveiled a campaign to help combat bullying and harassment. The motto of the campaign “Be an Ally. Take Action. Stop Bullying.”

With this campaign, the District will highlight its policy on bullying and harassment, as well as continue to enforce the Dignity Act. The Dignity Act, which was implemented in July of 2012, makes it the official policy of New York State that all students in public schools have the right to an education free from discrimination and harassment.

The District has Dignity Act Coordinators assigned in each of its nine buildings. These coordinators hold appropriate licenses or certifications and have been trained for this role. Dignity Act Coordinators are available and prepared to receive students struggling with or witnessing instances of bullying in their respective school buildings.



Allen Creek Elementary	Mike Biondi, Principal	267-1201
Jefferson Road Elementary	Shawn Clark, Principal	267-1301
Mendon Center Elementary	Mark Puma, Assistant Principal	267-1404
Park Road Elementary	Benjamin Rudd, Principal	267-1501
Thornell Road Elementary	Roger DeBell, Principal	267-1701
Barker Road Middle School	Teresa Seeler, Assistant Principal	267-1804
Calkins Road Middle School	Audra Schmitt, Assistant Principal	267-1903
Mendon High School	Kelly Zielke, Assistant Principal	267-1604
Sutherland High School	Eileen Scoville, Assistant Principal	267-1103

Bullying can also be reported using the Dignity for All Students Reporting Form. This form and other information related to the Dignity Act are available on the District website at www.pittsfordschools.org. The form can be accessed by selecting Departments and then Student Services. The navigation on the left side of the Student Services page features a link to Dignity Act materials.

Informative posters and a brochure promoting the message of “Be an Ally” will be used in each school to educate students about available resources. The District’s goal is to promote a clear and consistent message to students about the Dignity Act.

District establishes concussion policy

The Pittsford Central School District Board of Education has approved a new policy related to Concussion Management. In making this policy, the Board recognized that concussions and head injuries are the most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities.

A concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI) that occurs when normal brain activity is interrupted by a blow or jolt to the head or body that results in the head and brain moving rapidly back and forth. Recovery will vary based on the person and circumstances, but avoiding re-injury and over-exertion are integral for proper concussion management.

A Concussion Management Team has been created that includes the athletic director, school nurse standards leader, school physician, health standards leader, coach, physical education standards leader, classroom teacher, counselor and certified athletic trainer.

In addition, each coach, physical education teacher, school nurse and certified athletic trainer who work or provide instruction to students in school-sponsored athletic activities and events will complete a course every two years about recognizing the symptoms of concussions and monitoring progress.

If a student demonstrates signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion while in class, an extracurricular activity or an interscholastic athletic event, he or she will be removed for evaluation by a health care professional. The student will not return to physical activity for at least 24 hours and until the District receives written authorization from a licensed physician.

More information can be located through the District website, www.pittsfordschools.org, on the Student Services page under Health and Safety.

TEDx event features Pittsford educator, student and a focus on connections

Patricia Brogan, the PCSD director of special education, participated in a TEDx event hosted by the Allendale Columbia School. Brogan collaborated with Taylor Sherman, a Mendon High School student. The focus of the event was making connections, and Brogan’s talk emphasized community connections and their relationship to young people with developmental disabilities.

Brogan began her talk by discussing how progress can be made if people focus on abilities and place less emphasis on disabilities. A strong community allows for every member to be valued and encouraged to contribute and participate.

“Connections are important in everything we do,” Brogan said.

Sherman discussed the various connections she has made in school and in her workplace. She said a connection can be made with a simple introduction.

The foundation for community involvement can begin through education. Brogan discussed the Universal Design for Learning, which refers to setting up curriculum and instruction that allows all students of varying abilities to access learning.

If the idea of a universal design was applied to community connections, then physical, social and communicative barriers to belonging could be lifted.

TEDx events are an extension of the TED mission of “ideas worth spreading.” These events are organized on a community-by-community basis and often feature a combination of videos from previous TED talks and live presenters.

Progress on Capital Project

The Pittsford Central School District has been progressing with the Capital Project, including Board of Education updates to the community, reviewing building components and submitting State Education Department (SED) documents for approval and issuance of building permits.

Phase 1, which involves the Physical Education/Athletic Fields and Ancillary Facilities, was submitted to the State Education Department this past June. This first phase will include integrating turf fields into existing stadiums and adding lights to the Sutherland High School stadium field. Pending SED approval, now expected to be up to eight months, the District is targeting the start of construction for the summer of 2014.

The Capital Project’s Phase 2 will focus on the secondary schools. The District is scheduled to submit the materials to SED in October. Highlights of the second phase will include asbestos abatement, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, lavatories at both high schools and Barker Road Middle School, ventilation improvements at Sutherland and Barker Road Middle School, a secure entry for Mendon High School and a feasibility study of pool facilities.

Phase 3 includes asbestos abatement, ventilation and related infrastructure and various facility and site repairs and renovations to all of the elementary schools. The bid package and design are being determined with a projected SED submission of spring 2014.

The Project Team is working diligently to maintain the scope of work while staying within the budget as required by law. Fundraising is needed and efforts continue for the ancillary and support facilities at the stadiums as required in the voter approved proposition. If you would like to contribute, please visit the KEEP Foundation website at www.keeppittsford.org. Please go to the District website at www.pittsfordschools.org under Departments/Business and Financial for project updates.

Coming up cont'd ...

- November 13**
- CRMS Family Night
- PASS Meeting
- PYS Board Meeting
- November 14**
- AC School Picture Re-Take Day
- Board of Education AC Tour & Visit
- MC PTSA Meeting
- BRMS PTSA Meeting
- SHS Lunch Dismissal Required Meeting for Students & Parents
- MHS Junior Parent Night
- November 15**
- PR Gr 1 Roller Skating
- CRMS Gr 7 & 8 Fun Night
- November 18**
- Freshman Basketball Begins
- PR PTSA Meeting
- November 18-22**
- JR Book Fair
- November 19**
- MC School Picture Absent/Re-Take Day
- TR PTSA Meeting
- November 20**
- CRMS School Picture Re-Take Day
- District PTSA Meeting
- November 21**
- TR School Picture Make-Up Day
- AC PTSA Meeting
- MHS PTSA Meeting
- November 22**
- PR School Picture Re-Take Day
- November 25**
- All Mod-B Sports Begin
- Board of Education Meeting - School Report by AC
- November 26**
- K-5 Report Cards Sent Home
- November 27-29**
- Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Recess

Consent for use of Photographs/Videos

Throughout the school year, photographs and/or videotapes may be taken of students for use in district-produced publications, videos, podcasts, Web pages or by the news media. If you do NOT wish your child to be photographed or videotaped, please indicate this, in writing, to your child’s principal.

Changes at Local Bridges Impact Bus Runs

Some school bus routes were modified to meet revised weight limitations on the Marsh Road canal bridge in Perinton and the Mitchell Road canal bridge in Pittsford. This may result in slightly longer bus rides for some students.

A recent bridge inspection and engineering analysis was performed and the maximum load-carrying weight is less than the weight of a school bus. The posted weight for Marsh Road has been lowered to 8 tons and the posted weight for Mitchell road has been lowered to 12 tons until further notice. Both bridges are open to all normal, passenger vehicles.

Homecoming Highlights

Monday, October 7 – Friday, October 11
Float Building Week
Mendon High School and Sutherland High School

Friday, October 11
(No School – Superintendent’s Conference Day)

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Mendon High School Homecoming Dance
MHS Commons

8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sutherland High School Homecoming Dance
SHS Gymnasium

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m.
Homecoming parade
Village of Pittsford

Homecoming game
7 p.m.
Pittsford Panthers vs. Fairport Raiders
St. John Fisher College

PCSD Ranked First Among 67 School Districts

Buffalo’s Business First released rankings from its Guide to Western New York Schools. The results of analyzing multiple sets of data, across elementary, middle and high schools, resulted in Pittsford Central School District ranking #1 in an eight county region - Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates -- containing 67 school districts. Here are the rankings:

High Schools – 67 Districts, 83 high schools, eight county Rochester region

1 – Mendon High School
2 – Sutherland High School

Middle Schools - 67 Districts, 90 middle schools, eight county Rochester region

1 – Calkins Road Middle School
2 – Barker Road Middle School

SchoolMessenger Next Steps

The Pittsford Central School District announced that it will begin using SchoolMessenger soon to help notify parents and staff in an efficient and timely manner during an emergency.

SchoolMessenger will complement the District’s existing emergency preparedness procedures. The system will not replace current modes of school communication, such as District newsletters and Principal Updates, but it will serve as the primary means of communication when critical communication needs to be shared during and after school hours. Some examples would include notification of a snow day, early closing, or critical information during an emergency.

During the summer, the District worked to update and add to our databases based on the forms sent back by parents and guardians. If you have more updates to add or changes to make, please contact your student’s school registrar.

In the coming weeks the District will be sending out two or three test messages via SchoolMessenger. The inbound number that will appear on your phone is 267-1001. The service has the ability to leave voicemail including the information being communicated through the various portals.

If you have any questions or concerns about SchoolMessenger, we encourage you to come to the SchoolMessenger Help Sessions that will be held during upcoming curriculum nights and open houses at your child’s school. Members of the Technology Department will be on hand to address questions and assist with updating contact information.

Safety and security for students and staff are the District’s top priorities, and the utilization of SchoolMessenger is one example of this dedication.

The Pittsford Central School District does not discriminate in access, admission, employment, or treatment of participants in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, age, sex, color, handicapping condition or ethnic or national origin. This is in compliance with Title IX, OCR Guidelines, and other applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Inquiries regarding compliance issues may be addressed to: Michael Leone, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Administration Building, Pittsford Central Schools, 75 Barker Road, Pittsford, New York 14534.

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