



# Para Junior High School

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Report to Board of Education

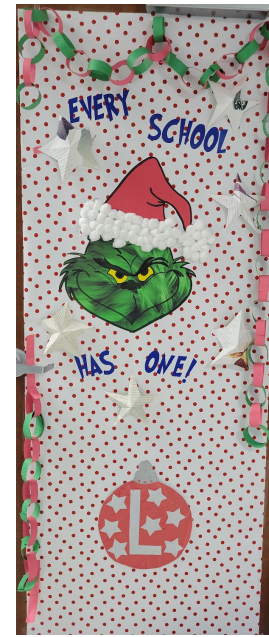
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## Enrollment as of 12/8/2023:

Grade	Enrollment	Attendance	Alternative Educational Setting
6th	82	93.41%	1 - St. Pats; 1 - Taylorville Jr. High; 1 - Taylorville - Cornerstone
7th	75	94.99%	2 - Nokomis - Cornerstone; 2 - Menta Taylorville; 1 - Memorial Elementary (FACES); 1 - Taylorville Jr. High
8th	94	93.69%	1 - Nokomis - Cornerstone

## Good Things at PJHS

- Teachers have been planning out some new Electives to offer students next quarter.
  - Mrs. Perry and Ms. Williams will be teaching students the purpose and basics of Homesteading in 6th grade. Students will learn about self-sufficiency, preservation of food, craft work, and growing food. Other topics may include raising livestock.
  - Mrs. Cothorn and Mrs. Keeling will be collaborating together and offering two sections of Maker's Challenges for 6th - 8th grade students. Students will grab inspiration from fun picture books and bring their ideas to life using robots, 3D printers, and every day supplies! The ultimate goal will be to transition these students into creating their own Maker's Challenges for younger students and share them next year.
  - Mrs. Schutt will be working with 6th - 8th grade students on using the scientific method to complete a science fair project. The project will include completing the experiment, review of literature, data table & graphs, and creating a presentation board. Students will do a presentation in front of their peers.
- The JH and HS Band and choirs presented their Sounds of the Season holiday concert to a packed house last week! The Junior High Music Department was well-represented by several students at the ILMEA District Festival on November 18. The following students were selected for Junior Band: Milo Martell, French Horn; Dace Jones, Tuba; Brynlee Tipsword, Trumpet; Karlee Hooper, Flute; Nancy Presenell, Oboe; and Alyssa Pieper, Clarinet.
- Student Council held their Holiday Door Decorating contest last week. Students planned and created designs in their Resource class. This years door were top notch, but only a few could win the prize.
  - 6th grade - Mrs. Perry
  - 7th grade - Mrs. Lenover
  - 8th grade - Mrs. Keeling
  - Staff - Mrs. Scherzer/Library



### Student of the Month

- 6th Grade
  - Mariah Durbin and Keegan Pope
- 7th Grade
  - Leigha Rogers and Parker Durham
- 8th Grade
  - Brayden Hicks and Brigitte Pierce

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