Pana High School
Report to the Board of Education
October, 2026

- 9th Grade 89
- 10th Grade 90
- 11th Grade 101
- 12th Grade 85
- Totals **365**

Our enrollment has reduced by 42 students from October of last year. This is due to transfers, students withdrawing to homeschool and overall reduced enrollment. I recently attended a meeting hosted by Lakeland College. The topic was the demographic shift in Illinois. The reduction in enrollment is a statewide problem. There was a 10% reduction in public education students in Illinois. The data indicates that the reduction in students is going to continue over the next decade.

Obviously, the high school students and staff are dealing with the passing of one of our former teachers. Extra counselors were available to help students or staff who were struggling with their grief. There are preliminary talks about establishing a memorial scholarship as well.

Financial Aid Night for our seniors was 10/9/26. Mrs. Livingston was present to walk our seniors and their parents through the FAFSA process.

The seniors attended a Career Fair at Lakeland. They were exposed to many college and career opportunities. They were able to visit with reps to learn about potential post high school opportunities.

The high school continues to devote intentional time toward the district literacy initiative. High school staff attended a virtual PD on complex texts and will attend another PD on differentiating reading assignments for our students with IEP's. The staff has also collaborated to analyze data in order to identify strengths and weaknesses and make adjustments to instruction based on the data.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: High school teachers contacted the parents of students in danger of failing a class. Many of the conferences occurred via phone and some by email correspondence. Teachers met with parents who wished to speak in person as well. Overall, the blended approach allowed the high school teachers to speak with a great deal of parents.

The First National Bank Senior-of-the-Month was: Aaron Moss

The October WMKR Radio Students-of-the-Month are:
9th Chloe Beyers
10th Joliana Morrison
11th Tyler McGuire
12th Lillian Jostes