Pana Junior High School

Lisa Mayhall, Principal

Report to Board of Education

October 2026

Enrollment as of 10/16/2026:

Grade	Registered
6th	65
7th	72
8th	82

Highlights

Celebrations

- *Attendance* - For the month of September, we celebrated the homeroom class in each grade level with the highest attendance rate. They got to choose between an extra recess; being a DJ for a day and picking music to play during passing periods; or being first in line for lunch. All three classes picked an extra recess! Congratulations to Mrs. Schutt's, Mr. Butler's, and Ms. Smith's homeroom!
- Students of the Month
    - 6th Grade - Blake Chrispen
    - 7th Grade - Jesse Parrino
    - 8th Grade - Brylee Goff
- Conferences
    - We had 63 families show up for fall P/T conferences this year.

School-Improvement

- Teachers participated in Navigating Complex Texts professional development a few weeks ago. Kellyn Sirach, Reading Content Specialist with the Illinois SLD Support Project presented evidence-based strategies to support our students with challenging material in the classroom. Teachers learned how to identify features of complex texts, scaffold reading instruction, and foster critical thinking through reading tasks.

Student Involvement

- The Panther Den has been busy volunteering at the Methodist and First Christian Church. The students have really enjoyed their time at the churches helping out.

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- Student Council is up and running as well. Throughout the week, a handful of students assist at the elementary school and run the concession stand at the basketball games.

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