



PANTHERS FEEDING PANTHERS

PANA HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM ORIGINS

A CLASSROOM CONVERSATION

- ✓ **Student-Led Initiative:** Developed from Foods class discussions.
- ✓ **Founded Spring 2026:** Guided by FCS teacher Jeremy Nihiser.
- ✓ **Core Purpose:** Addressing local food insecurity directly.



THE CONTEXT

UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEED

48%

Pana High School
Low-income students

58%

Pana CUSD #8
Low-income district rate

13.3%

Pana Residents
Below poverty threshold

OUR MISSION

PANA Pack exists to help ensure that Panthers and their families have access to food when they need it.



Through **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**, community generosity, and service to others,



we collect **DONATED FOOD**,



assemble **WEEKEND FOOD PACKS**,



and provide them to students with **DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND CARE.**



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WALK LIKE YOU BELONG. WALK LIKE A PANTHER.

COMPASSION COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

REMOVING BARRIERS, PRESERVING DIGNITY

Providing discreet and accessible food assistance for weekends.

Students can collect food packs for themselves and family members without publicly identifying as needing help.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

FRIDAY DISTRIBUTIONS



21 Packs

Weekly starting inventory



Every Friday

After-school pickup

Students actively prepare replacement packs based on weekly demand, ensuring consistent supply.



IMPACT REPORT (AUG 28 – OCT 16)

EIGHT WEEKS OF SERVICE

92

Packs Prepared

78

Packs Distributed

10

Weekly Average

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

COMMUNITY MEDIA COVERAGE

WAND NEWS

September 14, 2026

"Teacher, students start weekly food program for students in need."

TAYLORVILLE DAILY NEWS

September 16, 2026

"Panther Pack helps provide weekend food to Pana High School students."

THE DISPATCH

September 23, 2026

"Nihiser turns classroom lessons into community service."

TOGETHER, WE MAKE PANA BETTER.

Education, compassion, and community service
coming together.

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