



Pana Junior High School

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Report to Board of Education

December 2022

Enrollment as of 12/12/2022.

Grade	Enrollment	Alternative Placement
6th	80	Menta Academy - Cornerstone - Nokomis - 1 Menta Academy - Cornerstone - Taylorville - 1 MidState Cornerstone Nokomis Academy SpEd Services - 1 • (transitioning back in January) Shelbyville Bridges - 1 • (transitioning back in January) Taylorville Junior High - 2
7th	102	Christmont Safe School - 1 MidState Cornerstone Nokomis Academy SpEd Services - 1 Shelbyville Bridges - 1
8th	88	Menta Academy - Cornerstone - Nokomis - 1 Shelbyville Bridges - 1

Good Things at PJHS

- Pana Junior High School is participating in the Decatur (Gallery 510) Young Artists Showcase 2023 Art Show. The google document below will show you which students have been entered into the show. Then a panel of judges analyze and review each submission from the surrounding schools. Ms. Henkel will receive an email later in December letting her know which students made it into the top 100 works for the Final Show in January 2023. They will actually mat and back the artwork for the students and present the work in the Anne Lloyd Gallery inside of the Madden Arts Center, in Decatur, Illinois. The date of the reception for the students grades 5th-8th grade is on January 6th, 2023 (from 5:00-7:30pm). [Pictures](#)
- Congratulations to Cayden Boykin for a great performance in the Illinois Music Education Association Concert Band last month! We're very proud of him!
- McKylee Rhodes won 1st place and Cameron King won 2nd place in Pana's VFW Patriot Pen essay contest. They each wrote an essay about their pledge to veterans.
 - [McKylee](#)
 - [Cameron](#)

Academic Improvement and Student Performance Goals

- In reviewing data from our district assessments (MAP) and state assessment (IAR), we identified that most of our students were not as proficient in math as we would like. Last year, we made changes to our master schedule that would allow for additional math instruction time. This year, we took that time and combined it with RTI and SEL to make a new class called *Panther Time*. This specific class is an hour long so that teachers can implement a blended learning approach to keep students engaged. Students rotate through *Capturing Kids Hearts* SEL lessons & activities, content-specific enrichment or RTI Interventions, and math skill practice. In addition, the teachers in the math department have been implementing differentiated instructional strategies during class. We also identified that our students showed growth in ELA, specifically writing. This is due to the implementation of *EB Academics Writing* program. The essay writing framework has been presented to teachers across all content areas so that they can integrate it into their curriculum. Students using the framework in multiple classes has been highly successful.

Student's of the Month

- 6th Grade - Camo Cooper & Marley Jerrell
- 7th Grade - Kenly Cox & Brayden Hicks
- 8th Grade - McKylee Rhoades & Cayden Boykin

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Student Council has planned holiday activities each week on Friday. Students and teachers have enjoyed trivia, bingo, and teacher-student competitions. In addition, classes competed in door decorating.
 - [Door Decorating](#)
 - [BINGO](#)
- Panther Den raised over \$100 to donate to the Pana Christmas food baskets this year. They ran a half-court shot during a basketball game and dress down day for teachers.
- The band and chorus held their Holiday Concert last Tuesday.

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