

***Pana High School  
Report to the Board of Education  
November, 2023***



- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 104
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 105
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 94
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 78
- Totals 381

**Good Things at PHS:**

- The marching band attended the Oblong Spooktacular in October.
  - **Field Show Competition:**  
1st Place Overall  
2nd Place Drum Major  
3rd Place Color Guard  
3rd Place Percussion
- Illinois Music Educators Association District 5 Festivals were attended by the following music students this month: Vocal Jazz: John Berns, Gabby Heinrich and Emma Stephens, Concert Choir: Nicole Arkebauer, John Berns, Cayden Hankins, Em Mendenhall, Emma Stephens, Madison Wehrle, ILMEA SR BAND - Abigaile Cline, Flute & ILMEA SR ORCHESTRA- Liberty Law, French Horn
- The National Honor Society hosted a blood drive on November 8th and had 124 people donate blood. We surpassed our goal of 105.
- The CKH Student Process Champions went to Lincoln school for American Education week and later in the month to teach 5th grade about Teamwork. We also Donated 513 pairs of socks to the Mission for Socktober!
- Our German sister school through the GAPP Program will be bringing 10-12 students to visit PHS from 2/24/24 - 3/8/24.

**School Report Card Data:**

Celebrations:

Commendable status

Math college remediation rate fell from 41% to 12%

Fall of 2021 data indicated a concern and we eliminated remedial courses and restructured Math course sequencing to ensure all students take Algebra 2.

Student attendance rose to 93.3% from 90.4%

Chronic absenteeism fell from 33% to 21.2%

Chronic truancy rate fell from 41.6% to 12.5%

All data points regarding attendance have been a focus. We have increased expectations and consequences and instituted several incentives. We have also leveraged all regional resources, ie RAP and truancy, to hold students and parents accountable.

Drop out rate fell to 4.4% from 5.7%

9th grade on track went from 80.2% to 90.8%

The graduation rate data points have also been an area of focus over the last 2 years. We revamped the summer school program and expanded credit recovery to allow students more opportunities to recover credits. We have also utilized

the Bridges and Revive programs to allow students who fall more than 1 year behind an intensive opportunity to make up credits and graduate with their class.

- We celebrate the hard work of the faculty and staff at PHS in implementing these new programs because their progress is counterintuitive to a growing Low Income population and rising Student Mobility.

#### Opportunities for Growth

The Graduation Rate fell from 86.5% to 83.3%.

We will continue to focus on the critical factors influencing high school graduation that we can control: 9th Grade on track, attendance and credit recovery.

The focus is going to be on the creation of a freshman At-risk classroom that will house 10-12 students who we believe will struggle to pass 5 core subjects.

We have no control over low-income status and the demographic factors proven to negatively impact graduation. Nor do we control if a student/family chooses to homeschool.

Teacher Attendance fell to 59.4%

The faculty and staff at the high school would like to thank all of our School Board members for the support we receive on a daily basis.



**The November First National Bank Senior-of-the-Month:** John Berns

**The November WMKR Radio Students-of-the-Month:**

Freshmen: Kooper Cole  
Sophomore: Delaney Hackler  
Junior: Kylie Evrley  
Senior: Noah Weeden

**CKH November Teamwork Winners:**

Freshmen: Jaiden Durbin  
Sophomore: Delaney Hackler  
Junior: Kynzi Presnell  
Senior: Bailey Evrley  
Staff: Tony Hicks

**The November Peoples Bank and Trust of Pana Student-Athletes-of-the-Month  
are:**

Freshmen: Cayden Durbin

Sophomore: Cash Lynch

Junior: Hayden Blackwell

Senior: Abigail Cline