

Pana High School
Report to the Board of Education
February, 2017

- 9th Grade 105
- 10th Grade 116
- 11th Grade 83
- 12th Grade 102
- Totals 406

The February First National Bank Senior-of-the-Month is Nick McMillen.

The February WMKR Radio Students-of-the-Month are: Jacob Beyers (9), Tristan Putt (10), Brenna Dameris (11), Abby Kuhn (12).

The January Peoples Bank Athletes of the Month were: Jonah Lauff (9), Jared Beyers (10), Averee McNear (11), Nick McMillen (12).

I.M. basketball finished its season on February 2nd. The Purple team captained by Josh Lenover won the championship. Eight teams participated this year with a total of 64 students.

Spring sports practices officially start on Monday, February 27th. (Track started in January)

The senior class is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 28th.

The FFA sponsored FFA Week February 21-24. Dress up days were: Tuesday – IH vs. John Deere Day, Wednesday – Cowboy Day, Thursday – Hunter vs. Hunted Day and Friday – Blue & Gold (FFA colors) Day. Students also drove tractors to school on Thursday, and trucks on Friday. Prizes were given to the student who had the Cleanest Truck, Tallest/Biggest, Newest, Oldest, Smallest, and Muddiest. The FFA also sold “hearts” this week for the Ronald McDonald House.

Mrs. Hankins will be taking Sociology students to the McCracken-Dean Funeral Home for their annual trip. This field trip is part of the Death and Dying unit.

Model UN will have an in-house field trip on Friday, March 3rd. Students will be presenting their research to a panel, and then will be given a crisis to deal with.

The chorus participated in the Area Choral Festival at South Fork High School on February 9th. Students are now preparing for Solo/Ensemble contest on March 4th.

The junior class will be seeing the *Grapes of Wrath* at UIS on Wednesday, March 8th. The students will also enjoy lunch at a Japanese restaurant and visit the Vachel Lindsay House.

The Foreign Language Club juniors and seniors will be traveling to Chicago on Friday, March 10. They will be visiting the following places: Navy Pier, Art Institute, Soldier Field and China town.

Miss Henkel will be traveling to Champaign with 10 students to the Art Rembrandt Society State Convention on Friday, March 10th.

The “Pops” concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th. March is “Music in Our Schools” month, so we are excited to celebrate music in our Pana schools.

The Music Boosters Variety Show(s) will be held March 24-25 in the auditorium.

Pana High School’s WYSE team competed Friday (2/3/17) in the Lake Land College regional WYSE competition. WYSE stands for worldwide youth science and engineering and is headquartered in Illinois at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. In the regional competition, there are three classes in which schools can compete. Class 300 is for smaller schools, class 700 is for mid-sized schools (this is where Pana High School falls), and class 1500 which is for the larger schools. Students take two tests in areas where they have been recommended by teachers or have areas in which the student has a keen interest. There are seven subject areas that students are tested in and these areas include chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology, engineering graphics, computer science, and English. Students compete both individually and as a team to attempt to advance to the sectional competition. Eastern Illinois University is the location of the sectional competition.

Participants found out the day of the regional competition what their scores were for their individual tests at an awards ceremony held in the Lake Land College field house. Advancing from Pana as individuals to the sectional were senior Mick Decker (2nd Place, Math and 3rd Place, Physics), senior Dylan Moon (1st Place, Engineering Graphics), senior Josh Simac (1st Place, Physics), and senior Jessica Swenny (2nd Place, Mathematics). Individuals who placed but did not advance as individuals were senior Brock DeWerff (3rd Place, Physics) and senior Jacob Latonis (3rd Place, Computer Science). Pana finished the regional competition with 444.2 points which was enough to give the team second place overall. The top six teams were Sullivan, Pana, T-Town, Paris, Shelbyville, and Marshall. With a second place finish as a team, members of the JV and varsity teams will compete in the sectional as a team on March 4th, 2017 at Eastern Illinois University.

