



Pana Junior High
Juletta Ellis, Principal
Report to Board of Education
December 2018

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 96
 7th Grade: 91
 8th Grade: 107
 Total: 294

Attendance:

6th Grade: 96.02%
 7th Grade: 94.19%
 8th Grade: 94.47%
 Average: 94.89%

The Band and Choir Holiday concert was held on December 5th. Both the band and the choir performed outstandingly! This is the first year 6th graders were able to participate in the vocal music part of the concert.



In addition, chorus members attended a showing of *A Christmas Carol* at the Hoogland Theater in Springfield on Friday, December 7th.

Our teachers have been busy at building and grade level meetings discussing student engagement techniques and trauma-informed practices. We recently had a ["snowball fight"](#) to encourage the use of restorative circles and talk about other applications and modifications of this practice.



A Pop-Up Party was held for all students in grades 6-8 who did not receive any referrals for 1st and 2nd quarters. Students were rewarded with popsicles, pencils, and candy canes.

The 8th grade boys' basketball team finished 3rd at the Nokomis tournament on November 2nd.

The PBIS Team and Student Council have been gearing up for Christmas-themed activities, which will feature a hot chocolate lunch, treat bag giveaway, ugly sweater contest, and will culminate in the big drawing on Friday, December 21st. Students have been earning Panther Bucks all semester long and will have the opportunity to put them into a surprise drawing.



The Panther Den recently went to the Methodist Church to fill food bags. To recognize their hard work and community service this semester, they were treated to lunch at Dairy Queen as well.

The students of PJHS also joined efforts to support the victims of the tornado in Taylorville. They very generously donated food items as well as money.





The November Students of the Month were announced at the beginning of December. These students exhibit dedication to academics, exemplary character, and great attitudes! Pictured are: Lillyanna Rochkes, Mason Richards, Chloe Ashcraft, Brant Bowker, Ryan Karbach, and Abigail Cline.

The Unknown Class has been busy planning their winter fundraiser for the ICEBox. It will be a Polar Express Night on Saturday, December 15th at the PJHS auditorium.

Students created special train tickets for free admission and also treat bags for the attendees.



Merry Christmas from PJHS!