



Pana Junior High School

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Report to Board of Education

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Attendance as of 2/19/2025:

Grade	Enrollment	Attendance
6th	75	87.5%
7th	88	90.03%
8th	71	89.54%

PJHS Activities

- 6th Grade students learned about the impact of Title IX on women's sports. After reading the graphic novel Hoops students compared and contrasted the stories told in the book to the real life stories from women in Pana. They were able to hear first hand experiences from long-time teacher, coach, and athletic director - Ms. Carol Schramm. Students also had the opportunity to listen to some of the first female athletes in Pana including Mary Cothorn, Cindy Miles, Jennie Jones, and Nancy Voudrie. Additionally, students heard from a more recent female athlete - Lainey Hicks. Students were proud to conclude that the experiences concerning girls sports in Pana has been a very positive and successful experience in comparison to other schools around the U.S. Students also conduct their own interviews to continue hearing and learning first hand accounts of the effect of Title IX on women in sports.
- We had two field trips this month. The band had the opportunity to attend a performance of *Drumline* at The Effingham Performance setting. This field trip was made possible through a donation from a community member. Then 7th & 8th grade students were able to attend *The Giver* at the UIS Performance Center. This field trip was made possible through the boards In the Trenches grant. We are so thankful for the support from the community and our board.
- Mrs. Schutt is planning her next WorldStrides trip in 2026. Students have begun fundraising to include selling flowers last week for Valentines Day. She is excited to extend the trip next year to include a few days in New York City along with their traditional Washington D.C. itinerary.

Students of the Month

- 6th - Mykel Allen and Remy Childress
- 7th - Alexis Ellenburg and Tymber Evrley
- 8th - Tru Kaiser and Claire Heldebrandt

Vision

PJHS will be a safe and supportive community for students to be productive and responsible in an engaging learning environment.