Pine City Public School District Newsletter

Summer Edition

June 2026

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Welcome to Pine City Public Schools!

Find the Latest News for the District on our website at www.isd578.org with new posts each week highlighting our students, staff and the great things happening in Dragon Territory!

#DragonPride
#RollDragons



Visit the **Summer Fun** page on the district website for free summer activities & other outdoor adventures! Click on any flyer or link on this webpage for more information!

> isd578.org/page/summerfun

Thank you for 2025-26

As another successful school year comes to a close, I want to thank our students, staff, families, and community for the energy and support you bring to our schools every day. Together, we continue to create opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed. It has been a great year in Pine City Schools, and we have much to celebrate.

Summer gives us a chance to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy everything Minnesota has to offer. Whether your plans include time at the lake, camping, traveling, working, or simply relaxing at home, I hope the months ahead bring you fun, rest, and lasting memories. Students, keep reading, stay curious, and take time to explore new interests. Learning does not stop when the school doors close.

While summer has just begun, our team is already preparing for another exciting school year. We look forward to welcoming students and families back this fall.

Please mark your calendars for our district Open House on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Open House gives students and families a chance to meet teachers, visit classrooms, reconnect with friends, and get ready for a strong start to the year. More details will be shared later this summer.

The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 1, 2026. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back for another year of learning and opportunity. (A full copy of the approved calendar is included in this month's newsletter!)



Thank you again for your partnership and support of Pine City Schools. Enjoy a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer. We look forward to seeing you in August. Until then, soak up the sunshine. Winter will be back before we know it. Minnesota likes to keep us humble.

- Superintendent Stolp

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JUNE 1 **6:30 PM** **SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION** DISTRICT BOARD ROOM	**JUNE 2** **BEGINNING BAND SIGN-UP** ELEMENTARY BAND ROOM ** SEE EVENT GRAPHIC FOR MORE INFO **	**JUNE 3** **PTO HOSTS 6TH GRADE GRADUATION PARTY** PINE COUNTY FAIR EVENT CENTER	**JUNE 4** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!** **HS ONLY - CHROMEBOOK DROP-OFF!**	
JUNE 8 PINE CITY SUMMER RECREATION EVENTS BEGIN				
JUNE 15 **6:30 PM** **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** DISTRICT BOARD ROOM	**JUNE 16** **10AM-1PM** **5TH ANNUAL PARKS & LARRY SUMMER KICKOFF** ROBINSON PARK			**JUNE 19** DISTRICT BUILDINGS CLOSED IN RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH
		JUNE 24 **6:30 PM** **PINE THEATER CAMP** PUBLIC PERFORMANCE PCHS AUDITORIUM		

BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOK AND CHARGER

DROP-OFF WILL HAPPEN DURING YOUR SCIENCE CLASSES

CONTACT MS. SCHUELLER WITH QUESTIONS: ESCHUELLER@ISD578.ORG

FREE SUMMER MEALS - ELEMENTARY USE DOOR #1 FROM 11AM TO NOON

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As the school year wraps up, we want to remind families that free summer meals will again be available at Pine City Elementary for all children and teens 18 years old and under! No cost. No sign-up. Just show up! Meals must be eaten on site. Click the buttons below for menus!

JUNE MENU **JULY MENU**

ROARS & RECAPS

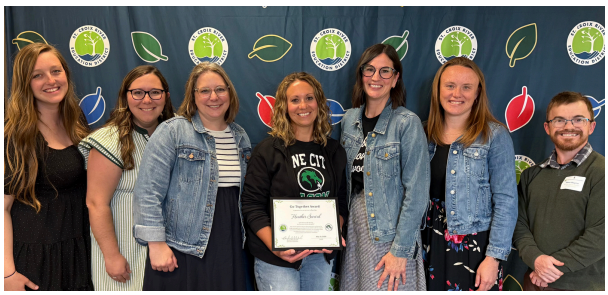
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SCRED Presents Award to Pine City Teacher

During the spring PD day, SCRED presented awards to SCRED staff and member district staff in recognition of their positive partnerships. The "Go To Award" is inspired by the proverb "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together" and it celebrates these individuals for achieving positive outcomes through their meaningful partnership with the SCRED staff who support their districts. Four staff from Pine City Public Schools were nominated this year, and the winner in our district was Heather Sward.



Heather Sward, Teacher
"Heather collaborates efficiently with all staff (SCRED or PCSD) at the school and is most often her students' favorite teacher. She has been an integral advocate and support for the roll out of READ act requirements and works to ensure/ finetune processes that are in place to support all students, all while maintaining a student-focused and kind mindset."

Other nominees included:

- **Tim Coleman** — "Tim helps run our MTSS process and is there for every step of the way from our Grade Level meetings to our Problem Solving meetings. He is a team player and has changed Pine City for the better since coming here."
- **Kristin Unverzagt** — "From her active participation on our PST team (she's a note-taking extraordinaire!), her willingness to go above and beyond for students, and immediate inclusion of me as a new staff in the district, she has played an important role in the great work we've done this year....and all while maintaining a realistic, positive mindset."
- **Jennifer Worlickey** — "This year, Jen further demonstrated her leadership by joining the special education work group, where she has been a vital contributor. She brings a wealth of experience and insight, particularly in supporting students as they transition into and succeed within the general education classroom when they are ready."

Pine City Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Pine City Athletic Hall of Fame Committee members are now accepting nominations of former Dragons for consideration into the Hall of Fame.
There are three categories for candidate consideration:

- Athletic - A former PCHS athlete who performed with excellence and lettered in a varsity sport. Nominees must be, or must have been a credit to Pine City High School and the community. Inductees my be living or deceased. Candidates must be a PCHS graduate and out of high school for at least five (5) years to be eligible.
- Coaches - nominee must be a former OR present coach who has distinguished themselves by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character and athletic achievement during their tenure.
- At Large - A person who has been a loyal and devoted supporter of PCHS Athletics.

Use This Link to View the Nomination Form.

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4th Grade Water Day

On Tuesday, May 26th the 4th graders enjoyed a day of water-based games to stay cool during the hot afternoon. We played drip, drip splash (similar to duck, duck, gray duck but with a cup of water), spray bottle tag, wet sponge relay races, and don't spill the splash (each student has a cup, all empty except the first person in line. They sit in a straight line and pour the water backwards over their head, while the person behind them tries to catch it in their cup. They go down the line and whichever team has the most water in their cup at the end is the winner).





Science Museum Fun for 1st Graders









The first grade classes headed out to the Science Museum on Thursday, May 21st for their annual field trip. Students enjoyed the learning opportunities and interactive experiences available.

5th Grade Field Trip to Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth

While visiting the Aquarium, students attended a class called "Run for Your Life Cycle" where we learned about the life cycle of sturgeon. We enjoyed exploring the exhibits, especially touching the jellyfish and sturgeon!





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Fawn Doe Rosa for 3rd Graders





Pine City 3rd graders enjoyed their field trip on Tuesday, May 19th to Fawn Doe Rosa. They had an opportunity to see, pet and feed a variety of animals with their classmates.






Woodworking with Mr. Eichten

Mr. Eichten's Advanced Woodworking classes have been turning baseball bats with donated material that Mr. Eichten receives from Aurelius Manufacturing in Braham. He and his students would like to thank them for their generosity during these times when material prices are so high. Here is Caleb Hogberg & Axel Hegge with their bats. Great job boys!




Mr. Eichten's seventh grade CTE classes have been working hard on the famous Pine City duck project. This is Eli Borgstrom with his finished duck. His was the first to migrate home for summer. Nice job Eli!



Minnesota Winds Field Trip for Band Students



Pine City Band Directors, Mss Ada Erdahl & Mr. Blake Groe took interested students from the Pine City Band Program to orchestra hall on Saturday May 30th for the season finale of Minnesota's first professional band - Minnesota Winds! They enjoyed hearing amazing musicians playing band classics and new compositions from living composers.

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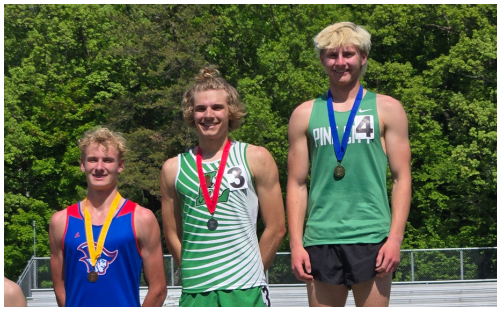
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Dragon Track Team Members Qualify for State

On Wednesday, May 27th the Dragon Track Team competed at Sections. Congratulations to Senior Weston Clementson for a 1st place finish in the 800m run and Junior Katey Thieman for a 2nd place finish in the Pole Vault event. Both students qualify to compete at the State Track meet on June 4th & 5th at St. Michael-Albertville. Best of luck to these Dragon athletes!

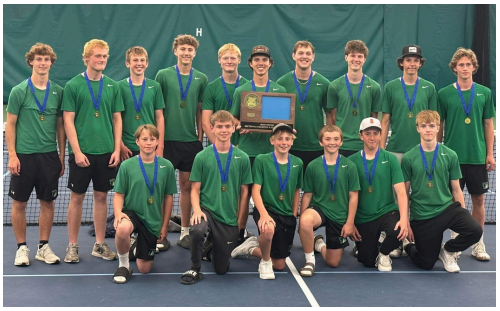


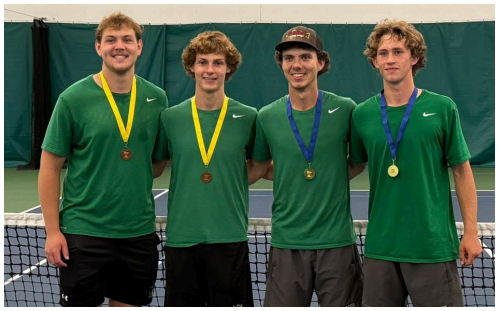




Dragon Tennis Team

Congratulations to Dragon Tennis on securing the team win in the Section 6A Tournament on May 19th to earn a trip to the State Tennis Tournament. They also competed on May 26th in the Individuals Tournament. Congratulations to Ashton Moore and Boden Valvoda on their 4th place finish in doubles. . Brady Berglund and Milo Rydberg secured the win for a Section 6A Doubles Champion and will advance to the state tournament on June 4!







Jazz Band Kicks off Art in the Park... in the Barn!

The Pine City High School band students from Jazz One and Jazz Two are featured annually as the kick-off for the Art in the Park summer music series in Pine City. The rainy weather for the May 22nd event sent the event indoors at the Pine County Fairgrounds Exhibit Barn.







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Class of 2026 - Annual Tractor Parade

Friday, May 22nd the Senior Class of 2026 celebrated their last day of classes by arriving in style! The seniors enjoyed a light breakfast as they gathered at the Pine County Fairgrounds thanks to Rys Farms and Country Financial before heading off to school. The parade of tractors and trailers down Main Street was escorted by the Pine City Fire Department.







It's Official - Class of 2026 Graduation

From graduation rehearsal to the elementary walk-through, decorating the parking lot spaces to the graduation parade and everything in between. It was a memorable and busy day on Friday, May 29th for the Class of 2026! Here are a few images to highlight the day!













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Beginning Band Sign-up night!

What day? Tuesday June 2nd
When? Three after school options:
- 3:00, 4:15, or 5:30

Where? Elementary Band Room
Who? Future band student and a parent/guardian

Pine City DRAGON BAND

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

Summer Band Lessons will be offered once again this year for Beginners, 5th & 6th Grade, Junior High and Senior High Band.

Various lesson times are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am - 1:30pm. Students are welcome to attend more than one lesson time. Click HERE or use the QR Code for more info!

Sports Physicals Available

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) requires that students in grades 7-12 have a physical every 3 years for sports and activities participation. For most students that means having a new physical completed during the summer prior to beginning 7th grade and then again in the summer prior to their 10th grade year.

A copy of your Sports Medical Eligibility Form must be on file with the Activities Department before a student is allowed to participate in practices, and for some fall sports - those can begin in mid-August.

Welia Health offers a free sports physical to area students each summer on specific dates and slots will fill quickly, so make your appointment early to ensure a space.

PINE CITY-
Thursday, July 30TH
3pm – 6pm
CALL: 320.629.7505

MORA-
Thursday, August 6TH
3pm – 6pm
CALL: 320.679.1313

If unable to attend these dates, please consider scheduling a *well child exam with sports physical* to avoid a service fee.

IMPORTANT:
*In order to hold your Sports Physical time slot, you **must** have your **Sports Medical Eligibility Form completed** and **with you** at your appointment time! To obtain this form and learn more about Free Sports Physicals at Welia Health, **scan the QR code here:***

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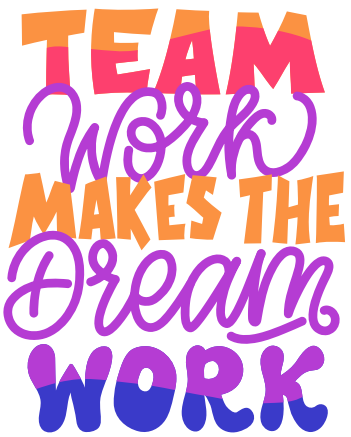
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Fall Activities Information

Pine City Schools will be implementing a new registration system for high school activities for the coming school year. As we make the change, the current system will be removed and the new system will be launched this summer. Check back on the Activities Page after August 1st for more details!

With this change, there will not be a calendar of summer activity options available through the district website. Students are encouraged to connect to their coaches through other communication methods set up by their sport/activity (Remind, GroupMe or Email).

Thanks to a grant from Pine County, activity fees for the high school fall activities will be covered for Fall 2026 activities. This grant is for 7-12 activities only, not club or youth sports. Elementary activities and Community Ed activities are not included.



Community Education



Community Ed will offer this **Adult Enrichment Course: Intro to Welding** with instructor, Tim Schlichting. This course is for people who have never welded before and want to learn how! We will focus on Arc Welding and Wire Feed Welding. Students will start from scratch with no experience to create basic joints using these common processes. Everything you need will be provided - including materials and equipment, welding jacket, auto-darkening face shield, insulated gloves, eye and hearing protection. Students must wear long pants and closed toed shoes for every class period and be ready to weld on the first day! 3 sessions available this year. Click Here to Register or use the QR Code below.



June Menu | July Menu

June Driver's Education Class Available



The State of Minnesota requires that all newly licensed drivers under the age of 18 complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind the wheel instruction, before they are granted a driver's license. In addition, the state requires that prospective drivers pass a written test before a permit to receive behind the wheel instruction is granted.

A June Driver's Ed Class will be offered this year and registration will open on April 15th through the website.

Learn more at isd578.org/page/drivers-education

All of the classes will be held in 7th Grade House Commons at the High School

Schedule is subject to changes

Monday, June 8th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 9th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 10th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, June 11th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Friday,June 12th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Monday, June 22nd	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 23rd	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 24th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
***Wednesday, June 24th Parent meeting 6:00 -8:00 PM**	
Thursday, June 25th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Friday, June 26th	8:00 - 11:00 AM

**There will be a free/optional supplemental parent class in the 7th Grade House of the High School on Wednesday, June 24th 6:00-8:00 pm.

Community Ed Events

Use This Link to for the latest information for Adult and Youth Classes in Pine City!

Summer Fun Activities









2026-27 Calendar

Pine City Schools

2026-2027

August '26

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30	31					

Aug 17-18 ULC SPED staff only
Aug 19-20 PD Day New Teachers Only
Aug 24 All Staff PD Day
Aug 25 Teacher PD Day
Aug 26 12-8 p.m. Welcome Back
Aug 27 (1/2 Day) Staff PD Day

September '26

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Sept 1 Welcome back - Day 1 of School!!!
Sept 4 No School
Sept 7 Labor Day No School

October '26

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Oct 13 Elem Conferences 3-6:30 pm
Oct 15-16 MEA No School
Oct 20 HS Conferences 3-6:30 p.m.
Oct 22 Elem/HS Conferences 4:30-8
Oct 23 Homecoming (tentative)

November '26

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Nov 5 End of the Quarter
Nov 6 Teacher PD Day No School
Nov 25 Comp Day - No School
Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving No School

December '26

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Dec 23-31 Holiday Break No School

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Jan 1 New Years Day No School
Jan 4 Teacher PD Day No School
Jan 18 Teacher PD Day No School
Jan 22 End of the Quarter
Jan 25 Teacher PD Day No School

February '27

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Feb 15 President's Day No School
Feb 18 HS Conferences 3-6:30
Feb 23 Elem Conferences 3-6:30
Feb 25 HS/Elem Conferences 4:30-8
Feb 26 No School

March '27

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Mar 24-28 No School

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April 1 End of the Quarter
April 2 Staff PD Day No School
April 23 No School

May '27

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May 8, 2026 Prom
May 14 Elementary Field Day
May 27 ALC Graduation
May 28 Graduation
May 31 Memorial Day No School

June '27

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June 3 Last Day for Students
June 4 Last Day for Teachers (1/2 Day)

Color Code
Important date
No School
PD Day (Workshop) Staff Only