



PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME BACK, DRAGONS!

Welcome back to another school year! There is something special about the first few days of school—the energy in our buildings, students reconnecting with friends, staff welcoming students into classrooms, and families settling into new routines. It is great to have our Dragons back!

Thank you to our families for your patience and flexibility as we work through the start-of-school details. Each year brings opportunities to look at our procedures and find ways to make them safer, clearer, and easier for students, staff, and families.

This year, we are working to streamline several routines, including **backpacks, lockers, parking, visitors, and student pick-up**. Some changes may take a little time to get just right. We appreciate your patience as we watch how these procedures work in practice, listen to feedback, and make adjustments when needed. Sometimes the best plan on paper meets the first week of school—and the first week wins!

Our goal is simple: create safe, organized schools where students can focus on learning, relationships, and being part of our school community. Small changes to daily routines can make a big difference in reducing congestion, improving safety, and helping our school days run smoothly.

Thank you to our staff for helping students learn new routines and to our families for working alongside us. Your questions and feedback help us identify what is working and where we can improve.

Most importantly, thank you for trusting Pine City Public Schools with your children. We value the partnership between our schools, families, and community. We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, new opportunities, and plenty of Dragon pride.

Here's to a great school year.

- Superintendent Stolp

We Are
HIRING

> **APPLY NOW**

Do you know someone who would be a good addition to Pine City Schools? New postings have been listed for the upcoming school year through our Frontline Jobs Board. Learn more at isd578.org





PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026



November '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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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						
February '27						
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28						
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						
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						

September '26						
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Sept 1 Welcome back - Day 1 of School!!! Sept 4 No School Sept 7 Labor Day No School Sept 25 - Homecoming						
December '26						
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Dec 23-31 Holiday Break No School						
March '27						
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28	29	30	31			
Mar 24-28 No School						
June '27						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
June 3 Last Day for Students June 4 Last Day for Teachers (1/2 Day)						

Revised 9.8.2026
Updated Homecoming date

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						
January '27						
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31						
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						
April '27						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
April 1 End of the Quarter April 2 Staff PD Day No School April 23 No School						

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





PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAGON DIGEST

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PCHS LAUNCHES NEW APP FOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULING

Pine City School has moved to a new Activities Management Platform, BOUND. This system will streamline how families can register their students for sports and clubs, view schedules, and purchase event tickets.



You can access [BOUND](#) through this [link from a computer or digital device](#). or scan the QR Code [here](#) to view the upcoming Pine City schedules.



PINE CITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME - 2026 INDUCTEES

The Pine City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to recognize four new additions to the Hall of Fame this year and will celebrate these individuals with a dinner and reception event on **Saturday, September 26th at the Pine City Country Club.**

The following Dragons will be inducted this year:

- Natalie (Cahill) Donohue, Class of 2017
- Lily Wilson, Class of 2020
- Ellie Hasz, Class of 2021
- Bill (Coach C) Christianson: Coach & Activities Director



Read more about each of these inductees on our District Website [here](#).

Tickets for the evening celebration can be purchased from Rick Engelstad for \$20 per person. Order by email (engelstadrichard@gmail.com) or by phone at 763-242-1451. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Induction speeches will follow.

PCHS PRESENTS "THE OLYMPIANS" THIS FALL



Three Greek goddesses: Athena, Aphrodite, and Artemis, engage in a bet about how to best advance women's place in the world. They make a wager to determine which is the most powerful tool: a top-notch mind, a loving heart, or a fighting spirit? Each goddess chooses one mortal girl, plucked from obscurity, and sets each of the three girls on a quest to prove their point. When the male gods catch wind of the mortals' plans, they use their powers to make the quests much more treacherous than the goddesses intended. Ultimately, the mortal girls (and the goddesses) realize that it will take all three qualities to make a difference, and they realize that, rather than competing with each other, they must work together to prove that sometimes you can all be heroes.

**Save the date for the Fall Musical for Pine City High School
performing November 12 - 15. 2026**

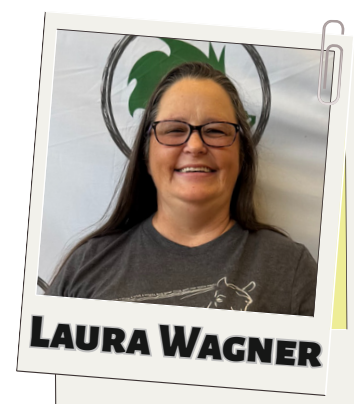




PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAGON DIGEST

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PINE CITY SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW STAFF!



The Dragon Family welcomes new staff members for the 2026-2027 year with workshop days held in August each year to prepare them for the new school year. Through a partnership with the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, we are also able to welcome them as new members of the community and share a variety of information about special events, local sites to explore and great places to dine and shop in the area.

Thank you to the Pine City Chamber and the participating businesses for their contribution to the New Educator Welcome event!





PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAGON DIGEST

SEPTEMBER 2026

PINE CITY SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW STAFF!



VALERIE LING



SOPHIA HOPKINS



ALLISON FIX



KRISTI DAVIS



MARK SLECHTA



COLIN JOHNSON



**ALEXANDER
JOHNSON**



EMILY MILLER



Preschool Storytime

Pine City Public Library
Fridays Sept. 25 - April 30
10:00-10:45 am



Storytime is every Friday and continues through the end of the school year at the Pine City Public Library. We welcome you and your child for stories, songs and a creative art project. Come for one or all sessions.

There is no cost or pre-registration.

*No class Oct 16, Nov 6, 27, Dec 25, Jan 1, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 2, 23

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Visit the [School Board Page](#) on the District website each month for agendas, minutes and recordings of the regular school board meetings. View the full list of upcoming work session and board meetings dates as well. The next meeting is coming up:

School Board Regular Meeting

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
6:30 PM**

➤ LEARN MORE

Visit the School Board Page on our website at isd578.org/page/board-of-education



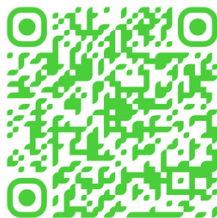


PINE CITY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Do you like to play board games? If so, this class is for you! Students will learn how to play board games like Chess, Cribbage, Chinese Checkers, Backgammon, Mancala and others. Students can choose what they would like to play and Ms Lundholm will be available to help students learn to play new games. You can register for one class or as many classes that fit your schedule!



Dates: Tuesdays
Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 15

Fee: \$5 per class

Time: 2:50-4:00pm

Location: Elementary School Media Center

Grades: 3-6

Please register online at isd578.ce.eleyo.com
(Must pre-register. Class size is limited.)

Click on "Start Exploring" to view current classes. You will need to create a password when registering. Please remember your password as this will be used when registering for any upcoming Community Ed classes, youth sports, elementary choir etc.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MEDICARE

As you get closer to 65, the amount of information you get concerning Medicare can make the process of applying very confusing. This is an educational meeting about Medicare and Medicare insurance that will answer your questions. We will discuss what Medicare covers, what it costs, and how and when to enroll. We will also review the types of Medicare insurance available and the factors to consider when deciding what type of plan is best for you.

Monday, October 12
6:00-7:00pm

Pine City Elementary Media Center

**This is a free event but we ask that you
please pre-register by calling 320-629-4030**

Tom Hill and Jill Ehrman
Licensed Medicare Insurance Brokers



PCHS Dragon Sister Tennis 2026

The girls will play games and learn about tennis with the high school tennis coaches and players

Who: Girls in Grades 3-6
When: Mondays on September 14, 21, 28
Where: High School Tennis Courts
Time: 4:45-5:30 pm

- There is no cost for the players to participate in this program but you must pre-register through the community education link.
 - See registration information below
- Girls will need to wear tennis shoes.
- Rackets will be provided if one is needed.

[Must pre-register at isd578.ce.eleyo.com](https://isd578.ce.eleyo.com)
Click on Start Exploring/Youth Enrichment

Please sign up for REMIND to receive communication about cancellations or other messages.

Send text to 81010. Text this message: @dragonsis

Questions about the program?

- Contact Coach Unverzagt @ kunverzagt@isd578.org

Questions about how to register?

- Contact Teresa at Community Ed @ tlasek@isd578.org

We encourage the little sisters to come and cheer on the Dragons during our home matches!

Parents are responsible for transportation and supervision at the match.



Hosted by the
Varsity Cheerleaders

Dragons Fall Cheerleading Camp 2026

All are welcome ❤️

Practices

Oct. 19 & 20th
From 4:30-5:30
Pine City High
School lobby

Performance

Thursday Oct. 22nd
From 6:15pm-Halftime
Pine City High School

Perform with the Varsity
Cheerleaders during a PCHS
Varsity Football Game!

4th-6th Grade
Harder routine
for the older girls

Learn crowd cheers to do
with cheerleaders and a
routine for halftime

\$30
Registration Fee
per student
Includes Camp T-shirt

To register go to isd578.ce.eleyo.com

By September 28th

Any Questions Email Coach Katie
koslin@isd578.org





PINE CITY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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PINE CITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

What: Girls Basketball Camp
Grades K-2

When: Saturdays
Sept. 26th, Oct 3rd, 10th
8:00am-9:00am

Where: PC Elementary Gym

Why:

- *Continue enhancing individual skills
- *Learn defensive principles
- *Learn team offense
- *Participate in games and contests
- *All players will receive an item of PC GBB attire and have a chance to earn other prizes
- *Have fun!

Cost: \$25

FALL CAMP
GIRLS
BASKETBALL



What: Girls Basketball Camp
Grades 3-5

When: Saturdays
Sept. 26th, Oct 3rd, 10th
9:00am - 10:15 am

Where: PC Elementary Gym

Why:

- *Continue enhancing individual skills
- *Learn defensive principles
- *Learn team offense
- *Participate in games and contests
- *All players will receive an item of PC GBB attire and have a chance to earn other prizes
- *Have fun!

Cost: \$25



What: Jr High Girls Basketball Camp
Grades 6-8

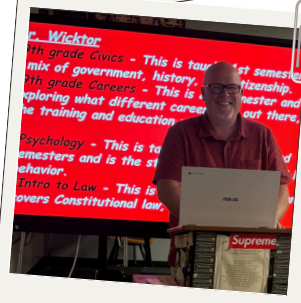
When: Saturdays
Sept. 26th, Oct 3rd, 10th
10:30am - 12:00pm

Where: PC Elementary Gym

Why:

- *Continue enhancing individual skills
- *Learn defensive principles
- *Learn team offense
- *Participate in games and contests
- *All players will receive an item of PC GBB attire and have a chance to earn other prizes
- *Have fun!

Cost: \$25





PINE CITY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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HOMECOMING MOVIE NIGHT

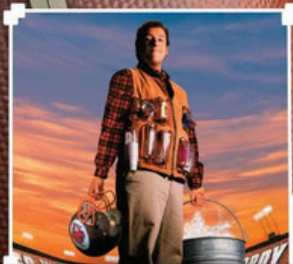
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST @ 730 PM
ON THE PINE CITY FOOTBALL FIELD

- Popcorn and Punch provided
- Bring your own chair or blanket
- Concessions available at an additional cost

- Movie is rated **PG-13**

- Once the movie starts you will NOT be allowed to leave and come back.

- FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY



DUE TO LICENSING WE CAN NOT LIST
THE MOVIE SO HERE IS A HINT!
"AQUA GUY"

Walmart
sparkgood.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE HOMECOMING
GAME OPEN TO ANYONE!
GAME AT 7PM/ TAILGATE PARTY AT 5PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH



Pine City
Parks & Recreation

NEW CLASS ALERT

ZUMBA®



Pine City Elementary (multi-purpose room)



Mondays
September 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



5:30-6:25pm

\$7 per class/person



PINE CITY MUSIC BOOSTERS

17TH Annual HOMECOMING TAILGATING EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
FROM 5PM TO 6:30

AT PINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

**\$5 MEAL: INCLUDES HOT DOG,
WATER, CHIPS AND COOKIES.**

PINE CITY VS TWO HARBORS
★ Kick Off at 7:00 PM ★

DRAGON PRIDE.

BEATBOX FITNESS

**FUN
MUSIC.
GOOD VIBES.
GREAT
WORKOUT.**

**STRONGER TOGETHER.
BETTER WITH BEATBOX.**

PINE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Elementary Multipurpose Room
(AKA the lunchroom!)

THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 & OCTOBER 1

6:30 - 7:15 PM

**\$7
PER CLASS**
Cash or check only

BRING:

1-3 lb
weights
preferred

Water

Tennis
shoes

Simply show up and
sign the waiver
when you come
through the door.

Please bring
exact change or
write a check for
\$7 to Community Ed.

**ALL FITNESS
LEVELS
WELCOME!**

LIFT. DANCE. SWEAT. LAUGH. REPEAT.
Let's make Thursday nights the highlight of your week!

Questions? Contact Pine City Community Education
320-629-4030



PINE CITY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2026



**PRECISION
DRIVING CENTER**
A DIVISION OF ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Any driver 55 and older is invited to take the Driver Improvement class through the Precision Driving Center. This course will save you 10% on your auto insurance for three years. (Prior to taking the class, please confirm with your insurance company that they honor this discount.) There are no written or behind the wheel tests. **NEW: The Refresher AND Beginner Classes are now both four hour classes.** Classes are offered in-person, as an online self paced course or a virtual meeting.



**55+ DRIVER
DISCOUNT
PROGRAM**

Thu Oct 8	9am-1pm	High School Boardroom	\$24
Mon Nov 16	5pm-9pm	Elementary Media Center	\$24

Use the QR Code,
or [Click Here to Register](#)

YOGA

Beginner-Intermediate (Ages 16+)

Join us for a yoga practice suitable for both beginners and those with some yoga experience. This class focuses on building a foundation in yoga poses while progressing through more challenging poses and sequences. Classes will work to enhance mobility, balance and strength.

Whether you're new to yoga or looking to deepen your understanding and refine your practice, this class offers a supportive environment to explore and grow.

What to bring: comfortable clothing, water bottle, yoga mat and an open mind.

Instructor: Erin White, Certified Yoga Instructor

Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm

Oct 6, 27 Nov 10, 24 Dec 1, 8, 15 (no class Oct 13, 20 and Nov 3, 17)

Elementary School-Media Center (Enter main front door, watch for signs)

\$10 per class

No pre-registration required, drop-in works best with everyone's busy schedules! (please bring exact change or check payable to P.C. Comm Ed)



Pine City Area Pickleball in partnership with Pine City Community Education is offering two Friday evening pickleball classes!

Do you know Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA? It is fun and easy to learn! It is also a great way to meet new people and become engaged in our community!

If you'd like to see what this popular sport is all about or already know the sport and just love to play, you now have a choice between two sessions.

- Adult players only please!
- All equipment is provided including high end demo paddles thanks to the Partner's in Healthy Living grant.
- Participants should wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes

OPTION 1 6:00-7:00pm
Beginners, Newer and Low Intensity Players*
For beginner players who want to give the sport a try.
Beginner players may request two free classes.

OPTION 2 7:00-9:00pm Open Play (Any Level)*
Players are encouraged to group themselves on the courts with players at their level or play down so that all players have the opportunity to play.

Dates: Most Fridays September 11-May 28

Available dates are communicated through PlayTime Scheduler. When school is not in session, evening Pickleball is NOT played. Please see a detailed schedule at www.playtimescheduler.com

Location:

Pine City Elementary Multi (enter in the main entrance of the elementary school and turn right. The multi door will be on the left.)

Player Fee:

\$5 per class paid to volunteer PCAP instructors.

Please bring exact change or check payable to PC Comm Ed.

*Please see below for details how to register for each class.

***Reserve your times to play using the free app PlayTime Scheduler or online at www.playtimescheduler.com.**

You will find us listed under USA, MN, and lastly Pine City Area. Both classes cap out at 18 players. Priority will be given to those registering in advance using PlayTime Scheduler. Walk-ins will be taken when space allows. All players are required to sign a liability waiver. Please direct any question you may have to Janet at 612-390-6928 or pickleball.pinecity@gmail.com.

PCAP reserves the right to cancel sessions when there are insufficient sign ups in PlayTime scheduler, conflicts for instructors or inclement weather.



Looking for more Continuing Education?
Check out what Pine Technical Community College has to offer!

Personal Enrichment, Health & Wellness,
Online Courses and much more!

pine.edu/cts/ Click on Continuing Ed





PINE DRAGONS PTO

SEPTEMBER 2026

The Pine Dragons PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at Pine City Schools by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and staff members. All parents and guardians who have a child within the Pine City Schools are members of the PTO.



PINE DRAGONS PTO

GENERAL MEETINGS: (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

9/14/26 PIZZA PUB @ 5:30

11/9/26 PIZZA PUB @ 5:30

1/11/27 PIZZA PUB @ 5:30

3/8/27 PIZZA PUB @ 5:30

5/10/27 PIZZA PUB @ 5:30

BOARD MEETINGS: (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)

8/10/26 DON JULIO'S AT 5:15

10/12/26 THE GARAGE AT 5:15

12/14/26 THREE TWENTY 5:15

2/8/27 A & W AT 5:15

4/12/27 THE VILLAGE 5:15

NON VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAYS:

- PTO 9/26
- CUSTODIAN 10/2
- RESOURCE OFFICER 2/15
- BUS DRIVER 4/27
- PRINCIPAL 5/1
- TEACHER/STAFF 5/3-5/7
- SCHOOL LUNCH HERO 5/7
- SCHOOL NURSE 5/12

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
WEEK 2/14-2/20

CHECK OUT OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE OR FIND
US ON THE DISTRICT
WEBSITE TO SEE OUR
MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS!

EVENTS 2026-2027

EVENTS: (MORE MAY BE ADDED!!)



- Homecoming Build a Dragon Stuffie 9/25/26
- Fun Run 10/14/2026
- Halloween Party 10/30/26
- Movie Night 11/13/26
- Santa Day 12/11/2026
- BINGO Night 1/15/2027
- Carnival 2/26/27
- Movie Night 3/12/2027
- Nerf Night 4/16/27
- Grown Up's ONLY Event 4/23/27
- Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast 4/27/27
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast 5/4/27
- Field Day Concession 5/14/27
- 6th Grade Party 6/1/2027
- Book Fair Helpers TBD
- Soccer Concessions (Fall & Summer) TBD
- Freedom Fest 2027 TBD
- Sunday Funday at the Fair 2027 TBD

CONTACT US: pinedragonspto@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook

Join us! We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers!

