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District Newsletter  
November 2022 - January 2023

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**SHAUN JOHNSON**  
+ THE BIG BAND EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 9th  
7:30 PM

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## ***From the desk of Mr. Michael Malmberg, District Superintendent***

### **Pillager Schools Updated Enrollment Numbers**

Last year, Pillager ended the school year with an enrollment of 1,215 students. As of the first day of school this fall, our enrollment numbers were at 1,264, a gain of 49 students from the previous year. Our class sizes range from 84 up to 115 with the average class being 97 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. We have currently closed two grades to open enrollment per our district policy.

### **2022 -2023 Budget Revision**

At the September School Board meeting, the budget committee presented the first revision of the 2022-2023 budget showing a negative budget of -\$817,438.00. The original budget was anticipated to be -\$1,120,439.00 as a result of planned and anticipated costs of using unreserved dollars and future Long Term Facilities Maintenance Levy dollars for the construction project and improvements for the work done on the athletic complex. The first revision reflected an improvement of \$303,000 to the overall budget which was caused by higher enrollment than what was projected and also higher levy revenue. The district is finishing up the 2021-2022 audit, and that will be shared in the spring newsletter.

### **School Board Sets Preliminary Levy Amount**

At the September meeting, the School Board set the proposed preliminary levy amount to the full allowable amount with the final levy to be set in December. Keep in mind the levy can always be reduced in December but can never be increased. The past practice of the Pillager School Board has been to set the full levy amount in the preliminary budget and then make changes as necessary to the final levy in December. The good news is that even with the full amount levied, we anticipate a slight reduction of (-.12%) on the school levies portion on tax statements for next year. Many factors impact your school taxes such as assessed property value by the county among others.

### **Athletic Construction Project Continues**

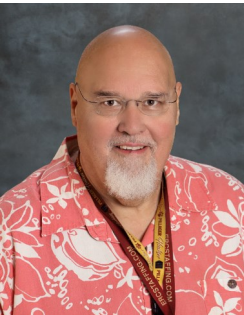
The construction project on the athletic complex is continuing this Fall and into next Spring. The new bleachers, press box, and lights have been installed and are already being used for football. Other work that will be done for softball and baseball complexes include the following: bleachers and picnic areas, new screened fencing with school logos, new double-sided scoreboard, new paved ADA walkway paths, press boxes, field water and electricity, and improved infield work on the baseball field. We would like to thank all of the companies that provided their expertise and skilled trade to complete the work.

### **MCA Data Released**

The Minnesota Department of Education recently released data from last Spring's MCA test results. Across the state, test scores were down significantly as a result of students missing in person instruction and seat time from the Pandemic. However, Pillager was one of three schools in our region that showed an improvement schoolwide in the areas of reading, math, and science. A full board report will be given at the November School Board meeting. Congratulations to our students and staff.

"Husky Pride"

Michael Malmberg, Superintendent



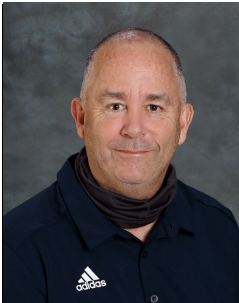
## ***Facility Services Manager, John Gordon***

It's that time of year when the CTC Center is booming with events from the Veterans Day Program to band concerts, musicals, One Act Play, the Elementary Christmas concert, and more. As we get into this busy season, please remember when we are using general admission seating to be polite and move to the middle of the center section and to the wall in the end sections if you are the first in a row. Being a kind and polite neighbor will enhance the event for us all.

We have rescheduled the Shaun Johnson and the Big Band experience to February 9, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. There were a couple of conflicts in the past, and this ended up being a better date for us as we now will be offering our band students a Masters Class presented by Shaun Johnson. Tickets will be going on sale in early January for the concert. Stay tuned!

Our Custodial Crew has been off to a fast start and continues to meet the challenges of keeping the school clean for students and staff. We are working short-handed, and I am proud of the efforts that the crew puts in daily to keep up with the demands.

Gordon Out!



## High School Principal, Jason Savage

It feels like we just said, "Welcome back to school," to all of our students and parents. It has been a very busy fall, and we are off to a tremendous start to the school year at Pillager High School!

Parents, checking your student's academic progress is never too soon. Please ensure you have an active Parent Portal account, which enables you to keep track of grades and attendance ([pillager.onlinejmc.com](http://pillager.onlinejmc.com)). If your student is struggling in any course, make sure you reach out to that instructor via email or voicemail.

Students, now that the excitement of a new school year is behind you, make sure to refocus on the goals. Make the decision that you will become a better student than you were the day before. An instructor who greatly influenced me always said, "There are only two directions: getting better or going backward." I encourage every PHS student to get better, and in doing this, you will make Pillager High School a better place.

Again, we are off to a great start this year, and I am excited to have a high school full of great students and staff! We are Alive with HUSKY Pride!

### ALC (Alternative Learning Center)

ALC through Freshwater Education District will be offered after school at the Pillager High School. This is for students who are behind credits and need to make them up in order to graduate.

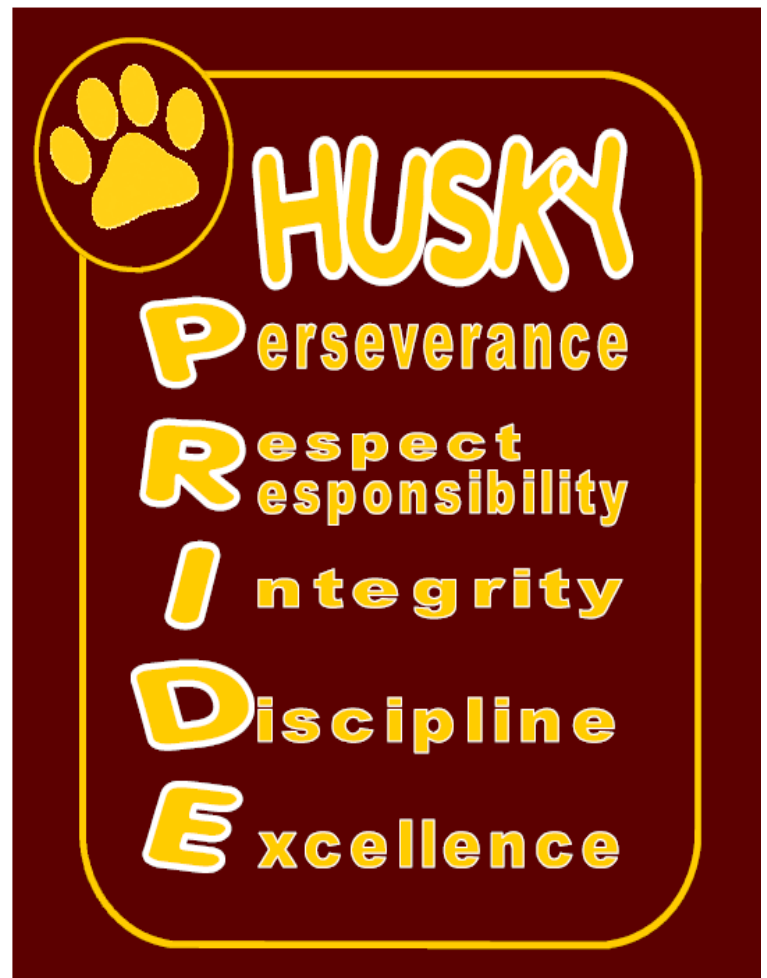
*Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school depending on student scheduling needs.*

If you have any questions regarding ALC you may contact :  
Ann Hutchison at [ahutchison@isd116.org](mailto:ahutchison@isd116.org)  
Sue Turner at (218)746-2116 or [sturner@isd116.org](mailto:sturner@isd116.org).

### District Leadership Team Seeks Parent Representatives

The Pillager School District is seeking parent representatives to serve on the District Leadership Team. This team meets three times per year to seek input on presentations from District leaders on District data, newly offered programming, District goals for the World's Best Workforce document, curriculum resources, and other district programs. Members provide feedback and questions on those presentations.

If you are interested, please contact Ryan Krominga at [rkrominga@isd116.org](mailto:rkrominga@isd116.org) or (218)746-2103.





## Snow Days as Possible E-Learning Days

Pillager Public Schools has approved an E-Learning procedure for snow days. In addition to that procedure, the school calendar also includes 2 makeup days. The district administration will use a combination of these for weather related closures throughout the school year.

This year our K-2 students have their chromebooks at school. Chromebooks may be sent home if a snow day is expected. If the closure is unexpected, teachers will be in contact with families with instructions for the school closure.

For school closing information families will receive JMC message or you can check our District Website and/or location media stations.



Pillager Public Schools is honored to be recognized by the Brainerd Dispatch as the "#1 Best School" in the Brainerd Lakes Area, voted on by their

readers! We are thankful to all of you who made this possible.

We are proud of our great team of parents, staff and community members who continue to provide support and opportunities for our students! Remember... Once a Husky, always a Husky!



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## All School Yearbook

Don't forget to order your Yearbook! Go to [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) to order online.

If you have photos you think would be appropriate for the yearbook, please send them to [msoberg@isd116.org](mailto:msoberg@isd116.org)

## **WORK WORLD EXPERIENCES** **at Pillager High School**

Pillager High School offers a work experience program for high school students. This program supports students in high school completion and assists in their enthusiasm to join the work world.

Students participate in a paid position with academic and career related skills being instilled through training and supervision. Progress reviews are scheduled with mentors in the workforce.

Interested students or employers can contact Ann Hutchison at (218)746-2164 for further information.



## Middle School Principal, Wade Mortenson

What a great start we've had to the 2022-2023 school year!

It has been a very busy and rewarding first couple of months. Our 5th graders had a great day of team-building fun at Camp Shamineau as part of our transition into Middle School. The Student Council planned an outstanding homecoming week to set the tone for what's to come for the school year. Our mentors have been through the training process and have begun assisting elementary students. The Middle School Musical, *The Little Mermaid*, is off and running...everyone is looking forward to the performance coming up in December! Our 7th/8th graders were able to participate in a couple of "Workplace Wednesdays" where speakers came in to discuss career opportunities with our students.

As always, we are very proud of the work ethic seen by our students and staff in and out of the classroom. The opportunities for our students to be involved and engaged seem to be endless...student council, class officers, athletics/activities, mentoring, interventions, exploratory/elective classes, hands-on learning, class trips, RAK PACK, etc. We want students to be involved and to become leaders within our building! Daily, we are witnessing Husky PRIDE in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, commons, and on the fields/courts.

We are confident this trend will continue throughout the school year, and we can't wait to see what our students will accomplish in 2022-2023!!



Our school be offering AVID classes this year to all sixth & eighth graders. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nationally recognized program that equips teachers and schools with what they need to help students succeed during their MS/HS careers. For one period a day,

or during PRIDE TIME, students in this course will receive additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in other more rigorous courses.

AVID students will learn how to learn. Note-taking, studying, and organizing assignments are all skills that must be learned and practiced. Students in AVID will be guided through HS/MS years.

For more information, contact Jason Savage, HS Principal or Wade Mortenson, MS Principal or Ms. Prax.

## HUSKY PRIDE TIME for the MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Middle School students will have the opportunity to participate in a PRIDE TIME Period each day this school year. During PRIDE TIME, students will enjoy character education lessons related to a variety of topics. This is also a perfect time to complete missing work, relearn material, or retake a test.

A wide variety of enrichment options will also be available related to all content areas. For example, students can use PRIDE TIME to prepare for the annual Husky Spelling Bee, work on a Science Fair project, prepare for a Math Masters competition, study for the 8th grade National Geographic Geography Bee, perfect a work of art, or simply read their favorite book. Certainly, PRIDE TIME will be a tremendously beneficial time for all students.



**PILLAGER**  
Education Foundation  
LEGACY of PRIDE

The Pillager Education Foundation is a group of volunteers who support our school through fundraising for classroom grants and student scholarships.

Our mission statement is: "Working with our communities, we will support innovative approaches and enhance student excellence in academics, arts, athletics and activities."

For more information on how you can get involved or how to donate funds to the Pillager Ed Foundation, please see our website at [www.pillageredfoundation.org](http://www.pillageredfoundation.org)





# The Husky Hangout

An "After School Targeted Services Academic Enrichment Program" through the Freshwater Education District is available to students in Grades 5-8. The program is based on a minimum enrollment of 11 students.

**WHO:** THE HUSKY HANGOUT is available to any Pillager student in grades 5-8 who wishes to take advantage of after school academic support and enrichment activities during the school year.

**WHAT:** Each two-hour session consists of:

- 15 minutes - Snack and Socialize Game/Trivia
- 1 Hour - Homework Help

The Lead Teacher (Middle School Instructor) is available to help students complete homework assignments. If a student does not have assignments to complete they will receive supplemental math, reading, study skills instruction.

- 45 minutes - Learning Activity

Students will participate in a hands-on learning enrichment activity each week. Activity examples include: cooking, service learning project, art project, STEAM Activities, community education classes, etc.

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday and Thursday (3:15-5:15 pm) starting November 3. Students may join at any time, however, sign-up forms are required.

**WHERE:** Pillager Middle School, Room 602 (Mrs. Kimman's room) Kids may be picked up at door "O" by the Middle School entrance

**WHY:** Students can benefit from additional academic support while also developing improved social, study, and communication skills.

**HOW:** Parents and teachers who are interested in referring a child to THE HUSKY HANGOUT may fill out and return the registration form.

Contact Sara Kimman (Room 602 in Middle/High School) with questions: (218) 746-2078 or [skimman@isd116.org](mailto:skimman@isd116.org)

## Emergency School Closings

Emergency school closings, late starts, postponement or cancellation of events can be the result of severe weather conditions or mechanical failure of the school facilities. Please listen to the stations listed here for any time change in the school day. This is an emergency situation and we cannot afford to have the school telephone lines tied up.

If severe weather conditions develop overnight or are eminent early in the morning, the announcement to close school will be made sufficiently early in the morning so students need not prepare to meet the bus. If weather conditions gradually worsen during the school day the announcement to close school will be made approximately one hour before students are dismissed and transported. Under these conditions we would urge parents cooperation to insure that someone is there when their children arrive home. For parents who have teenagers who drive to school, we would encourage parents to ask these young drivers to leave school and proceed directly home, rather than risk more hazardous driving conditions by lingering around town.

If a severe blizzard sets in during the day and you are concerned for your children, you may come and get them from the principal's office. If conditions are too hazardous for bus operation, students will remain in school until weather conditions improve. We also want to remind parents that the possibility exists that students may be stranded in a school bus or car for a period of time and students should be dressed properly for severe winter weather to insure that they do not suffer from exposure.

In the event it is announced that school will be late, the "late start" will ALWAYS be a two-hour late start and school will start at 10:30 a.m.. Whenever school is delayed with a "late start", there will not be a breakfast program.

When school is closed because of severe weather, all school events and activities, including Early Childhood and Community Education programs will also be postponed as well as all practice for these events. The one exception to this is varsity athletic practice which may be held. Rural varsity athletes are reminded, however, that they must have a "snow home" if they remain for practice under these conditions.

**In the event of a school closing or cancellation, a phone and email message will go to all primary contact phone numbers and emails for all students through our JMC Alert System.**

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103.5 FM	KOOL	Brainerd
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104.3 FM	MCBI	Pequot Lakes
106.7 FM	WJJY	Brainerd
107.5 FM	KLIZ	Brainerd
830 AM	WCCO	Twin Cities
960 AM	KLTF	Little Falls
1340 AM	KVBR	Brainerd
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TV 5/16/42	KSAX	
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## Elementary Principal, Josh Smith

We are well into fall now and soon the ground will be covered in snow. I'm not a fan of winter, but just like the first few months of the school year, I am confident it will pass by quickly. Pillager Elementary School is off to a fast and furious start and so many fantastic things continue to happen.

In addition to all of the learning taking place, our students had the opportunity to visit the Pillager Fire Department to learn about fire safety and we recently had over 300 grandparents and significant people in our student's lives join them for an afternoon at school visiting classrooms and playing Husky Bingo together.

Before we know it, the CTC Center will be filled with family members while they enjoy listening to students perform in the Christmas program! It is our hope that the students of Pillager Elementary enjoy coming to school as much as we enjoy having them!

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 218-746-2110 or [jsmith@isd116.org](mailto:jsmith@isd116.org)

### September Elementary Students of the Month

**Congratulations to these students:** Jack Fink, Karlie Nguyen, Hayven Finstad, Aaliyah Otto, Talon Kavanaugh, Adley Lester, Taylor Auer, Lilly Carr, Scarlett Schultz, Elliott Gehrke, Valerie VanGeest, Jensen Bodell, Lily Selvaag, Roy Ninnow, Zebedee Wright

### October Elementary Students of the Month

**Congratulations to these students:** Lyla Mosack, Jacob Soderburg, Levi Holder, Charlotte Geditz, Marabella Trout, Avery Sparrow, Ethan Moyer, Tayvin Hurt, Isaiah Schneeberger, Ethan Peterson, Brody Mosack, Kaydence Sullivan, Ellie Liese, Kenzie Liese, Cohen Hines, Clover Haag, Lola Goetze, Tessa Thesing, Julia Braaten, Paityn Duval, Zylar Turcotte, Hunter Galston, Eastyn Hummel

### Assessments

Academic progress toward grade-level standards in Kindergarten through 4th grade is monitored in a number of ways. An assessment tool that will be used is Star360. STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests. Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of each child's test by choosing each test question based on the child's previous response. On average, students will complete the STAR tests in approximately 20-30 minutes.

Students will also be assessed throughout the school year using Jan Richardson's "Next Steps in Guided Reading" framework. These assessments will be given by classroom teachers and our Title I staff.

The results of these assessments, Star360 and guided reading, will be used to guide instruction and interventions.

### Catalyst (Formerly ENVoY)

Catalyst is a systematic approach of using non-verbal skills to manage students with influence rather than power. Seven patterns of non-verbal skills have been identified in teachers who have excellent classroom management. Teachers who systematically utilize the full range of non-verbal management skills are able to reinforce consistent and fair parameters while preserving their relationships with each student, regardless of learning styles or cultural backgrounds.



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# ELEMENTARY PARENTS

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-Choose "Add to Homescreen"	-Choose "Add to Homescreen"
-Tap Add	-Tap Add

## Title 1 — "It's for Everybody!"



## TITLE I SCHOOL

Title I is a federal grant for schools that helps support students who need additional help. Our Title I funds are used to help reduce the number of reading groups, class sizes, etc. Title teachers, as well as all teachers at Pillager are highly trained, licensed and working in their area of expertise.

We invite parents and community members to be involved with Title I. If you would like to help review and write grants or be involved in the planning of Title I or Title IIA, please contact our Local Educational Agency (LEA) Mr. Josh Smith or our Title I teacher, Mrs. Wendy Hall.

We encourage parents to be involved in their child's education here at Pillager Elementary School. All students in Pillager Elementary are able to receive services under the School Wide Title I Plan. We use data from our testing to determine strengths and needs of our students.

We want all parents to be aware of the many opportunities to be on school committees. This includes a Title I committee. The Title I committee will annually review the "Ten Elements" of school-wide planning as they work on the Title I plan.

The district-wide Parental Involvement Policy procedures have been developed jointly with parents of children participating in Title I programs. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of students participating in Title I, Part A on or before September 20 of the present school year.

If you have any questions concerning Title I, please feel free to see the LEA for Title I, Mr. Smith at (218)746-2110.

**PILLAGER**  
*Elementary*



The Pillager PTO is back! We are looking for new members to help support our elementary students, teachers & staff. Keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.



## Technology Update from Brent Zeise



### Technology Update

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some technology news updates that we've been working on this Fall.



As we launched this semester our IT team completed a complicated summer project that moved over 1200 of our students from our old @students.isd116.org email addresses to the more appropriate @isd116.org email address and domain. This move will help us better integrate and synchronize the latest educational software and technology to existing and new educational platforms, allowing our educators to explore new curriculums and methods to enhance student learning.

In addition our newly revamped website was relaunched this Fall with a new look and a new design that will facilitate a more modern and efficient communications platform for our school community. We hope you visit it and would welcome any advice or suggestions for improvements as we build up our site throughout the year.

As always, please keep checking your email as well as our Pillager Social Media accounts for any news, updates and reminders.

Sincerely,

Brent Zeise  
Director of Technology

Hello from the health office! The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start!



### School Nurse



The health office has FREE rapid COVID-19 test kits available for staff and students. Your student can pick them up to bring home if you'd like to keep any on hand. Please notify the health office if your student tests positive to determine a return date.

You may receive notification that your student is missing immunizations that are required in Minnesota schools. **Please help our health office staff by scheduling these missing immunizations or submitting a notarized conscientious exemption form.**

See the Health Services webpage at [www.isd116.org](http://www.isd116.org) for COVID-19, immunization and other health-related information.

Pillager Public Schools will again host the **Minnesota School Sealant Program for Kindergarten through 8th grade students on December 14, 2022**. This includes a brief teeth cleaning, sealants, and fluoride for those students that have submitted parental consent. More information to come!

Jamie Shypkowski, RN, RD, LSN, PHN  
Pillager School Nurse  
(218)746-2114

See the **COVID-19** link at [isd116.org](http://isd116.org) for resources.

According to Food Allergy Research & Education, 1 in 13 children have a food allergy. The most common food allergies in children are allergies to peanuts, milk, shellfish, and tree nuts.

If your child has a food allergy and you have not notified the health office, please call our staff at (218)746-2114.

# FOOD ALLERGIES



## September 2022

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# Official School Calendar

September

5 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day  
6 First day of school ★

## November 2022

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October

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24 NO SCHOOL

November

24-25 NO SCHOOL

December

23-Jan. 2 Christmas Break

## January 2023

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January

3 Back to school  
23 NO SCHOOL  
23 Conferences 12:00-7:30 p.m.  
26 Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.  
27 NO SCHOOL  
(possible snow make-up day)

## March 2023

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February

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20 NO SCHOOL

March

16-17 NO SCHOOL  
17 (possible snow make-up day)

## May 2023

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April

7 NO SCHOOL  
10 NO SCHOOL  
11

May

26 Commencement  
29 NO SCHOOL

June

2 Last day of school! Early Release



# AGGIE UPDATE

news from Agriculture Education classes



## HANDS-ON LEARNING

The emphasis this fall has been on hands-on learning! 7th grade students have been building models of proper animal housing to learn how livestock and pets are cared for properly. Students in Food Chemistry have completed several labs, including a pancake lab exploring the impact of measuring incorrectly.

Animal Science students built models of digestive systems out of Play-Doh as they explored the functions of the different digestive organs. Natural Resource I students collected insets to learn more about biodiversity. And Power and Transportation students built trebuchets to see the impact of unbalanced forces in action, and will be wiring common electrical circuits.



## FIELD DAY AT CAMP RIPLEY RGMA

At the end of September, the Natural Resources class joined the 10th grade Biology and Aquatic Biology classes for work on habitat improvement in the Camp Ripley Ruffed Grouse Management Area! Working with professionals from Camp Ripley and Great River Greening, we planted hundreds of plants, including shrubs and butterfly weed.



## #PULLTHESLED



The Pillager Schools full staff joined for a day of development in October to help make plans to #pullthesled into the future.

## CONSERVATION CREW



Conservation Crew is a student-led extracurricular school program for middle schoolers. Our Crew will complete a service learning project to address a conservation need in the Pillager Community. Students develop leadership skills by researching, designing and implementing their conservation project. We are excited to work together with the group Conservation Minnesota who is funding our project.

## SAFETY PATROL



This year's Safety Patrol members are ready to serve the students of Pillager School! The Safety Patrol team has grown with many new members volunteering to be leaders at our school! Thank you to all the student volunteers for giving up your time to help keep our school safe!

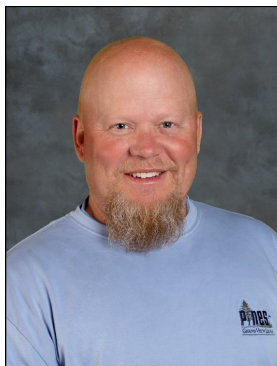


## Winter Coach Line-up

### Jim Bentson

#### Head Boys Basketball Coach

This is my 14th year as the Boys Head Basketball Coach. From 1999-2008, I was deployed on two separate occasions. Jerry Fornshell and Scott Mudgett coached in my absence during the season. Overall I am currently 215-125. Jacob Russell (JV) and Chris Berent (C) will be my assistants. I look forward to a good season and competing in the Park Region Conference.



Returning players include Parker Schaefer, Eli Miller, Christian Hooze, Brayton Kriegl, Kobe Schultz, and Braden Hoffer, with Rueben Kramer looking to contribute. The team will be attending the St. Cloud State vs Mankato State game on November 21 and U of MN vs Indiana on January 25.

"We will use team speed and athleticism to push the tempo of the game. We will continue to "give it up, to get it back," said Coach Bentson.

### Grant Stewart

#### Head Girls Basketball Coach

Grant is a native of Arizona, his family moved to Minnesota in 2005. He has three daughters. His family has had a seasonal home here for the last 11 years and he and his wife recently relocated full time to the Brainerd Lakes area. Grant has been coaching basketball for the past 17 years. He has coached at all levels youth through varsity basketball and coached high school at the 2A, 3A, and 4A levels.

Coach Stewart said, "My wife and I have always loved the Brainerd Lakes area and we are excited to be living up here full-time. I am very excited to be a new member of the Husky family. I have a love and passion for the game of basketball and can't wait to get started as the new girls head coach. I have often told my teams 'No Grit, No Glory' and I hope to impart a level of passion and perseverance in everything we do on and off the court."

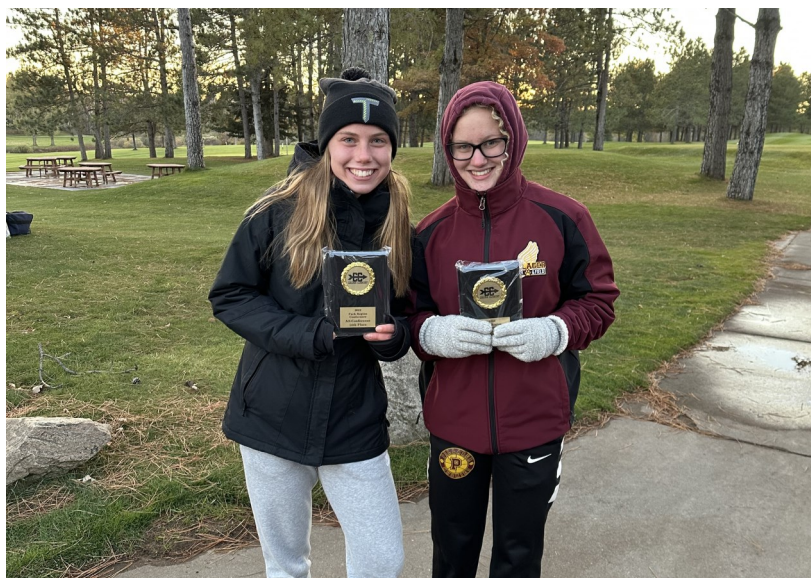


Play with Passion and Go Huskies!"



### Boys Basketball Executive Committee

L to R So-(Cpt) Christian Hooze, Jr-(Cpt) Eli Miller, Sr Braden Hoffer, Jr-(Cpt) Parker Schaefer



### CROSS COUNTRY ALL CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Emma Reeder (13th) and Lindy Cordes (14th) for earning All Conference in Girls Cross Country!



Check out the  
Pillager Huskies  
Booster Club on  
Facebook and  
their website!  
[pillagerbooster-club.com](http://pillagerbooster-club.com)

# HUSKY of the month



Each month two students are recognized as HUSKY OF THE MONTH. This recognition includes their name on the school Huskies Page and a t-shirt. These students are recommended by the Pillager coaches and are endorsed by the Pillager Huskies Booster Club.

Congrats to our Pillager Booster Club Husky of the Month winners....**Kiyara Turner** (volleyball) and **Josh Freelove** (football). They were nominated by their coach who said they do an outstanding job of demonstrating HUSKY pride on a daily basis. Congrats to Kiyara and Josh!

## Pillager Huskies Trap/Skeet Team Update



The 2022 Fall Trap Season is here and in full swing as the USA Clay Target League reports record setting participation once again!

This is the second year the Huskies will compete in the fall League, and it is exciting to see our roster grow with seven new additional athletes!

The Fall League consists of two practice weeks and five competition weeks where we compete virtually against other schools across the State of Minnesota. The Pillager Husky Clay Target Team has a lot of depth in our roster, and we are using the fall league to strengthen our fundamentals and prepare for the 2023 Spring Competition. Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays will be offered in March as we prepare to compete against some of the best in the Nation.

The Pillager High School Clay Target Team continues to grow and offers the disciplines of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. A student athlete will have the ability to participate in one, two or all the disciplines this spring season. If you should have some questions on the team and our program please reach out to David and Heather Grell at [pillagerclaytarget@gmail.com](mailto:pillagerclaytarget@gmail.com).

None of this would be possible without our generous donors, sponsors, and team participation. The importance of having great partnerships that support common goals is well needed in our current environment and our partners recognize that, influencing the next generation is a must to continue our freedoms and way of life.

If you would like to learn more about giving to the program, please call David direct at 218-831-9374.

# #HUSKYPRIDE

## HUSKY GEAR

### Husky Gear

If you are looking for School Spirit clothing, check in the High School office. Online sales will be made throughout the year as well. Please visit the Booster Club Facebook page to order.  
[www.pillagerboosterclub.com](http://www.pillagerboosterclub.com)



# COMMUNITY ED & YOUTH SPORTS

ONLINE REGISTRATION: [www.isd116.org](http://www.isd116.org)



## Adult Volleyball Open Gym

Wednesdays 6-8 pm HS gym

October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 December 7, 14, 21

Coordinated by Tricia Fink

\$20 for all 9 times OR \$3 per person per Wednesday.

No childcare is provided.

## Grades K-2 Basketball

Kindergarten and 1st grade 9-9:45 am

Dec 3, 10, 17

2nd-3rd grade 10-10:45 am

Dec 4, 11, 18

Cost \$15 — Elem Gym

With varsity coaches and players



## Volleyball Tournaments

January 4, Women's tournament

February 11, Coed tournament

Cost: \$120 per team

Starts at 9:00 am

Contact Nicole Bramer at

[nbramer@isd116.org](mailto:nbramer@isd116.org) to get registered

## Youth Girls Basketball

3rd-4th grade girls

- Mondays - Elem Gym - 5:45 - 7:00 pm
  - Thursdays - Elem Gym - 6:30 - 7:30 pm
  - Saturday morning practice/games (some travel) 8:30-10:00 am in the HS gym
  - Season: December 5- February 25
- 5th-6th grade Girls Basketball
- Mondays— HS Gym - 6:00-7:30 pm
  - Tuesday— MS Gym - 6:30-8:00 pm
  - Saturday morning practice/games (some travel) 10:00-11:30 am - HS Gym
  - Season: December 5 - February 25
  - Dec 5 & Jan 23 practice at Baptist Church



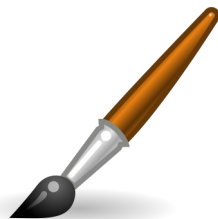
## Art Club

Art club is open to all students in grades 5-12 who have an interest in developing their art skills, creating collaborative projects for our school community, and growing an appreciation for visual arts!

3:15-4:30 on Tuesdays, Oct 11 — May 9th

Instructor: Angelica Beam, Pillager Art Instructor

Art Room #356 Cost \$50 Minimum of 10 Students



## Youth Boys Basketball

3rd-4th grade boys

- Mondays - MS Gym - 6:30-7:30 pm
- Thursdays - Elem Gym - 5:30-6:30 pm
- Saturday morning practice/games (some travel) 8:30-10:00 am in the MS gym
- Season: December 5 - February 25

5th-6th grade Boys Basketball

- Tuesdays - Elem Gym - 6:00-7:30 pm
- Thursdays - MS Gym - 6:30-8:00 pm
- Saturday morning practice/games (some travel) 10:00-11:30 am - MS Gym
- Season: December 6 - February 25



## Open Gym

**Sunday Nights  
6:00-7:30 PM**

**Starting October 9th**

**Open to MS and HS boys and girls**

**In the High School gym**

**Enter through door O**

## Youth Wrestling

Dec 6—Feb 23, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Optional Sat Tourneys

For 3rd-6th grade wrestlers

5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost \$50

In the preschool multi-purpose room, use door B



## PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP

**Instructor: Mark Hoge**

Former collegiate and professional basketball player

Grades 4-8 boys and girls

**November 19**

9:00-12:00

Skills

1:00-3:00

Games

Cost \$55 Online registration

Minimum of 20 athletes

Register by November 11

In the Pillager High School Gym

We will be working on ball handling, padding, form shooting, proper footwork, shooting drills, fast break drills and by playing games. This session will be a great pre-season opportunity for kids. Each player will be entered for a chance to win Grip Spritz.

## Pillager Winter Activities

# 2022-2023

**Mandatory Winter Sports  
Registration Night  
November 1st, 6:00-7:30**

- JH Girls Basketball (grade 7-8) - **November 1st**
- Varsity Girls Basketball (grade 9-12) - **November 14**
- Varsity Boys Basketball (grade 9-12) - **November 21**
- JH Boys Basketball (grade 7-8) - **November 28**
- Gymnastics (Little Falls) (grade 7-12) - **November 14**
- Dance (Little Falls) (grade 7-12) - **October 24**

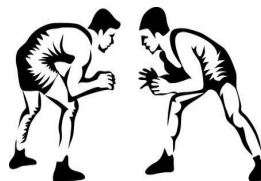
Athletes need to have a physical on file with the school, registration completed and fees paid.

Click here to register online  
<https://pillager.revtrak.net/>



# CO-OP SPORTS WITH LITTLE FALLS

<b>Gymnastics</b> Grades 7-12  Register through Athletics (MSHSL)  Starts November 14	<b>Dance Team</b> Grades 7-12  Register through Athletics (MSHSL)  Starts October 24	<b>Nordic Skiing</b> Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed  Grades 7-12 — Register through Athletics (MSHSL) - Nov. 14	<b>Wrestling</b> Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed  Grades 7-8 Register through Athletics (MSHSL) - November 21	<b>MRR Diving</b> Grades 6-12 <b>MRR Lap Swim</b> --Both of these programs are Club Swimming. --Register through LF Community Education
<b>Fees:</b> Com.Ed fees will be based on Little Falls registration fees (plus transportation fee). MSHSL Co-op and 7/8 wrestling will be our regular activity fees (plus transportation fee). <b>Transportation:</b> Will provide transportation to and from Little Falls for both MSHSL sports and these Com. Ed sports for <u>after school practices!</u> Parents will be responsible for transportation home from games/contests. <b>Contact Information</b> MSHSL Co-op activities & 7/8 wrestling contact Matt Moen (218)746-2115. For all Com. Ed activities contact Matthew Moen (218)746-2115.				



If you are interested in teaching a Community Education Class at Pillager School, please see the form on the school website (on the “Community Ed” tab).

Contact Paul Clark, Community Ed Director & Youth Sports Coordinator  
@ [pclark@isd116.org](mailto:pclark@isd116.org) with any questions.

You are invited to join us for our:

## *Christmas Boutique*

*Hosted by Mrs. Bouc's & Mrs. Sparks Special Education Class*

Tuesday-Friday  
December 13th - 16th  
8:40-2:40



A variety of student-made items will be available for purchase. Great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers for all ages. Fun teacher gifts as well.

Students can purchase (cash only) during the designated time, after the teacher excuses them to do so.

*Quantities are limited and will not be made to order.*



## **PILLAGER PARTY!!**

### **Pillager Community Christmas Party**

*FREE: Food, Games, Caroling, Prize Walk, Pictures with Santa*

#### **BINGO**

Starting at Noon

Bingo Cards: 3 faces for \$1 per game

Payouts: 70% winner, 30% house

*All events at the Pillager Community Center*



**Choir Concert**  
December 12  
7/8 at 6:30pm  
High School at 7:30pm

**Band Concert**  
December 19  
6:30pm

## **Driver's Education**



A Driver's Ed course for students, age 14+, will be offered through the school. More details will be sent home with students when they are finalized.

[kjanicke@isd116.org](mailto:kjanicke@isd116.org) (218) 746-2071

# **ONE ACT PLAY**

**AUDITIONS:** November 21, 2022 @ 3:30-5:00

**COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE:** January 23, 2023 @ 7:30

**SUBSECTIONS:** January 28, 2023—Park Rapids High School





Don't miss seeing the Elementary students perform on the big stage in the CTC Center for the first time.

Thursday, December 8 in the CTC Center  
 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm **Kindergarten** Program  
 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm **Grade 1** Program

Friday, December 9 in the CTC Center  
 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm **Grade 2** Program  
 7:00 pm **Grade 3 and 4** Optional Holiday Carol Sing Along for students and their families

Families of students: Stay tuned for more information about reserving your seats via the school website.

## Community Groups — Call for info

4-H		587-8280
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	Mark Huber	839-1513
Girl Scouts	Monica Husen	828-3515
Lions Club	John Driscoll	(651)216-2400
Moms in Prayer	Rhonda Dosser	746-4142
American Legion	Tom Rhett	746-3945
Fair Board / Community Center	Jamie Hauge	839-5329
Pillager Family Center	Betty Doss	746-2185
Ministerial Association	Dan Johnson	746-4369
Pillager History	Sue Van Hal	821-2276
Lakeshore Conservation Club		963-4003
Civil Air Patrol	Brainerd Airport	534-5418
Pheasants Forever	Doug Johnson	(507)841-0571
Local snowmobile clubs	brainerdlakesareasnowmobiletrails.com	

If you would like your club or organization listed here, please call the office with your contact information.

# GO HUSKIES

## UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL



The 2022 Unified Flag Football game was one that was unforgettable and special to the athletes who had the opportunity to participate. The games were filled with smiles, laughter, cheers, touchdowns, and excitement. It was so fun to watch the players score touchdowns and play together as a team. This team is unlike any other—so excited for one another when a touchdown is scored or a pass is caught, and the cheering is just incredible. Not only were the games fun but so were the stations. All the athletes tried their absolute best and had a great time. The whole day was a success and very exciting. ~ Grace Grimsley

## Early Childhood

### Early Childhood Screening



Pillager's Early Childhood Center will be hosting another Early Childhood Screening for children ages 3 and 4 years of age on Friday, February 3, 2023.

**giveMN.org**  
Click. Contribute. Change Your World.



The Pillager Family Center is on Facebook! Look for them and become a fan! Keep updated on upcoming events, learn new ideas, read book suggestions and more!



**[www.pillagerfamilycenter.org](http://www.pillagerfamilycenter.org)**

Michele Spar Family Support Coordinator 218-746-4009  
Betty Doss, Executive Director 218-746-2185

- Food Shelf: Thursday 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- WIC: Call 218-547-1430 for appointment
- Child and Teen Checkup Clinics:  
Call 746-4009 for appointment
- Cass County financial workers:  
Thursday through v-link  
call 218-547-1340 for appointment
- Cass County Veteran's Services  
3rd Thursday of the month  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Other services: phone, computer use, fax and copy machine available to the public for a small charge.

## Early Childhood Options



### School Readiness

This program offers a variety of experiences and activities that prepare preschoolers for success in Kindergarten. To be enrolled, children must be four years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Pillager School offers two options of School Readiness classes:

- Monday, Wednesday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00)
- Tuesday, Thursday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00 p.m.)

If you have questions, please call Tracy at (218)746-3075.

### Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Children ages birth to seven who exhibit developmental delays (motor, auditory, vision, cognition, social-emotional, or speech/language) may qualify for services to meet their specific needs. Children receive services in their home, daycare, or in Pillager's Early Childhood or Kindergarten classrooms.

### Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

This program provides support and resources to all families with children from birth until their enrollment in Kindergarten. The ECFE program believes parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Our program provides an opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a supportive environment facilitated by licensed child and parent educators.

#### **Fall 2022 Family Classes (Birth-Kindergarten)** **All classes held at the First Baptist Church**

##### **Thursday (20 weeks)**

5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Pizza/Playtime

Up to age 5 years old

##### **Thursday (24 weeks)**

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Class

Ages 3 to 5 years old (no siblings)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

##### **Friday (24 weeks)**

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

Call Brenda at (218)414-0441 to register or for more information.



# Pillager Area Family Center serves all members of our community

## Home Visiting Program

The Family Center Home Visiting Program offers weekly home visits to new parents to gain information about child development, physical and social/emotional, parenting ideas, basic care and communication. The Home Visitor and parents work through the Growing Great Kids curriculum. This program is Healthy Families America (HFA) accredited. For more information, please call Amy at (218)587-4292.



Funding for this program is from the MN Department of Health, United Way, Cass County and the Cass County Children's Initiative. "Hand in hand for early success" ... Working together to build a secure foundation for newborn babies and their first time parents.

## Pillager Little Huskies Child Care Center

Location: Pillager School Early Childhood Center Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 16 months (14 months with a variance) to start of Kindergarten

State licensed and Four Star Parent Aware Rated

Contact Ashley O. at (218) 746-2148 or aoehrlein@isd116.org for more information or to enroll your child. Children must be enrolled in the program and pre-registration and pre-payment is needed in order for your child to attend.



## Fun Stop: School-Age Care Program

Location: Pillager School Ages: Kindergarten through 4th Grade

The Fun Stop program provides quality, safe, fun school-aged childcare for children in grades K-4. Games, puzzles, crafts, sports, and homework help are all a part of the Fun Stop choices.

▶▶▶ Due to the high number of participants, please call (218)746-2140 to make sure space is available.

This is an hourly fee plus additional charge for special events. Fun Stop is available from 6:30-8:05 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. on school days and 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on non-school days and during the summer.



## Pillager Area Food Shelf

305 Fir Avenue W

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(218) 746-4009

The Pillager Family Center operates the Pillager Area Food Shelf and offers help to families in the Pillager school district. Food is available monthly and Cub Food donates bread that is available weekly.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and/or money to the Pillager Food Shelf. Your donations are greatly appreciated and continue to help families in our community. Monetary donations are preferred and are used to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank offers food to be purchased by food shelves at a lower cost and in bulk amounts, helping to stretch every dollar donated.



**HELP: Our local food bank is in need of paper bags. You may drop these off at the Early Childhood desk.**

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**Call Fornshell Bus Service for information: (218)746-3770**

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Why not choose the Pillager School PTO or the Pillager Family Council (Family Center)?



# Check out our menus!

## DAILY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

You can easily view information about what is on our menu each day. You can see an image and description for food items, as well as nutrition information.

Please check daily for food choices as they may change!



Menus above represent sample menus and not actual menu items.

To download the app search for "Nutrislice" on Google Play or the App Store



See menus at:  
[pillager.nutrislice.com](http://pillager.nutrislice.com)  
or download the app

## THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR LUNCH 2022-23



There will be a charge for lunch this school year. Please watch for details.

**Breakfast will be free for all grade levels.**

### VERY IMPORTANT!

It is more important than ever for every family to complete the "Application for Educational Benefits" form that will be mailed to your home in August. This application measures the economic condition of our community.

#### The value to our school is:

- \$25 technology insurance fee waived with completed form.
- Additional funding to retain small class sizes.
- Additional funding for computers, basic skills training, core classes including math, reading, and science.
- Pricing for resources such as our school website and other technical resources is based on the economic condition of Pillager.
- Title 1 funding.
- Additional grant money available for other programs.

You see, it's not just about your family; it is a measure of the community. Please take the time to complete and return the form. Your information is confidential. Your papers are shredded when they are no longer needed.



Our transportation services are handled by Fornshell Bus Service.

[fornshellbus@isd116.org](mailto:fornshellbus@isd116.org)  
(218) 746-3770

Online info: School Website  
Use "services" tab on top of home page

## Transportation Information

Parents, please call the bus garage by 7:00 a.m. if your child/children will not be riding the bus for the day. **This will help the buses stay on schedule!**

**Special note:** Students are allowed only ONE designated bus stop in the morning and ONE designated bus stop in the afternoon. These stops must be registered through Fornshell Bus and Pillager School.

### Transportation information forms are due in July.

**No bussing is guaranteed without a completed bus form. Please send forms to Fornshell Bus Service or the Pillager School as soon as possible.**

#### Bus Safety on the roads:

- Parents and district residents need to understand state laws in regards to school buses.
- When school is in session, buses will be stopping on all forms of roads: state highways, county roads, city streets and township roads. When buses stop, it means that a child is being picked up or dropped off. Red flashing lights mean that you must stop. It is illegal to pass a bus on either side while meeting or following the bus when the red lights are flashing.

#### Bus Safety at school:

We also ask that you follow the bus safety in the area around the school building.

- The one way streets and driving restrictions have been developed for the safety of kids. The parking lot on the south side of the school is a one way parking lot. Please enter from the east end only and exit from the west end only. This helps the flow of traffic off of East Second St. as it is one way. Each student in kindergarten through grade ten receives bus safety training every year. All students take a written and practice test.

**As adult drivers, please be good examples. Thank you for your help in making school a safer place for kids.**

# ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION

Please stay connected to your student's progress and lunch account information by accessing this information online. You can get to this information from the school website through the link on the left side of the home page OR — through the web address below.

## Parents

Click here

<https://pillager.onlinejmc.com>

## Students

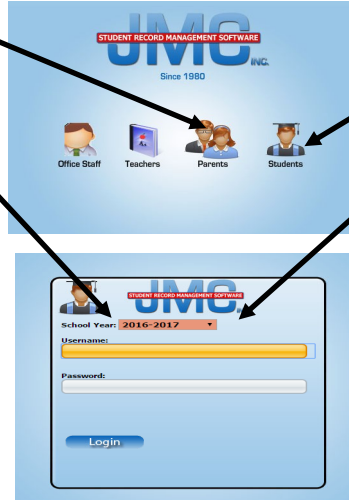
Click here

Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name: parent's last name in lowercase letters

Enter your password. (If you do not remember your password, please speak to a secretary to access it.)

After you click "login" you may look at your child's absences, tardies, report card, progress report and lunch account info. You may also update your address, phone, or email.



Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name: Last two digits of your graduating year, first initial of first name, last name.  
Ex: 17jdoe

Password: Lunch number, first initial of first name last name. Ex: 1234jdoe

After you click "login" you may look at your absences, tardies, report card, progress report and lunch account info. (Online registration is not available at this time.)

## Before and After School

Parents, please note that students should not be in the school building before 8:05 a.m. Please know that they will be asked to leave the school to either go outside or home.

The school is closed to all children after school unless they are in a supervised after-school activity or enrolled in "Fun Stop."

# ISD116.ORG



## JMC Alert System

Pillager School uses a recorded alert system to notify families of special school events, school closings, or emergencies. The numbers and email addresses are from the contact information that you have provided to the District Office.

If you are not getting these messages, or would like other phone numbers or email addresses used, please call the District Office to update your file.

## Pillager School YouTube Channel

Pillager's YouTube channel for the school district will serve as a central location where we can offer live-streaming and manage school related events.

Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict> and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.



## 28th Annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse



The Radiothon held in 2021 raised \$61,836!!! In total, the Radiothon to End Child Abuse has raised \$1,768,014 since 1994! Now it is time for the 2017 **WJJY, B93.3**, The **Power Loon** and **Cool 103.5** Radiothon to End Child Abuse. The Radiothon has increased awareness of the problem of child abuse and neglect. Listen again to find out what is being done in our communities to help end child abuse.

Please make your pledge, bid on valuable auction items and support your 27th Annual Radiothon. This is a joint effort by **WJJY, B93.3, The Power Loon** and **Cool 103.5** radio, the Child Abuse Prevention Councils of Aitkin, Morrison, Cass Counties, the Crow Wing County Child Protection Team, and Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota.

### December 1-2

To participate, listen to the radio stations listed above  
or see the website to track auction items:  
[www.brainerd.com/radiothon](http://www.brainerd.com/radiothon)

Money raised during the 2022 Radiothon will benefit Minnesota child abuse prevention efforts including those at the Pillager Area Family Center. The Pillager Area Family Center's mission is "Empowering and strengthening families to build a strong Pillager community."

# Penmac

## EDUCATION STAFFING



### Now hiring Custodians & Educational Assistants

Custodian day shift and evening shifts available. Starting pay \$14.00 per hour. More for experience.

Educational Assistants for the 2022-23 school year! Starting wages \$14.00 to \$20+ per hour, based on previous experience and education.

Please contact Penmac Staffing in Brainerd at (218) 824-9675 or [www.penmac.com](http://www.penmac.com) Must pass an extensive background check.

Educational Assistant candidates with an AA Degree or have completed paraprofessional testing are preferred.

You can see complete information on all employment options on the school website at [www.isd116.org/employment](http://www.isd116.org/employment).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

If you want to donate money to provide new winter wear for kids, contact Jamie from the fair board (218) 839-5329. This effort is partnering with the Elementary School and the Pillager Family Center. If you know of a student who needs winter wear (coat, boots, snow pants, hats, mittens), please contact Jamie or any school office.



In November and December, the Pillager Area Lions Club partners with the Pillager Family Center to help families with meat and groceries for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.



The Pillager Family Center could really use some "Thanksgiving" items for the food shelf such as stuffing, potatoes, corn, gravy, ingredients for green bean casserole (green beans, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions). The same will be true for Christmas dinner groceries. If you can help, please drop off your donations at the Family Center located in the City Hall building. (305 Fir Avenue West, Pillager)

Please consider giving generously to help families in our community. The Pillager Family Center is a 501(c) 3 organization and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The federal tax identification number is 41-1811057. You may mail your financial donation to the Pillager Family Center, 305 Fir Avenue W, Pillager, MN 56473. Thank you for your support!







### Look for us online:

www.isd116.org  
www.pillagerfair.com  
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www.cityofpillager.com  
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www.pillagermn.com  
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### Community Groups — Call for info

4-H		587-8280
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	Mark Huber	839-1513
Girl Scouts	Monica Husen	828-3515
Lions Club	John Driscoll	(651)216-2400
Moms in Prayer	Rhonda Dosser	746-4142
American Legion	Tom Rhett	746-3945
Fair Board / Community Center	Jamie Hauge	839-5329
Pillager Family Center	Betty Doss	746-2185
Ministerial Association	Dan Johnson	746-4369
Pillager History	Sue Van Hal	821-2276
Lakeshore Conservation Club		963-4003
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Local Snowmobile Clubs	brainerdlakesareasnowmobiletrails.com	



**Now accepted in the District office for registration fees and lunch accounts.**

**Online registration and credit card payments are also**

**available for all athletics, youth sports, community education classes, and lunch payments.**



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### October 31 - November 4

A large display is set up in the Media Center during "Scholastic Book Fair" week. Students are able to look through the hundreds of books available during library time.

The display is also open during Fun Fest on Friday night so parents can help their children pick a book.



Clothes that are not claimed will be washed every two weeks and then donated on about the 1st and 15th of each month.

The Elementary lost and found is located by the elementary gym.

Students should check this every day!

Please contact Brenda at 746-2111 if you would like her to look for your child's belongings.

# Robotics Update

## **FIRST Robotics Update:**

The Pillager Robotics Team has successfully wrapped up an amazing Fall Season in the FIRST Robotics League. On the weekend of Oct 28th and 29th our team participated in two robotic competitions at Alexandria High School. On Friday the 28th, the 6th seeded Husky Howlers overcame all odds and made it all the way to the Semi-Finals of the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship, (<https://www.nmrconference.org/>) challenging numerous veteran and experienced teams from across the northern half of Minnesota.

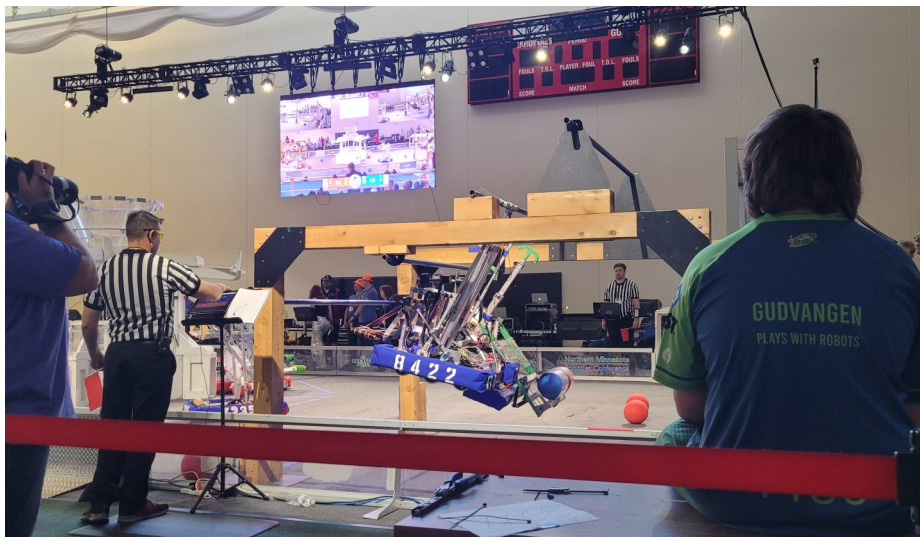
Our Husky Howlers then followed that amazing performance with an even more impressive showing on Saturday the 29th in the NMRC Open, which pitted them against even more top-tier teams from across the entire state, many of whom have gone to the World Championships in the past. In the playoffs, the Husky Howlers fought and clawed all the way from the 4th Seed to the Finals, beating the #1 and #2 seeds along the way, before coming away with an honorable 2nd place/Runner's Up in a hard-fought contest.

Congratulations to our team for proudly representing Pillager and for their hard work, fun and perseverance over 2 amazing days. A fantastic end to our most successful Fall Season yet. Congrats!!

## **VEX Robotics Update:**

Our Pillager VEX Robotics Team is just getting off the ground and is preparing for their build season over the upcoming Winter months. We're excited to see what our rookie team will create as they work on a VEX V5 competition Robot on our newly purchased VEX Field, hosted in our Robotics center. We'll let you know how things turn out.

Finally, we will be launching our Fall and Christmas Coffee Fundraiser where you can purchase some amazing 1lb bags of coffee from Reality Roasters Coffee Company out of Little Falls, MN. This fabulous coffee has been an overwhelming success with nothing but rave reviews from those who ordered last year. If you are looking for this years perfect Christmas Gift, let us know by dropping us a note at: [robotics@isd116.org](mailto:robotics@isd116.org) and we'll get back to you.





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## POSTAL CUSTOMER



We will recognize veterans from all wars, foreign and domestic, and from all branches of the Armed Forces. The program will include involvement from our students through music and speakers. Refreshments will follow for the guests. This program will also be available at:  
[www.YouTube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict](http://www.YouTube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict)

# VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Friday, November 11th  
9:30 am  
In the CTC Center

**All Community Members Welcome!**

### School Contact Information

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### School Leadership

#### School Board



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