



The PERRY Way

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Featured Events

AUGUST

- 14 Freshman Orientation, Goodwin Theatre, 9:00am
- 17 Pre-School and Kindergarten Phase-In, by Appointment
Students A-L, Grades 1-8 Attend
All HS Students Attend
Community Bonfire, Ritley Field, 8:00pm
- 18 Pre-School and Kindergarten Phase-In, by Appointment
Students M-Z, Grades 1-8 Attend
- 21 All Students in Grades 1-8 Attend
Pre-School and Kindergarten Phase-In, by Appointment
- 22 Students A-L in Pre-School and Kindergarten Attend
- 23 Students M-Z in Pre-School and Kindergarten Attend
- 24 All Students in Pre-School and Kindergarten Attend

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day, No School
- 16 Ritley Run
Alumni Stadium, 9am

Mission Statement:

“Inspire all students to achieve personal excellence, pursue world-class standards and be self-directed, lifelong learners.”

SUPER SUMMER 2023

by Dr. Jack Thompson, Superintendent



As we reflect back on another successful academic year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication from our staff and school community. Together, we have navigated through some challenges and accomplished remarkable feats.

In the spirit of progress and innovation, we continue to explore new opportunities to enhance the personalized educational experience for each of our students. Our dedicated educators have been working diligently to develop a robust curriculum that aligns with the evolving needs of our students and prepares them for success in the future.

As an educational institution, we continuously strive to adapt and improve in all areas. Staffing changes for next year have been made after careful consideration and with the best interests of our students at heart. Specifically, PES will have a new leadership team: Amy Stavar as principal (2022-23 PMS assistant principal) and Ashley Pavicic as assistant principal (2007-23 Spanish Teacher). Jim Chisholm (PES Principal 2022-23) will transition into the Director of Student Services position and Coni Steverding (PES Dean of Students 2018-2023) will serve as our Director of Growth and Development. Our new assistant principal at PMS will be Bob Gecewich (previously District SEL Student Success Specialist). New hire, Ross Martin will teach high school social studies and we have hired two new intervention specialists. We will continue to do all we can to ensure their educational experience is enriched and that students and staff receive the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We also recognize the ongoing importance of fostering a supportive and inclusive community. The promotion of mental well-being, empathy, and respect among our students and staff remains a priority. Our aim is to create an environment where all students and staff feel valued, celebrated, and empowered to reach their full potential. I feel strongly about our success in this area having witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness and support, within our school community.

Our incredible students are committed to learning and becoming better every day. I am so proud of each of them and have no doubt that their experiences at Perry Schools will shape them into strong and compassionate individuals. I'd like to thank our parents and guardians for their unwavering support and trust. Our school community is built upon the collaborative efforts of each and every one of us. Together, we will continue to foster a culture of excellence, compassion, and lifelong learning.

As we continue this summer, I encourage all of you to take some time to rest, rejuvenate,

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As we celebrate the Class of 2023, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the numerous achievements and accomplishments that our school community and specifically the Class of 2023 has experienced. This year has been filled with remarkable moments of growth, success, and a genuine sense of unity.

Together, we have navigated through challenges and embraced opportunities, making this year truly memorable. I would like to thank and recognize the class of 2023 for their leadership and school pride that was often on display in the classroom and in extra curricular activities.

One aspect that deserves special recognition is the outstanding commitment shown by our senior students through the Perry Service Learning Class (PSL). PSL has allowed our students to engage in meaningful volunteer work, giving back to the community in remarkable ways. Throughout the year, our students have devoted countless hours to various community service projects, making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Their dedication and compassion are truly commendable, and it is heartwarming to witness our students growing into compassionate citizens who make a difference.

The Class of 2023's academic achievements have been exceptional, with many pursuing academic interests in specific areas that match their passions and aptitudes.

Here are just some of the accomplishments from this past school year:

ACADEMICS

- 38 seniors graduated with a cumulative Weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher
- 72 seniors graduated with a cumulative Weighted GPA of 3.3 or higher
- 43 seniors successfully completed 6 or more AP Courses or CCP courses
- 74 seniors took at least 1 college level course
- 12 Auburn Career Center Graduates
- 8 seniors received a 12 Point Industry Recognized Credential in fields such as Nursing Assistant, Welding, and HVAC
- 20 seniors successfully completed an internship
- 92 seniors earned 30 or more credits
- 6 AP Scholars or AP Scholars with Distinction

- 3 seniors earned an Associates Degree
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- 13 seniors achieved an ACT score of 27 or higher
- 5 seniors achieved an ACT score of 30 or higher

All of this was accomplished while giving back to our community:

The Holiday Food Drive raised 3,340 pounds of food and \$5,089 for The Perry Center.

PSL students volunteered 7,840 hours this year.

According to calculations provided by Innerview these hours of service are estimated as having a community impact value of \$228,693.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Our seniors have been part of many championships:

- (28) CVC Championship Teams
- (7) Sectional Championship Teams
- (5) District Championship Teams
- (5) Individual State Qualifiers
- (2) Science Olympiad Regional Qualifiers
- (1) State Champion
- (1) Best male lead in a musical

The support and dedication of our incredible staff have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and inspiring learning environment in the classroom and during extra curricular activities. Our teachers and coaches have gone above and beyond to provide personalized instruction and world class opportunities to help our students reach their full potential. Their unwavering commitment to our students' success is truly commendable, and we are grateful for their passion and expertise.

We look forward to the 2023-2024 school year as we welcome the class of 2027 to the high school and challenge the class of 2024 to lead the way and continue the tradition of excellence at Perry High School.



Special Note

Congratulations to Brock Christian (Wrestling State Champion) and Brayden Richards (300 Hurdles State Champion) during the 2022-2023 school year.



As we look back on another remarkable school year, I'd like to reflect on the journey we've taken together. In the fall, we introduced students to the legendary Admiral Oliver Hazard Perry who, when facing the British in the Battle of Lake Erie, hoisted his now famous battle flag "Don't Give up the Ship." We asked our students and staff to embrace the grit and determination that Admiral Perry's flag represents. The challenges and projects that students were tasked with this school year were immense, but through it all, we embraced this motto. With this resilient spirit, we navigated uncharted waters and emerged stronger and wiser.

Our incredible staff members rose to this challenge as well, demonstrating unwavering commitment and creativity in delivering creative and authentic lessons all school year. In 5th grade, our students and teachers engaged in a wide variety of authentic experiences with a focus on science and service. Activities included sunflower seed harvesting from our outdoor classroom, waterway and local conservation studies, and a school-wide hurricane relief effort to aid a school in Florida. 6th grade students were able to release trout into the Grand River, experienced Egyptian mummification techniques using apples, harvested maple syrup, and hypothesized potential outcomes for events in ancient history. 7th grade students engaged in a Butterfly study and release, sharing their learning with 2nd grade students at Perry Elementary School. Additionally, 7th graders authored and published books, debated the hero or villain status of Martin Luther, and created a cuneiform alphabet. In 8th grade, our students utilized design learning to create and build scale monuments for Washington DC and earthquake-proof structures. They debated the ratification of the US Constitution as Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, and sat on Foreign Policy teams to determine appropriate courses of action in our relations to other countries. These are just a small part of the authentic learning experiences

students were able to engage in during the 2022-23 school year in our core classes.

From STEM to Spanish, students were immersed in authentic learning. Often, these experiences result in real change in our school or community. This school year we had teams of Alpha Project students who studied the effects of stress on student learning. They proposed and created a student break-room that we look forward to utilizing next school year.

Beyond the academics, our students exhibited resilience determination, and personal growth in extracurricular activities. They participated in virtual competitions, explored new hobbies, and discovered talents they never knew they possessed. The spirit of "Don't Give Up the Ship" was evident in every endeavor, reminding us that setbacks are just steppingstones towards success.

As we bid farewell to the 2022-2023 school year, let us celebrate the achievements, growth, and resilience that define us. The challenges we faced have taught us valuable life lessons about perseverance, adaptability, and the importance of supporting one another. Our students have emerged as resilient individuals, ready to face any future challenges head-on.

While the road ahead may still be uncertain, we can be confident in our ability to overcome any obstacle that comes our way. Our motto, "Don't Give Up the Ship," serves as a reminder that perseverance and determination are the keys to achieving our goals, no matter the circumstances.

Thank you, parents, students, and staff for your unwavering support, dedication, and resilience throughout this extraordinary year. We look forward to embarking on new adventures and creating even more lasting memories in the coming school year.

Wishing you all a restful summer break filled with joy, relaxation, and rejuvenation!



Elementary School



Jim Chisholm
ES Principal



Summer break provides an excellent opportunity for children to relax, connect with friends, and spend quality time with their families; however, it's also crucial to ensure that their academic progress doesn't stall during this time. By actively providing support, parents can help to prevent this stagnation and accelerate their child's math and reading levels over the summer, setting them up for success in the upcoming school year. Below are a few ways you can help play an active role in your child's summer success.

Foster a Reading Culture: Reading is fundamental to a child's overall academic development. Encourage your child to read regularly by creating a reading-friendly environment at home. Set aside designated reading time each day and make it a family affair by organizing a "reading hour" where everyone reads their own books or takes turns reading aloud. Discuss the books your child is reading and ask open-ended questions to promote critical thinking.



Visit the Perry Public Library: Take advantage of Perry Public Library during the summer. The library has a summer reading program and offers a wide range of age-appropriate books. Encourage your child to select books on topics they enjoy, while also gently nudging them to explore new genres. The Perry Public Library is set up to help you select

books based on your child's current reading level. Reach out to us if you don't know it! Regular visits to libraries and bookstores can nurture a love for reading and provide access to resources that expand their literary horizons.

Integrate Math into Daily Activities: Math is an essential skill that permeates our everyday lives. Encourage your child to apply math concepts in practical ways. While cooking, involve them in measuring ingredients or calculating cooking times. During family outings, play games that involve counting, estimating, or budgeting. Engaging with math in a fun and interactive manner will help your child develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

Model Learning Behavior: Children often mimic their parents' behavior, so it's important for parents to demonstrate their own love for reading and learning. Set aside time for your own reading, share interesting articles or books with your child, and engage in intellectual discussions. By being a positive role model, you can instill a genuine enthusiasm for learning in your child.

Encourage Journaling and Writing: Writing is another essential skill that contributes to overall academic development. Encourage your child to maintain a journal throughout the summer, documenting their experiences, thoughts, and ideas. You can also suggest creative writing activities, such as storytelling or writing short poems. Writing regularly helps children enhance their language skills, vocabulary, and self-expression.

Parents play a vital role in supporting their child's academic progress, even during the summer months. By fostering a love for reading, integrating math into daily activities, and modeling a passion for learning, parents can help their child accelerate their math and reading levels. These efforts will not only boost academic achievement but also cultivate a lifelong love for learning that will benefit them in the years to come.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



Assistant Superintendent



Dr. Betty Jo Malchesky
Assistant Superintendent

Lead your Students to Gain World-Class Opportunities

For students to engage and access all the many learning opportunities at Perry, they first need to feel purpose in the work - why school matters. To our families, we want you to understand the many options at Perry so you are equipped to support your child (or children). Although, winter/spring registration season is a great time to seek this information, it can be overwhelming and all-at-once; therefore, I encourage you to seek information at any time during the year from counselors, administration, or our career exploration specialist to help us place students in courses, clubs, job shadowing, and extracurricular options that are irresistibly engaging. Bottomline, when learners understand their interests and aptitudes and find how their course content aligns to their personal aspirations, they engage. As learners, we become excited for more. Recognize the many ways in which schools play a vital role in the overall development and preparation of students for their future endeavors.

Here are some “DID YOU KNOWS” to help you grab every opportunity at Perry, to help shape the happiness, drive, and resilience in our students and help them become their personal best.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DID YOU KNOW?

- Collaborating in groups and learning life skills such as communication, problem solving, and serving others begins as early as elementary school. Ask teachers about problem-based learning in science and social studies. Get community experts involved in this inquiry.
- All PES students are involved in a weekly exploratory class called PEEPS Service Learning.
- Join after school clubs such as Video Club, Mighty Girls, or Kindness Club.
- Join a team at the Perry Recreation Department. There are new sign-ups every season.
- Join the Perry Athletic Community (PAC) and swim, work-out, or walk the track as a family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - DID YOU KNOW?

- This is quite possibly the MOST critical stage of learning and we seek for students to connect with positive adult role models in clubs, outings, through fitness, or family events - so join one of the 17 clubs at PMS.

- Each school has a CARES team to support students with specific leadership or social needs. Call us. It takes a community to align students with life-changing experiences.
- Unmonitored Social Media and gaming is one of the biggest reasons students can spiral in middle school. Did you know we can also support parents or grandparents to understand tech options and how to monitor healthy habits?
- Leadership Lake County (yes, already becoming a leader at a county level) begins at middle school.
- Begin surveying your own Career Interest and Aptitude data with our Career Exploration Specialist and teachers and then go seek careers at Share your Genius Day, Job Shadow Day in 8th grade, or use it to create your own project around content in a class that provides problem-based learning and access to learn with input from a community or global leader.
- Think you're ready to take an accelerated course or a course in a trades field as a middle schooler? Yes, at PMS you too can take a College Credit Course as a 7th/8th grader.

HIGH SCHOOL - DID YOU KNOW?

- Use your Career Interest and Aptitude data that you have been monitoring since middle school and build a schedule aligned to your dreams. Ready to begin shadowing your favorite job considerations? See a counselor or the Career Exploration Specialist TODAY.
- Don't see the advanced course or trades course you want to schedule? Seek a CCP (College Credit Plus) course online or in person for FREE and begin to earn college credit (fall/winter/summer).
- Take a course where problem-based learning and working with experts in the business field of that content area are possible. See the course registration where this will be noted.
- Become a leader in your state or community through service and leadership. As a junior, apply to Buckeye Boys/Girls State or Perry Service Learning (PSL).
- High School teachers hold office hours every day. Seek the help you need. We are here.
- You can earn career certifications at high school. Yes, place that on your college resume or take it to a job interview. Perry increases each year in industry-recognized certifications obtained by our students in IT, Childcare, Google, MS Office, HVAC, Welding, STNA/ Nursing, SERVSAFE, Entrepreneurship, OSHA, and more.
- Want an internship (perhaps even a paid internship) in high school? Yep, we have it.

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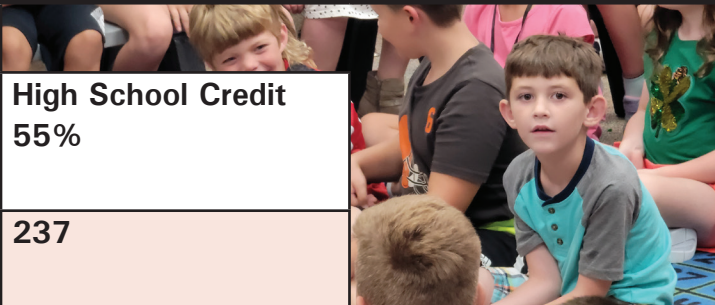



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Quality Profile

2022-2023

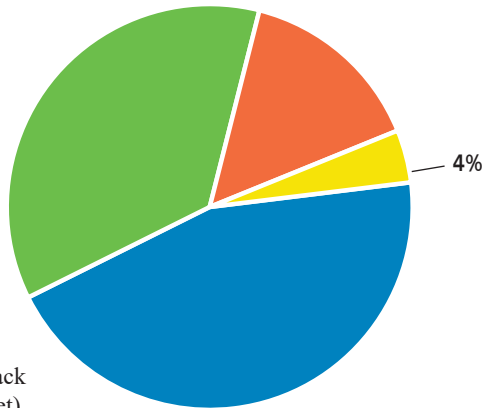
STATISTICS BY GRADE LEVEL

	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Graduation Rate	99%		
Percent of students enrolled in classes with the potential to earn	College Credit 27%	High School Credit 55%	
High school credits earned by middle school students		237	
Percent of students reading at grade level by mid-year			Kindergarten - 96% 1st Grade - 76% 2nd Grade - 68% 3rd Grade - 79% 4th Grade - 61%
Course offerings in the arts	14	13	18
Hours invested by students for community service	12,560	1,850	
Percent of students participating in an extracurricular activity	76%	62%	25%
Local scholarship money awarded	\$67,200		
Number of AP courses taken	11		
Percent of teachers that hold a Master's Degree or higher	95%	87%	85%
Number of grant funded programs	14	8	5
Onsite Industry Recognized Credentials Offered	8		
Offsite Industry Recognized Credentials Offered	2		
Attendance Rate	93.5%	93.1%	93.4%



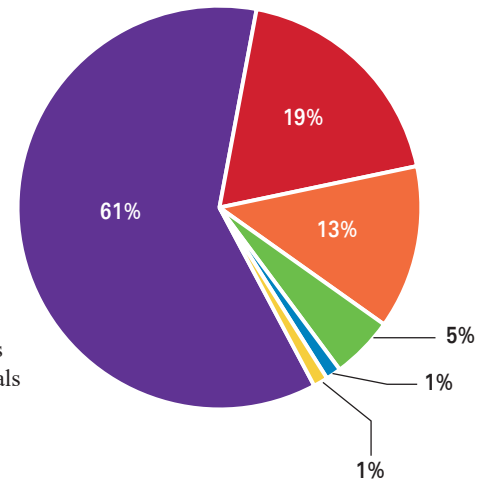
FINANCES

Revenue	
Real Estate Taxes	10,809,869.00
Homestead & Rollback	8,801,674.00
State Foundation (Net)	3,614,060.00
Other Revenue	1,018,985.00
Total Revenue	24,244,588.00

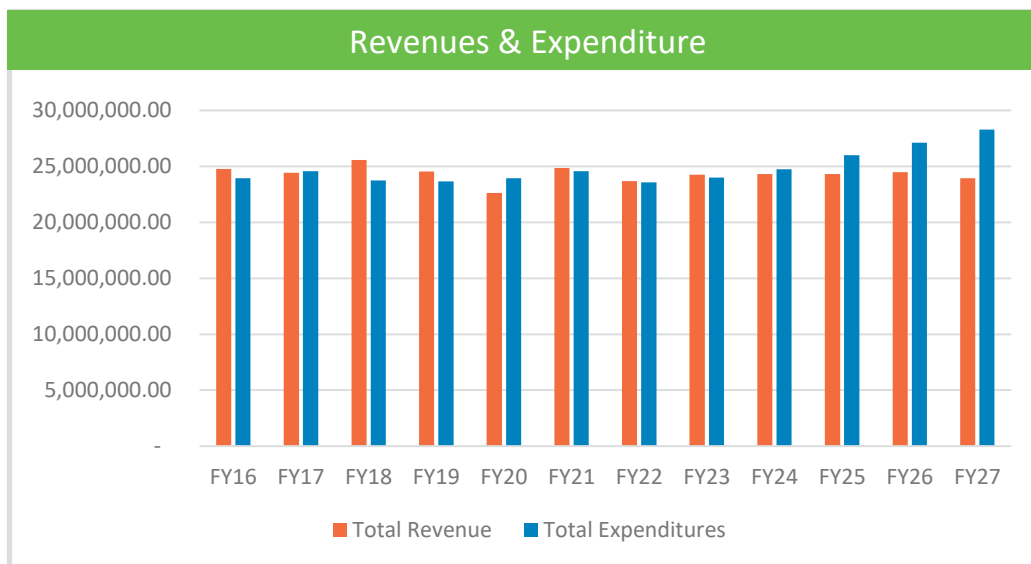


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- State Foundation (Net)
- Other Revenue

Expenditures	
Salaries & Wages	14,503,391
Benefits	4,478,286
Purchased Services	3,132,895
Supplies & Materials	1,196,822
Equipment	290,757
Other Expenses	278,974
Total Expenses	23,881,125.00



- Salaries & Wages
- Benefits
- Purchased Services
- Supplies & Materials
- Equipment
- Other Expenses



**GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED
TOTAL: \$1,539,814.70**

**YEARS SINCE THE DISTRICT
HAS BEEN ON THE BALLOT
FOR AN OPERATING LEVY**

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COST PER PUPIL: \$15,878

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and enjoy a well-deserved break. Whether you plan to embark on exciting adventures, spend quality time with loved ones, or simply relax, I wish you a summer filled with joy, happiness, and memorable experiences.

Please stay tuned for further updates throughout the summer, as we will be sharing important information regarding school reopening plans, schedules, and any additional measures in place to ensure the well-being of our students and staff.

Remember, the bonds we have forged and the lessons we have learned will continue to guide us as we move forward. We remain committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment that fosters growth, academic excellence, and the well-rounded development of our students.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT *continued from page 5*

- Starting 2024-25, Perry HS is preparing to house the Eastern Lake County Welding Hub to respond to the in-demand job need in our county. Certify to be a welder at school or perhaps after school hours.
- At Perry, students learn to attain jobs and become a thriving member of our economy either through college, straight to career, straight to career and then college paid, or via the military.
- Join one of the 36 clubs or 23 athletic activities at PHS.

At Perry, our mission for personal excellence is a key part of the District's mission established in 1993. Deepening student opportunities alongside innovation is key to our commitment to students today.

