

# Paton-Churdan Community School

Spring 2023

## Coming UP.....

March 13-17.....No School, Spring Break  
March 22.....NHS Blood Drive  
March 27-31...Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress  
March 30.....Parent/Teacher Conferences  
March 31.....HS Choir to Lion King  
April 4.....Parent/Teacher Conferences  
April 10.....No School, Teacher PD Day  
April 17.....Elementary Spring Concert at 2 & 7  
April 22.....PC Prom  
April 28 & 29-School Musical, The Play That Goes Wrong  
April 29.....Kindergarten Roundup  
May 16.....Pops Music Concert Grades 6-12  
May 17.....Senior Mentor Banquet, 6pm  
May 20.....Graduation 2pm  
May 26.....Scheduled Last Day of School



Queen: Emma Stream & King: Jacob Brus  
Mini Queen: Claudia Towers & Mini King: Cam Schweers

## Snowcoming 2023 Royalty

### Thank You

- Anonymous giver for paying off lunch balances in November.
- Paton Presbyterian Church for supporting the Rocket Fuel Pack program.
- Marilyn Parker, Karen Riley, Lori Berns & Julie Towers donation of fleece for NHS Kindness Week blankets.

### Current Activities & Athletic Events

Go to [www.paton-churdan.k12.ia.us](http://www.paton-churdan.k12.ia.us)

- click on calendars & then click on district calendar

Parents: Please remember to call the school office by 8:15 am if your child will not be in attendance that day.

We appreciate your help!



Shaydon Thurman, Bailey Anderson, Paige Teeple, Emma Stream, Jacob Brus, Autumn Consier, Kyann Fowler, Emma Bevar



Bridget Hobbs, Ella Tasler, Anastasia Hobbs & Cat Hobb



Ean Hobbs

# 2023 Honor Band

Seven middle school students participated in the Karl King Honor Band at Fort Dodge St Edmund High School on January 14th.



Bradyn Thuelen and Jordan Winborne

## Kindergarten Round-up Time

We are at the beginning stages of planning for next year's kindergarten. Please call the school office at your earliest convenience to register your child for 2023-2024 kindergarten. We'll be sending forms for parents to fill out and send back. The date for Kindergarten Round-up is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Incoming kindergarten students will spend a morning visiting kindergarten and having a rootin'-tootin' good time! 🤠

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# SPEECH



Front Row: Leah McCormick, Autumn Consier, Grace Cullum, Callie Martin and Lauren Boysen  
 Back Row: Mia Russell, Becca Anderson, Bailey Anderson, Hailey Saffell and Phoenix Hartman

P-C Speech Team received a 1 rating and advanced to state.

At state they received a 2.

CONGRATULATIONS

# Elks Hoop Shoot



Maddie Mobley, Jaxon VanCannon, Keegan Minnihan

Three PC students advanced to the state hoop shoot contest.

WAY TO GO!!!!



# National Honor Society

The small but mighty NHS members have been busy this year. In October they hosted Trunk or Treat. In November they recruited toys to be delivered to the Story County Salvation Army and in December they delivered the presents, assisted families as they prepared for the holiday season and helped with the countdown to break with the Student Council. In addition they hosted Kindness Week in February.

# National Honor Society

Emma Stream & Paige Teeples were inducted into the National Honor Society on October 25, 2022



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**Science Exploration**

By Alisa Olson

Most of you already know, but for those that don't, this old preschool teacher took on a new challenge this year: 7th and 8th grade Science. I actually get the best of both worlds - I still teach preschool in the mornings, but since preschool is a half-day program, I'm lucky enough to get to facilitate science in the afternoon. I have a



background in working with middle schoolers since that is the level in which I started my career. Literacy education was my background, but I have grown fond of science ever since teaching it my very first year at PC. I channeled that fondness of science and have been trying to pass on my love of investigative learning to middle schoolers. 7th grade has been fairly hands-on with physical science in terms of learning about Force and Motion. We are currently wrapping up our unit on simple machines after exploring work, balanced and unbalanced forces and speed and acceleration. Some highlights from those topics have been calculation speed/acceleration of a marble on a marble run and

designing miniature ski lifts. 8th grade focuses on life science topics such as the structure of life, body systems, and interactions in ecosystems. Dissecting a chicken wing was a favorite activity so far as well as examining a cow heart. Both grades were led through the scientific process by creating their own science fair project.



We are anticipating more hands-on learning as the second semester continues.



## Human Connection Matters

Students and staff enjoyed a day with author and motivational speaker, Joe Beckman on January 25th.



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Seth Thurman, Phoenix Hartman, Dylan Cullum, Jacob Brus, Shaydon Thurman, Cayden Stream and Hunter Saffell

## Varsity Boys Basketball Team



Tom Kennedy, Caleigh Fitzpatrick, Madison Roper, Grace Cullum, Emma Stream, Bailey Anderson, Autumn Consier, Ava Minnehan, Leah McCormick and Becca Anderson

## Varsity Girls Basketball Team



Front Row: Rhys Palmer, Sam Fitzpatrick Joel Duckett, Caden Bush, Blaise Schilling and Brody Meyer

Back Row: Jon Thede, Peyton Minnehan, Trevon Keely, Wesley Fiedler, Bryce Stephenson, Landon Vote, Damen Rice, Brayden Thuelen, Paul Duckett and Bud Fagen

## Middle School Boys Basketball Team



Front Row: Lily Trecker, Isabella Hirsch, Lauren Oakes and Holly Miller  
Back Row: Libby Towers, Cat Hobbs, Shianne Teed, Aliyva Smith, Ella Tasler, Abigail Summers, Kaliyah Minnihhan and Maggie Reed

## Middle School Girls Basketball Team

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