

December 2018

Pearsall ISD

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Aloha Pearsall ISD Family,

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving holiday, that you were able to spend some time with loved ones, and that you were able to get some well-deserved rest. The next three weeks will go by quickly, as they will be filled with many holiday activities, EOC testing for High School, the start of a busy basketball season and they will wrap-up the first semester for the 2018-2019 school year! We will also experience an increase in students and staff getting sick. So please make sure you take care of yourselves during this time. Thank you for all of the hard work each of you contributes on a daily basis for the students of Pearsall ISD!

Pearsall ISD Updated 2018-2019 Calendar

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018 the PISD Board of Trustees approved an updated calendar for the 2018-19 school year. The calendar was revised based on survey data collected from teachers and support from the DEIC.

The revised calendar includes half days for students every three weeks to provide teachers more planning time. The half days for students will consist of intervention and enrichment activities to best support their educational needs. Additionally, students will end school Friday, May 24, 2018. The week of May 28-31 will allow teachers time to close out the current school year, begin planning for the new school year and/or plan for summer school. Graduation is set for Friday, May 24, 2018.

[Click here to view the updated calendar.](#)

Staff Incentive Pay

On August 29, 2018, the Pearsall ISD Board of Trustees approved a retention incentive pay, which will amount to approximately \$435 per returning employee regardless of the professional capacity. The retention pay will be distributed to returning employees by December 20, 2018. Thank you for your continuous dedication and support to all of our students!

Important Dates

December 3

STAAR/EOC Testing (PHS)

December 10

Fall Sports Banquet

December 17

Dyslexia Parent Night

December 18

Band Christmas Concert

December 19

School Board Meeting

December 20

Student Early Release

End of 3rd Six Weeks

District Christmas Luncheon

December 21 – January 4

Winter Break

[PISD Calendar of Events](#)

Extracurricular Events

[Band Schedule](#)

[JH Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

[JH Boys Basketball Schedule](#)

[HS Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

[HS Boys Basketball Schedule](#)

Safety is our Priority

Our Mission at Pearsall ISD is "In partnership with families and community, our purpose is to have **a learning environment that is safe**, nurturing, and student centered where everyone is accountable and all students are empowered to succeed." We take this statement seriously at Pearsall ISD and have taken some steps to continue addressing all aspects of safety.

Security doors were added at Pearsall High School recently, so now all four campuses have a secure entrance. The District has also started an initiative to get staff trained and certified in Mental Health First Aid. The initiative started in the summer with about 30 District leaders completing the 8-hour training; it has now continued into the school year with about 30 teachers doing the same. The District will continue to seek opportunities to have more teachers complete the training and certification. Additionally, PISD is in the process of rolling out an Administrative Guide for Bullying. The guide will assist the District with addressing and documenting bullying in a consistent and effective manner.

We will continue to look for ways to improve safety for all students and staff. If you have any safety concerns, please communicate them accordingly.

December Appreciation Dates for Pearsall ISD

Join us in recognizing District staff accordingly for their continuous hard work and dedication! [Click here to view the entire appreciation calendar.](#)

- 2: National Special Education Day
 - District-Wide Special Education Staff
- 9: Education Technology Appreciation Day
 - Technology Support Specialists

Congratulations to the PISD Employees of the Month for November!

L-R: Angie Hernandez - PI, Michael Perales – Maintenance, Nancy Esquibel – TFE, Melissa Bass – PJH, Band Directors: Humberto Sanchez, Kenisha Pedroza, Omero Reyes, Bernabe Alejandro – District;
Not Pictured: Armando Perez – District, Jose Olvera - PHS



In the Community

Pearsall Main Street First Friday

Friday, December 7 @ 5:30PM
309 East San Marcos Street
[Click here for more details!](#)

Baseball and Softball Benefit – Over the Pond Tournament 2

Sunday, December 9
Proceeds benefit Pearsall & Dilley
HS Cheerleaders' participation in
New Year's Day Parades abroad
in London or Rome!
[Click here for more details!](#)

A Downtown Texas Christmas

Friday, December 14 @ 6PM &
Saturday, December 15 @ 2PM
215 South Ash Street
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