



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## School Food Pantries

Over the past calendar year Pittsfield schools have established food pantries at PES and PMHS to support local families. School staff and community members have established the Food 4 Kids Program that is currently supporting 18 families. At PMHS the National Honor Society and Pittsfield Youth Workshop have worked together to provide food for an average of 15 students each week. The PMHS Food Pantry has been selected to be a beneficiary of the Hannaford Cause Bag Program at the Northwood store! Every time a shopper purchases the Fight Hunger reusable shopping bag at this location during the month of January, PMHS will receive a \$.25 donation. Hannaford has also made a generous contribution to the PES food pantry. The donation will be formally presented at January's whole school morning meeting on January 17. Thank you for supporting our food pantries!



## Senior Financial Aid Night

On Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. the New Hampshire Higher Education Foundation will be hosting a Financial Aid Night for seniors and their families in the PMHS lecture hall. This presentation helps families navigate through the federal aid process (FAFSA), explores what type of additional aid is available, reviews scholarship searches and highlights the importance of meeting deadlines. Attendees will receive a copy of our Financial Aid Insider.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Stand Up Pittsfield Meeting**  
PMHS Library  
December 18, 2017, 6:00 PM

**NHHEAF Financial Aid Night**  
PMHS Library  
December 19, 2017, 6:00 PM

**PES PTO Meeting**  
PES Library  
December 19, 2017, 6:30 PM

**PES Early Release Day**  
December 20, 2017, 11:30 AM

**School Board Meeting**  
PMHS Library  
December 21, 2017, 5:30 PM

**PreK-K Solstice Celebration**  
PES Cafeteria  
December 21, 2017, 6:00 PM

**Kids Movie Night**  
Sponsored by the Class of 2020  
PMHS Lecture Hall  
December 22, 2017, 5:30 PM

**Holiday Break**  
No School  
December 25, 2017 – January 1, 2018

The district calendar is available at:  
[www.pittsfieldnhschools.org](http://www.pittsfieldnhschools.org)

## Meet Mrs. Zachos

Amber Zachos grew up and attended school in Concord, NH. She graduated from Plymouth State University with a degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. Upon graduation, Mrs. Zachos started working in Rochester, NH at a small alternative high school as an eighth through twelfth grade math teacher. In her free time, Mrs. Zachos likes to seek out community events for her family to enjoy. She also likes to travel to new places, near and far, to learn about different communities and their cultures. Mrs. Zachos is excited to be a part of the Pittsfield community as the 9/10 Math Interventionist.

## PES Holiday Concerts

As you may already know, Mrs. Fortier was on maternity leave for the majority of the first quarter of the school year. Students had a wonderful time learning various musical concepts with Mrs. Ridener from September to November. However, due to Mrs. Fortier's absence, each class has gotten a late start this year on preparing for their winter concert. In order to give students ample time to prepare their music, the annual winter concerts will be held in January this year. Concerts dates are January 16 at 6:30pm (1st-4th grade) and January 23 at 6:30pm (5th-6th grade and band). Please note that 4th grade has joined grades 1-2 this year for their concert due to our mixed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th grade classes.

## PHS Alumni Association Donates T-shirts to the Class of 2018



## PARENTS CORNER

### Morning Meeting

This month's whole school morning meeting at PES is on December 20 at 8:15 a.m. Families are welcome to join us. This month the fourth grade and our 3/4 multi-age classes are leading the meeting.

### Holiday Break Office Hours

The main office at PES will be closed December 25 through January 1 and will reopen when school resumes on January 2. The PMHS main office will be open on December 27 and 28 from 7:00-3:00 p.m.

### Viewing of the film *Screenagers*

Stand Up Pittsfield is funding a screening of the film *Screenagers* on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the PMHS lecture hall. This film is appropriate for elementary and middle-high school aged students and families.