



From Darren S. Kroczaleski, Superintendent of Pinconning Area Schools:

The first semester has come to a successful close as we change our calendar to the year 2010. 2009 was an exciting and historic year for Pinconning Area Schools. I hope you have had an opportunity to visit the new, updated facilities at the high school/middle school.

Now that the holidays are over, we welcome everyone back to dig in and complete the rest of the academic year. It will definitely not be slowing down any time soon. The Board of Education has a difficult task of balancing our budget as student enrollment and funding from the State continues to decline. We continually strive to meet the most important aspects of education here in Pinconning and our focus will remain student centered. If you are interested in serving on a strategic committee to benefit the students in our district, please call the Central Office at 989-879-7225. Your input is very important.

Second semester is a season of transition with 6<sup>th</sup> graders looking towards middle school, 8<sup>th</sup> graders preparing for high school and seniors and juniors looking for colleges to attend to continue their education. Make sure your seniors take advantage of the scholarships and college information available. High school graduation day is set for Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have children who may be entering kindergarten next year, we will be having an early kindergarten registration and open house in March.

We have many on-line opportunities for your children to take part in, ranging from textbooks on-line to "Study Island" for elementary. Contact your building principal for more information. High school and middle school parents, be sure to continue to monitor your secondary student's progress on Ed-Line. Take advantage of discounted punch passes to attend athletic events, and as always, senior citizens can pick up a free pass at the bookstore.

Parents continue to be involved in many school activities and all parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Please contact PAL Coordinators, Tina Bauer at 879-7291 or Ranel Lapan at 879-7269 or 697-5711, if you are interested in being part of this group.

Your opinion and ideas count at Pinconning Area Schools. Please feel free to contact me at 989-879-4556 if I can assist you in any way. Hope to see you at some of the upcoming school events as we wrap up another successful year!

I hope that your new year is full of growth and opportunity as we enter into the year twenty-ten!



Please watch for an upcoming on-line survey to help the Board work through our budget. The Board is working to remain fiscally responsible in a time of budget challenges and student loss. We welcome and encourage your input with this survey and at our Board meetings.

Some of the upcoming Board meetings will be reviewing our budget and the impact it has on our district. Be sure to attend! Meetings are held at the HS/MS library at 7 pm.

January 25

February 8

February 15

If you haven't had an opportunity, visit the [www.pasd.org](http://www.pasd.org) web page. We have a new business section with current information on our budget, audit and powerpoint presentations to keep you updated on what is happening in the district.

