

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 2009. 2008 was an exciting and historic year for Pinconning Area Schools. After you have enjoyed the Christmas holiday break with your families, we would like to 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 is committed to involving our community in strategic committees to ensure we continue to meet the most important aspects of education here in Pinconning. Our focus will continue to be 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 to take advantage of the scholarships and college information available. High school graduation day is set for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have children who may be entering kindergarten next year, we will be having an early kindergarten registration and open house in February.

The After-Hours program for 7-12 grades has been busy this year. If your student needs study time or extra help or tutoring, there is a group of dedicated teachers, high school honor students and alumni who can provide assistance. Be sure to talk to your building principal or counselor if you have questions or would like to take advantage of this assistance. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I hope that they take advantage of this unique program.

If you are the parent of an elementary student, make sure to take advantage of the on-line "Study Island" program, 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. Check out the new 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 wish you a new year of growth and opportunity as we rise into the year 2009!



I know many of you have been watching our construction with eager anticipation. Even with the weather setbacks, the crews have been working diligently. The Industrial Arts building is nearing completion. We are working to get the students in the new building soon after the start of second semester.

Walls are going up on the expanded media center, high school gymnasium, weightroom and multipurpose room. I anticipate that this will take at least the remainder of the school year.

Many projects will be underway during this summer. As the building project is finished, I will invite everyone to an open house and you will be able to tour the new facilities. All this is happening because of your strong support for the children in this community.

