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DRAGON TALES



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Building Tomorrow.*



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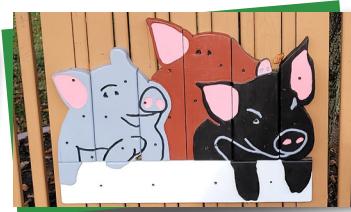
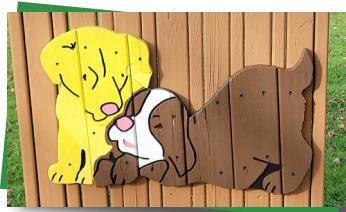


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In 1993, our community united to create a remarkable wooden playground, spearheaded by Leathers Playgrounds and Associates. This beloved structure served us well for many years, outlasting many of its peers from that era. However, as time passed, maintaining its safety and integrity became increasingly challenging. Despite the tireless efforts of our maintenance department to make repairs, including those recommended by a certified playground inspector, these were only temporary fixes.

By 2023, it was clear that an upgrade was necessary. A committee of stakeholders—including parents and school staff—reviewed options from three playground companies. Ultimately, “Play by Design” stood out as the best choice, thanks to their commitment to preserving the original playground’s spirit while incorporating modern designs that address ADA accessibility and innovative elements that foster various types of play, such as sensory, motor and cognitive play.

In August 2024, our community came together once again to construct a beautiful faux-wooden playground that honors the original design. This new play space features towers, slides, climbing elements and restored components like the swing set structure, border and fencing. Vibrant colors, ADA accessibility and sensory/tactile elements enhance the space. A panel showcasing our unique Dragon mascot adds a special touch, and the restored community landmarks wall and farm animal panels honor and preserve the history associated with the original playground.



Thank you to Play by Design, Campus Construction, SEI Design, Alleghany Services, Facilities Director Jim Green and Primary School Principal Zika for their dedication to the community-build project. We also extend our gratitude to the numerous businesses and organizations that generously contributed their time, resources and support: Alleghany Services, Britany's Booze Barn, Buttercrumbs Bakery, Creekside Rentals, Darien Auto Parts, County Line Stone, J&R Specialties, Home Depot, Homeslice 33 Pizzeria, Kiwanis Club, Leonard Bus Services, Local Fire Departments, New York Bus Sales and Target.

“Many hands make light work.” A heartfelt thank you goes to the individual community members and district employees who worked and volunteered their time to contribute to the cause: Charles Andre, Matt Andre, Dylan Bastedo, Esther Battaglia, Becca Bliemeister, Anthony Bosse, Arron Brown, Tracey Burgio, Nickie Calderón, Camille Campbell, Renee Campbell-Valle, Steve Campbell, Charles Chatley, Melissa Childs, John Cima, Brady Clare, Cromwell Family, Gordon Crosby, Sammy Domthongmivanh, Tony DiGiulio, Ron Dilimone, Tom Dix, Dave Dylag, Jessica Edwards, Emily Faulks, Gianni Faulks, Nicco Faulks, Jack Feitshans, Ken Feitshans, Teaghan Freeman, Joe Gibson, Jennifer Groff, Richard Groff, Andrew Gayton, James Gayton, Carrie Hartz, Brenden Hill, Heather Hill, Katy Hobbs, Jen Hopper, Larry Hopper, Nick Humphry, Art Ianni, Brenda Ianni, Dominic Ianni, Eric Johnson, JC Kabel, Josh King, Samantha Landin, Richard Lane, John Lawson Sr., John Lawson Jr., Julie Lawson, Amy Loeber, Ken Marble, Karen Martino, Stephan Martino, Alicia McKenrick, Ayden Midkiff, Nick Newman, Don Newton, Daniel Norway, Adam Pearce, Sarah Richley, Aristina Riedel, Dan Robertson, Tricia Severino, Joe Severino, Colin Sinclair, Janeen Sinclair, Matteo Sinclair, Eli Stringham, Meagan Stringham, Rodney Stringham, Tim Stringham, Scott Strollo, David Swinehart, David Swinehart Jr., Skip Taylor, Allison Thompson, Julie Waldar, George “Buzz” Wells, Amber Winters, Dave Winters, Braeden Winters, Addison Winters, Wes Winters, Angelo Woods, Mary Woods, Allison Zika, Dan Zika, Lynn Zika, Paul Zika and Ryan Zika.

In partnership with the community, we created a vibrant space that honors our past and builds a brighter future for our children. Thank you all for making this a reality!



Students in Mrs. Dorf & Mrs. Colosimo's classes trying out the new playground!





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welcome TO OUR NEW PEMBROKE DRAGONS

Teaching Assistant

AUDRIANA REEVES

Hello! My name is Audriana Reeves, and I am beyond excited to start my new role here as a Teaching Assistant at the Primary School. I graduated from Pembroke High School in 2017, and have been substitute teaching here since 2019. I grew up in Pembroke, and I absolutely love being a Pembroke Dragon!

It's been an exciting few years being able to work with the entire school district. I absolutely love all of my co-workers and we have so much fun working together. I enjoy working with every grade, but the little ones have my heart! While attending school here, I played volleyball and softball and continued my education at GCC while playing volleyball.

I come from a very big family and have been around kids my whole life. From babysitting, to nannying, to teaching. My brother PJ is currently in 10th grade, and my sister Elaina is in 7th grade. My parents have always been my biggest support. My boyfriend Ryan and I are expecting a baby in March 2025, and we are beyond excited! I am so excited to see what this next chapter brings and am so proud to be a Pembroke Dragon!



Art Teacher

SAMANTHA LANDIN

My name is Samantha Landin, and I'm so excited to be the new art teacher. I started at Pembroke in January 2024, where I teach art 8, Drawing and Painting, as well as two levels of creative crafts. I have loved teaching these courses so far and seeing all the creative things our students come up with.

A little bit about me - I have been an art teacher for 8 years. I graduated with my Masters in Ceramics and Art Education from Buffalo State College. I was born and raised in Attica NY, where I love to ride my horses, hike with my 3 dachshunds, spending time with family and friends, and I enjoy being outside. I also enjoy making pottery and painting on my own time, as well as visiting art museums when I can. I can't wait to see what this year holds!

Teaching Assistant

KACIE PATTERSON

Hello, my name is Kacie Patterson, and I am a new Teacher Assistant in a 5:1:1 classroom at the Primary School. I am a 2013 graduate of Pembroke Central Schools and still currently live in the district with my husband, 1 year old daughter and our golden retriever.

Fun fact, my husband is also a Pembroke graduate. I have previously held a position as a Lead Preschool Teacher at a local daycare, and before coming to the Primary School, I was a Teacher Aide at the Clarence Central School District.

Some hobbies I enjoy are swimming, evening walks with my family and our dog, bowling and road trips to our vacation spot in the summertime. Ever since I can remember, my end goal has always been to be a part of this amazing group of educators at Pembroke. I am happy to say I achieved that goal, and I am looking forward to a great school year!



Bus Driver
RICHARD KUTTER

Hello, As a lifelong resident of Pembroke, I've had the joy of raising my daughters, Ashley and Sara right here in our community. With a deep love for children and a spirit that still feels youthful, I find driving a school bus to be the perfect finish to my careers.

In my free time, I enjoy gardening, playing with my grandkids and watching them in sports and spending time with my wife, Faith. I've become a devoted Dragon fan, watching as many sporting, musical and academic events as possible.

Green has always been my favorite color.


Teaching Assistant
ARLENE MCMASTER

My name is Arlene McMaster, and I am excited to start my journey with Pembroke as a Teaching Assistant at the Intermediate School. I studied Childhood Education and Special Education at Buffalo State College and have been working with children for several years. I worked as a Director of an Early Childhood Center for 13 years before switching roles to stay home with my two children.

I live in Corfu with my husband Jeff and my two daughters Dylan and Ryann, who attend Pembroke Primary. I love reading, traveling, listening to music and spending time with family and friends.

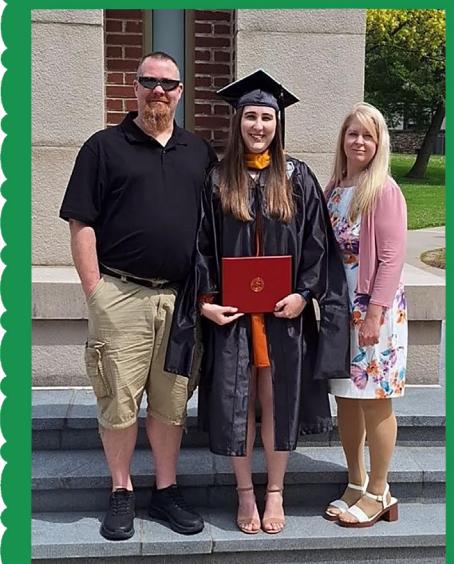
I look forward to working with the Pembroke community!

School Psychologist
KATELYN BOVÉ

Hi! My name is Katie Bové, and I am the new School Psychologist at Pembroke. I graduated from Attica CSD in 2017 and completed my Bachelor's degree at Canisius College. I graduated from Canisius College in 2021 with my Bachelor's of Science in Psychology and Bachelor's of Art in Criminal Justice. I completed two minors as well in Clinical/Counseling and Forensic Psychology. While attending Canisius, I was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program. Upon completion of the program, I was commissioned into the Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General branch (Human Resources).

After graduating from Canisius, I attended Roberts Wesleyan University for my Master's of Science in School Psychology. I obtained my Master's this past May 2024, after completing my full-year internship in Greenville, North Carolina.

I enjoy playing sports as I played volleyball, basketball and softball during my time at Attica. I continued playing volleyball at Canisius College for the women's club volleyball team. I am actively playing on a summer softball league and a co-ed football team. I was one of the two coaches for modified volleyball at Pembroke. I have four dogs that I adore deeply. I love sweets, watching Netflix, gaming and working out at the gym. I enjoy getting to know both students and staff, and am very grateful to be a part of the Pembroke family. Go Dragons!





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Cook

BRANDY GUILIAN

My name is Brandy Guilian. I am a mother to three beautiful children and a daughter in law. Along the way I gained another child that has been part of my family since they were thirteen. I have two beautiful granddaughters! I started following my last two children to school in 2005 when they started kindergarten and have been working in food service at their schools since. Along the way I have gained so much knowledge and experience in childhood nutrition. They graduated in June and did tell me I was not allowed to follow them to college, which led me to the decision to take the job as head cook at the primary school. I figured it's time for my new journey, and I get to adopt all your little ones. I look forward to an amazing school year, and thank you for entrusting me with your children.



Food Service Worker

JOSHUA STARZYNSKI

I'm Josh! A graduate from the Pembroke Class of 2023. I'm currently studying graphic design at Finger Lakes Community College, where I'm exploring my love for visual creativity! In high school, I attended BOCES for Culinary Arts, which gave me a lot of experience in a professional work environment. However, even though I love cooking, I realized that my true interest lies in advertising through art and product design. This past summer, I worked at Pembroke, and now I'm focused on my degree and hobbies at home while working in the cafeteria until I go back. Art and graphic design are very very important to me, and I love exploring all of the different ways to make art resonate with people. Music is also just as important to me; I was involved in Chorus from 7th grade through my senior year, and I love both listening to and creating music. I have a huge affinity for technology and love working with computers. I'm looking forward to taking these interests with me while I work towards my career in design and I can't wait to see where it all takes me!

Bus Monitor

CAROLYN MILES

I retired from being a cleaner and I am now a bus monitor. I took the bus monitor position so I could have some extra money to buy things I need for my craft projects that I enjoy doing. I enjoy diamond painting, crocheting, needle point and cross stitch. I also love to read and go camping.



LTS Bus Driver

MICHAEL LOGGINS


Science Teacher
JOANNA LAMPRECHT

What a wonderful welcome I've received from this Pembroke community. My name is JoAnna Lamprecht, and I'm the new Earth Science and Living Environment teacher at the Jr/Sr High. I obtained both my undergraduate and graduate degrees from UB and I've been teaching for around twenty years.

My life is full of other adventures as well in baking, decorating cakes, cooking, gardening, house projects, watching the Bills and Sabres and traveling (my life goal is to step foot on every continent). I live in the district with my husband Scott and our two cats. I couldn't imagine living in a better place as I simply love it here. It's been great getting to know all the unique and fun personalities of the students and fellow coworkers as I transition into becoming a dragon and being part of this community even more.

Spanish Teacher
ELIZABETH BAGLIO

¡Hola! I'm Beth, the new Spanish teacher here at the high school, and I'm excited to be part of the community! My passion for the Spanish language and culture began in 7th grade and deepened upon my first trip to a Spanish-speaking country during college. As Spanish students, we partnered with nursing students to learn medical interpretation skills and provide care to local communities. Since then, I've been committed to volunteering and traveling abroad to bring authentic resources into my teaching and to learn the language firsthand. I'm from Buffalo, but I spent an academic year abroad in Barcelona, Spain, 6 consecutive months traveling through Latin America, and I earned a dual degree in adolescent education and Spanish from SUNY Oswego. Cumulatively, I've lived in or visited Spanish-speaking countries for over two years. My favorite experiences abroad include developing an English teacher volunteer program at an orphanage in Mexico and completing the 500-mile "Camino de Santiago" hike in Spain (yes, the same one from the movie The Way). Outside of teaching, I'm passionate about spending time outdoors and rock climbing. I also have a twin brother, a dog, and a cat who keep life interesting! I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and sharing my love for the Spanish language and culture with the students.


LTS Phys Ed Teacher
CHRISTINA ALONGE

Hi Pembroke community! My name is Christina Alonge, but people also know me as coach Chrissy. I am grateful to have the opportunity to teach physical education at the primary school until winter break this year! I graduated from high school at Williamsville North, then completed my undergraduate degree at SUNY Brockport. I am currently working towards my master's degree, with the goal of being dual certified to teach physical education and health education. I coach a GU11 Amherst travel soccer team, girls JV soccer and girls JV lacrosse at Starpoint CSD. I substitute taught at Starpoint K-8 for PE and health last year while taking master's classes.

In my free time, I enjoy playing soccer and lacrosse, watching sports events, traveling, hiking, "glamping" and spending time with my family and friends. My favorite places are at the top of Whiteface Mountain (ADK, NY) and Penn's Cave (PA). I am a volunteer soccer coach for 5-6 year olds, not only because I enjoy it, but to be able to give back to the organization that I grew up in. During my time here, I have noticed how amazing the kids are at Pembroke. It is a great community! Thank you!





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NEW DRAGONS

NOT PICTURED....



Teaching Assistant
KIMBERLEE FOSTER

Cafeteria Worker Sub
DONNA ALEXANDER

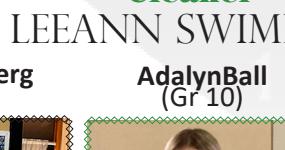
Bus Monitor
JAMIE CHESNA



Cleaner
COOPER SCHENCK

Cleaner
JERREMY SHARICK

Bus Monitor
ROBBIE ESCHENLAUER



Cleaner
LEEANN SWIMLINE



Cleaner
JONAH MARTIN

Cleaner
MICHAEL LUCE

Averi Morgan
(Gr 1)

Tyler Auberg
(Gr 5)

Adalyn Ball
(Gr 10)



STUDENT OF THE MONTH. Nominations were based on service, compassion and leadership. Each month, the PTF members nominate one student from each building for "Student of the Month." These students are recognized for their leadership, character and/or academic successes. The committee selects the students who best represent these characteristics. The winners are presented with a certificate, as well as gift certificates to Buttercrumbs Bakery and Target.

Fall Fest at the Primary School!

September



Fall 2024



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for making
the Senior High Area All-State Band!



Emily Yager



Mary Benson

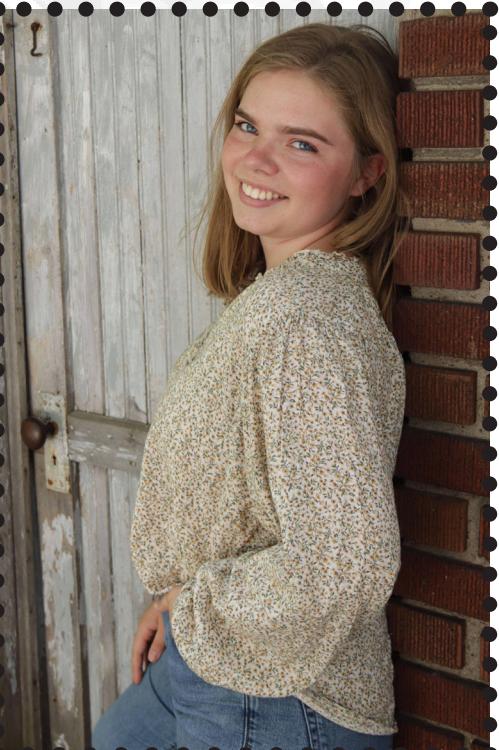


Austin Humphrey

CONGRATULATIONS to
Emily Yager for also making
the Conference All-State
Orchestra!



Kaitlyn Cole



Mikayla Stringham



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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for making the Junior High Area All-State Band and Orchestra!



Kapri Hume



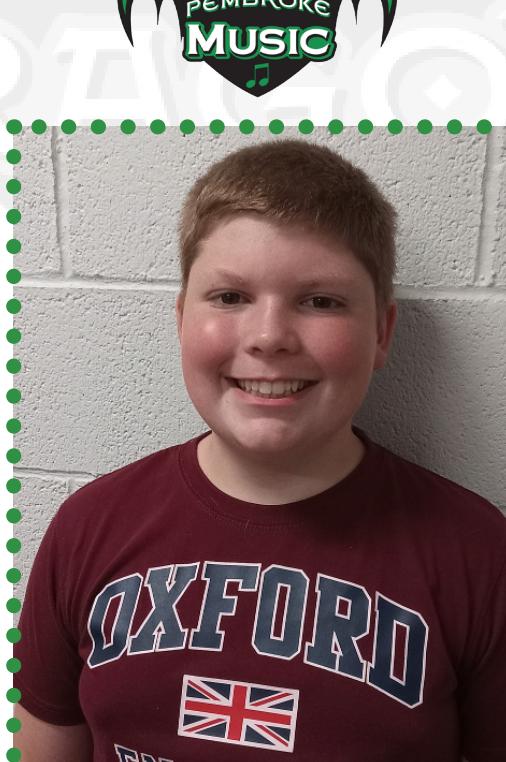
Colin Sinclair



Aubri-Lee Miles



Liam Scheeda



James Childs



Amelia Johnson

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Danielle Mast



Grace Strassburg



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for making the Senior High Area All-State Choruses!



Emily Mruk

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for making the Junior High Area All-State Choruses!



Molly Linder



Lillian DeMarzio



Ian Yager



Hayleigh Lord



Grace Dawson





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Mrs. Short's and Mrs. Hill's Kindergarteners are learning a lot from our brave men and women fire fighters during the annual FIRE PREVENTION DAY!



FIRE PREVENTION DAY at the Primary School!



The Pembroke Marching Dragons performed with University at Buffalo's Thunder of the East at their annual UB Band Day!



The Marching Dragons performed at the Homecoming Pep Rally!

High school staff members taking a group walk on their lunch break.



Thirty-five of our faculty and staff members participated in a four-week Autumn Outdoor Adventure Challenge sponsored by our Genesee Area Healthcare Plan or GAHP. The challenge is to encourage participants to dedicate a specific amount of time walking outdoors each day, with the time increments increasing each week. When the daily walking requirements were met, points would be awarded in the participant's wearable app. In addition, participants could earn bonus points by completing additional outdoor activities, such as attending an outdoor social event or festival, walking at sunrise or sunset and visiting places such as a beach, historical site or botanical garden. Not only did Pembroke faculty and staff compete against each other for the most points to earn individual prizes, but school districts in the Genesee Area region also competed against one another to determine which

district was the most active outdoors. In the first three weeks of the challenge, Pembroke ranked in the top two and currently has the lead for the final week. For some added motivation, weekly winners were randomly selected based on a set amount of earned points every week. By the end of the third week, nine Pembroke faculty and staff won prizes that included Dick's Sporting Goods gift cards and Owala water bottles. This outdoor challenge wrapped up on Sunday, October 27th with hopefully Pembroke in the top three! So, if you're driving by our schools and see our faculty and staff walking around the buildings at a decent pace, give them a wave to encourage them to stay healthy in the great outdoors!



Come See the Pembroke Marching Dragons all lit up!

Medina Parade of Lights:
Saturday, 11/30 6pm

Corfu Christmas Parade:
Friday, 12/6 6:30pm





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Wreaths Across America Day - December 14th



On December 14th, the Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony will be held at the Western New York National Cemetery in Pembroke, on Route 77 and Indian Falls Rd. The event begins at 12:00 with a short ceremony that includes the Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and Ceremonial Laying of Wreaths by each military branch. Following the ceremony, family members who have loved ones buried there will be able to lay wreaths on the head stones first. This year, there are over 2,400 headstones, with a goal to have a wreath placed on each one.

New Parking Regulations!!!

- **Pembroke High School** - 8750 Alleghany Rd. Corfu 14036
- Participants of Wreaths Across America Day will park their vehicles at the **Pembroke High School parking lot**.
Parking will be closed within the WNY National Cemetery.
 - Exceptions - VIP and Handicap Parking
- **Handicap Parking** within the WNY National Cemetery. Those with handicap needs will be allowed to park inside the Cemetery.
- **Indian Falls Rd and Alleghany Rd** (Route 77) will be **closed to parking for the day**.
7 Buses will transport individuals **to and from** the National Cemetery. (2.3 Miles)
- **Buses** - starting at **10:30 a.m.** at the **Pembroke High School parking lot** running continuously until all individuals return from the Cemetery.
- **Two small buses** will be moving individuals that need transport **within the cemetery** to the different sections.

Purchase a Wreath for the WNY National Cemetery through the Pembroke Veterans Outreach Club

The Pembroke Veterans Outreach Club is a student-led club that has a goal of "Honoring Our Local Veterans." Wreaths can be purchased from any of the club members or checks can be sent to the school and we will make the purchase for you. You can also follow the link or QR provided. We would truly appreciate your support for both honoring our local veterans during the holiday season and helping support the good work of the WNY National Cemetery Memorial Council. Your purchase of a wreath through the Memorial Council will do both!

We hope to see you at Wreath Across America at 12:00 on December 14th.

Wreaths are \$17 but any amount will be appreciated and go towards the purchase of more wreaths!

There are 3 ways to pay:

1. The Council link: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ny0368p
2. Make a check out to the Pembroke Veterans Outreach Club
(Mail to: Pembroke Jr/Sr High, P.O. box 308, Corfu, NY 14036)
3. Use QR Code:



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Pembroke SKI & SNOWBOARD Club

Interested in Skiing or Snowboarding? Signing up for various season long passes to Holiday Valley is quick and easy. Just log into the Special Ticket Link to purchase your pass: <https://bit.ly/3Bh6qQV> Username: **MWPEMBROK**
Password: **Pembrok**

Pembroke Ski Club is available to students in grades 7-12 with transportation to Holiday Valley provided on the following 6 Sundays (weather permitting):

**December 15th,
January 12th, 19th and 26th,
February 2nd and 16th**



Recommended Pass for Ski Club Participants - Ultimate Select Sunday

\$184-Every Sunday for the Season starting at 2:30, plus 8 lessons and a free day in March or April
\$315 with unlimited snowboard or ski rental
\$348 with unlimited snowboard or ski rental including helmet

This pass is not limited just to the Sunday's that the school goes - the pass is good for every single Sunday all season long. If rentals are purchased they are also unlimited, even if you went to Holiday Valley on a random Wednesday!

Other passes are also available for those looking to ski/ride more throughout the season, or on different days!

- **Ultimate Flex Pass-8 Night Passes \$209**
(\$340 with ski/snowboard rental, \$373 with ski/snowboard and helmet rental)
- **Student Night Season Pass-Every night all season long \$357**
(\$488 with ski/snowboard rental, \$521 with ski/snowboard and helmet rental)
- ...AND MORE

Feel free to look through the different offerings or see Coach Beach (mbeach@pembrokecsd.org) with any questions.

*Parents/Family Members/Friends can also purchase passes through the club, however bus transportation is only available to students in grades 7-12.



The 6th-grade team has started "Manners Matter." This is an opportunity for teachers to recognize and celebrate students who exhibit exceptional manners, respect and kindness towards fellow classmates and teachers!



Boys Basketball News Fall Skill Session Leaders



Greenlight Shooting:
Varsity:
Nolan Peterson 30 average makes
Owen Shultz 25 average makes

JV:
Jake Bock 25.5 average makes
Lennox Kohorst 22.5 average makes
Luca Baker 20 average makes

Make 5 Shooting:
Varsity:
Nolan Peterson 5.0 High Score
Landon Suro 4.4 High Score
Josh von Kramer 4.4 High Score



BASKETBALL

Attendance (3 or fewer absences):

Varsity:	JV:
Jayden Bridge	Gage Baker
Rocco Soccio	Luca Baker
Nolan Peterson	Lennox Kohorst
Owen Shultz	Jake Bock
Landon Suro	Brett Maloney
	Mason Weatherbee
	Gavin Liss

Kindness rocks! The Intermediate School was fortunate enough to have an assembly performed by Jared Campbell. Jared's message of positivity and kindness left a lasting impact on every student, teacher and staff member! (side note: Jared and Mr. Brown attended High School together and are 2001 graduates of Vestal Senior High School)



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Mrs. Patty Zika, Primary School Principal

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As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful community that makes our school such a special place for learning and growth. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to our incredible teachers and staff. Their dedication and passion is truly remarkable. We are so fortunate to have such a talented team working together for the success of our students.

To our wonderful parents and guardians, your partnership and support are invaluable. Your continued support ensures that each child has the opportunity to thrive. We are grateful for your trust and collaboration as we work together to foster a love of learning in our children. A special thank you goes out to our local firefighters and Mrs. Lawson, along with our dedicated bus drivers, who recently taught us important lessons about fire safety and bus safety. Your guidance helps ensure our students understand the significance of staying safe, both at school and at home.

We were also thrilled to welcome Jared Campbell to our school for our Kindness Assembly! Through his wonderful music, Jared shared valuable lessons about kindness, empathy and respect. His message will continue to inspire us to lift each other up with kindness each day.

In the spirit of gratitude, I would also like to thank our local Veterans and the Patriot Guard who visited the Primary School. Their stories and lessons taught us the true meaning of service and sacrifice. Our students learned not only about the importance of honoring our Veterans but also how to show respect and gratitude to those who serve our country.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. May this season be filled with gratitude and joy spent with loved ones.



Patty Zika





Norman Foster

Engagement, Connections and Achievement

Mr. Norman Foster, Intermediate School Principal

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Greetings Pembroke Community ~

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall season. It seems that once again our October weather and fall foliage provided wonderful opportunities to witness the best that nature has to offer! The 'summer-like' fall weather has been a contributing factor to a very productive start to the 24-25 school year; our classrooms are off to a great start, and our students have been focused and engaged with learning important skills to help them grow.

As we begin our third month of the school year, I would like to share some of our 'Focus Goals' for the Intermediate School. As part of our District's "2024-25 Call to Excellence" Action Plan, we will be focusing on three main themes, that being Fortify, Reach High and Discover You. Our first focus goal, Fortify, *aims to enhance each individual's social-emotional health and to promote a safe and supportive learning environment*. This goal encompasses creating a positive culture and safe learning environments in an effort to support all aspects of

learning for everyone! Building a positive culture includes creating connections. Connections between students, connections between staff members, and connections with the community. During the month of September, with the help of our super-dedicated PTA, we held a "Pembroke Peeps ice-cream social." This event provided a structured time for students to meet other students from a different grade-level and to ask each other questions while enjoying an ice cream sundae. Students met their "peer-buddy" and engaged in conversations to create connections. Whether it was the ice-cream or the company, many smiles were observed! In October, our Local Fire Departments visited our school to promote fire safety and build connections with our youth. It was great to visit with our local volunteer emergency responders! Thank you for spending time with our students!

Another area of focus highlighted by the theme 'Reach High' *aims to encourage high achievement through strong daily attendance and focused engagement in core academic areas*. It is super important to attend school every day and to work hard to do your very best. With that said, our grades 3-6 2024 NYS Reading and Math Assessment data suggests that our students are doing very well on the New York State Assessments. In a number of categories including proficiency (passing) and exceeding proficiently (mastery), we are at or near the top among the 22 Districts in the Genesee Valley Region. Our faculty and staff work diligently to create and effectively deliver curriculum aligned to the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards, and that along with your partnership and support leads students to put forth their very best effort. Great Job all!

Last, as part of our focus goals to 'Fortify' our students' social-emotional health and to 'Discover You', we encourage participation in extra-curricular activities. The Intermediate School provides a variety of extra-curricular activities, and as such we are fortunate to have a high percentage of students joining and participating in these clubs. Our after-school clubs provide opportunities for students to make friends and explore their special talents and interests. Some of our clubs, such as Student Council, help to promote fun activities and connections within our school, while others such as K-Kids promote connections through a community-service mindset. It is well established that building connections both within the school and the community promotes an overall positive school culture. So once again, thank you Pembroke Community for your enduring support to help our students succeed. We hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving. Take Care!





Title: Harvesting Positivity & Gratitude Dr. Nathan Work, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I wanted this article to be a message of thankfulness and positivity. This time of year reminds us of the importance of gratitude and the impact of positive feedback, not only within our school community, but also in the larger society around us. In a world where it's easy to focus on challenges and complaints, choosing to celebrate the positives can transform our environment and enhance our connections.

Research suggests that positive feedback can uplift and inspire everyone involved. I encourage everyone—students, parents and staff—to take a moment to recognize the efforts of those around you. A simple note of thanks, a shout-out at home, or a word of encouragement in the hallways can go a long way in fostering a supportive atmosphere.

The Power of Gratitude & Positive Feedback

- Creating a Positive Environment:** When we prioritize gratitude, we cultivate a school culture that thrives on support and encouragement. A simple "thank you" can brighten someone's day and foster a sense of belonging. Let's make it a habit to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers, staff and fellow students.
- Strengthening Relationships:** Gratitude builds bridges. When we express appreciation, we strengthen our relationships with one another. Whether it's a parent acknowledging a teacher's dedication or a student thanking a classmate for their help, these moments of connection create a more unified community.
- Enhancing Well-Being:** Research shows that practicing gratitude is linked to improved mental health. It encourages us to shift our focus from what's lacking to what we have. By celebrating our achievements, big and small, we can promote a more optimistic outlook among our students and staff. By actively choosing to express gratitude, we not only uplift ourselves but also inspire those around us.
- Inspiring Motivation and Engagement:** When individuals feel valued and recognized, their motivation to contribute increases. Students who receive praise for their efforts are more likely to stay engaged and strive for excellence. Let's make it a point to recognize and celebrate each other's successes in our classrooms and beyond.
- Navigating Challenges Together:** We will undoubtedly be faced with some challenges from time to time, but a grateful mindset can help us approach these obstacles with resilience. By focusing on solutions and recognizing the strengths within our community, we can tackle difficulties more effectively. When conflicts arise, expressing gratitude can lead to more constructive conversations and outcomes.

How You Can Contribute

- Share Your Appreciation:** Consider writing a note to a teacher or staff member who has made a difference in your child's life. Let them know how their hard work has impacted your family.
- Celebrate Student Achievements:** Take time to acknowledge your child's efforts, whether they're academic, artistic, or athletic. Celebrating achievements, big or small, reinforces their confidence and motivation.

Moving Forward Together

As we move through this Thanksgiving season and the school year, let's carry this spirit of gratitude and positivity with us. I encourage everyone to reflect on what you are thankful for and commit to expressing gratitude more frequently than we voice complaints. Together, we can create an even more uplifting and supportive environment for our students and an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to contribute.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Junior-Senior High School family. Your support and dedication are deeply appreciated. From my family to yours, I wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving filled with love, warmth, gratitude and tryptophan (the amino acid found in turkey that makes everyone sleepy).



Nathan Work

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Hello Dragon Fam,

I can't believe our fall season is already winding down. We have a lot of teams to be proud of this fall! Let's start by congratulating our seniors. These young men and women epitomize what it means to be a dragon, and come to school and practice each day and give their best day in and day out!

Boys Soccer

Camlin Costich
Kanton DeRoller
Logan Manne

Girls Soccer

Seneca Calderón
Danielle Mast
Emily Mruk
Lilly Senko
Kayla Weyrauch

Football

Aidan Balduf
Jayden Bridge
Vijay Dhanda
Caleb Felski
Caleb Kimmel
Jarrett Lewter
Octavius Martin
Toby Pellicci III
Ayden Rindell
Landen Santini
Landon Suro
Joshua Von Kramer
Hayden Williams

Cheerleading

Paige Gayton
Emma Jackson
Omia Moss
Brianna Sharick
Allie Spaulding

Volleyball

Angelina Cleveland
Hailey Gruber
Angeline Neureuter
Brianna Reynolds
Reagan Schneider



John Kling

GR Players of the week for Fall 2024:

Week 1: Jayden Bridge

Week 2: Caleb Felski

Jayden Bridge

Week 3: Reagan Schneider

Week 4: Silas Calderón

Madden Perry

Week 5: Onolee Easterbrook

Week 6: Spencer Kohl

Caleb Felski

Jayden Bridge

Week 7: Caleb Felski

Reagan Schneider

Section V 8 Man Defensive Player of the Week Football

Section V 8 Man Offensive Player of the Week Football

Section V 8 Man Defensive Player of the Week Football

GR Player of the Week Volleyball

GR Player of the Week Boys Soccer

Section V 8 Man Defensive Player of the Week Football

GR Player of the Week Volleyball

GR Player of the Week Boys Soccer

Section V 8 Man Offensive Player of the Week Football

Section V 8 Man Defensive Player of the Week Football

Section V 8 Man Offensive Player of the Week Football

GR Player of the Year Volleyball



Girls and boys soccer finished up their seasons with hard fought sectional games vs. Williamson. Girls volleyball concluded their season with a hard fought battle vs Lyons in the Sectional Quarterfinals. Football finished up the regular season vs the Holley Hawks going 8-0 on the regular season, and cheerleading finished up a great season with their Sectional competition at Gates Chili.

Winter Sports: Winter modified sports are broken up into two blocks: block 1-girls basketball and wrestling go from October 28th to December 20th. Block 2-swimming and boys basketball run from January 13th to March 7th. JV, Varsity and Unified winter sports, as well as Modified cheerleading, start on November 18th.

Your one stop shop for schedules, game streams, and post season tickets is www.sectionvny.org. Sign up for Notifyme on the sectionvny menu for real time schedule updates and game changes.



DRAGON TALES

Mr. Ryan MacKellar, Coordinator of Technology

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season, the Instructional Technology department extends its heartfelt gratitude to our Dragons whose unwavering support and dedication help make our schools places of growth and learning. This time of year invites us to reflect on the value of togetherness, not only in our personal lives but also in the digital world where we increasingly interact and learn.

October is also Cybersecurity Awareness Month, an important occasion for reinforcing the principles of digital citizenship. In today's interconnected world, practicing good digital habits is essential for maintaining a safe online environment for our students and families. Just as we emphasize values such as kindness and responsibility in our community, we encourage everyone to exercise caution and mindfulness online.

Here are some cybersecurity tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Protect Personal Information:** Always safeguard personal details, such as home addresses, phone numbers and passwords. Use strong, unique passwords for different accounts, and consider enabling multi-factor authentication where possible.
- 2. Recognize Phishing Attempts:** Be wary of suspicious emails, messages, or pop-up alerts that request personal information or prompt you to click on unfamiliar links. Verify the source before responding, especially if the message seems urgent or unexpected.
- 3. Keep Software Updated:** Ensure that all devices, including smartphones and tablets, have the latest software updates installed. These updates often include important security patches to protect against new threats.
- 4. Discuss Safe Online Practices at Home:** Talk with children about the importance of digital boundaries and appropriate online behavior. Encourage them to report any uncomfortable or concerning interactions to a trusted adult.

By integrating these cybersecurity practices into our daily lives, we help create a safe and respectful digital space for all members of our community. As we give thanks this season, let us also commit to cultivating a culture of digital responsibility that supports and protects our students, families and staff.

May this Thanksgiving bring warmth, gratitude and security to our community, both in the physical and digital realms. Happy Thanksgiving to all, and thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a safe and nurturing environment for our Dragons.

Emergency School Closing Information

For the 2024-25 school year, schools may be required to transition to online learning or close due to hazardous weather or other emergency conditions. Such decisions will be communicated in a timely manner to all parents and families to the fullest extent possible, using the **ThrillShare automated messaging system**. **Please make sure the District has your most updated contact information including all pertinent phone numbers and email addresses.** In addition, the following media sources will be notified:

Channel 2 WGR
WBTA 1490 AM

Channel 4 WIVB
WBEN 930 AM

Channel 7 WKBW
The Daily News

Please plan ahead to make arrangements for childcare, and please contact each school to make sure it has the names of emergency contacts who need to be notified in the rare event that school unexpectedly closes early on any given day.

When schools are closed for in-person learning due to emergency conditions, all district facilities are closed for students, families and community organizations; all interscholastic and extra-curricular events/activities and Community Education classes are canceled, unless otherwise notified. NO transportation will be provided to BOCES, parochial or other schools serving Pembroke students. If no automated message is sent and there is no notification at the identified media sources, it is reasonable to assume that in-person learning at school will be open as usual.



Ryan MacKellar



Hudson Strassburg, Charles Stringham, Colin Sinclair, James Childs, Weston Swimline, Antonio Troche and Jayden Reigle take a photo with an AES representative after completing an energy trivia game



Danny Magid, Maddox Godlove, Kaleb Roll, Madison Needham, James Childs, Brett Maloney, Evan Hoage, Hudson Strassburg, Jayden Reigle, Weston Swimline and Mason Weatherbee pose for a photo atop a massive crop sprayer.

Lincoln Landis completes automotive repairs with AI.



GLOW With Your Hands

In late September, students from high school technology classes attended the annual GLOW With Your Hands event hosted at the Genesee County Fairgrounds. This hands-on, career exploration event featured dozens of vendors showcasing careers in agriculture, food production, manufacturing, and skilled trades. Students were able to try their hand at numerous tasks, such as excavating, food decoration, brick laying, welding, power line maintenance, hammering and other hands-on tasks. They learned about how maple syrup is made, how farmers manage new calves, what soil surveys are, and how versatile food production companies are with their products.

Colin Sinclair, Charles Stringham and Jayden Reigle explore static electricity with a Van de Graaff machine.



Camden Draper, Brayden Reigle, PJ Reeves and Austin Post speak with a local company.



Braden Perry talks with a GCC representative about computer and electrical technology.



Hunter Mast finishes up a session where he tries his hand at welding.



Nick Skeet operates a backhoe to move soil.



Miss Kaminski and Mrs. Montroy showcase the piping skills they learned with the help of Alfred State College culinary students.



Connor Caleb explores masonry in the form of brick laying.



Dante Pfalzer hops inside an excavator to scoop gravel.

SchoolTool Parent Portal

Want to check your child's grades? Review and/or print their report cards or attendance? See their schedule? Or contact their teachers? Log into the SchoolTool Parent Portal found at <https://stedutech.org/pembroke/> or on the SchoolTool app found in the iTunes Store and Google Play store. If you need an account, have any questions, or need help logging in, please email the Technology Department at webmaster@pembrokecsd.org.



DRAGON TALES

Corfu-Pembroke Dollars for Scholars Inc.

2024-25 Scholarship Offerings and Application Process

Dr. Paul J. Mroz, Corfu-Pembroke DFS Financial Committee Chairman

Each year the DFS Awards Committee goes through the process of selecting seniors who have applied for scholarships used to pay for expected higher education expenses. This year we have added **THREE** new trade school scholarships offerings. Awards are for any graduating seniors attending **PHS** or **BOCES** who reside in the Pembroke district. **THIRTY-FIVE** monetary awards are now given annually, with over **\$193,150** in scholarship monies having been paid out to **204** Pembroke graduates to date.

Descriptions of our available scholarship awards for 2024-25 are provided below for your inspection. Seniors with college, trade school and special life work aspirations should apply online by completing the student profile. Go to www.Corfu-Pembroke.dollarsforscholars.org and click on "Don't have an account yet" in the "Students & Parent" tab. Click on "Choose this school," enter Pembroke, NY and follow the directions. This year the application window **opened October 31, 2024** and will close **March 31, 2025**. More information needed to navigate this site is available at the PHS counseling office.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024-2025

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Corfu-Pembroke Alumni Association provides **TWO** self-sustaining annual **\$1,000** scholarships to deserving graduates who display leadership, academic scholarship, outstanding personal character and a demonstrated need.

ALYSON KRZANAK ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Alyson Diane Krzanak Scholarship was started to commemorate Alyson Diane Krzanak's life following a tragic automobile accident. The **\$500** scholarship is funded by the David and Renee Krzanak's family and friends.

JEREMY R. GABBEY SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$1,000** award is presented to the single Pembroke graduate who exemplifies the loving characteristics of Jeremy Richard Gabbey Sr. who passed away from leukemia at an early age. Jeremy, known as "The Bear; loved people, worked hard, protected the weak, encouraged colleagues and respected everyone, young and old alike. He loved sports, especially football. This scholarship is awarded by Guy & Elizabeth Gabbey to a student entering their first year of secondary education who displays leadership and the outstanding personal qualities that Jeremy exhibited.

JOHN W. BUYERS ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One, **\$4,000** gift is awarded over 4 years by County Line Stone Inc. in memory of its founder John Buyers, Sr. The award will be offered to a student who has shown ongoing commitment to the Pembroke community and its people. The student should plan to major in the applied sciences and remain vested in the Pembroke community.

SOPHIE J. CHMIELEWSKI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Sophie J. Chmielewski (a graduate of Corfu H. S.) has set up an endowment for awarding **THREE** scholarships of **\$1000** each to be given annually to individuals who display leadership, need, scholarship and a desire to succeed in higher education.

CLASS OF 1965 ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

This award was started by 2 members of the PHS Class of 1965 and continues to be supported by the remaining classmates. Criteria for this award includes need, outstanding personal character and academic achievement or talent. It is a single **\$500** award offered annually.

CORFU-PEMBROKE HALL OF FAME ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

One annual **\$1,000** award will go to a graduate who displays demonstrated leadership, academic merit, developed talent, hard work and financial need. It allows current members of the Hall of Fame to "Give Back to The Corfu-Pembroke Community" by supporting deserving graduates.

KELSEY MILKS MEMORIAL ART ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Kelsey N. Milks Memorial Art Scholarship has been offered in loving memory of Kelsey N. Milks by Kelsey's parents, Gregory and Roxane Milks and friends. Currently, a **\$500** award is offered annually to individuals pursuing the arts.

KNIGHT BROTHERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF ERIC TIEDE

This **\$3,000** award is offered over **2-years (\$1,500/yr.)**. It is open to all applicants who demonstrate integrity, tenacity, success in academics and financial need. This annual scholarship is presented by Scott & Kevin Tiede in memory of their brother Eric. He was well-rounded, creative and enjoyed math, reading, outdoor hiking and was a history buff. Scholastically, he loved football and learning with interests ranging from math to woodworking and photography.

MARK MIANO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$500** dollar scholarship is presented by Mary & Alan Miano to a deserving senior who demonstrates dedication to academic excellence, community volunteering and commitment in extracurricular activities.

MRUCZEK FAMILY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$3,000** scholarship is given to a student planning to enter the medical or healthcare field. The student must have shown volunteering, dedication and academic success especially in the health field. This scholarship is funded by Arthur W Mruczek, Sr. MD and Donna Dean Mruczek.

NICHOLS FAMILY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF FRED NICHOLS

This endowed scholarship offers one **\$500** award to a graduating senior who has strong academic skill, and has been involved in co-curricular activities during their high school career. Given by Roger, Mark & Steve Nichols family in honor of their father Fred, who spent many years in the Pembroke community encouraging students to value an education.

KEVIN STEFFAN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Kevin Steffan has recently established a **\$1,000** scholarship in his name and memory to be awarded to the Pembroke Central Schools. Kevin was a veteran teacher in the Corfu-Pembroke Central School District who passed away during the 2022-2023 academic year. The Steffan family encourages seniors to apply for this scholarship award in celebration of his memory and his dedicated service to the children of the Corfu-Pembroke School District.

VERNON J. RUPERT ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Anne and Vernon G. Rupert offer **up to FIVE** awards of up to **\$5,000** each annually in memory of their only son Vernon J. Rupert who passed away after graduating from Pembroke. Anne Rupert, a 38-year veteran of the Corfu-Pembroke School District loved children. Deeply touched by his passing, she desired to help children like her son, who worked hard and strived for academic success. She dedicated these scholarships for students who worked hard but found success difficult to achieve. These scholarships are designed for applicants who

fall into the lower 90% of any graduating class. These awards include secondary education programs for everything from certification programs, trade school instruction, 2-year degree programs and the traditional 4-year university education.

CATHIE-WILD VFW POST 9000 ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The VFW Endowment Scholarship offers **\$1,000** annually to an outstanding Pembroke graduate who plans to pursue higher education at a two/four year institution. The awardee must have a nuclear family member who is or was recently involved in military service of the USA.

DFS #1 DENNY'S DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS and DFS #2 PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD

These **TWO** scholarship awards consist of varying monetary amounts (normally **\$250**). These scholarships may be awarded annually if funds are available at the pleasure of the DFS Board to Pembroke students for services rendered to our organization and to the Pembroke student community.

WOOD FAMILY LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered by Heather Wood in honor of Pembroke graduate Tyler Wood who greatly appreciated the education he received in the Pembroke School District during his years of attendance. **One** annual scholarship of **\$250** dollars will be based on meritorious achievement during community involvement. It will be awarded to a scholar pursuing a degree in the legal field.

TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024-2025

ARNOLD BARNETT KIDS/CLUB FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

The Arnie's Kids/Club for Life Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the life and the work of Arnold Barnett, Director of Special Education in the Pembroke Central Schools. Arnie would say, "It's all about the kids". This annual **\$1,000** award is presented by the Kids/Club to a graduating student in the Special Education program who intends to attend a trade or vocational school to prepare for future employment. This scholarship encourages the aspirations and productive efforts of special students by rewarding their desire to excel in life and society.

BUTTERCRUMBS ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Mrs. Katileen Dethier awards **\$200** to a student who has a definite plan for their higher education, demonstrates entrepreneurial spirit, leadership ability and has financial need.

CLASS OF 1972 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This annual award was created by the PHS Class of 1972 to recognize a scholar pursuing a 2-year degree or preparing for trade school study. It is based primarily on student need, but also recognizes student achievement and merit. This **\$100** award commemorates the 50-year high school reunion and celebration of the Class of 1972.

CLASS OF 1977 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

Presented by the PHS Class of 1977 this annual **\$500** award given to a Pembroke graduate who pursuing a trade school experience or a traditional college experience leading to a 2-year or a 4-year degree. This award is based upon both student need and merit.

CORFU-PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

This scholarship is offered by the members of the Corfu-Pembroke Historical Society to a Pembroke graduate who desires a career in the trades. It is primarily based on financial need to a deserving student who demonstrates perseverance and participates in community service activities. This **\$250** award is offered annually by the society to an individual pursuing an associate degree in the trades.

HARRY D. DIBBLE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Harry D. Dibble was an outstanding member of the Corfu-Pembroke Community for many years. This annual **\$1,000** award is based on need, outstanding personal character, demonstrated skill and work ethic. Mrs. Maura Dibble and family and friends presents this scholarship in Harry Dibble's memory to a student who will be attending a trade or vocational school and who has shown an ongoing commitment to the community of Pembroke and its people, and will remain vested in the Pembroke community.

RICHARD & SHIRLEY KERN MEMORIAL TRADE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$1,000** trade school scholarship is awarded annually in memory of long time Corfu residence Richard & Shirley Kern by the Kern family to an outstanding (BOCES/non BOCES) graduate of Pembroke high school. It celebrates and recognizes the pursuit of a career in the trades. It is available to any PHS graduate planning on attending a trade school or pursuing a 2-year associate degree in the trades.

RUSS & MARY LOU OBERLANDER TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

The Russ and Mary Lou Oberlander Trade School Scholarship is designed by Russ (PHS Class of '64) to provide an annual **\$1,000** award to a deserving needy student who desires a career in the trades. It rewards an individual who desires and works diligently to excel. It recognizes student achievement and merit demonstrated by perseverance and determination.

THE LAMB FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRADE SCHOOL APPLICANTS

The Lamb Family Scholarships provide **2** trade school awards annually for students entering the fields of agriculture and/or medicine. Each award is valued at **\$250** and may be used for a trade school certificate or 2-year degree program leading to an associate degree in the trades. Both BOCES and non BOCES students of PHS are eligible to apply for these awards.

VERNON J. RUPERT ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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THIRTY-FIVE scholarships totaling **\$52,800** will be awarded in 2024-2025 school year. Want one (or more)? If interested, simply **APPLY** to www.Corfu-Pembroke.dollarsforscholars.org or contact DFS, P.O. Box 72, Corfu, NY 14036.

PARENTS – remember...the Pembroke DFS is a totally volunteer community-based organization, and as such needs broad community support for PHS chapter to be successful. If you are interested in helping Pembroke students receive financial aid, or if you value academic success in our district, and if you want to see our children have greater opportunities for college, please help your local **Pembroke DFS Chapter** provide funds for college by donating your time and/or money. Contact **(585) 300-3140** or **(585) 350-9294** for more information.

ONLINE CONTACT FOR AWARD WINNERS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE CURIOUS IS: corfupembrokedsf@gmail.com
For a list of additional scholarships unrelated to DFS, please contact the Pembroke CSD counseling department.

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Due to a shortage of instructional staff,
there will be no Driver's Education
offered for the 2024/2025 school year.



ATTENTION PEMBROKE COMMUNITY SNOWBIRDS!

If you will not be residing at your Pembroke residence through the winter months, but still wish to receive any of the below scheduled Dragon Tales articles for the 24/25 school year, please contact Sandra Lang, Dragon Tales editor, at (585) 599-4525 ext 1950 or email slang@pembrokecsd.org. Each Dragon Tales is also listed on our district website after being mailed to the community at www.pembrokecsd.org (Under MENU, click on the District Tab, "Dragon Tales")

Tentative Schedule for 2024-2025 DRAGON TALES

Winter Issue-2025: Mailed to community residents on/around Friday, February 7th

Budget Issue-2025: Mailed to community residents on Wednesday, May 14th

Graduation Issue-2025: Mailed to community residents after graduation on/around July 18th



Veteran's Outreach Club came to the PS to help UPK make decorations for Veterans Day

NOTABLE INFORMATION: According to New York State Law, children cannot be released to anyone unless his or her name appears on the child's Student Information Sheet. Any person visiting the school during school hours must first report to the office for a visitor pass. Any visitor not making his/her presence known at the office is violating the law as a trespasser or loiterer and may be subject to arrest.

STUDENT PARKING

- Students must register cars in the Attendance office. A window hanging tag must be visible at all times on school grounds.
- The speed limit at each of the three campuses of the school district is 15 MPH. Violators will risk the loss of parking privileges.
- Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way at all times.
- No private vehicles are to be operated in the vicinity of the bus circle at the High School's north end of the building between 7:25 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and between 2:10 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.
- Students must park in the designated areas rows 3 – 6 in student lot only.
- All road rules apply in the school parking lot. PCS reserves the right to ticket any drivers who do not follow parking regulations.
- PCS reserves the right to revoke or temporarily suspend parking privileges due to the behavior infractions or other violations of Student *Code of Conduct*, including excessive tardiness to school, or if parking rules are violated.
- A school official may search a vehicle on school property when "reasonable suspicion" occurs. All cars on the Pembroke School property are subject to air searches from local and state police authorities.
- Tardy to school due to vehicle issues is not a legal excuse and is subject to school consequences.
- A special consent form endorsed by BOCES personnel is required for the use of private cars to drive in connection with attendance at BOCES classes. BOCES does not allow students to transport other students to their campus.

Attendance Policy

Students who are illegally absent or tardy from school may not participate in extracurricular activities, practices, or competitions on that day. Students **must** be in school for at least fifty percent of the scheduled school day, or have a note from a medical provider for an appointment they attended that day, in order to participate in any extracurricular activities. **Students must always provide a signed note by a parent/guardian or medical provider indicating the reason for the absence or tardiness.**

Automated Notification System

Community Related Information and Emergency Notifications from the Pembroke Central School District can be distributed via any combination of voice phone call, email and/or SMS text, based on information you've provided to the school. If you'd like to add or update your notification contact information, please email the Technology Department at: webmaster@pembrokecsd.org.

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