



# Weekly Wrap Up 12/23- 12/29/24

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MN State High School League Site:  
[www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dismiss</u>	<u>Bus Lv</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
<b>Mon</b>								
12/23/2024	No School- Holiday Break							
<b>Tue</b>								
12/24/2024	No School- Christmas Eve							
<b>Wed</b>								
12/25/2024	No School- Christmas Day							
<b>Thur</b>								
12/26/2024	No School- Holiday Break							
<b>Fri</b>								
12/27/2024	No School- Holiday Break							
12/27/2024	Basketball: Girls JV	11:30 AM	Wayzata	St. Ben's				
12/27/2024	Basketball: Boys JV	12:00 PM	Eagle Ridge Academy	Pierz HS - PAC Gym				
12/27/2024	Basketball: Boys Varsity	2:00 PM	Eagle Ridge Academy	Pierz HS - MAC Gym				
12/27/2024	Basketball: Girls Varsity	2:00 PM	Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	St. Cloud Apollo HS				
<b>Sat</b>								
12/28/2024	Basketball: Girls JV	10:15 AM	St. Croix Prep	St. Ben's				
12/28/2024	Basketball: Boys JV	TBD	Eagle Ridge Academy, Rock Ridge Public Schools, Zimmerman	Pierz HS - MAC Gym				
12/28/2024	Basketball: Boys Varsity	TBD	Eagle Ridge Academy, Rock Ridge Public Schools, Zimmerman	Pierz HS - MAC Gym				
12/28/2024	Basketball: Girls Varsity	2:45 PM	St. Croix Prep	Sartell HS				
<b>Sun</b>								
12/29/2024								

Merry Christmas

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Dec 20, 2024

**Reminder** to check the event schedules on the MN State High School League website [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org), and GRC site [www.graniteridgeconference.org](http://www.graniteridgeconference.org) for updates, as postponements and changes are frequently being made.

**Dance** took 7<sup>th</sup> in Jazz and 8<sup>th</sup> in Kick (out of 10) at Albany on Saturday (12/14/24). They had the conference meet at Cathedral on Thursday (12/19/24) get moved to Jan 6. On Saturday (12/21/24) they go to Melrose for a meet.

**Girls Basketball** lost to Esko on Friday (12/13/24) and they lost to Holdingford on Tuesday (12/17/24). They had their game with Moose Lake on Thursday (12/29/24) get postponed. They go to Aitkin on Friday (12/20/24). Over the Holidays they will play WHA on Dec 27 and St. Croix Prep on Dec 28 in the Granite City Classic.

**Boys Basketball** beat Staples/Motley on Friday (12/13/24). They go to Princeton on Friday (12/20/24). Over the Holidays they will host Eagle Ridge Academy on Dec 27 and they will play either Zimmerman or Rock Ridge on Dec 28 as part of their Holiday tournament in Pierz.

**Wrestling** took 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Paul Bunyan tournament in Brainerd on Friday (12/13/24) and Saturday (12/14/24). They beat Rock Ridge, Aitkin, and Pine City at a quad in Pine City on Tuesday (12/17/24). They are hosting their 8-team dual tournament on Friday (12/20/24).

**FFA** competed in Brainerd on Wednesday (12/18/24). The Pre-Vet group of Catherine Wehsehler, Kiera Winkelman, Hailey Gall and Alisha Karst competed in Brainerd on Wednesday. The students placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams and missed qualifying for state. Catherine placed 16<sup>th</sup> individually, Hailey placed 30<sup>th</sup>, Alisha placed 36<sup>th</sup> and Kierra placed 41<sup>st</sup> -- all out of 46 students.

**Robotics** next meet is Jan 4 at St. Cloud Tech.

Congratulations to the 2024-25 AAA recipients from Pierz: Payton Stangl and Guy Clemons-Virnig.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PIERZ HIGH SCHOOL** ***ATHLETE OF THE WEEK***

#### **Senior High – Kyle Stangl, Caleb Koch, Kayla Virnig – Wrestling**

Seniors Kyle Stangl and Caleb Koch along with Junior Kayla Virnig won Championships at the Paul Bunyan Tournament.

#### **Junior High – Emma Skiba & Addie Athman – Basketball**

8<sup>th</sup> grader Emma Skiba has had a great season for the 8th graders this season. She finished off the week with an exciting moment as the 8th graders found themselves down 1 to Pequot Lakes with 5 seconds left. She was able to get herself open and caught a pass from her teammate to put in a buzzer beating layup to steal a victory. This capped off a 3-0 week for the team. A consistent player, Emma has shown up to work hard every single day and continue to improve herself day in and day out.

7<sup>th</sup> grader Addie Athman went to the free throw line in Sudden Death OT vs. Milaca and made her first free throw to win the game for the Pioneers in a loud environment. It capped a fantastic game for Addie, who was great at pushing the fast break. It came as no surprise that Addie was ready for a big moment, as she is a tremendous worker in practice and a fantastic teammate.