

SHS Weekly News

September 18, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. Sept. 21

B- Day

Tues. Sept. 22

A- Day

Wed. Sept. 23

B- Day

Thurs. Sept. 24

A- Day

Fri. Sept. 25

B- Day



Message from Mr. Kruse

Families and Students,

I hope everyone is well! After three weeks of Virtual Learning...we are doing a great job!! Thank you for all your hard work!!

We continue to adjust and improve our Virtual Learning system. Please read the adjustments and updates to Zoom video check-in, A.P. courses, Asynchronous workload, and upcoming grading dates.

If students or families have course work questions, please schedule a time to discuss with your teacher Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoons from 1:00-3:30 pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.

M. J. Kruse

Zoom video check ins for safety and security

We have had a few situations where students are entering into zoom classes and using the wrong name or using inappropriate language. We have added extra measures with students naming themselves with their first and last name and limited different chat features but beginning next week we will be adding an additional task to make sure students are safe and identities are verified. Upon entry into the course, students will be called out individually by the teacher and asked to turn their videos on for a few seconds so the teacher can verify that the student names match the picture we have in Infinite Campus. After the check-in is complete, students can still turn their video off if it makes them more comfortable. If students chose to not turn on their video for the quick check-in, staff will reach out to students and families for clarification. We want to understand any barriers to this new expectation and work with students to improve engagement. If you have concerns regarding a quick identification check-in at the beginning of virtual classes, please contact the student's Associate Principal or Counselor.

If you do not have a picture in our system we are asking for your help. This would include any students new to our district beginning from March 13, 2019, to present including students coming to us from St. Ann's. If you attended River Bluff last year and are now freshmen, this is not for you. If this does apply to you and since there were no school pictures this year, your student currently does not have a picture in Infinite Campus. We are asking that a students' parent or guardian email us a picture of your student for us to upload so we can get to know who we are working with and for safety purposes. We will not accept pictures directly emailed to us from students. We are looking for a photograph from the neck up that is saved in a JPEG format. We are also asking that in the email you include your student's name and grade. Pictures can be emailed to Kristen.dow@stoughton.k12.wi.us . We appreciate your efforts in helping keep students safe.

AP (Advanced Placement) & Asynchronous Work Adjustments

- Because of the National Curriculum requirements of A.P. courses...starting on 9/21, AP teachers may hold one large Zoom meeting/course for all students in each class, in place of AL-MZ cohorts.
- Because of the A Day/B Day schedule and the ability to focus on a few courses at a time, we are ready to adjust our asynchronous workload.
- Starting 9/21 asynchronous work maybe increasing up to 45 minutes per each course.

Grading Reminders

- Mid-Quarter is 9/29/20
- We will be following the SHS Grading Practices (see attached at the bottom of the newsletter)
- The end of the 1st Quarter is 10/30/20

Little Free Library is open again



Attendance Information

Questions about attendance? It's business as usual!

Greetings from the attendance office! Just a quick reminder to continue to let us know if your child will be absent from live virtual learning. We are marking attendance just like we would for any other school year. You can report an absence by calling the attendance line - 608-877-5600, option 1. If the absence is for medical reasons, you may fax or email your medical excuse. Please see our contact information below.

Patty Nelson: patty.nelson@stoughton.k12.wi.us direct line: 608-877-5608

Tammy Nickol: tammy.nickol@stoughton.k12.wi.us direct line: 608-877-5604

Fax: 608-877-5619

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call!

Counseling Information

UW-Madison School of Pharmacy will be hosting a virtual Open House Event on **Saturday, November 14th, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST.**

This immersive event will start with a brief kick-off and welcome, followed by four, 25-minute sessions including:

- PharmD Program Overview - learn about the opportunities available to you within the Doctor of Pharmacy program as well as unique aspects of the curriculum.

- Admissions Q&A - the PharmD admissions team will discuss the application process, selection criteria, and answer your questions during this Q&A.
- Faculty Panel - speak with faculty about their careers as professors and practicing pharmacists and why pharmacy may be a great fit for you.
- Student Panel - what is it like to be a pharmacy student at UW–Madison? Learn more during this Q&A with current students.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out about one of the most exciting and fulfilling careers in health care.

[REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 2020 OPEN HOUSE](#)

Wisconsin Education Fairs

Rethinking Wisconsin Education Fairs - we're going virtual!!

WEF will continue to be a resource for our students and schools.

As in the past, we'll need your help to get our students and families pointed in WEFs direction. We're expecting nearly 100 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools to participate in the college fair portion. [Register Now!](#)



Offering a monthly virtual college fair from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., followed by 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. interactive financial aid presentation.

- **Wednesday, 9/16**
- **Wednesday, 10/7**
- **Sunday, 11/8**
- **Wednesday, 2/10**
- **Wednesday, 3/10**
- **Sunday, 4/11**

[Fall Schedule](#) and [Spring Schedule](#)

Check out [this video](#) on how students register and navigate through the events.

Art Department News

Virtual times call for virtual clay

The SHS ceramics department was very fortunate to benefit from a grant in the spring of 2019 from Cummins and with that money we were able to purchase a Potterbot 3D clay printer for students to use. The Potterbot paired with a web-based program called Potterware allows students to design a piece of pottery from their homes, share the file with the teacher and submit to print it in the classroom. Students are responsible to learn and explore multiple shape and function options within the program. The printed pots will be fired in the kiln at school and depending on our return schedule to instruction back in the building, students will be glazing the pots at that time.

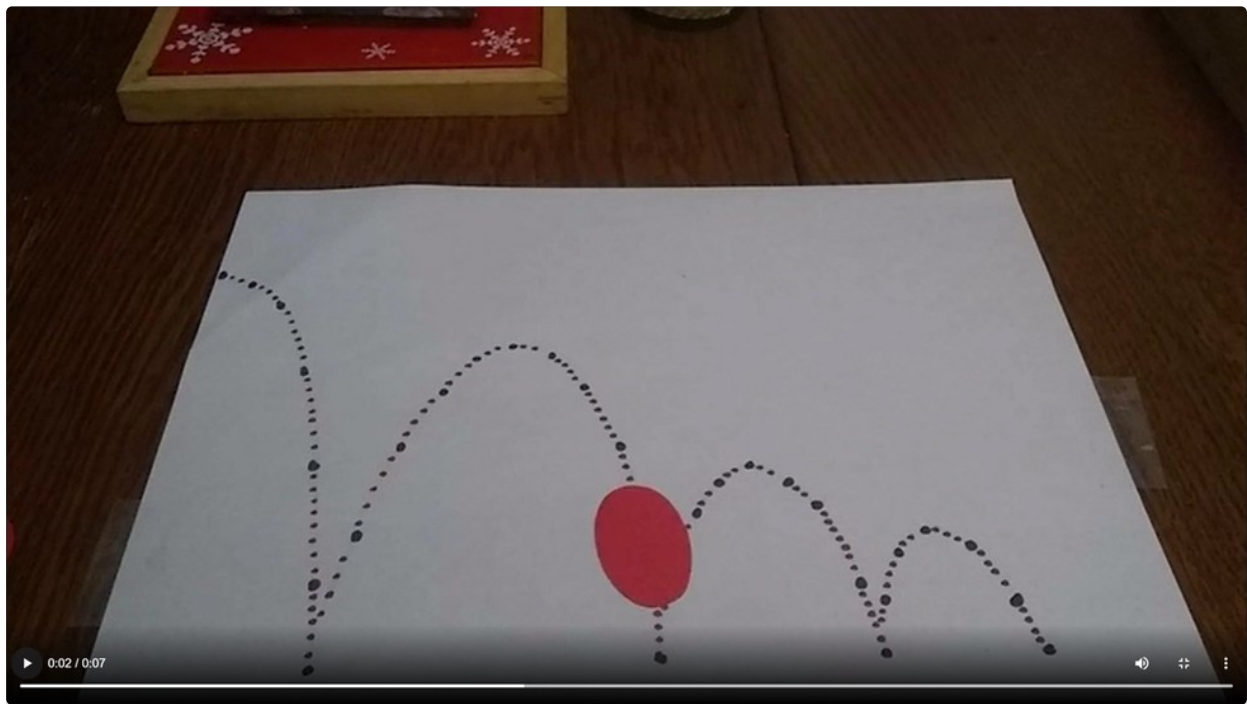


Another way that ceramics has adapted to the online environment was to send home 2 types of clay students can work with from their own homes. First was an air dry clay that the basic Ceramic students used to create musical instruments like whistles and rattles. The other type of clay sent home was plasticine modeling clay. Students will use this never hardening clay to create a figure or object that they will then use to create stop animation videos with. Students will use a program called Stop Animation Studios to create a Claymation video like *Chicken Run* or *Wallace and Grommet* or if you are a little older you may remember the California Raisin commercials in the '80s.



A moving topic...

In Computer Illustration and Animation, our new kind of school is meeting the old school of Stop motion animation. This type of animation dates back to 1898 in a movie called *The Humpty Dumpty Circus* and is a technique that is still going strong today. Students are using cut paper characters to explore the basic principles of animation and have just finished up a series of bouncing ball animations. They learned how to time the motion of an object and control the speed of the movement based on the degree of difference between each still frame. If it sounds like science and math, that is because it is.



Fine tuning ...

Digital photo students have been exploring photo editing software and learning about composition. This week they are heading out to capture their first photo series. With theme choices that include; trees, signs, food, forgotten objects, shadows, and reflections, we are sure to get some interesting images.



Building understanding...

The Basic Art 3D students have stepped out to explore the art of Andy Goldsworthy, a British land art sculptor. Students are following his example and making art in nature out of natural objects. Please enjoy this example of one of their creations.



Please click on the pdf on the bottom of the newsletter for more Art News Information from Ms. Phillips

Yearbook Information

Please look for more information on how to purchase a Yearbook in upcoming newsletters.

Reminder: Yearbook is now accepting your senior photos at shs.yb.2021@gmail.com. Please make sure your photo is vertical and adheres to the guidelines provided in last week's newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Yearbook Staff at the email above.



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