

SHS Weekly News

December 20, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 20

5:00 pm Boys JV Hockey
5:45 pm Boys JV 2 Basketball in the Fieldhouse
5:45 pm Boys JV Basketball in the Gym
7:00 pm Girls Var Hockey @ Marshfield
7:15 pm Boys Var Basketball
7:15 pm Boys Var Hockey

Saturday, Dec. 21

7:30 am Wrestling Var Reserve Invitational @ Mount Horeb
10:00 am Wrestling Var Tournament @ Alliant Energy Center

December 23-December 26

No School- Winter Break
No Events Scheduled

Friday, Dec. 27

TBD Girls JV/Var Basketball Tournament @ Middleton
TBD Girls Var Hockey Tournament @ Rhinelander Ice Arena
TBD Wrestling Var Tournament @ Woodbridge, VA
8:30 am Boys JV Hockey @ Madison Ice Arena
2:45 pm Boys JV/JV 2 Basketball Tournament @ Middleton
4:15 pm Boys Var Basketball Tournament @ Middleton
7:30 pm Boys Varr Hockey @ Waupun Community Center

Saturday, Dec. 28

TBD Girls Var Hockey Tournament @ Rhinelander Ice Arena
TBD Wrestling Var Tournament @ Woodbridge, VA
5:45 pm Boys JV/JV 2 Basketball Tournament @ Middleton
7:15 pm Boys Var Basketball Tournament @ Middleton

Sunday, Dec. 29

TBD Girls Var Hockey Tournament @ Rhinelander Ice Arena

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

5:15 pm Wrestling Var Invitational @ Kaukauna (Cheesehead Invite)
5:45 pm Girls JV 2 Basketball in the Fieldhouse

5:45 pm Girls JV Basketball in the Gym

7:00 pm Boys Var Hockey @ Stevens Point (KB Willett Ice Arena)

7:15 pm Girls Var Basketball

Saturday, Jan. 4

4:30 pm Girls JV 2 Basketball in the Fieldhouse

4:30 pm Girls JV Basketball in the Gym

5:00 pm Boys Var Hockey @ Stevens Point (KB Willett Ice Arena)

5:45 pm Boys JV/JV 2 Basketball @ Oregon

6:00 pm Girls Var Basketball

7:00 pm Girls Var Hockey @ Poppy Waterman Ice Arena

7:15 pm Boys Var Basketball @ Oregon



Accountability Report and Educational Options

A reminder that the most recent Accountability Report for our District and our schools, as well as an overview of our District Educational Options, are available on our [District's Assessments webpage](#). You can access these materials directly by clicking on the above hyperlink.





UW Milwaukee

We are excited to share this news with you! Please help us spread the word with your students interested in UW-Milwaukee that our application fee is being waived during this timeframe.

Thank you for your continued partnership and let us know if we can help answer any questions you may have.

Apply for Free! Dec. 14-22

We want you to be a part of our Panther Family! And we want to make your college application process easier. We'll waive the \$50 application fee if you apply to UWM between Dec. 14 and Dec. 22.

Here's how you do it:

1. Register and complete the [UW System application](#).
2. Complete all the steps through "Sign and Submit Your Application." Once you've done that, you've applied to UWM. Congratulations!
3. The usual next step is to "Submit Payment." You can skip this if you apply between 12:01 a.m. Dec. 14 and 11:59 p.m. Dec. 22.

This offer is for new undergraduate applicants for the 2020 summer and fall terms.

Transcripts over Holiday Break

To all seniors applying to colleges over the upcoming holiday break, please note that transcripts requests will not be processed when school is not in session. To avoid missing important college

deadlines, please make sure your transcript requests are submitted to Parchment prior to the break. The site to submit requests is www.parchment.com.

Main Office Holiday Hours

The High School Main Office will be closed December 23-27. We will be here intermittently the week of December 30-January 3. Please call ahead if you need a work permit to be sure that someone is in the office and would be able to help you. Thank you! 877-5600

What's Happening with Language Arts!

LA9 folks finished up their short story unit 1st quarter where they learned strategies of survivorship, following Sanger Rainsford and his use of hunting skills to fend off his predator General Zaroff and then descended deep down into the catacombs with Montresor and Fortunado to learn of Fortunado's revenge. The LA9 crew put on their detective hats and uncovered literary terms that these authors used to create spine chilling events.

The students are also diligently working on learning new vocabulary and parts of speech each week to expand their reading comprehension and improve their writing skills.

Next on the agenda for the kiddos is to join the migrant workers on a ranch in Soledad with Lennie and George in *Of Mice and Men*.

LA10 finished up studying the Revolutionary Era and discovered the persuasive nature of the founding documents. The unit wrapped up with students giving a persuasive speech of their own. The students worked on developing speeches while utilizing Aristotle's appeals.

Next up for LA10 is a journey into Romanticism which will branch off into discovering the wonders of nature and of the self in transcendentalism. The unit will take a look into Gothic literature by focusing on the works of Edgar Allan Poe and Stephen King.

The first year of LA11 has wrapped up the memoir of Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*. This gave students that opportunity to take a look at what life was like in Ireland during the 1940s.

The next selection will be Ishmael Beah's memoir, *A Long Way Gone*. This will give students a look at the life of child soldiers in Sierra Leone.

LA11 is in full swing getting the juniors ready for ACT testing by covering vocab, grammar and close reading strategies.

Stoughton's inaugural class in AP English Language and Composition has been busily learning the fundamentals of rhetoric. We have mastered our rhetorical terms and fought our way to crafting effective arguments. Now, we are applying our new understanding to *Julius Caesar*. While the bulk of our year is focused on examining the rhetorical triangle in nonfiction, we are analyzing this Shakespearean classic through a rhetorical lens: examining the speeches as samples of argumentation with implications for the characters, for the Elizabethan audience and for modern readers. Following the play, we continue our study of political rhetoric in foundational American documents, British satire, and a variety of contemporary political writings. We round out the semester by digging into a unit called Economics: Poverty, Wealth and the American Dream. Next semester, we will examine units on Community and Identity and finish the year with a unit on Technology. Not only does our wide range of topics prepare students for the rigors of the AP Test on Wednesday May 13, it also prepares them to constructively participate in the wider societal conversations. We look forward to growing this class for next year as more students discover the power of rhetoric.

Introduction to Journalistic Writing

Emily Alcantara, Sammy Lankey, and Brandt Spilde interview Dylan Brogan, reporter for the Isthmus at "In the Eyes of a Reporter Interview Day" for Introduction to Journalistic Writing. For this event, 8 reporters from publications such as *The Stoughton Courier Hub*, *The Isthmus*, *The Cap Times*, and a professor from UW-Madison School of Journalism were interviewed by each student in the class.



Mary Beth Tinker of the First Amendment breakthrough *Tinker v Des Moines* case from 1969 discusses freedom of speech with Norse Star seniors Elise Fjelstad and Briana Skerpan at the Kettle Moraine Press Association (KEMPA) Journalism Conference on Oct. 11.



Mary Beth Tinker shakes hands with senior Norse Star staff writer Sean McGlynn. iJW and Norse Star students get in on the conversation and check out their free armbands from the KEMPA presentation where Tinker thanked student journalists for the great work they do in schools.



Stoughton High School Writers Attend UW-Whitewater Writing Festival

On November 15 SHS students interested in writing were fortunate enough to attend the 35th UW-Whitewater Creative Writing Festival. The festival opened with 750 students from Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin gathered together to hear keynote speaker Ike Holter before releasing everyone to their writing workshops.

Ike Holter is a Chicago playwright and winner of The Windham-Campbell prize, one of the highest awards for writing *in the world*. He's the author of several award winning plays including "Exit Strategy", "Hit the Wall" and "Lottery Day", which have been seen all across the country. He offered his advice about writing and shared his experiences as a writer to inspire us all.

There were six sessions of workshops one could attend ranging in topics from poetry, children's story writing, fan fiction, and humor to essays and horror stories. In sessions, the genre of writing as well as student submissions were discussed amongst attendees and the facilitators who were either professors from Whitewater or professional writers from the Midwest. Students were especially excited about attending the song writing and multimedia workshops. The awards ceremony concluded the festival.

The English Department hosts this field trip and travels to the festival yearly with students in the literary writing classes and any other students interested in writing.



Outstanding Student Fees

Please check your Infinite Campus Portal to see if your child may have any outstanding class fees. You may pay through your portal or send cash or a check to your student's teacher.





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