

River Bluff Middle School

Campus E-News - November 30, 2018

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 3

6th Graders start next 6 week class **note schedule below*

Forensics Meeting, 3:25-3:45p

Boys Basketball @ Home, 4:15pm

Tuesday, December 4

Homework Club, 3:20pm

Minecraft Club, 3:20pm

Wrestling @ Home, 4:15pm

Wednesday, December 5

8th Grade Field Trip: FutureQuest, 11:30a - 2:30p

Thursday, December 6

Homework Club, 3:20pm

Boys Basketball @ McFarland, 4:15pm

Friday, December 7

"B" Day

Valhalla Singers perform @ Madrigal Dinner

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Printable Calendars From 123Calendars.Com

6th Grade Related Arts Rotation

This will rotate every 6 weeks (approximately every 29 school days).

STEAM (Mr. Webb-Room 139)

General Music (Ms. Meyer-Room 002/Zick -Room 002)

Spanish (Ms. Foree-Room 007)

Introduction to Business (Mr. Maedke-Room 145)

Family Consumer Science (Ms. Tomaszewski-Room 104)

German (Ms. Floeter-Room 004)

Session 1 Sept 4 - Oct 12

Session 2 Oct 15 - Nov 29

Session 3 Nov 30 - Jan 18

Session 4 Jan 22 - March 4

Session 5 March 5 - April 23

Session 6 April 24 - June 7 (longer b/c of year-end)

FutureQuest

8th grade students will be attending FutureQuest at the Alliant Energy Center on Wednesday, December 5th. This week, students prepared for the event by looking at the [FutureQuest website](#) and identifying [three businesses](#) within each zone to visit (click on the "zones" at the top of the website page). Students also identified questions to ask career professionals. Please encourage your 8th grade student to wear [business casual](#) attire on Wednesday.

Yellow Block Canada Presentations

Students in Mrs. Raisbeck's classroom were asked to choose a landform and body of water from Canada. Using the 5 Themes of Geography, the students wrote about the physical and human characteristics, human-environmental interactions, location, region and movement of their place. Students were able to pick how they wanted to make a final project—Google slides, Google sites, Powtoons, Smores, and Prezies were some ways students presented their information to each other.





Food Service Reminders.....

- Food service accounts operate on a prepay basis. Please ensure accounts have funds available at all times.
 - Student grades 6-12 without funds on account will be asked to pay cash. This includes ala carte purchases.
- Daily purchases may be monitored from your Infinite Campus mobile app
- Households experiencing financial stress or requiring assistance may complete a free and reduced meal application at any time during the year or may contact Jenny McKenna at 608.877.5012

Albania Independence Day

Wednesday, November 28th, marked Albania's Independence Day. Here are some photos of Ms. Kunjuhi and her students showing their pride for Albania.



Join Forensics!

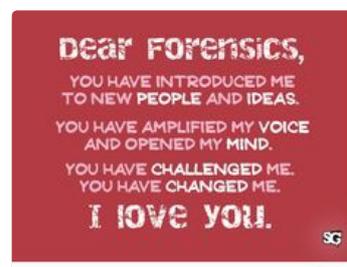
When: Monday, December 3 at 3:25-3:45

Where: Library

If you cannot make it, but are still interested, please email Mrs. Gerszewski.

What is Forensics?

- The purpose of middle school forensics is to build self-confidence
- Developing and practice fundamental public speaking skills



- This public speaking can be done solo or with a small group of friends on your team
- Involves public speaking and/or acting elements
- Some speeches/plays need to be memorized and some do not

How does forensics work?

- With the help of their coach, team members prepare an oral presentation from one of sixteen different categories including: Prose, Poetry, Storytelling, Radio Announcing, Solo Acting and Group Acting, Readers' Theater, and Demonstration.
- These selections are then performed at scheduled tournaments where students are evaluated according to individual category standards. You are judged and you receive medals.

When is forensics season?

- Practices start now
- Practice schedule you create yourself with Mrs. Gerszewski
- Meet dates (Saturday mornings): January 26, February 2 and February 9
- Some speeches/plays need to be memorized and some do not

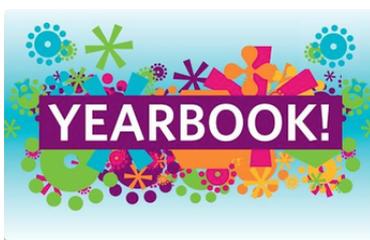
Fun Times at Volleyball Games (Staff vs Students)



What is a JUUL?

Wanted to share a video that was presented during the recent Town Hall presentation on vaping/juuling):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIAWZMQfXko&vl=en>



Yearbook Order

If you haven't already, please make sure to order a Yearbook for your student! Deadline for orders is in January. If you are unclear as to whether you already ordered a yearbook or not during District Registration, please check the parent portal.

There are two ways to order.

1. Through your Parent Portal, under 'Fees', then 'Make Payment', then select yearbook.
2. Have your student bring \$15 (cash or a check made out to SASD), during the week of December 3-7th. There will be a table set up during the lunch periods.

Any questions, please email Mrs. Bonde
(cassie.bonde@stoughton.k12.wi.us)

COMING SOON ... Guys and Dolls, Jr.

River Bluff students will be presenting the musical, Guys and Dolls Jr. next Spring.

Students should watch for and listen to announcements regarding upcoming auditions and further information.



Snow, cold weather cancellation protocols

School district staff take decisions to delay, close, or dismiss school due to inclement weather conditions very seriously. As with most decisions that affect literally thousands of people, it will impact individuals differently. You may be interested in knowing what goes into the decision.



The most important consideration in the decision is children's safety. Can we safely transport children to and from school – and at what point in time is it the safest?

Many people and factors are involved. The process begins as early as 4:00 a.m. when Karen Johnson, Stoughton Area School District Coordinator of Transportation, and myself confer about weather conditions with information from national and local weather services. County and municipal road crews are contacted to assess road conditions and the extent to which they will be safe to travel at the time students are to be transported. A driver travels a rural route and is consulted for his/her input as to the safety of travel on the road. If plows are able to have snow removed from the majority of bus routes, and there is no concern for high winds or a rate of snowfall that would prohibit keeping the roads clear, busses can operate safely. Few vehicles are safer than busses in winter driving conditions. If it is determined we cannot safely transport children to school, or cannot safely transport children home from school, then schools will be delayed, dismissed early, or closed. **Our intention is that the final decision to close or delay school will be made by 6:30 a.m. at the latest.** The district will use its Emergency Notification system, as well as local news outlets, to spread the word about school closings.

For cold weather, the main indicator is wind chill factor. If the wind chill factor generates a Wind Chill Warning (**-35 sustained wind chill**) we will close for the day, or consider a delayed start if the warning will be lifted in the mid-morning hours. We will consider closing schools with a Wind Chill Advisory at negative 25 degrees.

A decision to dismiss school early depends on additional criteria. This decision requires that notice go out to the public at approximately 11 a.m. in order to provide reasonable notice to parents. This is an important matter in our community as the employment rate among our families is high and literally hundreds of young children have no one at home in the afternoon to accommodate an early dismissal. Their safety from early dismissal to the point at which parental supervision is available is considered. In addition, we have excellent county and municipal road crews. Normal dismissal schedules allow more time for them to do their work clearing all roads in our 100-square-mile district and improving conditions for safe travel.

While district staff have the responsibility to alter the school day due to weather, no decision of ours overrides your judgment as a parent. If parents have sincere concern for the safety of their child, they can certainly keep their child home or pick them up from school early.

In the end, please rest assured that the ability to safely move our nearly 3,000 students to and from school is the primary determinant for closing, delaying, or dismissing school early. That safety is determined with input from many professionals who are committed to the safety of children – a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

How can you help as a Parent and Community Member?

- Please take a moment now to make sure we have the most up to date contact information for you and caregivers who wish to receive school closing announcements through your [Infinite Campus Portal account](#)
- Talk with your family about emergency weather procedures in the rare event that schools are closed early
- With wintry weather approaching, remember to slow down and drive safely, especially in school zones. Our custodial and maintenance crews work hard to remove snow from parking lots and sidewalks as quickly as possible
- Please help our students to remember to dress for the weather

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

Tim Onsager
District Administrator
Stoughton Area School District

Chromebook Replacement Cords

If a student loses their Chromebook cord, they are responsible for purchasing and replacing the cord. Replacement cords can be ordered [here](#)

Infinite Campus Portal

Is your Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus Portal account set up and active? Is your household information accurate? Please take a moment to verify by going to <https://stoughtonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/stoughton.jsp>. This is a great tool to have to review your child's student information (attendance, grades, schedules, etc) as well as for registration and contact purposes. If you discover you do not have an account, cannot remember your login information or other related questions, please contact the Stoughton Area School District Infinite Campus Specialist, Heather Lucas at 608-877-5045 or heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us



RB Staff Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a River Bluff Staff Member, please fill out the following form. Your recognition will be noted in our staff bulletin. Thank you.
[RB Staff Shout Out](#)



River Bluff Contact Information

Main Office/Attendance: 877-5500

Trish Gates, Principal: 877-5501

Bob Johnson, Assistant Principal: 877-5503

Other Information

- [District Calendar](#) link
- [Community Events](#) link
- To sign up for the District e-Newsletter, which includes student features, reminders about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, videos, photos and more, [Sign up with this link](#).