Honoring Our Veterans

BASD honored Veterans through songs, speeches, and more on Nov 11

REFERENDUMproject update



Dear BASD Community Members,

Wow – it is truly amazing how fast time flies before our eyes. It's been eight months since our community approved our referendum for district-wide improvements that will positively impact all schools, all students, and we have been busy! We have spent countless hours providing feedback on the design details of our new and renovated spaces to ensure every inch is thoughtfully designed for our current and future Golden Bears.

Now, we are wrapping up design and moving into the construction phase of our referendum projects. This spring, you will start seeing dirt move, and our spaces will be changing daily.

In this update, I am excited to share design progress and, more importantly, stories and experiences. This undertaking is for our students, staff, and community, and it has been amazing to see the collaboration that has gone into defining new learning spaces as we continue #buildingforthebears.

Thanks again for your support and making this possible!

~Diane Tremblay, District Administrator



\$\$\$ FINANCING UPDATE

In our last update, we shared that the District was able to secure a bond at **2.06**%, significantly below planning estimates, which reduces the impact to our mill rate and saves taxpayers more than **\$5.4 million** in interest over the length of the loan.

We have more exciting news to share...

In October, the District set its mill rate for the school year. Through maximizing state aid and an increase of property value in our District, our mill rate is the **lowest it has been in 15 years**. With careful planning, the District was able to pass a referendum *and* lower the mill rate.

"We put a lot of emphasis
on maximizing the state
equalization aid calculation,
resulting in lower local tax
responsibility for our taxpayers."

— Andrew Sloan
BASD Director of Business and Finance

lowest mill 2006-07

18% decrease in mill rate over last 5 years

\$5.4 million in interest savings









A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL



Our playground user group spent several hours exploring playground equipment options and layouts to create an inclusive and accessible playground for all students.

"Our goal when designing the playground was to ensure we were doing it right for all kids."

— Denise Romsos

BASD Paraprofessional

DESIGN UPDATE



Riverview Middle School user group providing design feedback.

We have spent the last eight months working with our design and construction partners, ISG and Miron, and District user groups to create amazing learning environments.

We started by imagining the spaces "big picture" and determined how we wanted the spaces to function and feel for our students. Then we moved into interior space definition, creating the building footprint and choosing the visual items such as colors, materials, fixtures, and cabinetry.

We also focused on items that students can't see but will positively impact the learning environment, such as mechanical system details, specific lighting, and layout of rooms to maximize sight lines for supervision.

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

2021 2022 2023

Referendum [April 2021]

Bidding [December 2021– January

2022]

We are here

Gym Construction [April-October 2022]

Infrastructure Updates and Interior Building Renovations [Phased: Summer 2022–August 2023]

🐃 REFERENDUM

project update

A VOICE IN DESIGN



"The collaboration and technology used in the design process was instrumental in defining studentfocused spaces. Our staff was able to visualize the plans and provide feedback. With a few clicks of the mouse, we would see our changes in real time. I remember sitting in meetings about the High School IMC and asking ISG to change the direction of the circulation desk and bookshelf locations. We could experiment with placement to maximize sight lines and create learning zones. As educators, we don't design spaces every day; this process allowed us to create the best spaces possible for our students!"

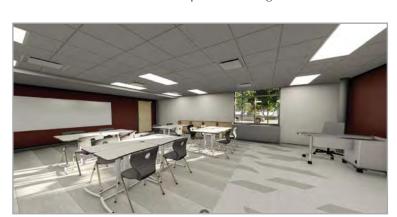
> - Chad Buss, Principal **Barron High School**

SNEAK PEEK WITH VIRTUAL REALITY

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR codes below to see our designs come to life! The technology used in the design process allowed our user groups to conceptualize the plans in three dimensions, provide feedback, and see design changes in real time. Take a virtual 360° tour of the spaces in design.*



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





MIDDLE SCHOOL





HIGH **SCHOOL**





*These are computer-generated representations of architectural design. Appearance of the final spaces may vary.

SAFETY FIRST

We want to involve all of our #goldenbears in these exciting projects! Even our four-pawed friend, Goldie Bear, is ready for construction to start. With safety top-of-mind, she will be sporting her very own high-visibility construction vest.







CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We have separated our projects into two bid packages to procure long lead-time items such as structural steel and precast. This allows us to continue to track on-budget and on-schedule. The remainder of the project will be placed out to bid later this month. All components of the project will be competitively bid. To inquire about bidding on the project, please contact the District.

DAYCARE UPDATE

We understand the need for child care in our community still exists and is not going away. In fact, we have had several letters of support from community members urging us to continue exploring a solution. The District is doing our duediligence and actively pursuing alternative funding options.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



As we prepare to break ground on our new competition gym, we have sponsorship opportunities available for our interested community members and/or local businesses. To find out about more partnership opportunities, please contact the District office.



Fall 2021 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

FEATURING

8-13 **Veterans Day** Ceremonies Around BASD

20-21 Barron Area Montessori Updates

22-23 Trunk or Treat **Woodland Elementary**

State Cross Country 36 Fran Peterson

44-46 BASD Homecoming Week October 4-8











School Board Updates

SCHOOL BOARD WEEK

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards has designated Oct. 3-9 as Wisconsin School Board Week as a time to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities. The Barron Area School District is joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate Wisconsin School Board Week to honor local board members for their commitment to the Barron area and its children.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher

level," Superintendent, Diane Tremblay said. "They make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

Tremblay said our BASD BOE has done a beautiful job providing us with GOVERNANCE that helps us....

- Establish standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensure progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Be accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Create a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Form partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and

• Focus attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement and our Facilities Master Planning process.



"School board members give the Barron Area citizens a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in October, their contribution is a year-round commitment."

The members serving our district: Christopher Donica (Hillsdale Area), Danette Hellmann (Almena Area), Dan McNeil (At Large), Megan Marion (Ridgeland Area), Jeffrey Nelson (At Large), Kelli Rasmussen (City of Barron), Brittany Stephens (City of Barron), Orin Thompson (Dallas Area), Kate Vruwink (City of Barron)

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Barron Area School welcome Wil Sinclair to the Education. District Board Wil was recently appointed and took his official Oath Office as member At-Large.

Wil and his wife are both former graduates of Barron High School and currently have two children enrolled in the District and one who has graduated. He has been very involved with the Barron Area as well as served on numerous committees with the youth. As a lifelong resident of the District, Wil has much to offer and is excited to be a part of the team. #WeBackTheBears



Golden Bears

Veterans Day: 2021

Denise Peterson, President of the local VFW Auxiliary Post 8338, delivered a very strong message at three of our Veterans Day Programs this year. Denise spoke as a reminder that sacrifice is an important piece of a veteran's story to remember. As the wife of a deployed veteran, she has a unique perspective into not only the sacrifices that her husband made as a soldier, but the sacrifices she and his family made together. Additionally, as a veteran injured in battle, her husband sacrificed his entire way of life and, if asked, would do it again to protect our nation. Below is her message to our vets, students, staff and community.

Honor

I entitled this letter to veterans, HONOR. I wrote this letter, humbly, from you and from me, to show our veterans all the things we do here at the Barron Area School District to honor them - everyday.

Dear Veterans (both living and dead),

We will never completely understand the sacrifices that you and your families have made - both in times of war and in times of peace.

We will never fully understand what you were required to do or how you were able to do it. We will never fully understand the depth of your sacrifice or the sacrifices of your families. We will never fully understand the weight you carry - everyday.

But we can offer you our honor.

Honor is in the giving not the receiving. And we know this means All Gave Some and Some Gave All. Today we honor that.

And we also know that most of you here today would tell us that you may have put away your uniforms, but you have not finished serving our country. We know you continue to serve other veterans and your community. We want you to know WE SEE YOU.

For the schools we see you donate money for sports, co-curricular events, clubs, dances; for scholarships with Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and graduating seniors; for school supplies and flags; for special events like trunk or treat, Veterans Day, parades and funerals. For the community you help raise over 30,000 dollars for cancer and kidney transplants, help construct the playground at Anderson Park, and donate to many organizations that also give back. Today, we honor that.





Today, we want you to know that we will continue to honor you.

We honor you with our patriotic music, our voices, our instruments

We honor you with the pledge of allegiance, every day

We honor you with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner at events

We honor you with pictures, posters, projects, artwork, and letters

We honor you with our learning of history, current events, and voting

We honor you with homemade food, hand shakes, hugs and smiles

We honor you with our responsibility for our freedoms and chasing our dreams while making a positive impact on the world

We honor you with wearing red, white, and blue

We honor you with our gifts, donations, and time

We honor you with packages when you are far from home

But best of all, we honor you by being here today.

With Love and Respect,

Signed The Barron Area School District Staff, Students, and Community

P.S.

Here at Woodland, we decorated our school, wrote letters, created artwork and special projects, made hats, learned and sung music for you. 1½ ago, we made crafts and letters for 8 soldiers deployed overseas, and so much more - everyday. We do this to HONOR and THANK YOU for your sacrifices.

Here at RVMS, we wrote the Patriot's Pen, about "How to be a good American," performed songs and music, gave speeches, and read poems, and so much more - everyday. We do this to HONOR and THANK YOU for your sacrifices.

Here at the High School, we march in parades, sing patriotic songs and play patriotic music, we give speeches, and read poems and so much more - everyday. We did all this to HONOR and THANK YOU for your sacrifices.

P.P.S. Today, we know we could spotlight what each one of us has done to honor you. However, we will share just one. Today, we will HONOR you with a gift.

As a member of Ellyn Schneider's art class, we researched the meaning of the poppy. We learned the poppy was in a poem, "In Flanders Field" from World War I where the dead soldiers lay in a battle torn field, nothing survived but the one flower (actually a beautiful weed) - the poppy. The resilience of the poppy is a symbol of our remembrance for your sacrifice. Today, we know Americans wear poppies to HONOR veterans. The money we donate to wear a poppy goes to help veterans who are homeless and who have unmet needs.

Our art class then created Poppy Bowls to say thank you to a veteran in our family. We also made 35 bowls for you, our local veterans. They are waiting for you with a handmade note at the Barron VFW and can be picked up after our ceremonies today - along with a warm meal. It's one way we can say THANK YOU.

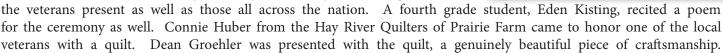
This ends our letter to you, veterans - we honor you.

I think the veterans would be okay with me saying this from them: Students and Staff, on behalf of all the local veterans, we want to say THANK YOU. Your actions and words mean more than you know. We see you, BASD and community, and how you HONOR us everyday and especially today. We say thank you!

Veterans Day, continued...

ALMENA: BARRON AREA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The Veteran's Day program at Barron Area Montessori School included the 4-10 year old children singing "The Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful" and "I Love My Country" as a way to show gratitude for







RIDGELAND

Our Ridgeland-Dallas Golden Bears received an excellent message from one of our very own, Dustin Weinert. Dustin spoke about the sacrifices made by the veterans of the past, current, and future and their significance to us as service members. The three main points he talked about were the sacrifice of time, the sacrifice of blood, sweat and tears and the sacrifice of memories and how they follow each of us in their own ways.

Dustin has a wealth of military experience for us to be very grateful for. Dustin's military experience began in July 2005 when he enlisted in the Wisconsin National Guard. He was deployed to Iraq 2009-2010 and returned to the States where he continued his commitment with the National Guard. In 2017, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant



and was later deployed to Florida for Hurricane Irma. He again deployed overseas in 2019 to Afghanistan returning home in 2020. In June of 2021 he started Officer Candidate School with anticipation of completion in October of 2022. At that time, he will commission as a Second Lieutenant and will become a platoon leader in the State of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your service to preserve our freedoms!

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WOODLAND

Hello everyone,

It feels just like yesterday when I was here sitting in your shoes. I remember looking up at the men and women in the uniforms standing in front of me and thinking to myself "wow, I want to be one of them when I grow up" and now here I am standing here in front of you living out that reality. I was always told to reach for my dreams while making a positive impact on the world. Many of you want to be pro athletes, tv stars, astronauts, and even superheroes. When I was kid, I wanted to be a soldier. That was my dream...and it couldn't be accomplished without the help of all of you.

I know this day is about sacrifice, so I want to sincerely say thank you for all the support you gave me two years ago when I was deployed. Veterans are not able to make sacrifices if they do not have support from their family, friends and community. I remember specifically this time when I was deployed, it was a long night and we had all barely had any sleep. I remember getting done with my shift and was in a very bad mood. I saw I had a care package from one of the classrooms at Woodland Elementary. I opened it up and saw all the snacks and letters. I began reading the letters and immediately started smiling again. One of my favorite lines from one of the letters was, "I love you so much." Not only did it make me chuckle but it made me realize that I have support in this tough time. It completely changed my attitude.

So thank you again. Those little letters you write have more impact than you know. The sacrifices soldiers make wouldn't be possible without you guys.

Sincerely, TJ Koenig



Veterans Day, continued...

RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

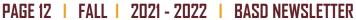
At Riverview Middle School, the Hay River Quilters gifted one of our honored Veterans; Chuck Sandmann with a beautiful quilt at our Veterans Day Program.





Riverview Middle School 7th grade art students were able to give back to their community for Veterans Day, thanks to generous DonorsChoose donations for supplies. Students in Mrs. Schneider's art class learned about the significance of the poppy and Veterans Day. Then, students created a clay bowl, fired them in the kiln, and glazed the bowls. We wrote thank you cards and wrapped up the bowls with care. Many students gifted their handmade bowls to a special Veteran in their lives, and some allowed us to gift them to our local veterans on Veterans Day.







BARRON HIGH SCHOOL

Veterans Day observance kicked off at Barron High School at 7:00 with a breakfast served to our veterans through our wonderful FCCLA and advisor, Carrie Amundson. Brown-Selvig American Legion Post #212, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8338, Amvets Post 888, Auxiliaries led the program off with the Advance of Colors. The history of the Pledge of Allegiance was presented by William Weise and then the Pledge was led by both William and Audrey Bigler. Madeline Mickelson read "The Noble and the Brave" and Denise Peterson presented on veterans and sacrifice, the history of the poppy, and gave the veterans a poppy bowl in appreciation for their service to our country. Our high school choir sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the treble choir sang "Find the Cost of Freedom." Our band played a fantastic rendition of "Flight of Valor." Retired First Sergeant Steve Grosskreutz explained the meaning behind the playing of "Taps" which was then followed by the playing of "Taps" by Chuck Kirkwood and William Weise. It was a morning of appreciation for all our veterans have done for our great country.



Steve Grosskreutz, retired teacher and veteran, explained the history of playing of "Taps."

The playing of "Taps" came about because of the high number of burials after each battle. It is tradition to have music at a burial, but because of the unusual circumstances of high numbers of burials during a short period of time, and yet to show respect for each and every casualty, the company bugler would only play eight mournful phrases for

each burial. These are the words to those eight phrases:

Day is done
Job well done
We're so proud
Rest in peace
You can sleep
God is pleased
You're going home
You're with God





Spotlight on Staff



RMS CUSTODIAN

Randy Fossum

Randy Fossum has been providing outstanding service as our custodian at Riverview Middle School for five years. In addition to his job duties at Riverview, Randy also cleans Central Office. We have the opportunity to work with many individuals in this role at Central Office, but Randy is the top of the line in his position! He does an amazing job and is always so helpful and pleasant to work with! He voluntarily

goes above and beyond showcasing his work ethic and positive attitude every single day. He truly cares about doing a great job ensuring our buildings are in great shape for our staff and students. At Riverview, he does not hesitate to take on new and challenging tasks throughout our building. He knows many of our students by name and is always willing to help them with their lockers or grab a ball that accidentally went on the roof. He is truly dedicated to his profession. When school is out for the summer, the work does not stop for Randy. This summer, he stepped up to the challenge while we were short with our custodial staff and did an outstanding job getting our school ready for the 2021/2022 school year. Randy, we appreciate your commitment to ensure our building is clean and safe for our students and our staff day in and day out. We are lucky to have Randy on our Barron Area School District Team.

Thank you, and congratulations Randy!



Sonja Diedrich

The Ridgeland-Dallas climbing wall is complete! Our Phy Ed teacher, Sonja, started this project over a year ago using funds from DonorsChoose to purchase some rock climbing holds in hopes it would be fun to make something small for the kids to climb during Physical Education class. From her first vision of the project, it became a bigger challenge than expected but also a very meaningful experience as well.

Once approved, the project began at the local Lampert Lumber when Sonja purchased five sheets of plywood, and with the help of Dusty, they drilled holes and put the hardware in each hole. Next, Jake Lambert came down to secure the plywood on the wall. After sanding and filling holes and priming the wood, Sonja approached the most talented artist she knew, her wonderful 81-year-old mother. She asked her mother if she would paint a scene on the wall, her mother replied "Oh Sonja, I can't do that, I'm too old." Over time, Sonja wore her down, and Mom agreed to help with the project! She told her she was always encouraging kids to go outside and enjoy nature and to appreciate the great outdoors so how about a mountain scene with rocks in the foreground type of painting. After 12 full days of painting the beautiful piece of artwork was named "Beautiful Memories." It will be enjoyed for many years, by many students. The new climbing wall

will not only encourage young kids to enjoy the great outdoors, but will also encourage them to "reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world."

On behalf of the Barron Area School District and the Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary School, we would like to recognize Sonja and her very talented mother, Judy Shaide for all of their hard work and dedication.





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SPOTLIGHT

Amanda Taylor-Johnson

Amanda Taylor-Johnson is our Spotlight Mentor for the quarter.

Why is she the spotlight mentor?

Amanda is an enthusiastic, positive person who is generous with her time and talents. She brings caring, warmth, and creativity to her role as mentor and is an asset to our community and her student mentee.

How long have you been mentoring?

I've been mentoring for three years!

What inspired you to mentor?

After talking with other mentors who enjoy their time and shared their experiences, I saw the need in the Barron community and wanted to help out. I also knew it would be a great experience and rewarding even to me!

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

I enjoy meeting with my mentee and hearing about her school day and other things she is going through. We try to find things she hasn't experienced. We've hiked, painted, baked, and have had great conversations over hot chocolate or ice cream.

Why do you think others should mentor?

I hope to bring a little joy to her life (and mine) that I hope someday she will pay it forward. It's building a community, but also in hopes for a life-long friendship.

If you are interested in mentoring or would like your child to participate, please contact Diane Sloan at 715-537-5627 ext. 139.

MENTOR PROGRAM

The Barron Area School District Mentoring Program is a school-based mentoring program for students in middle and high school. Mentoring is about building relationships of trust between a young person and an adult for the purpose of providing support, encouragement, and guidance.

Students are matched one-on-one with a mentor and typically meet for one hour a week. They may have lunch together, play games, go for a walk, workout in the weight room, shoot baskets, share a hobby, work on a school project, or just talk.

BENEFITS FOR YOUTH

Mentors help young people succeed in school, work, and life. Young people who have mentors report setting higher educational goals and are more likely to attend college than students without mentors. Young people who have mentors are more likely to participate in sports, clubs, and other extracurricular activities.

Young adults value mentoring relationships. They speak highly of these relationships and say that their mentors help them stay on track in school, make good choices, and provide consistent support.

Other benefits include:

- · Increased high school graduation rates
- · Better school attendance
- Lower high school dropout rates
- Better academic performance
- · Healthier relationships and lifestyle choices
- · Better attitudes about school
- Enhanced self esteem and self confidence
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use (youth.gov)

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction."

- John Crosby

Dean of Students Schlanderaff Schlanderaff

Calming Coach and Dean of Students James Schlauderaff is in the midst of his fourth year at Woodland Elementary. Prior to that, James taught 4th grade at Woodland Elementary. Thanks to Mr. Schlauderaff, our students have immediate support if they are unable to regulate themselves for learning. If a child is overwhelmed with emotion and is unable to learn, the teacher discreetly connects with Mr. Schlauderaff. Mr.

Schlauderaff assesses each situation to determine the best means of supporting the child while allowing the other students to continue learning.

James also continues to hone and solidify our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports system. The foundation of the PBIS system is to promote great behavior and safety in school. Mr. Schlauderaff leads our PBIS team in determining what kids should learn, how and when we can most effectively teach children, and how we will follow up with teaching when a child is struggling with negative behaviors.

Further promoting positivity, Mr. Schlauderaff leads efforts with our elementary support staff and their schedule-changes that evolve based on students' needs. Our support staff meet with Mr. Schlauderaff to discuss expectations of their roles, to set goals, and to keep communication open to improve what we do for students. We have an exceptional support staff, and James's leadership keeps us all moving in the same direction.

Having Mr. Schlauderaff available at all times for students has freed our teachers and paraprofessionals to focus on academics. Having a happy, safe environment for learning is a priority; Mr. Schauderaff has made our school climate happier, calmer, and rich with learning.



Megan Danielsen

A big welcome to Megan Danielsen as our new Dean of Students at Riverview Middle School. She has done an outstanding job of working with our staff, students, and our families in the areas of positive behavioral and disciplinary prevention with an emphasis on our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. Having Mrs. Danielsen in this role allows me, as the directing principal, to spend valuable additional time in our classrooms. I am truly enjoying the positive interactions and academic conversations with our teachers and students while visiting classrooms. She has made an impact on our school climate overall as well and continues to bring positive leadership to our building. Thank you, Mrs. Danielsen, for all that you do day-in and day-out for our staff and students!



Brittni Hover is our new Dean of Students at Barron High School. Brittni has hit the ground running and has provided leadership in our school in several capacities: a member of our Problem Solving Team, working with students and incorporating restorative practices to assist in positive disciplinary outcomes, and being a positive role model to our student body. Brittni also serves as our athletic director. She has been instrumental in working with our fall coaches and student athletes to promote participation and building high performing athletic teams. input on our upcoming gym addition has been extremely valuable. Welcome to Barron High School, Brittni, and thank you for the commitment you have given to our students, staff, and district!





The Montessori
classroom is set up
to allow children to be
independent and learn at
their own pace.







The Barron Area Montessori School has been a part of the Barron School District since 2007. At our November Board meeting, the Barron Area Montessori School presented to the Board emphasizing key components that make our Montessori School remarkable. Tawnee Keller, Principal, spoke about the dedicated and hard working teachers, positive school climate, community service, challenging curriculum, and great leadership. We are proud of our charter school and all the successes.

Our Community Involvement: We have monthly community service projects that the students come up with to contribute to society. Some rake leaves, some make scarves to hand out, some deliver homemade goods, and they have set up a snack station at the Holiday gas station for individuals to enjoy with morning coffee. They send stockings to soldiers and make cards for local law enforcement. It's just an excellent way for young people to be thoughtful and give back to the community. We have several BAMS alumni coming back to volunteer for our special events such as the Barnebirkie and Fall Fest. A few middle school girls that attended here when they were younger are going to put a little free library out here for the community.

The Positive School Climate: We are receiving several positive comments from parents, grandparents, and visitors regarding the way our students behave and treat others with respect. People are impressed with the knowledge such young people possess and are pleased with the love of learning they have and continue to have year after year. Northwoods Technical College brings the early childhood class here to visit each year and the students as well as the instructor are always shocked and impressed by what they see. One of the best indicators of

the success at BAMS is happy kids. The students still light up and get excited about learning. When they share their lessons with parents, their enthusiasm shines through all over again.

The Challenging Curriculum: We used to spend time observing at other Montessori schools in the cities or Milwaukee to get ideas and see how they ran things to stay successful for decades. Now, we are one of the schools others seek out to ask advice. Rice Lake Montessori teachers used to contact us for help when their school was open. Birchwood Montessori has reached out to ask about teacher training, materials, and curriculum. Amery Montessori recently asked what we use for our reading curriculum. Positive news about our school is being spread, and we feel very proud for what

we've created here. We have students open enrolled from Amery, Clayton, Turtle Lake, Rice Lake, and Cumberland. Our staff has been keeping up with social media posts and additional strategies to spread the word and continue to grow.

Cohesive Staff: Everyone pitches in for special events such as our Brat Feed, Book Sale and Silent Auction as well as our Barnebirkie which we will host here again this year and hope our other elementary schools will join. It's so valuable to have the right people in the right positions, and we have accomplished that. So, be prepared to hear more positive feedback regarding this small school. Thank you for supporting this charter school and helping to create another wonderful learning environment to be proud of at BASD.





Trunk or Treat



We are already counting down the days to Woodland's next Trunk or Treating event . . . only about 300 more days until Halloween! We had SO MUCH FUN this year! Thanks to our PTA, the Marsh Agency & Koehler and Stephens Law Office, our students were able to show off their costumes, wear off some steam in our bounce houses, and of course, to participate in trick-or-treating from the trunks of vehicles. In the creative trunk/costume contest, we had a three-way tie for 2nd place including: Our local Headstart staff as the cutest scarecrows, High school staff dressed as CareBears and playing the part exceptionally well, Mary Glowdowski as Curious (and silly)

George and her husband John as the man in the yellow hat (with a jungle-themed trunk). First prize was awarded to our local Girl Scout troop for their campfire, rainbow and forest-themed trunk with a couple of skeleton Girl Scouts roasting marshmallows. Their troop won the \$100 VISA gift card. The Girl Scouts are led by Kim Smith and Cassandra Sinclair – what a fun crew! To make the night even better, the Weenie Wagon joined us for an easy, delicious supper. Also, a tremendous thank you to our high school students who joined us – we appreciate your positive leadership and the time you spend with our littles! If you missed Trunk or Treating this year, don't worry . . . we'll be doing it again!



Hello Everyone,

The time is getting closer for our Annual Ridgeland-Dallas Parent's Club(RDPC) Kids' Christmas Shopping Day!

This event will take place on Tuesday, December 14th at 8:30 a.m. at R-D Elementary School. Students at R-D will be able to come into the gym and shop for gifts for their loved ones. The kids greatly enjoy this event!

After the kids have chosen their gifts with the help of an adult volunteer, they are then able to wrap the gifts and will take the gifts home that same day.

To help make this event a successful and fun event, we ask each year for volunteers or donations of gift bags and tissue paper.

Please reach out to Megan Marion-President, or Tesha Horvath-Vice President of the RDPC if you are interested in helping out with this awesome event.

Sincerely, RDPC Members



The Barron Area Youth Wrestling will begin on Dec. 13th!

WHO: K-4th Grade

WHEN: Dec 13th- Jan 19th (Mondays and Wednesdays only)

*There will not be practice during the holiday break

WHERE: Barron High School multipurpose room

TIME: 5:30 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. COST: \$10.00 per wrestler

The Barron Area Youth Wrestling Association is happy to bring you another wrestling season for our youth. We will hold an on site sign-up the first night of practice on Monday, December 13th in the hallway by the gym. Practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the season which will end Jan. 19th. We are inviting all K - 4th grade students to come and learn the basic fundamentals of folk style wrestling in a FUN atmosphere. If you have any questions, please contact Shane Massie at 537-5627 ext. 130.

Bear Cub Den

UPDATES









Children at the Bear Cub Den have enjoyed the beautiful fall weather with many fun games and activities to be played outside! With the weather growing colder we will have to move our activities inside. But that does not stop our fun. We will still get to enjoy games in the gym, creative crafts, computer lab activities, and lots of fun play with Legos & building blocks!



Bear Cub Den will be open on teacher in-service days! The following days are in-service days that Bear Cub Den will be available:



January 31 February 21 March 11 April 29

If you would like to sign your child up for the Bear Cub Den or Wraparound Program,
please call 715.637.9199 or
email cubden@barron.k12.wi.us
for more information.

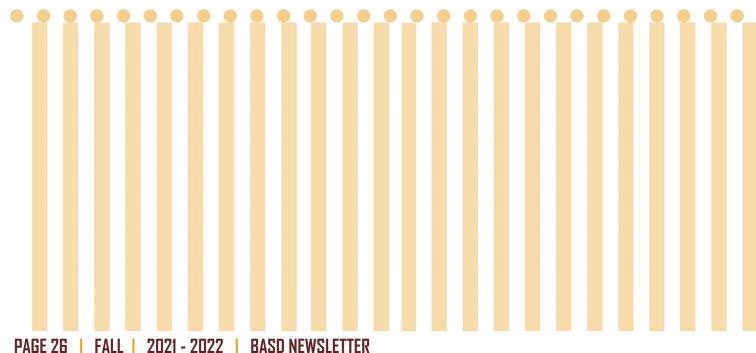






RMS STUDENT RECOGNITION

Golden Bear Bravos are awarded to Riverview Students every month for "doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do". The students are nominated by Riverview Staff because they are responsible, respectful, and safe. Each student receives a certificate from the nominating staff member, an a la carte coupon for a free treat at breakfast or lunch, and a personalized medal. A positive postcard is mailed home to share the good news with the family. Thank you to our Bravos recipients for being examples of what it means to BE GOLDEN!



October: 5th Grade



Mrs. Bell, Jacob Reinikainen, Hailey Sirek, Morghan Ecklor, Charlee Gander, Mrs. Danielsen

October: 6th Grade



Deven Taylor, Avery Mathews, Bella Petri Josi Ramirez, Mr. Stralka

October: 7th Grade



Zoey Frandsen, Abby Miller, Caylan Benny, Satho Mohamud, Mr. Stralka

October: 8th Grade



Baylee Shatley, Ella Mathews, McKenzie Ecklor, Glendon Thompson, Mr. Stralka

Service



6th Grade: Keli Miller, Grace Marvin, Bella Petri, Brody Saffert, Korbin Roske not pictured: Chris Baumgard, Brady Greener

Riverview

7th Grade: Leila Netz, Raina Cook, Melani Novinski, Madison Harrington, Abby Miller, Alexis Halverson, Ashtyn Massie, Cassidy Herrman, Thorfin Moe, Braiden Eraquam not pictured: Daniel Wirth

*Special honors to Raina Cook for getting her name on the Golden Bear Paw Wall (125+ hours)

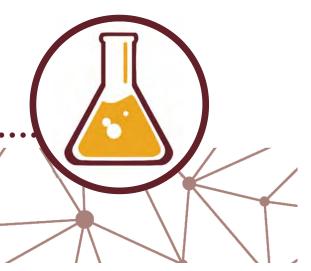




8th Grade: Linsey Balts, Reanna Cook (100 hours), Ella Mathews, Abby Elliott, Baylee Shatley, Natelee Dahlberg (100 hours)

*Special honors to Linsey Balts for getting her name on the Golden Bear Paw Wall (125+ hours)





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6th GRADE SCIENCE

These 6th grade Golden Bears engineered rockets in Mrs. Knapmiller's classroom this week, and it was a BLAST!





8th GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Schoenke's 8th graders worked so hard on their Rube Goldberg machines. Their task was to create a 6-step machine that completes an everyday task in an idiotic or ingenious way. In addition to LOTS of trial and error getting their ideas to work, they had to be reflective learners and create a slideshow that identifies what type of simple machines were used in each step and/or which of Newton's Laws are modeled in their machines. The tasks may seem simple to you but they were anything but. Hours of planning, testing, and modifying went into these projects, all of them being successful! The Mad science lab was spectacular this year!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF BARRON Nonation

Many thanks to the United Methodist Women of Barron for their generous donation to support students in need at Riverview. This gift and the community partnership is much appreciated by the students and staff of the BASD. Presenting the check is Marilyn Gilbertson from the United Methodist Church and accepting on behalf of Riverview is counselor Amy Beckendorf.





L to R: Sue Becker, Lynn Emmons (Retiree), Amy Beckendorf, Julie Roske (retiree), Cathy Amdall (retiree) & Jon Lantz

RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Special Visitors

Some of last year's retirees returned to Riverview Middle School on the first day of school to wish their former colleagues well wishes and good luck to the start of a new school year.





7th and 8th GRADE CONCERT

It's been two years since these musicians have been able to give a live performance and it felt wonderfull



SENIOR LEADER

Senior, Audrey Bigler, directed The Tempest by Robert W. Smith at the concert and has been giving flute lessons to the 6th-8th grade flute players.



NATIONAL FFA BAND

Audrey Bigler, a senior flute player and member of the Barron FFA performed in the National Band from October 27-30 during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Audrey submitted an audition tape and was selected from a pool of applicants nationwide.

Band News

SHELL LAKE HONOR BAND

Congratulations to Ella Mathews for performing in the Shell Lake Honor Band on percussion.



Fall Sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Fran Peterson

Fran Peterson was named to the All-State State Cross Country team in 2021 for the second year running after finishing 9th at the state meet in Division II. This was Fran's third time qualifying for the WIAA State Cross Country Championships, and she is the first woman in Barron Cross Country history to claim multiple state cross country medals. Fran had an exceptional Junior season in which she earned a first place finish at six invitationals, was the individual Heart O' North Conference Champion for the second year in a row, and won the Sectional-1 meet to qualify for state. Fran is also an excellent leader who served as Team Captain for the 2021 season, and she is an outstanding student who earned a place on the Academic All-State team with her 4.0 GPA.



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Celebration



Seniors celebrate a victory after the homecoming football game.

CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL

Senior Athletes



Advanced Auto



"Changing spark plugs ain't as easy as it used to be." - The Advanced Automotive class has been busy with a variety of projects in the shop. Mr. Boland has been encouraged with the student's positive attitude and willingness to get their hands dirty. It has been a very productive year in the shop.





Student leaders, Taylor Anderon and Juri (Judy) Apanecatl-Juarez spoke at Kiwanis this week and showcased what BHS Key Club does for community service. Our BASD Key Club advisor is Brenda Haag. Key Club is a student-led, high school organization. Our members make the world a better place through service and leadership.

Key Club



BHS KEY CLUB ANNUAL RACINE DANISH KRINGLE SALE

December 17 - January 7

Key Club members will be coming around to sell their kringles. This is our one and only fundraiser. If they miss you and you would like to make a purchase, please contact Brenda Haag at haagbr@barron.k12.wi.us.

Thank you for your continued support!

The following BHS students have been nominated as SOAR students for the months of September and October. These Students On A Roll have been selected for their efforts in the classroom and extracurricular activities; their awesome efforts are highlighted in the nominations from their teachers below. Congratulations SOAR nominees keep up the great work!



SEPTEMBER

Troy Kittelson

Troy does a great job in biology. He always has his work done. He does a great job with class discussions and is quick to understand scientific concepts. He is a pleasure to have in class.

Dawson Sinclair

Dawson has displayed outstanding work ethic and great attitude in weight lifting and fitness.

Lily Kunkel

Lilly is so considerate and steps up to help out before I even ask her. She's a rockstar!

Lorena Meza

Lorena has demonstrated excellent leadership during September both in choir and in preparation for the musical. Whenever I call on her to lead a sectional she helps her section improve and solidify whatever I ask. She has also volunteered to sing the National Anthem at football and volleyball games and has done extremely well on all occasions.

Cameron Mullikin, Ashlynn Harmon

Cameron and Ashlynn were vital to the success of Homecoming. Their organization and communication skills shined during Homecoming week.

Nathan Humphrey

Nathan has done a great job to start the year in World History. He is always involved with class discussions and he has shown a strong understanding of the topics. He stays on top of his work and his grades also prove he has a strong grasp of the world history curriculum.

Alexa Humphrey

Alexa is doing an excellent job in class. She is a hard worker and has a positive attitude.

Waylan Wilson

Waylan is my right hand man in ODA! Always asking what he can do to help and is willing to go above and beyond!

Jenna Herrman

Jenna is very helpful in art class. She assists other students with their projects. She is always very positive and sincere.

Lilly Davison*

Lilly is a nice and respectful student. She is one of the first ones to get her homework done in Stats class and then proceeds to help others.

Madeline Mickelson*

Madeline has taken the lead on FCCLA activities as well as a leader in classes. She is always communicating with her peers through different modes of technology and her follow through is fabulous! Very dependable!

*not pictured

STUDENTS ON A ROLL

Barron High School







SOAR, continued... STUDENTS ON A ROLL



OCTOBER

Aiden Organ

Aiden is a very talented artist. He works hard on his projects and uses good technique. Aiden is always polite and helpful to everyone.

Nick Feidt

Nick is such a fun kid to watch! His athletic ability is complemented by his great attitude in class!

Alexis Deacon

Alexis was super nervous about WL/Fitness coming into the year. She has worked so extremely hard and come a LONG way in her fitness journey.

Iacob Bever

Jacob has a great mind for science. He has put in a lot of time and effort to have this knowledge of science.

Eli Metcalf

Eli has been a great leader in helping the choir prepare for the fall concert, both in rehearsal and in behind-the-scenes preparation.

Heavan Hightower

Heavan has worked with the Social Studies and English departments this trimester. She works hard and follows directions, often going above and beyond the expectations. She has maintained a positive attitude while helping us out.

Rayna Hauck

Rayna shows an enthusiasm for learning everyday in the English classroom. She is so positive and always looking for the next answer.

Ashley Kurschner

Ashley strives for the best in everything she does. She has a great personality and a good work ethic.

Kelsi Bohn*

Kelsi is a very nice young lady who works hard in math class on a daily basis. Awesome student!

Austin Bladow*

Austin continues to do well in the woodworking lab. He recently completed a wooden American flag which involved the use of the laser to inlay the stars.

Hashim Hassan*

Hashim works hard and has an excellent attitude.

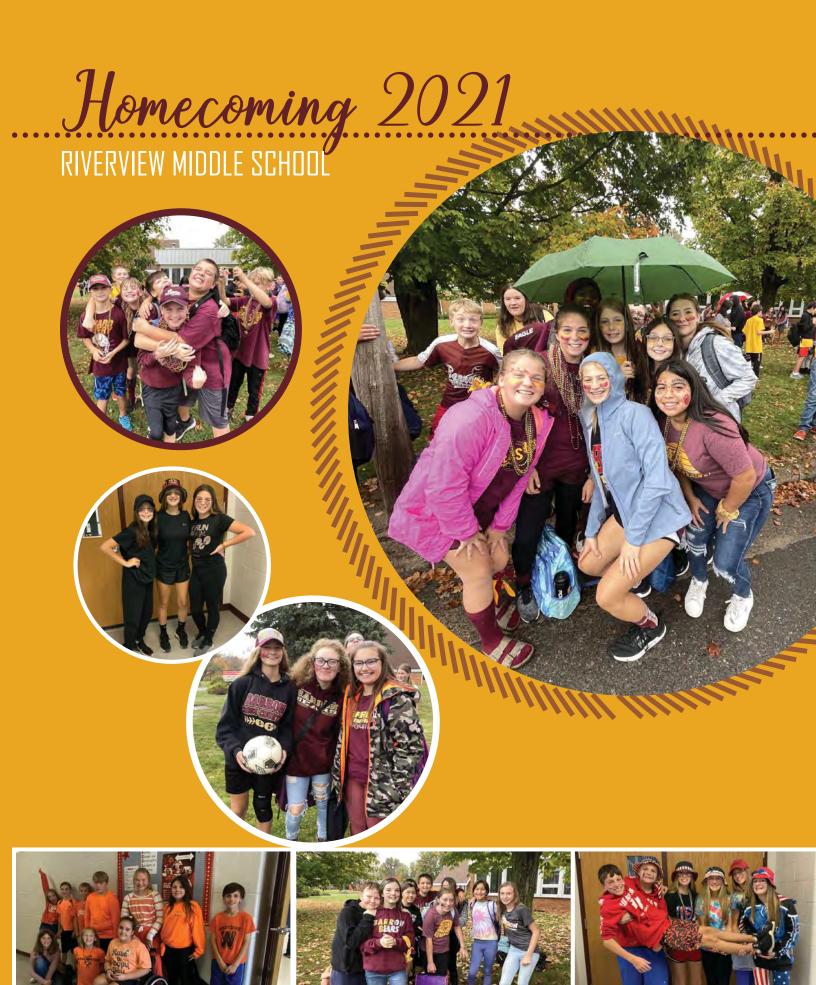
*not pictured

The Barron High School student body had a fun-filled Homecoming Week. We kicked off Homecoming on Sunday with class competitions. That evening we crowned our 2021 Homecoming King, Braden Wirth and Queen, Allison Coss. Our week continued with dress up days with Class Color day being a huge hit with staff and students. On Friday afternoon, classes competed in events such as musical pom-poms, pie eating and tug-o-war. Seniors took on the staff in tug-o-war and after a couple of minutes of being at a standstill, the seniors took the win! We ended our Homecoming day with a big win on the football field against Cameron! Student Senate would like to thank all of the staff and community support.



Homecoming 2021 BARRON HIGH SCHOOL





Internet Safety WITH OFFICER ANDY





Instagram















Private Account



privacy Making your account private is an easy way to stay safe online! It allows you to approve or decline followers and who can and cannot view your posts. Go to "Settings," click on "Account Privacy" and then turn on "Private Account."



reporting content

It's spam

It's inappropiate

reporting content If you see a post online that makes you uncomfortable, you can report it to Instagram. Just click the "..." icon in the corner and select "Report." This is especially helpful if you encounter inappropriate content, spam, or cyberbullying. You can also unfollow the user who posted it to avoid seeing future posts. If you want to prevent them from contacting you, block them by clicking the "..." icon on their profile or posts and clicking on "Block."



messaging in the app

messaging in the app Instagram has its own messaging function known as "Instagram Direct." However, it filters messages so you will only receive those from the people you follow. Other messages will go into the "Request" folder. You can use this feature to delete messages from people you don't know.



your profile, your image







your profile, your image Instagram can be a great way to express yourself digitally but it's important to be careful about what you share. Remember, everything posted online stays out there forever. When in doubt, use the InstaGrandma test. If it isn't something you want your grandmother to see, you probably don't need to share it online.

Likes also don't define how good or bad a photo is. The number of likes or comments doesn't matter as long as you like it!





location sharing



location sharing Instagram allows users to tag locations in their photos. Instagram uses geotags in photos which are pieces of data that tell the app where the photo was taken. To prevent the app from collecting this data, go into your phone's settings, select the "Instagram" app in the settings menu and turn off "Location Services."



tagged posts

tagged posts Instagram allows you to tag your friends in photos they appear in. If you don't want a photo that someone else has tagged you in to appear on your profile, tap on your username in the photo. Then click "Hide from Profile" to prevent it from appearing in Tagged Photos on your profile.



Announcements

HALL OF FAME/WALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are currently being accepted for the Golden Bears Reaching Their Dreams Hall of Fame and Wall of Honor program until January 1, 2022. Nomination forms can be found on our district website or picked up next to the Hall of Fame/Wall of Honor display at Barron High School. Nomination packets should be returned to Jill Sadtler at the Barron District Central Office. Please call Chad Buss, Principal at Barron High School, with any questions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is that time of the year when we can expect inclement or changeable weather at any time. Parents, please consider that when sending your children school. Students are allowed to go out for noon and afternoon recess if weather permits and if they have the proper clothing. When the weather is bad, activities are planned indoors.

In case of severe weather causing school to close, the notice will be announced on our district Facebook page and several television and radio stations. They are listed below. If school would have to be closed during the school day, we will also have this announced on these same stations. In addition, the district will place an all-call out to all parents and staff notifying them of the closing/late start.

- 1. Facebook-The Barron Area School District
- 2. WJMC- AM1240, FM-96.1; WAQE- FM 97.7, AM 1090; WKFX-FM 99.1
- 3. WCCO Channel 4 (AM-830)
- 4. WAXX-FM 104.5; WAYY-AM 790; I-94-94.1FM; COOL- 92.9FM; Carp 99.9FM
- 5. KARE Channel 11
- 7. WEAU TV 13
- 8. FOX 9 KMSP/UPN 29 WFTC
- 9. WXCE (AM-1260)
- 10. iHeartMedia B-95 (WQRB-FM) 95.1 FM; Rock 92.1 (WMEW-FM) 92.1 FM; Z-100 (WBIZ-FM) 100.7 FM; News Talk AM 880 (WMEQ-AM) 880 AM; Sports Radio 1400 (WBIZ-FM) 1400 AM; Moose Country (WATQ-FM) 106.7 FM.
- 11. KSTP Channel 5
- 12. WWIB, WOGO FM-103.7; AM- 680
- 13. 95WGMO 95.3FM; 940AM

Parents are reminded that the ultimate decision to send or keep their child home is made by the parent, not the school. The decision to operate or close must be based on the best interest of all students.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	em of the Month: eem/Sense of Purpose		1	2 MSBB: Hayward HKY: Chequamegon	3 BAMS Secret Santa Shop GB: @ Cameron	4 WR: Tournament @ Stratford
International Volunteer Day	6 GB: @ St Croix Falls	7 5:30 5 th Gr Music/Band Concert @ RVMS Gym 6:30 6 th Gr Music/Band Concert @ RVMS Gym 5:30 Almena ACE Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BB: Cameron HKY: @ Baldwin-Woodville MSBB: @ Rice Lkae Pearl Harbor Day - USA	8	9 2:00 & 7:00 WDLD 4 th Gr Program @ BACC GB: @ Ashland HKY: Ashland @ Spooner MSBB: @ Ladysmith	BB: @ St Croix Falls	HKY: @ Lakeland WR: Barron Invitational
12	13 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BB: Ashland	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg GB: Cumberland HKY: Somerset MSBB: Chetek – Weyer R-D Kids Holiday Shopping	6:30 BHS NHS Induction BHS: ASVAB Test	1:30 R-D Holiday Program @ R-D BB: @ Cumberland HKY: Hayward WR: Prairie Farm	17 10:00 am BAMS Holiday Program GB: @ Ladysmith	18 HKY: @ Aquinas WR: @ Osceola
19	20 6:o School Board Mtg 7:oo BHS Band/Choir Concert @ BHS Gym GB: @ Hayward	BB: Ladysmith WR: @ Cumberland	22	NO SCHOOL BB: Somerset HKY: @ Menomonie WR: @ St Croix Falls	24 -Winter Break Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28 NO 50	29 CHOOL-Winter Break	30	31	
		HKY: Holiday Tournam	ent @ Tomohawk WR: @ River Falls	area .	New Year's Eve	



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	School Resumes	5:30 Almena ACE Mtg BB: @ Hayward GB: @ Amery	5	6 BB: Ellsworth HKY: @ Altoona WR: Tri @ Colby	7	8 GB: Bloomer HKY: Tomahawk WR: @ Merrill
9	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BB: @ Northwestern	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg GB: Northwestern HKY: Amery	12	BB: Spooner	14 GB: @ Spooner WR: @ St Croix Central	15 BB: @ Chetek-Weyer HKY: @ Tomah
16	6:30 School Board Mtg GB: Chetek-Weyer	18 6:00 WDLD PT Mtg GB: Baldwin-Woodville HKY: Baldwin-Woodville MSGB: @ Cameron	19	4-7 BHS P/T Conferences HKY: @ Somerset MSGB: Bloomer WR: Tri @ Ladysmith	End of 1st Semester End of 2st Quarter BB: @ Cameron Middle School Solo & Ensemble @ Bloomer MS	GB: @ Cameron HKY: @ Wisconsin Rapids
23	34 Red Cedar Honors Choir & Band (a) Hayward HS	BB: @ Amery GB: @ St Croix Falls HKY: @ Hayward MSGB: Spooner	26	BB: St Croix Falls HKY: @ River Falls MSGB: @ Cumberland	28 GB: Ashland WR: @ Spooner	GB: Invitational @ Somerset
30	NO SCHOOL Required Teacher Inservice GB: @ Cumberland				Theme of t Compassion	



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2022

Cunday	Monday	Tuesday	Madpacday	Thursday	Eriday	Caturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		5:30 Almena ACE Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BB: @ Ashland HKY: Altoona MSGB: @ St Croix Falls	2 Groundhog Day	3 GB: Ladymsith MSGB: Rice Lake	4 BB: Cumerland HKY: @ Black River Falls Rosa Parks Day	GB: Hayward WR: Conference @ Cumberland
6	7 BB: @ Ladysmith	8 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg GB: @ Rice Lake HKY: @ Ashland MSGB: @ Hayward	9	10 1:30 WDLD/R-D 2 nd Gr Program @ BACC BB: Hayward HKY: @ Amery MSGB: @ Chetek- Weyerhaeuser	11 GB: @ Northwestern	BB: Varsity @ Bloomer Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BB: Baldwin-Woodville		5 Winterfest Week e Winter Survival Week	GB: @ Chetek-Weyer	BAMS Barnebirkie BB: Northwestern	Winterfest Dance
	Valentine's Day	MSGB: Ladysmith Susan B. Anthony's Birthday				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	NO SCHOOL				Musical	
	6:30 School Board Mtg BB: @ Spooner George Washington's Birthday			BB: Chetek-Weyer		
	President's Day					
27 Musical	28 7:00 7-12 Gr Band/Choir Large Concert @ BHS Gym				Theme of the Month: Honestly/Trustworthiness	





Veterans Day 2021

