

BASD

BARRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

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Dec. 2019–Feb. 2020
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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On the cover:

High School students
are ready to cheer on the
Golden Bears!

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Diane Tremblay

Academics and Curriculum

We are proud of our efforts to continuously improve programming in all of our curricular areas.

To see our live Golden Standards work please go to:
<https://sites.google.com/barron.k12.wi.us/basdcurriculum/home>

We have most recently put a special emphasis on our universal best practices in math and reading. Our teachers are in the process of establishing common assessments to accompany this work.

The next step in our curriculum work will be to take a close look at how to best create standards-based grading practices.

Community and Parents

We are so excited to announce our 4th annual Multicultural Event held at the Barron High School. Please save the date: March 18th beginning at 5:30 pm with a nationally acclaimed speaker named Tasha Schuh. Her message inspires her audience with the power of resiliency, hope and positivity, which is a perfect recipe for successful communities. For more information please visit her website: <https://www.tashaschuh.com>. Directly following this inspirational message, we are going to have a spectacular festival of foods and refreshments FREE to our public. This is going to be a great event bringing schools and communities together. We hope to see you there.

Since I have had the honor of the seat as Superintendent of our Barron Area School District, I have held over 200 community conversations, and I intend to keep this collaborative momentum going. I learn so much in these conversations about the expectations that folks have for our District. If you are interested in meeting with me please reach out to my assistant Carissa Cutsforth, and she will get us set up for a meeting. We truly value input from all of our constituents. The questions I typically utilize to begin our conversations are:

- *What do you believe is working well and should be sustained in our School District?*
- *What do you think needs attention?*
- *How can our District best serve your educational interests?*
- *What can you do to team up with us and help us advance and improve our District initiatives?*

Extracurriculars

It is proven that academic achievement increases for those students who are involved in activities with their peers outside of the classrooms, so we make every effort to recruit our Golden Bears. We have many exciting celebrations to report!

Our winter sports teams are at the halfway point of their season. All teams had impact wins and are looking to finish their season on a positive note.

Our initiative to allow all students into our competitions free of charge has increased our attendance and school spirit.

At the Northern Badger wrestling invitation Chase Peltier placed 5th and William Weise placed 6th in a very competitive tournament.

Our Key Club made donations to Gift from the Heart, Benjamin's House and Embrace Domestic Abuse Shelter.

We are pleased to report that our 2017 graduate Ryan Erickson is serving as State FFA Vice President for 2019-2020. The State FFA Officer team presented the FFA Halftime Conference January 10-11, 2020 and spent a day at the Capital being a positive voice for FFA. We held the 3rd annual Barron County Talent Show at the BACC, and it was a huge success again this year.

At all levels, our music programs have been extremely busy and successful with their competitions. We continue to have a strong tradition of music in our schools that we are very proud of. We are still looking for a part-time music teacher. If you are interested please contact Scott Stralka at Riverview Middle School. Having this position filled opens up more time for our teachers to individualize music instruction and therefore strengthens our program.

Our forensics team had a wonderful performance and scored all A's. and received blue ribbons. Congratulations to Grace Halverson, Hannah Bigler, Alexia Paulsen, and Mackenzie Weltzin.

Facilities

We are in the process of finalizing our long-term, facilities needs assessment. We will be creating a community task force which will include members from all of our villages, business partners and parents. We want to effectively team up with our stakeholders and work together to give our Golden Bears safe and supportive facilities into the future.

Finance

We were just recently awarded 'Critical Incident Funding' from the Department of Justice, which will allow us to move forward with our safety initiatives without impacting our operational funding sources.

We are excited to announce that we have landed reasonable bids from Rhom Construction and The Larson Equipment and Furniture Company for our final Phase III work for our high school remodel project.

This summer we will be completing a final renovation of our high school art room and multi-purpose classroom space. Once this phase is complete, we want to invite our community in for an open house so that we can showcase all three phases of our BHS building project.

Food Service

Our Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant is remarkable, and kids are trying new foods each day. It is wonderful to see the kiddos snacking on fresh, healthy foods in the classrooms.

We have weekend backpacks serving 75 students, and we have recently received additional donations. We were also able to send home a little goodie bag before Christmas for each student. The charity that our community continues to display is wonderful.

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Health and Safety

We will be partnering with a new company called NaviGate Prepared. This innovative, affordable company is going to help us create live floor plans for each of our buildings. Our plans and numberings have been in need of updating for quite some time. The purpose of this initiative is to increase clear, effective communications to our authorities, facility partners and fire departments. Safety is first for our Golden Bears at BASD.

We are holding another mental health first aid training for staff during our scheduled talent development days. We plan to have 30 additional staff trained to best meet the needs of our students.

Our school is also proud to announce that we are successfully implementing a program for trauma sensitive classrooms and will be training our whole staff in the fall of 2020-21.

Pupil Services

Our District assessments, STAR Reading and Math, screening window just recently closed, and our next step is to take a close look at our achievement data in order to help us make timely and effective instructional decisions. We are seeing noteworthy achievement and growth in our local data. These assessments help our teachers differentiate educational plans so we meet the needs of all students.

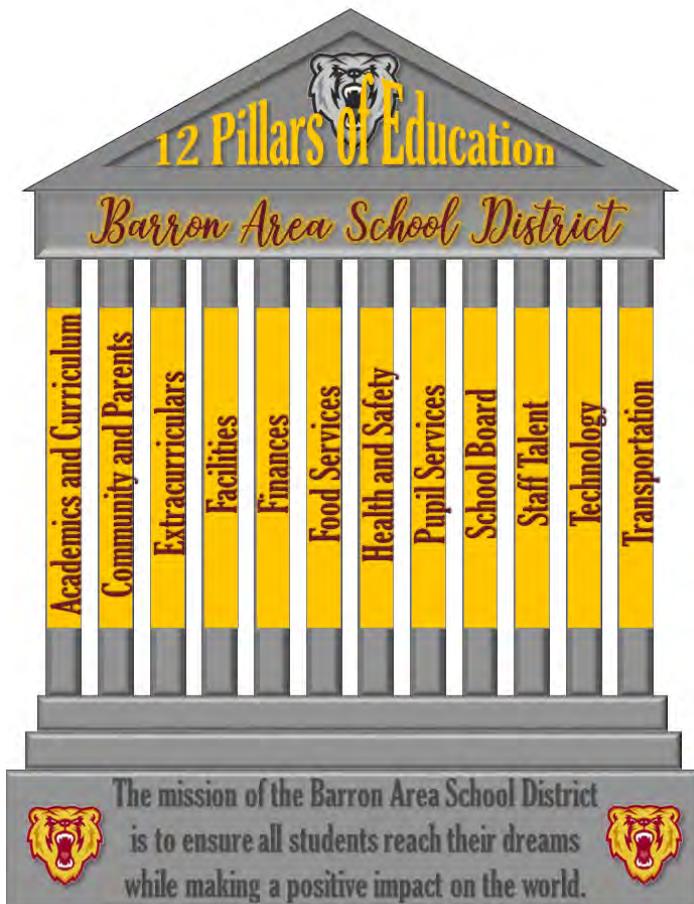
Our Mental Health Grant Team continues to work and organize opportunities, trainings, and student groups to support our students' mental health needs. A referral form has been created for use when a student and family needs more support and assistance from our Mental Health Navigator.

Our Mentorship Program, generously funded by Howard Whitmore, continues to expand, grow, and support students. We continue to get referrals for students needing mentors. Please consider this worthwhile activity. Please check out our BASD Newsletter for more information about this valuable program.

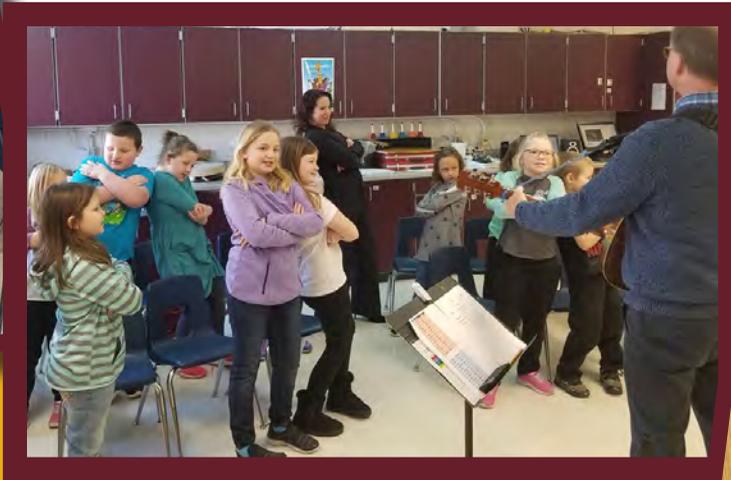
BASD and the Boys and Girls Club continue to work on increasing daily attendance and provide a safe, fun and effective space for students to utilize after school. Homework help has been implemented during the afterschool program, which has had a lot of positive feedback from staff and families.

School Board

We attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' Convention in Milwaukee this past month. Six of our board members and three administrators joined in on this professional development opportunity. The purpose of the sessions is to improve board members' knowledge regarding their roles and responsibilities to school governance, continuous improvement, community engagement and so much more.



The mission of the Barron Area School District is to ensure all students reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world.



Staff Talent/Development

Our Director of Learning and Assessment, Teri Massie, has met again with our grade level teams to review our achievement data and make data driven decisions that benefit all of our students.

Technology

We continue to focus on cybersecurity and training to better equip our staff and students to identify potential threats. The second cybersecurity training simulation took place, and staff are doing an amazing job identifying potential risks. This will continue to be a focus for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year with additional trainings offered. For our students, we continue to teach them social media and internet safety. In this day and age of advanced technologies, it is crucial that we instill responsible digital citizenship.

Transportation

Great things are happening in the transportation department! Shane Massie and Kelly Hover along with the support of Dale Lien are continuing to work with the transportation process by supporting the needs of our students and staff as they relate to transportation.

We currently have five interested sub drivers who are working towards getting their CDL who will become part of the Barron transportation team. If you are interested in serving as a sub bus driver, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and inquire.

We are in the beginning stages of upgrades for the transportation department radio systems, Wi-Fi coverage and bus cameras. This will drastically increase the effectiveness of our communications and therefore the safety of our students.

Our transportation department is meeting and communicating with our drivers frequently for round-table discussions to meet the needs of the students, staff and drivers.



SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS

The Barron Area School District was honored with seven awards at the recent Heart of Successful Schools conference. The Wisconsin Department of Education is committed to awarding equitable schools who create a learning environment where students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. Schools who are awarded help students achieve their full academic potential as well as supporting students in developing lifelong healthy behaviors. The Wisconsin School Health/WSCC Award is a way to recognize and celebrate schools with policies, programs and infrastructure to promote and sustain a healthy learning environment.

A total of 87 schools were awarded with nine platinum, 23 gold, 35 silver and 20 bronze. Schools with the Barron Area School district to receive platinum awards were Almena Elementary, Dallas-Ridgeland Elementary, Barron Area Montessori and Riverview Middle School. Awarded gold were Barron High School, Woodland Elementary and Advanced Learning Academy of Wisconsin.

Accepting the awards for the district are: Amy Beckendorf, middle school counselor, Linda Mikunda, high school counselor and Jen Schill, mental health navigator.



UPCOMING DAYS OFF

CALENDAR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

No School Monday, March 2nd

No School April 8-13th

No School Monday, May 25th

Last Day of School: June 4th (3-Hour Early Dismissal)

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Through the BASD Mentorship Program, middle and high school students are matched with community volunteers who serve as positive, encouraging, and supportive role models for their mentees. Mentors commit to meeting with their students on a regular basis with the purpose of building trusting, supportive relationships.

You can be a mentor if

- You have a genuine interest in youth
- You are flexible and patient
- You have good listening skills
- You are tolerant and respectful of individual differences

Mentors are needed for some great kids! If you are interested, please contact Diane Sloan at 715-537-5627 ext 168 or sloand@barron.k12.wi.us.

Each newsletter, we will highlight mentors in the Barron Area School District. These are the faces of community members who are giving of their time to meet, have fun, and make a positive impact in the lives of our children. We are so grateful for each of them and all they do! Join the ranks of some awesome people who dare to “be the change.”

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” -Ghandi



Name: Charles Robar

Mentor at: Riverview Middle School

Grade of Mentee: 7

Why is he a Spotlight Mentor?

Charles is an awesome guy who mentors because he wants to contribute to his community and to the life of a child. We love his desire to be a positive influence and make a difference!

How long have you been mentoring? Six months

What inspired you to mentor? I wanted to help out my local community.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring? I like the conversations we have. It is great to hear his opinion on various topics and it is nice to see him reflect on experiences.

Why do you think others should mentor? Try something different and see if you can help make a difference in a kid's life, or if they can make a difference in your life.



Name: Barb Malom

Mentor at: Barron High School

Grade of Mentee: 12

Why is she a Spotlight Mentor?

Barb has been a dedicated mentor for three years. She is 100% committed to the program and to being a trusted, caring role model.

How long have you been mentoring? Three years

What inspired you to mentor? My dean at WITC indicated there was a need for good mentors, and having served on an advisory committee years ago, Barron always was a special place for me.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring? My favorite aspect of mentoring is making connections and hopefully making a difference in the life of another. I also enjoy sharing time and showing you genuinely care.

Why do you think others should mentor? Opportunities for growth and meeting great people.

KATIE SCHOENKE

Riverview Middle School has been fortunate to have Katie Schoenke serve as an outstanding science educator as she begins her 15th year with us. Katie constantly delivers a positive attitude and dedication to her outstanding science program. When you visit her classroom, you will always see the students excited and actively engaged within her learning environment. Katie constantly looks for ways to enhance the learning in her classroom using innovative strategies that are project based. She also incorporates some fun with her science classes with her famous Mad Science Lab that

she does every year for our Riverview staff and students. Katie, we appreciate your leadership, sense of humor, and commitment to our staff, students and families. We are lucky to have Katie on our Barron Area School District team.

Thank you Katie, and congratulations!



PAM MASSIE & CARLA NORDBY

T.E.A.M. Together Everybody Achieves More! This acronym best describes the working environment that Carla Nordby and Pam Massie have helped set in the administration office at the Barron High School. Carla and Pam have been serving as Administrative Assistants for the Barron High School since 2002.

From assisting with daily student needs (bloody noses, bumps and bruises from PE classes, distributing student passes to class, helping maintain a safe school by monitoring guests and students that enter BHS) to completing the numerous district and state reporting requirements, Pam and Carla are simply the best at what they do.



Carla and Pam provide effective communication to staff about daily happenings at BHS. In a public

school setting, a positive, relatively predictable daily schedule is paramount to setting an effective learning environment. Carla and Pam are experts at this. They provide a welcoming environment to our students, staff, and parents every single day.

After 17 years serving the high school, Carla and Pam still aim for constant improvement. This past summer, they both agreed to attend an Association of Wisconsin School Administrators training entitled, "Managing to Lead." This workshop offered training on providing an efficient, positive student outcome-based administrative office. What was refreshing is that many of the strategies provided were already being used by Carla and Pam. By attending this workshop, it helped reinforce our belief that every person at Barron High School is a constant learner and there are always things to improve upon.

Barron High School is blessed to have Carla and Pam as district employees. Their leadership at the high school is valued and relied upon on a daily basis. They both are recognized as experts at their craft and it is our hope we have them serving our district as long as possible.

MELISSA MILLER

Melissa Miller has been providing outstanding service as a cook for the Barron Area School District for over twenty-five years. Hundreds of students at Riverview come to her at breakfast and lunch every day. She is always prepared and dedicated to her profession to ensure our student's nutritional needs are met.

Melissa's desire for knowledge has allowed her to grow with all the changes that have occurred over the last 25 years. She embraces any changes and moves forward with a new kitchen, new equipment, new technology, new techniques, changes in food components, paperwork and production records. She has been a positive leader and role model for our student workers who love working with her. Her flexibility to make sure all kids are fed no matter what we throw at her makes her priceless.

When school is out for the summer, the work does not stop for Melissa. She continues to work as the summer school cook in June and August and also works for our Building and Grounds Department throughout the summer getting our buildings looking pristine for the new school year. She is an amazing painter, having painted many offices and classroom over the past few years. Melissa, we appreciate your commitment to our students and our staff. We are lucky to have Melissa on our Barron Area School District Team. Thank you, and congratulations Melissa!



BARRON AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ALUMNI PODCASTS

The Barron Area Education Foundation is working hard on creating podcast episodes featuring Barron High School alumni and former distinguished educators. The purpose of the podcast is to connect the Barron area communities and schools with graduates that went on to pursue their dreams. Through social media and the use of technology, it is hoped that more alumni are reached in this way than the annual mailing the foundation sends out in March. Barron High School alumni Macky Mikunda is spearheading the podcast production and in the process of recording and editing the podcast episodes. Area businesses have been invited to sponsor a podcast episode as a way to advertise and build a connection with the school district, the alumni network and the foundation.

If you are interested in donating to the foundation, suggesting an alumni to be featured, or to sponsor a

podcast episode, please send a request to barronaef@gmail.com or call Linda Mikunda at 715-637-9117. You can also visit us at www.barron.k12.wi.us, and click on the quick links tab to find the Foundation Homepage. The first podcast episode will be launched in early March and will feature a 1977 graduate, Tom Koser. To stay up-to-date on future episodes of the podcast, you can find us on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, and many more.

The podcast episodes will be archived on the Barron Area Education Foundation page of the district's website (listed above).



BEAR CUB DEN

The Bear Cub Den program is designed to provide a safe, supervised, fun, and enriching environment before and after school for children Pre-K through 4th grade. Morning child care runs from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m., and after school child care runs from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sign up calendars are available online or in the school office. Drop-in care is available for pre-registered families. Children must be pre-registered to attend Bear Cub Den. All forms can be found on the Barron Area School District Website under the Bear Cub Den heading.

There is still room for those families who would like to attend Bear Cub Den. If you need one to five days you can schedule your child based on your family's needs each week and month.

For more information contact Lyndsey Kurtz at (715)637-9199 or cubden@barron.k12.wi.us



WHAT MLK MEANS TO ME

ELEMENTARY

ESSAY CONTEST

These students were winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest sponsored by Hormel Foods (Jennie O).

Several employees presented gift cards to the students who wrote the best "What MLK Means to Me" essays. The fine crew from Hormel also discussed their thoughts about MLK's impact on their lives, and they quizzed the students.

Please also note that our students were celebrating Pajama Day at Woodland for collecting bear paw stamps through GREAT behavior.



Students L to R include: Zeak Heffron, Emerie Sinclair, Alexis Provencial, Faadumo Mohamoud, and Grace Marvin

SCHOOL CHOICE

School choice is the process of allowing every family to choose the PK-12 educational options that best fit their children. These options include various forms of education, from traditional public schools, to public charter schools, and online academies. Each of the options mentioned are offered within the Barron Area School District. Every child deserves an effective, challenging, and motivating education. Because each student has their own unique set of talents, interests, and challenges, a variety of options in education is crucial. School choice ensures that each student can find a learning environment that allows them to be inspired, successful, and happy. Barron Area Montessori School and Almena Elementary celebrated school choice week at the end of January by providing each student with a yellow scarf, making signs about why we love our school, and posing for pictures expressing the importance of choice for educating children.

Applications for the Barron Area Montessori School are currently being accepted for the 2020-21 school year. The Primary program, ages 3-6 AND the Elementary program ages 6-10 years of age are accepting applications at this time. At each level, Montessori hosts a 3-year curriculum. The Children's House meets the needs of children from three years of age through the Kindergarten year. The elementary program includes

grades 1-4. Three and four year old students follow a half day schedule five days a week. Five to ten year old students have an all day schedule, five days a week.

The Barron Area Montessori School is a charter school with no tuition. Enrollment applications are available at the Almena Elementary School office or online at <http://www.barron.k12.wi.us/schools/Montessori.cfm>.

Applications must be received by Thursday, April 30th, to be considered for the 2020-21 school year. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list for 2020-21 or be considered for the 2021-22 school year.

Barron Area Montessori School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religious affiliation, national origin or differing ability.

For more information,
please contact Barron Area Montessori School:

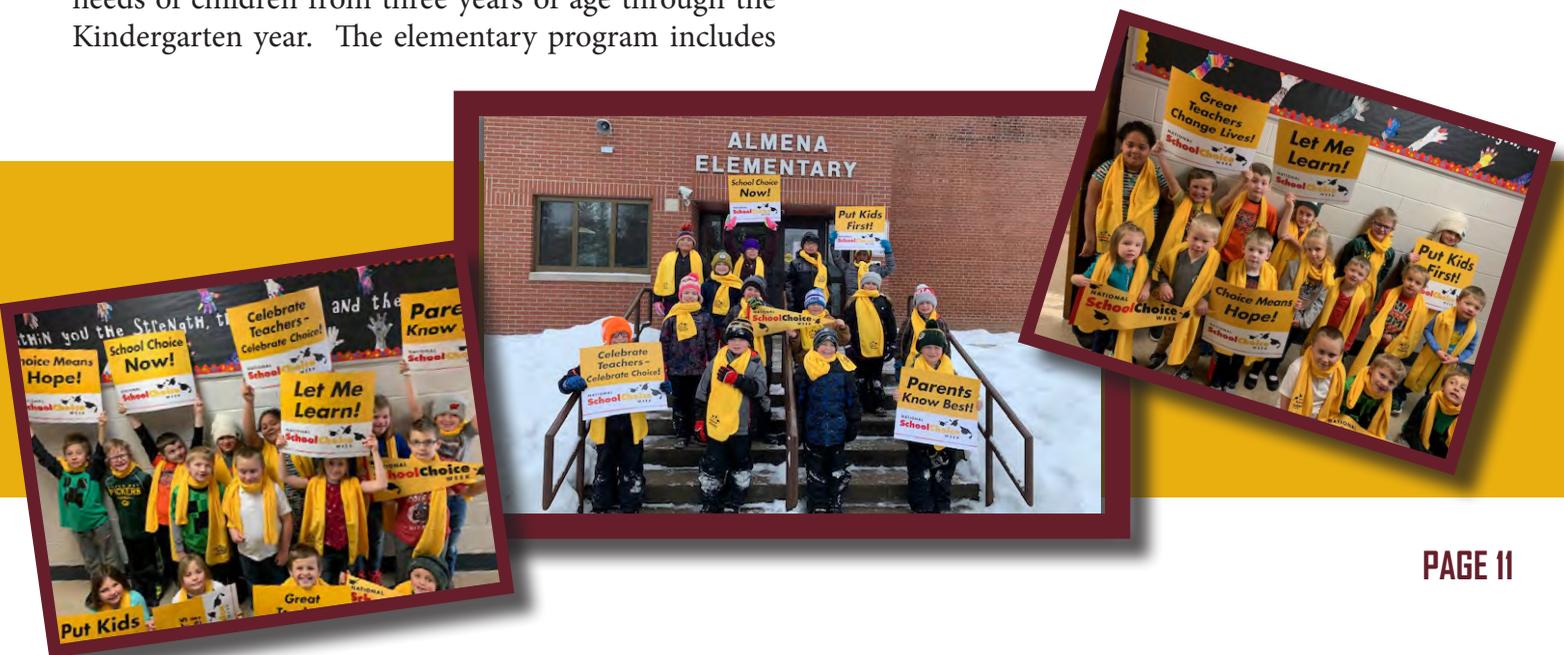
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ALMENA NEWS

Every Friday afternoon during the last recess of the day the Almena students have an opportunity to complete a small craft project. Paraprofessionals Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Johnston lead 10 students in a simple craft. The students love having a small craft to take home and share with their families.



BRAT FEED AND BOOK SALE

ALMENA FUNDRAISER

Almena Elementary & Barron Montessori School are teaming up for this year's Brat Feed and Book Sale 2020



Thursday, May 7th

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SERVING ALMENA MEAT COMPANY BRATS!



Dunk Tank, Old Fashion Yard Games, Silent Auction, Face Painting, Book sale, and more!

Join us rain or shine for a fun filled evening of good food, conversation, entertainment and the opportunity to dunk village residents, parents and staff.

OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ED

THE RIDGELAND-DALLAS AND ALMENA ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES ENJOY SOME FUN TIME BEING ACTIVE OUTDOORS!

This winter has been a wonderful year to be able to get out and participate in some of our outdoor activities! At the outlying elementary schools, students have been doing just that! The parent club at each school have worked together and purchased equipment so both schools can share in the usage of all the outdoor equipment. These parent clubs have come together to buy inline skates, cross-country skis, ice skates, snowshoes and helmets. The schools share the cost and share the equipment. It is a perfect situation!

At Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary, we have been snowshoeing in the woods and up the hills and ending our fun adventure by sliding down the back hills

behind the school. We have been cross country skiing and using the ice skates to play a little ice hockey or just practice our skating skills. The village does a great job providing a wonderful skating rink at the park.

Almena Elementary students have been practicing their cross-country skiing skills during gym class to participate in the Barnebirkie on February 20th. The Village of Almena also has a wonderful ice rink that provides for a bounty of ice-skating fun during class. Mrs. Diedrich loves to take the kids outside for physical education to provide as much fresh air and activity as possible regardless of the season. The kids love the variety that all the equipment is able to provide.



STUDENTS ATTEND CIVIL RIGHTS SPEAKER

RIVERVIEW

CIVIL RIGHTS SPEAKER

A group of students from Riverview Middle School attended an evening program in Eau Claire on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd for a presentation by Lynda Blackmon Lowery. About 120 people attended the event. At the age of 15, Lowery was the youngest person to march from Selma, AL, to Montgomery, AL, in 1965 to draw attention to the fact that African Americans

should have equal voting rights. The students and adults present listened attentively as Lowery shared about her experiences on Bloody Sunday in 1965, as well as hearing Martin Luther King, Jr., speak in Selma. She also shared about being arrested with other young people who were marching for voting rights in 1965. It was a very memorable evening and made history seem much more real to all who attended.



Pictured (from left to right):

Front row: Zuhuur Dahir and Presenter Lynda Blackmon Lowery (seated)

Middle row: Khadijo Hussein, Umeymo Elmi, Suleiman Osman, Mohamed Hassan, Abdikafi Garad, Mohamed Yusuf, and Jose Mendez

Back row: Suraya Mahamud, Abdikadir Mahamud, and Somali District Liaison Isaak Mohamed (far right)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

RIVERVIEW

FOCUS ON CAREERS

The members of Barron Riverview BGC were filled with information of some really exciting career opportunities and how to set themselves up to succeed in the future. Career focus this month was focused on the United States Air Force with guest speaker Charles Robar. A lot of knowledge and education was done in learning what opportunities are available, what is required to be successful and many benefits of being in the Air Force. Thank you Charles for all of the fun information you shared with us!

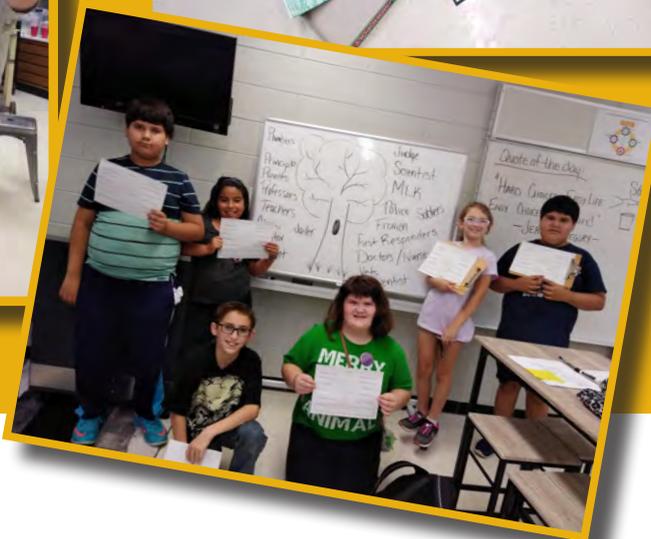


BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Boys & Girls Club at Riverview Middle School
Monday - Friday
After school until 6:00 p.m.

Come and check out all the fun we are having at Riverview's Boys & Girls Club.
For more information on how to join, please contact Alex at 715-537-5641 ext. 532

- Homework Help
- Arts & Crafts
- Career Exploration
- STEM Projects
- Serving our Community
- Guest Speakers
- ...and MOST IMPORTANT.....Building Friendships!



GOLDEN BEAR BRAVOS

Riverview has amazing students and each month the staff honors 4 students from each grade level. Golden Bear Bravos are awarded to students recognized for their hard working attitudes and caring personalities. Students receive a certificate, personalized medal, and a coupon good for a free ala carte food item. Parents can also look forward to receiving a postcard in the mail from the staff member that nominated their child.

OCTOBER



5TH GRADE
Mr. Stralka, Jake Rosas-Garcia, Abby Miller, Noah Marvin, Daniel Wirth, Mrs. Schauf



7TH GRADE
Antonio LaComb, Dawson Sinclair, Winona Schneider, Tabitha Thompson, Mr. Stralka

6TH GRADE
Jihan Sharif, McKenzie Ecklor, Linsey Balts, Glendon Thompson, Mr. Stralka



8TH GRADE
Connor Keene, Mrs. Lohse, Nora Benny, Summer Hammann, Mrs. Lytle



Alex Featherly, Mr. Stralka



GOLDEN BEAR BRAVOS, CONT.

RIVERVIEW

NOVEMBER



5TH GRADE

Mrs. Bell, Breanna Shipley, Madison Harrington, Braiden Eraquam, Raina Cook, Mr. Stralka



7TH GRADE

Devan Keilholtz, Mrs. Gibbs, Hannah Bigler, Luciano Lopez, Drew Scheps, Mr. Stralka

6TH GRADE
Mrs. Bell, Ella Mathews, Devin Weltzin, Wesley Mickelson, Nola Kraczek, Mr. Stralka



8TH GRADE
Mrs. Danielsen, Jacie Amundson, Hailie Robbins, Jordan Taylor, Ashlee Jilek



DECEMBER



5TH GRADE

Mrs. Schauf, Max Douglas, McKaylah Nelson, Caylan Benny, Brennen Hanson, Mr. Stralka



7TH GRADE

Ms. Bonn, Johnny Spiehs, Lily Fenton, Adriana Williams, Kasey Stauner, Mr. Stralka

6TH GRADE
Mrs. Emmons, Alexis Kiggins, MaryAnna Charron, Brooklynn Kolm, Emma Goin, Mr. Stralka



8TH GRADE
Troy Kittelson, Mason Williams, Rayna Hauck, Mr. Stralka



BASD WELCOMES BLITZ

On December 10, 2019, Blitz the Bear signed with the Barron Area School District. Blitz promises to play an important role in the academic and athletic programs at BHS. As such, Blitz is an official representative of the Barron community and will uphold the character and integrity of Barron High School.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

NHS BLOODMOBILE



The National Honor Society is hosting the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday, March 16th from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the BHS gym. Please help the students reach their goal of 115 pints so they earn scholarships for our students and help save lives through donating blood. To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter Barron.

POLICE DEPT. MURAL

Allison Coss and Mercedes Nelson with Officers Byron Miller and Mike Freeman in front of the mural they painted for the police department. Logan Janney, Alex Boggess, and Kailee Phares also helped paint the murals.



COMFORT CLOSET



A year ago, we couldn't have ever imagined how successful and supported the Comfort Closet would be. With all the generous donations, we have had the pleasure of helping numerous students and families in our district. We are so thankful for all the community groups and administration for supporting our idea.

PRODUCTION MANUFACTURING



Lorenzo Meza, Riley Cutsforth, and Michael Nichols, along with their teacher Shane Massie were featured

this month for Spotlight on Education! They showcased their entrepreneur, artistic, marketing and manufacturing skills through various projects. These real life skills are going to take our Golden Bears to excellent careers!

ART CLUB

HIGH SCHOOL

PAINT ALONG

The high school had its first Paint-Along for the year with a wonderful turn out of blossoming artists led by Patrick Pedersen and Eli Metcalf. We will host another Paint-Along Tuesday, March 24th and will feature an acrylic beach scene with footprints or turtles (your choice). We will have texture to apply to create “foamy” water.

Anyone aged 8 and up are welcome to participate in the High School Art Club Paint Along for 2020. We have made some changes for our program this year and hope you are all interested in attending. Class runs from 6-8pm and is \$15.00. Please email vergins@barron.k12.wi.us or call 715-537-5627 ext. 122 to sign up or if you have questions. Class will be held in the high school art room. Come and join the fun!



REGIONAL COMPETITION

HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

On January 10, 2020, six Barron High School students competed in the Academic Decathlon regional competition held at the UW-Barron County campus in Rice Lake. Each high school team consists of nine full-time students: three Honor students (3.75 to 4.00 GPA), three Scholastic students (3.00-3.74 GPA), and three Varsity students (0-2.99 GPA). All nine students write all the tests, and the top two scores in each of those three categories (Honor, Scholastic, Varsity) determine the team score. In this way, the program offers the appeal of mental competition to all achievement levels at any high school. Students take tests on art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science. In addition, students are required to present both a prepared and impromptu speech, take part in a personal interview, and write an informative essay.

Two Barron students were able to stand on the podium at the end of day. In his first year of Academic Decathlon, sophomore Taylan Bakken placed third in the literature category.

Junior Elias Mettner placed third in two different categories (mathematics and music). He also placed third with his speech titled “Nat King Cole and Eden Ahbez.”



Left to right:

Spencer Shipley, Elias Mettner, Isabella Lyste, Dylan Phernetton, Ty Bakken, Christina Szymoniak

HIGH SCHOOL

CONSERVATION CLUB

Conservation Club at BHS is doing its own small part to make a difference. Many things around us are able to be recycled. Recycling allows us to reuse supplies instead of dumping them into landfills after only one use. At Conservation Club, we offer students the immediate opportunity to help the cause personally. Every week, members get together and sort recyclable items. We also collect old shoes and old cell phones as a fundraiser. For around 10 years, it has been a goal to collect a million pop tabs. We are at about 300,000 pop tabs away from a million. Once the goal is met, the pop tabs will all be donated to the Ronald McDonald House, an organization that houses families, for little or no cost, whose children are in the hospital. Everyone is encouraged to bring any of the items mentioned to the high school office.

At Conservation Club, students don't just recycle. There are many fun outings including hiking, snowshoeing, going to the movie theater, or just having pizza and a movie in Mr. Seis's room. At the end of the school year, there is an overnight hiking trip open to students who have participated in the club. Advisor David Seis says, "Conservation Club is a fun way to learn about important concepts outside of the traditional classroom setting." Anyone is welcome to join the club at any time by contacting Mr. Seis.



Pictured: Tomas Travassos

HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING EVENTS

PROM 2020

POST PROM: Spring is right around the corner which means prom is around the corner, specifically April 18th. As students enjoy a beautiful night of dancing with their friends, there is more fun waiting for them afterwards. Post prom was organized to give students a safe place to be able to continue celebrating and having fun with their peers. There will be prizes, games, food, and inflatables. In order to make this incredible event happen, we are looking for help. There are multiple ways to volunteer for this event. You can volunteer to work, donate financially, or donate guessing jars. If you are wanting to volunteer to work please contact either Jessica Mullikin, mullikinj@barron.k12.wi.us, or Bobby Pittman, pittmanb@barron.k12.wi.us. If you are wanting to give financially, please contact Linda Mikunda, mikundal@barron.k12.wi.us. All donations can be dropped off or mailed to Barron High School attention Post Prom or call 715-637-9133.

A Night Of Rustic Romance

Where: Enchanted Barn
 When: April 18
 Social Hour/Pictures 5:30-6 pm
 Dinner at 6 dance to follow

PROM TICKET SALES Jan 13th-17th
 Early Sale \$30

More tickets will be sold in early Feb. for \$35 on Tuesdays/Thursdays for 2 weeks

NOVEMBER SOAR

- **Art** Kiley Huffman and Teagan Mickelson Kiley has been my teaching assistant this trimester. She is wonderful with her special students. Kiley has helped create projects, organized activities and brightens everyone's day with her smile. She has even gone swimming with her students during her free time. Thank you Kiley! Teagan has worked very hard in art class. She challenges herself with each lesson and uses excellent skill and technique. She is always helpful and polite with everyone.
- **Health** Emma Elwood was the first student to pass her Online BLS/CPR certification. She is showing more interest in the area of Health. I am very proud of her for giving blood this year at the Red Cross Blood Drive.
- **Language Arts** I appreciate Mohamed Osman's work ethic. He always wants to improve himself and is not afraid to revise writing or put more work into an assignment to make it better. Mohamed has also been a great help to me in learning about Somali culture and language.
- **Science** Kamaal Hassan has a great attitude and asks awesome questions. He shows genuine enthusiasm for learning and is helpful to his classmates. What a gem.
- **Social Studies** Jonathan Nelson is a fantastic young man who works hard to get good grades.
- **PE** Alex Martinez and McCade Miller Alex has an incredible work ethic and a contagious love for fitness. He brings a great attitude and is one of the hardest working kids I have ever had. McCade works extremely hard in both my BFS and ODA class. He goes above and beyond is very considerate.
- **Math** Bree Loftus is a very sweet young lady. She is great to have in class! She is very quiet but is always positive, gets her work done, and gets good grades. I have never once heard her complain or say anything bad about anyone or anything.
- **CTE** Zak Olson has really been pushing himself in CADD class. He is continually producing high quality projects quickly. Zak has demonstrated his proficiency so much that other students are turning to him for help.
- **ESL** Edgar Garcia-Perez is very helpful with translating for another student. He is always friendly and kind.



Pictured left to right, front row: Jonathan Nelson, Emma Elwood, Kiley Huffman, Zak Olson, Edgar Garcia-Perez, Mohamed Osman. Back row: Alex Martinez, Bree Loftus, Teagan Mickelson, Kamaal Hassan, McCade Miller

DECEMBER SOAR



Pictured left to right, front row: Mackaylah Waibel, Claire Bartlett, Lorena Meza, Tomas Travassos, Hailey Cox, Justice Miller. Back row: Amelia Weise, Stephan Conyers, Jacob Bever, Emily Mastaler, Macey Herrman

- **ESL** Kamaal Hassan is an eager learner who thirsts for knowledge. His enthusiasm can be seen all day long.
- **Math** Amelia Weise and Mackaylah Waibel Amelia is a very bright young lady and takes the initiative to ask her peers around her if they would like some math help. This is so helpful to the teacher, peers and herself! Mac strives to understand the material and not just the answer. She perseveres even when concepts get tough.
- **PE** Claire Bartlett and Stephan Conyers Claire sets an amazing example of hard work, attention to detail, and a super positive attitude every day in class. She is always striving to learn and get better. I've had Stephan in more classes than I can count and is always ready to go with high intensity and good sportsmanship.
- **Being Golden** Hailey Cox and Justice Miller Hailey is not only a great role model in our school, but she is always willing to help out where she can. She continuously volunteers to help with phone restorations or any student senate project that is happening! Justice has been a positive role model at Woodland for tutor. She has been setting great standards for herself and the students in the classroom. Her tutor teacher said she was even able to defuse a meltdown in the classroom!
- **Social Studies** I have enjoyed having Macey Herrman in class. She has a general curiosity to know more about the material. She will ask questions to clarify a topic or take a topic beyond the traditional standards. She has scored well in assessments and assignments in class.
- **Science** Tomas Travassos has excelled in both advanced classes that I teach. He is dedicated to his learning and works hard to accomplish his goals. He is also very polite and a great person to be around.
- **Language Arts** Najma Dahir is a wonderful addition to the AP course. She really has a different perspective from other students, and when she shares in class it really makes an impactful contribution to discussions. She is working very hard to succeed despite the added difficulty of English being a second language. Keep up the great work!
- **Health** Emily Mastaler is earning 100% in class right now. She is a good student and is kind and considerate to others.
- **Art** Lorena Meza is the most positive person I know. She is creative and works very hard on her art projects.
- **Music** Jacob Bever is an extremely versatile musician. He is so kind and always helpful to everyone!

JANUARY SOAR

- **Art** Chloe Miller & Chyanne Janison Chloe has been challenging herself in both of her art classes. She has become very proficient throwing pottery and is painting a very unique, creative painting. Chyanne is an amazing potter/sculptor. She always pushes herself to extend the projects and create amazing forms with wonderful detail.
- **Science** Tyler Hogan puts in a lot of time and effort outside of class on his Chemistry and it really shows with his timeliness and quality.
- **Being Golden** Andrew Peltier took time in class to assist a student with disabilities complete a Kahoot exercise on his computer. He was very kind, patient, and respectful.
- **PE** Janica Skjerly & Emma Schlosser Janica has worked extremely hard since joining weight lifting and fitness. She pushes herself hard and made huge progress in a class that was very intimidating to her. Emma has done very well in PE class and impresses me with her participation and effort!
- **Math** Waylan Wilson works very hard to do his math and truly understand how things work. He is always positive and polite with everyone he works with. Nice job, Waylan!
- **Ag** Brooke Hammann has been instrumental in getting projects accomplished in the agriculture classroom. She shares her expertise with her classmates, and her organizational skills have been essential in keeping the classroom and FFA running smoothly.
- **Technology** Maryan Hussein works hard to maintain grades and shows great graphic art presentations.



*Pictured left to right: Tyler Hogan, Chloe Miller, Janica Skjerly, and Emma Schlosser
Missing from pic: Chyanne Jansen, Andrew Peltier, Waylan Wilson, Brooke Hammann, Maryan Hussein*

SAVE THE DATES!

CLASS OF 2020

- April 1st, 7th and 14th: Senior Portfolio Expositions
- May 13th, 7:00 PM:
 - Baccalaureate at the BACC Auditorium
 - Senior Banquet will follow Baccalaureate at BHS commons (for senior students & staff members only)
- May 20th: Senior Day Trip
- May 22nd
 - 8:30 AM: Senior Awards Day, BHS Gymnasium, open to the public
 - Senior cap and gown walk through Woodland Elementary School following award ceremony
 - 10:30 AM: Senior commencement practice, BHS Gymnasium
 - 7:30 PM : Commencement, BHS Gymnasium, doors open at 6:30 PM, open to public
 - Reception following commencement in the high school commons

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS



Congratulations to our fall sports for their outstanding sportsmanship in their Heart O'North conference games. The following sports finished in the top three in their sport:

- Girls golf - first place
- Girls cross country - second place
- Boys cross country - third place
- Football - second place

FALL SENIOR ATHLETES

Row 1: Lorenzo Meza, Kaylee Johnson, Carson Kurtz, Austin Williams, Dylan Vaughn, Taten Mullikin, Julia Wirth, Wyatt Boe, Kaitlyn Waldofski

Row 2: Brooke Hammann, Michael Nichols, Chloe Miller, Garett Lettner, Cecelia Prentiss, McCade Miller, Nathan Kaus, Aden Jerome, Dillian Adams, Kohl Keilholtz, Chase Peltier, Riley Cutsforth, Andrew Williams, Mitchell Klatt

WINTER SENIOR ATHLETES



Row 1: Kaylee Johnson, Chase Peltier, Andrew Williams, Chloe Miller

Row 2: Austin Williams, Carson Kurtz, Dillian Adams, Aden Jerome, Brooke Hammann, Taten Mullikin, Julia Wirth, Garett Lettner, Riley Cutsforth, Tiana Dwyer, Wyatt Boe

ALUMNI PEP BAND

January 9th was the first BHS alumni pep band game! Graduates dusted off their horns and played, and a fabulous time was had by all!



RMS SOLO & ENSEMBLE

On February 1st, approximately 60 Riverview MS band and choir students performed in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble event at Hayward HS. They performed in front of an audience and adjudicator, and received feedback on their performance. 54 medals were awarded in Solo and Ensemble in 7th and 8th Grade in Class A, B and C.



RED CEDAR HONOR BAND

Ten of our best BHS band musicians rehearsed with conductor, Frank Troyka and other musicians from the Red Cedar Conference at Ladysmith HS on Monday, January 13th.



BARBERSHOP QUARTET



Born out of the Chamber Choir is a student-led Barbershop Group led by Elias Mettner. This group has enjoyed preparing for concerts and they are most looking forward to competing at Solo and Ensemble in April!

*Left to Right:
Trey Johnson, Brayden Stralka, Elias Mettner, Eli Metcalf*

LOCAL VOCALS



Each year an auditioned group, the Local Vocals, is formed out of the High School Chamber Choir. This year there are 13 members. They sing advanced acappella music and really enjoy making music together. They have sung at concerts and the Variety Show so far this year!

Left to Right: Esther Mashak, Hailey Thompson, Amie Kurtz, Jada Raiter, Audrey Bigler, Andrea Bates, Allison Roppe, Brayden Stralka, Damon Eriksen, Patrick Pedersen, Eli Metcalf, Michael Nichols, Elias Mettner

8TH GRADE CHOIR



The 8th Grade Choir recently received their choir jackets! These signal their transition into High School next year because the High School students already have these jackets. They sang at Monroe Manor in December to delight the residents for their Christmas Dinner! They made them cards and delivered candy canes as well!

TALENT SHOW

The 3rd Annual Barron County Talent Show was held at the BACC on January 18th. Even with the weather conditions, we had a great crowd and many great acts to entertain everyone. The Up North Steel Drum Band performed during the judge tally. Winners from each category are as follows:

PreK-3rd Grade

1st Place: Arietta and Evelyn Andreasen-Barron
2nd Place: Ellanor Greene-St. Joseph's, Rice Lake, Rankin Mathews-Barron (Tie)

4th-7th Grade

1st Place: Collin Duncan-Barron
2nd Place: Nathan Boesl-Prairie Farm

8th-12th Grade

1st Place: Julia Moran-Cherney and James Meyer-St. Joseph's, Rice Lake
2nd Place: Aurora Moline, Birchwood

People's Choice Award: Julia Moran-Cherney and James Meyer, St. Joseph's, Rice Lake

Overall Grand Prize: Esther Mashak-Barron





Do things that make you *smile.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WITC Youth Art Month	2 NO SCHOOL Required Teacher InService	3 3 rd Trimester Starts ACT with Writing Gr. 11 6:30 R-D Parents Club Mtg RVMS P/T Conferences 4-7 BB: Regionals	4	5 RVMS P/T Conferences 4-7 UW Eau Claire Large Group Choral Festival GB: Sectionals HKY: State	6 RVMS Student of the Month Youth Art Month Opening Receipt @ WITC BB: Regionals HKY: State	7 GB: Sectional BB: Regional HKY: State
8 Daylight Savings Time Starts	9 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg TR: 1 st Practice	10 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg Elementary P/T Conferences 4-7 MSWR: Home	11	12 Elem P/T Conferences 4-7 GB: State BB: Sectional MSWR: @ Turtle Lake	13 BAMS: Montessori No School GB: State	14 GB: State BB: Sectionals
15	16 6:30 School Board Mtg NHS Bloodmobile SB: 1 st Practice	17 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg 6:00 WDL PTA Mtg Large Group Festival @ Rice Lake HS Make up date for ACT With Writing Gr. 11 MSWR: Home	18	19 BB: State MSWR: @ Hayward	20 FFA 212/EDGE Leadership Conf @ Stevens Point End of 3 rd Quarter BB: State BGF: 1 st Practice	21 BB: State
22	23 BSBL: 1 st Practice GSCR: 1 st Practice WI Forward Testing Starts Gr. 3,8,10	24 TR: @ UW Stout MSWR: @ Bloomer	25	26	27 TR: Varsity @ UW Stout	28 Barron Electric Annual Meeting TR: Varsity @ UW Stout
29	30 MSWR: @ Rice Lake	31 Emergency Test Date for ACT with Writing				



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1 Senior Expositions Emergency Test Date for ACT WorkKeys Gr 11	2 BHS: P/T Conferences 4-8 BSBL: @ Amery SB: @ Somerset	3 BSBL: Woodside Tournament RVMS: Student of the Month TR: @ UW Stout GSCR: @ Ashland MSWR: Conference @ Spooner	4 BSBL: Woodside Tournament High School Solo & Ensemble @ Rice Lake HS SB: Ashland & Somerset
5	6 4 ⁰⁰ RVMS Site Council SB: Amery MSTR: Home GSCR: @ Cumberland	7 Senior Expositions BSBL: Osceola R-D Parents Club Lasagna Supper SB: @ Osceola TR: @ Ashland	8 Required Teacher Inservice	9 NO SCHOOL	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 NO SCHOOL 4:00 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg GSCR: @ Amery	14 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg Senior Expositions 4:30 Almena ACE mtg BSBL: @ Bloomer SB: Bloomer TR: Home Invit GSCR: @ Amery	15 Federated Music Camp Scholarship Auditions	16 BGF: @ Chetek-Weyer BSBS: Ladysmith SB: @ Ladysmith MSTR: @ Cumberland GSCR: @ Osceola	17 State Forensics BSBL: Spooner SB: @ Spooner TR: HON @ UW Superior	18 State Forensics PROM
19 6:30 School Board Mtg GSCR: Baldwin-Woodville BGF: @ Northwestern	20	21 5:30 5 th Gr Band/Choir Concert @ RVMS Gym 6:30 6 th Gr Band/Choir Concert @ RVMS Gym BGF: @ Cameron BSBL: @ Northwestern SB: Northwestern	22 BGF: Barron Invit Administrative Professionals Day Earth Day	23 1:300 All School Play @ BACC GSCR: @ Spooner TR: 4:30 @ Cameron	24 7:00 All School Play @ BACC FFA State CDE Contest @ UW Madison MSTR: @ Ladysmith	25 7:00 All School Play @ BACC BSBL: DH @ Hayward SB DH: Hayward
26 BSBL: Somerset GSCR: @ Hayward PALS Testing Starts	27	28 BGF: Northwestern & Spooner MS TR: @ Bloomer SB: St Croix Falls	29 BHS Junior Class College Tours	30 GSCR: Amery TR: 4:30 @ Bloomer		



UPCOMING EVENTS

May

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BGF: @ Bloomer BSBL: DH @ Cumberland RVMS Student of the Month SB DH: Cumberland WI Forward Testing Ends MSTR: @ Spooner	2 WSMA State Solo & Ensemble @ UWEC
3	4 7:00 BHS Collage Concert @ BHS Gym BGF: @ Ladysmith GSCR: New Richmond	5 6:30 R-D Parents Club Mtg BSBL: @ Spooner SB: Spooner TR: @ Amery MSTR: @ Chetek-Weyer	6 E Day National Nurses Day	7 Band/Choir Chicago Trip Almena Brat Feed & Book Fair BSBL: Northwestern GSCR: @ Somerset SB: DH @ Chetek TR: 4:30 @ Spooner	8 Band/Choir Chicago Trip BGF: @ Hayward BAMS: Montessori No School	9 Band/Choir Chicago Trip BGF: @ Hayward BSBL DH: Cameron SB: DH @ Cameron GSCR: @ Rice Lake
10 Band/Choir Chicago Trip Mother's Day	11 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BGF: @ Hayward GSCR: Osceola	12 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg BSBL: Bloomer SB: @ Bloomer TR: @ Colfax	13 7:00 Baccalaureate E Day Rain Date	14 BGF: @ Rice Lake BSBL: @ Ladysmith SB: Ladysmith TR: Home GSCR: Hayward	15 BGF: @ Cumberland SB: @ Northwestern	16 Armed Forces Day
17 6:30 School Board Mtg BGF: @ Cameron GSCR: Somerset	18	19 8:30 am BHS Achievement Awards 6:00 WDL PTA Mtg @ IMC 7:00 7 th /8 th Gr Band/Choir Concert @ RVMS Gym TR: Conf @ Cameron	20 Almena School Picnic BHS Senior Class Trip	21 BGF: @ Bloomer BSBL DH: Chetek-Weyerhaeuser SB; Regionals GSCR: @ Regis	22 8:30 am Senior Awards 7:30 Commencement PALS Testing End	23
24 BHS Memorial Day Parade	25 <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL Memorial Day</div>	26 SB: Regionals TR: Regionals GSCR: Spooner	27 7:00 pm North Star Academy Commencement	28 11:30 R-D Family Picnic GSCR: @ Altoona BSBL: Regionals SB: Regionals	29 TR: Sectionals	30/31



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March 18, 2020

BARRON HIGH SCHOOL

GUEST SPEAKER: 5:30-6:30PM

FOOD AND COMMUNITY: 6:30-8:00PM

**A FREE MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY EVENT
WITH FOOD, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY**

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