

BASD

BARRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter



**Congratulations,
Class of 2022!**

REFERENDUM

project update



Dear BASD Community Members,

On March 30, over 250 community members joined the District for a groundbreaking event. We celebrated the beginning of construction on our \$24.5 million District-wide referendum project that was approved by District residents in April 2021. The ceremony began in the High School gym and included speeches from students who are enthusiastic to see the new spaces come to life. Moving outside, participants witnessed a ceremonious golden shovel turn that included a shower of confetti. Following, everyone was invited inside to join in cake and conversation!

We are so thankful for all the support and enthusiasm that our community has shown us over the last two years, since we started our facilities improvement endeavor. We have worked diligently to ensure that the new spaces are designed to provide our Golden Bears with the best learning environments possible. Our construction crews are already moving dirt, and changes are happening daily. We will continue to keep our students, staff, and community updated. Such an exciting time to be a Golden Bear!

~Diane Tremblay, District Administrator

Check out the video from the groundbreaking event!



Thanks to our students who spoke and participated in the shovel turn: Ashlynn Harmon and Brady Mickelson, Barron High School; Ella Mathews and Braiden Eraquam, Riverview Middle School; Emmy Vandenbrink, Woodland Elementary School; Landon Weltzin, Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary; and Eden Kisting and Dane Bruder, Barron Area Montessori School.



REFERENDUM project update

MEET THE MIRON TEAM...

We are lucky to have Kyle McCoy as the on-site project superintendent leading our construction projects. As superintendent, Kyle will oversee all on-site activities. First and foremost, he will ensure the safety of all students, staff, and construction personnel who access the site.



Kyle McCoy is Miron's project superintendent for the construction of our projects. Pictured with him are his wife Lesley and daughters Alexis, McKenzie, and Bree.

ABOUT KYLE...

HOME I currently live in Lake City, Minnesota, but I'm originally from Wisconsin. (GO PACK GO!)

FAMILY My wife Lesley is an Ultrasound Tech for Mayo Clinic in Lake City, Minnesota. Plus I have three amazing daughters: Alexis (11), McKenzie (10), Bree (8).

PETS I have one dog, Rosco, who is a 12-year-old miniature bulldog/beagle mix.

EXPERIENCE I have 20 years in the construction field and 17 years with Miron.

COOLEST PROJECTS Middleton Fire Station, Three Bears Lodge and Waterpark in Warrens, Wisconsin, and UW-River Falls Falcon Center. However, I am excited to start this project, and it is shaping up to be another favorite of mine!

HOBBIES I love deer hunting (bow/gun), walleye fishing on the Mississippi, ice fishing, and sightseeing.

FAVORITE FOOD Definitely a good ribeye steak.

FAVORITE PLACE My Alaskan cruise was amazing!

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Our Miron team met with some of our Tech Ed students to tour the project site and share information about the construction industry and working in the trades.

The day even included some virtual reality where the students got to wear goggles that allowed them to explore the new spaces—just like a video game!

It's fun when students get to connect the classroom to real-world experiences and opportunities.



Visit the [District website](#) to see project schedules, floor plans, conceptual renderings, and more!





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PRIDE PUMP!

Attention all Golden Bear Fans. When you need to gas up, gas up at our new Synergy Cooperative Pride Pump. We are truly grateful that our local coop makes a donation to BASD for every gallon of gas sold at this pump.

Huge shout out to Michele Potvin, manager of our local Synergy Cooperative travel plaza. They are showing off their Golden Bear Pride by generously donating to BASD for every gallon of gas that is sold at our new Pride Pump.



PRIDE PUMP

#BEARSPRIDEPUMP

We Back The Bears!



Spotlight on Staff

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY

*Nick Feidt, Tom Karnitz, Tom Schaaf,
Denise Romsos, Heidi Ovsak, Easton Ovsak*

It takes a community.

Never have those words been truer than on January 12, 2022. With a broken pipe and flooding at Monroe Manor, the residents had to evacuate the building . . . in the evening . . . in the middle of January . . . with temps hovering around 15 degrees.

But NEVER FEAR, WOODLAND STAFF IS HERE! Our custodial staff including Tom Karnitz (who returned to school to help) and Nick Feidt and Tom Schaaf were at the school to support residents as they exited vans to shelter at Woodland Elementary. Denise Romsos immediately came to school to help – because she’s just that nice. Ever-sweet Heidi Ovsak was there with her son Easton, and everyone immediately pitched in to support our Monroe Manor senior citizens.

Chairs were set up in the gym and the heat was increased to ensure everyone was comfortable. Our staff checked in with each resident to ensure they were okay, offering solace, reassurance and human goodness. Without the necessary ingredients, Tom Karnitz could not make his famous old fashioned drinks for the residents, but he was quick to brew up some coffee for those interested. Denise got water for all who requested water, and Heidi found some snacks in her classroom to share with anyone interested. True to form, Tom Schaaf provided much good-natured ribbing and comedic relief. All adults continued to support and banter with everyone to lighten the mood, while Easton provided the entertainment for the evening. Easton, our adorable 4K student and son of Mrs. Ovsak, played hide and seek and spent his time smiling and giggling with our residents. He was the highlight of the evening.

Fortunately, the water main was fixed within hours, and our residents were able to return to their home, no worse for wear, and feeling loved. We are fortunate to be surrounded by such good people. The ripple effects of their kindness are felt far and wide every day. In the spirit of Tom Karnitz’s final words to the residents, “You all get A’s for the evening.” Thank you!



BARRON HIGH SCHOOL

Derek Lundequam



Derek Lundequam has served Barron High School and the Barron Area School District for the past eight years. He teaches social studies. During his 8 years, he has also provided his talents as a softball and football coach. Barron High School and our District are fortunate to have Derek's talents serving our students and community.

In the classroom, Derek is an outstanding teacher. Derek relates well to all students and establishes positive relationships easily. He takes the time to get to know students' interests inside and outside of the classroom. His easy going personality and demeanor makes it comfortable for students to communicate with him, ask questions, and receive any extra assistance that may be needed.

Derek teaches all levels of social studies, teaches Advanced Placement US History, and has developed a World War II elective curriculum that is of high interest to students year after year. Outside of school, Derek's priority is his family. Once the ice clears, Derek hones his bass fishing skills and participates in competitive fishing tournaments throughout the fishing season.

Our District is better as a result of having Derek Lundequam on our staff.



RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stephanie Cox

At Riverview Middle School, we are very fortunate to have Stephanie Cox as our Social Studies instructor for the past seven years. Stephanie's positive attitude and leadership skills are reflected in the outstanding quality of her Social Studies program at Riverview Middle School. Stephanie continues to bring creative lessons to captivate and engage her students using a variety of techniques. Just one example of this is when she brought in, via zoom, Katarina House from Sweden to her World Geography classes in our IMC. What a great way to learn more about this country.

Stephanie loves history, and it shows as our Washington DC trip coordinator. Thirty of our students participated and had a blast this year on this trip. When she is not developing outstanding lessons, she is organizing our popular Scholastic Book Fairs during parent/teacher conferences. Every year our book fair has a theme. This year's theme was "Lean on Me." She coordinated with Benjamin House in Rice Lake and because of this, our students and their families donated cleaning, office, first aid, shelter, and personal hygiene supplies for Benjamin House.

Stephanie is one of our key leaders with our PBIS program. She constantly brings positive energy to our PBIS team while helping organize student raffles, assemblies, and our PBIS school store. To help raise money for this program, she has spent many weekends this year participating with organizing concessions at high school sporting events. To help celebrate our PBIS program coming to a close, she organized our first ever all-school color run on the last day of school for Riverview and any available BASD staff. Our entire staff and students are excited for this. Thank you, Stephanie, for your dedication and commitment to Riverview and our school district.

Spotlight on Education

RMS and BHS

FCCLA



At the May Board meeting, the middle school and high school FCCLA presented their STAR Events to the Board of Education. All of the students competed at the regional competition in Osceola in February which allowed them to attend the Wisconsin State Leadership Conference in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari in April. The Kalahari is a packed, two-day conference with leadership breakout sessions, keynote speakers, competitions, community service opportunities, and of course some time for waterpark fun! While at state, two students qualified to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA this June. Ashlynn Harmon and Emma Thompson will be presenting their “Positivi-TEA” STAR event and taking in everything the conference has to offer.



Retirees 21-22



Thank you for your service and dedication to our district. Congratulations on your retirement!

Mark Hilbert: 22 years



Janelle Nelson: 32 years



Timothy Sanders: 22 years



Lori Trowbridge: 27 years



Susan Wohlk: 32 Years

Barron Area Education Foundation

NEWS AND UPDATES

Welcome to the Barron Area Education Foundation page! This page will be designated to inform our communities about the BAEF and how it is helping so many Barron Area School District students pursue their dreams.

The Barron Area Education Foundation (BAEF) awarded over \$123,000.00 dollars to help the Barron High School Class of 2022 pursue their post-secondary education dreams. Any senior who successfully completed a type-written application received at least a \$1500 award to further their education.

The Barron Area Education Foundation is happy to hold scholarships for up to two years for students who are on waiting lists, pursuing other endeavors or have special circumstances for not attending post-secondary school immediately the following year after graduation. Students must inform the BAEF of their intention to put the scholarship on hold in writing.

The BAEF also sponsors funding for district students who may be attending a camp, clinic or conference. Any educational function is supported except for athletics since it is against WIAA policy. Applications can be obtained on the district website or from any school counselor. Applications must be approved by the BAEF prior to the camp, clinic or conference.

Barron Area Education Foundation

Making Dreams Come True For All Students

Yes, I would like to donate funds to the Barron Area Education Foundation to help students reach their dreams.
A receipt will be mailed to each donor for their tax deductible contribution.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Scan this QR Code



Or send donation to:

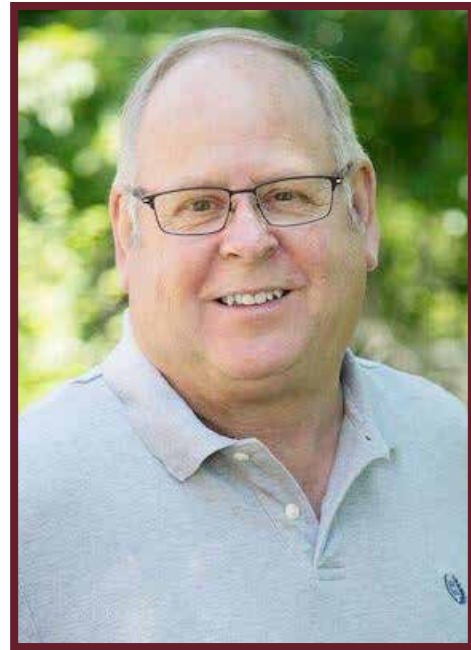
BAEF
P.O. Box 72
Barron, WI 54812

*Make checks out to the Barron Area Education Foundation.
Questions can be emailed to barronaef@gmail.com*

We would like to honor and remember two local individuals that had served the Barron community, the Barron Area School District, and the Barron Area Education Foundation.

Leonard Splett, began his service to the Barron Area School District serving on the Board of Education in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Even after Leonard no longer served as a Board Member, he continued his support of the District. Leonard always made a point of stopping at Central Office to check in to see how everyone was doing and how things were going. He always made the effort to make sure he introduced himself to any new District Administrator and to stay connected with each one throughout their years serving in the district. Leonard was also a great supporter of the Barron High School FFA Program.

The Barron Area Education Foundation (BAEF) was founded in 1992, and Leonard served with a group of people who had a vision to help students in the District by awarding scholarships as they pursued post-secondary education. He served along with Gary Borgen, Rev. Joel Helter, Robert Lentz, Robert Peterson, and Dave Vrwiink. This initial Board of Directors, along with Wayne King, served as incorporators of the BAEF, Inc. Leonard continued to serve on the BAEF Board of Directors until his passing this past February.



We would also like to remember David Barta who also served on the Barron Area Education Foundation. He served from 1996 until 2014. Dave served many years in leadership roles as President and Vice-President. In 1995, the BAEF received their tax-exempt status, and when Dave came on board in 1996, he served an especially significant role in the further development of the foundation. He worked diligently on fundraising efforts, developing important policies and procedures for the day-to-day operation of the foundation, setting criteria for selection and awarding scholarships, and procedures for scholarship payouts only to name a few. Dave also passed this past February.



Leonard and Dave will be remembered with fond memories and especially for their service to our community, school district and especially the Barron Area Education Foundation.

Mentorship

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.

The Mentor Program positively impacts student lives! Following are comments from some of the students in the program:

What do you like about having a mentor?

- My mentor is nice to talk to
- She's not stuffy!
- Supports me and helps me make decisions
- She's fun - we ride horses together
- My mentor helps me with a lot of things—presents multiple options
- Helped me with school and my senior portfolio - we practiced together
- He brings me food!
- My mentor cares about me
- I enjoy the mentor program a lot. It's fun to have my mentor come see me and talk to me at lunch. It's quite enjoyable and I recommend it. I hope he will be my mentor for a long time.
- He's really nice and fun to be around.
- Easy to talk to
- She's really nice, caring, and compassionate. Always looking out for me
- Like a mom friend to me.
- Helps me see things in a different perspective - a more mature perspective
- Gives me advice and helps me see when I'm doing something wrong
- Helps me do better in school

Students are matched with community volunteers who serve as mentors for their students with the purpose of providing another positive role model who listens to, supports, and advocates for the child. By being a consistent adult presence in a young person's life, mentors can offer advice, share their life experiences, and help a young person navigate challenges.



SPOTLIGHT

Bea Lundequam

Bea Lundequam is our Spotlight Mentor for the quarter.

Why is she the spotlight mentor?

A mentor for three years, Bea has been an awesome sounding board, encourager, and supporter of Angeles as she prepares for her future and post-secondary education.

What Angeles says about Bea, her mentor:

She's helped me with school and my senior portfolio. I practiced my senior exposition with her and she gave me feedback and suggestions. She's like a mom friend to me. She gives me advice and helps me see when I'm doing something wrong. She tells me about how she sees things from her perspective.

What inspired you to mentor?

The Mentor Coordinator contacted me and asked if I'd be interested in mentoring a student. I previously worked in the Boys & Girls Club at BHS and I really enjoyed working with kids on that level. This was a great opportunity to work one-on-one with someone.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

Aside from regular coffee shop dates, being a witness to someone's growth is rewarding. A lot can change in three years and seeing my mentee transform into the wonderful young lady she is today makes me so proud. She has her goals in mind and has a plan to pursue them.

Why do you think others should mentor?

This is such an awesome opportunity to connect with a young community member and get a different perspective on life. We get so caught up in what we know—this is a great chance for us to teach but also learn and grow ourselves. We met when it worked for both of us and often just had coffee before school. We had a lot of conversations over those three years, and I'm grateful for the experience.

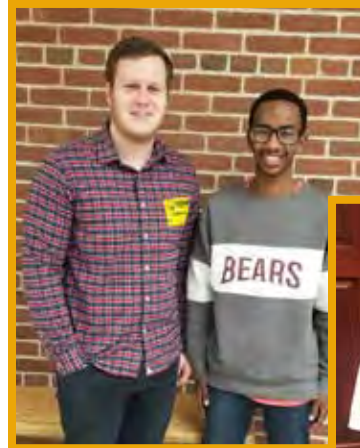
Career Mentorship

The Mentorship Program also helps students learn more about potential careers with career mentorships through job shadowing and informational meetings with individuals in the career area.

Kamaal Hassan

ENTREPRENEUR

BHS junior Kamaal Hassan would like to own his own business someday. To learn more about business ownership and entrepreneurship, Kamaal met with David Sloan and Fran Felber. David, a BHS alumni, owns Sloan Financial Services, a financial planning and wealth management firm offering advice and tools that help individuals and families build for the future and achieve their long-term financial goals. Kamaal also met with Fran Felber, owner of ARM Services, to learn about his business and background. ARM Services provides crop, dairy, forage/pasture/rangeland, hail, and farm property insurance to give the agriculture industry the protection it needs to grow.



Annikka Moe and Teagan Mickelson

CONSERVATION

Two BHS students were interested in learning more about opportunities in the conservation area. Annikka Moe and Teagan Mickelson talked with Park Ranger Arik Feidt about his job at Wild River State Park. They also met with Joshua Loining, Barron County Conservation Warden and did a ride along to learn more about the job of Conservation Warden. Both students learned a great deal about career opportunities and recommendations for college and work experiences.



If you are interested in being a mentor or would like your child to have a mentor, please contact Diane Sloan, Mentor Coordinator, at 715-537-5627 ext. 139.

Bus Driver Appreciation

PAWS Honors BASD Drivers

Thursday, March 24th, the Woodland parents group, PAWS, (Parents Assisting Woodland Students), honored the Barron Area School District Bus drivers with personal cards, milk, juice and donuts. Each Woodland classroom was assigned a bus driver to honor with a personal card, pictures or thank you notes. These were delivered to the bus garage, and the drivers enjoyed the treats. These drivers are the first contact our Barron Area School District students have each morning, and we appreciate your commitment to the students of our district.



VOW

VOICES OF WOODLAND

Mr. Peterson featured a few members of our Voices of Woodland at our monthly board meeting in February. They beautifully showcased their talents to our Barron Area School District Board of Education. These vocalists certainly have an exciting future waiting for them in the music industry.



The Woodland Second Graders had a unique opportunity to celebrate the number 2 on 2-22-22. The celebration was planned to recognize the students being in Second Grade on this unique date. As it turned out, the celebration had to take place on 2-23-22 because of a snow day.

The students kicked off the day with an assembly with all three classes in the gym. Students were handed a bag with two mismatched socks, and they needed to walk around the gym finding their match. All the students loved their new socks. In the classroom, the teachers planned many activities emphasizing the number two. Two minutes challenges, dice games with doubles, paper crowns, partner reading with the same book, and twin pops at the end of the day were part of the celebration. It was a memorable day for everyone.

2nd Grade Celebrates!

2-2-22





Barron Area Montessori School

UPDATES

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

When you work hard, you get to play hard!! Along with much learning in math, science, history, reading, writing in cursive, and social graces and courtesies this year, came several opportunities outside of the classroom for fun and gathering! Here are some photos from our annual Barnebirkie ski event now held in Almena every February. At this event, children from ages 3-12 enjoy a cross country ski race of various distances. Each participant receives an official Barnebirkie hat, race bib, and medal after crossing the finish line.



The first Thursday each May, the community's generosity allows us to put on an annual brat feed and book sale with a dunk tank, cotton candy, brat and hot dog meals, carnival games, and a silent auction. Donations from local businesses and individuals make this event happen each year! Many thanks to this wonderful community! There have also been field trips and an all school picnic for students and families to enjoy! We are already looking forward to next year!



Pastries with Parents



WOODLAND ELEMENTARY

Conservation Contest



BARRON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to Mrs. Carr's first grade students from Ridgeland/Dallas Elementary School for doing exceptionally well in the Barron County Soil & Water Conservation Poster Contest! All of them earned a beautiful certificate, and many earned a calendar.

The theme this year was "Healthy Soil Healthy Life." Cecelia Green was also awarded 1st place, and she received ten dollars, a certificate, and a calendar that has her artwork featured in it! Way to go CeCe!



Congratulations to 7th grade art student Micahl Braden! She received 2nd place in the 2022 Barron County Soil and Water Conservation poster contest and has her art featured in their 2022-23 calendar. Way to go, Micahl!





2022 - 2023

Bear Cub Den

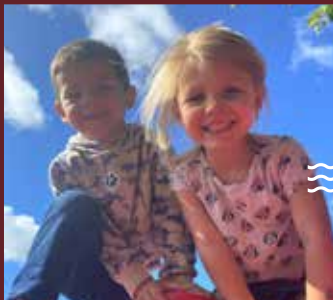
4K School Days
(Monday - Thursday, 7:40am-3:20pm)

HOURS & COST

- ✓ Friday Full Days 7:40am-3:20pm: \$25
- ✓ Before School Care 6am-7:40am: \$4
- ✓ After School Care 3:20pm - 6pm : \$5
- ✓ Non-school Days 6am-6pm:
\$25 Full, \$15 Half (<4 hours)
- ✓ Closed Holidays



**Woodland
Elementary School**



Join us for a fun-filled summer at the Bear Cub Den Summer Camp. There will be a lot of fun and exciting activities including but not limited to: arts & crafts, science experiments, fun in the sun, outdoor adventures, water games, fishing and much more!



BEAR CUB DEN Summer DAY CAMP

6am - 6pm

This year summer care will be available June, July & August located at Riverview Middle School. The location change is due to construction at Woodland.

DAILY COST

- \$28 Full Day
- \$15 Half Day or After Summer School
- \$5 Before Summer School Session
- Will transport students to summer school
- 10% Discount for multiple children



Available for students: 4K-5th Grade



5th Grade Ambassadors

UPCOMING ORIENTATION

This April, 5th Grade Ambassadors traveled to the elementary schools and met with the 4th grade students. They shared information about Riverview, answered a lot of questions, and invited the 4th graders to 5th Grade Orientation in August. The 4th graders were very concerned about lockers, finding their way around Riverview, and moving from room to room for classes.

After the Ambassadors met with them, most of the 4th graders began to realize lockers aren't as hard as they may seem, and Riverview is one big square with most of the 5th grade classes on the south side of the building. The 4th graders became excited hearing about all the classes they will have in 5th grade!

Thank you to the 5th Grade Ambassadors for the work you put into preparing your presentation and sharing with the 4th graders. You were great examples of what it means to BE GOLDEN!

Riverview is excited to welcome our new 5th graders next year, and all the students are invited to attend 5th Grade Orientation in August. Contact the Riverview Office to enroll your student. (715) 537-5641.



Washington DC

RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



In April, Riverview students had an amazing experience and traveled to Washington DC for a trip of a lifetime learning where our country's history originated. They were able to see many historic landmarks and memorials.

Students left early in the morning to fly to Washington DC and visit the Smithsonian museums and take an evening tour of the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam memorials.

On their second day, they visited Mount Vernon, George Washington's home. We also visited Arlington National Cemetery.

The third day students visited the Capitol, the White House, and celebrated two student birthdays on the trip with amazing gourmet cupcakes and a fantastic dinner at Medieval Times.

Riverview students spent their last day in Washington DC at the Jefferson, FDR, and MLK memorials! They finished the day at the Baltimore Harbor aboard the last sail-only US Navy warship, the USS Constellation.

They had a wonderful trip! Planning has already begun for our 2024 trip! We hope you will join us!



MATHCOUNTS



Our future's so BRIGHT! We need to wear SHADES!

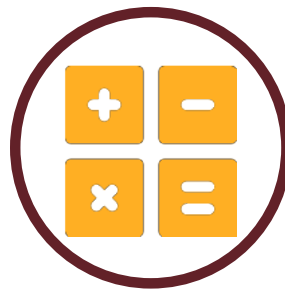
Sixteen Riverview Middle School Students competed in problem solving activities throughout the school year as part of the MathCounts Competition Series. They competed in individual rounds and team rounds. Students worked weekly on problem solving, competed twice in school competition rounds and then virtually in the Northwest Regional Competition.

Thank you to Cooper Engineering from Rice Lake for supporting this gifted and talented program and for sending our students certificates, MathCounts' shades and fidget spinners. The team was coached by Janelle Nelson and Jon Lantz.



Individual School Award:
 1st: Lillian Harmon
 2nd place: Logan Keene
 3rd place: Cameron Janz and Brooklynn Kolm.

First place Team Award:
 Zachary Edwards,
 Ella Mathews,
 Ariella McDonald and
 Lillian Harmon



RMS

Math News

PI DAY

2022 Winners	Digits of Pi	Name	Grade
1st	118	Brooklynn Kolm	8
2nd	80	Ella Mathews	8
3rd	77	Samantha Lien	8
4th	62	Nasro Hassan	7
5th	61	Linsey Balts	8
6th	40	Brianna Kiggins	8
7th	26	Connor Bryant	7
8th	25	Abdinan Hussein	8
8th	25	Micahl Braden	7



7th & 8th Grade Math Students had circles of fun as they celebrated Pi Day with circle station activities on March 14th. 8th grade student Brooklynn was able to memorize 118 digits of Pi. Ella recited 80 digits, Samathan 77, Nasro 62, Linsey 61, Brianna 40, Connor 26, Abdinan and Micahl both with 25 digits. These students are very impressive. The school record of 204 digits is still held by Emmelee Shipley. She beat out Jacqui Erb with 202 digits and Aaron Williams reciting 201 digits.



The Middle School FACE II classes will be participating in a Bakery operation as a “world of work” experience. This was a student run bakery that helps students develop food service skills, communication skills, and employability skills.

BAKERY



FACE News

FCCLA

FCCLA students practice their decorating skills as they prepare for the State FCCLA Competition. Culinary Creations is a STAR event where individuals can compete in cupcake decorating.



Book Fair



Huge shout out for the amazing efforts by Stephanie Cox, Angela Knampmiller and Tesha Horvath for our Riverview Bookfair. We were even fortunate enough to have Cathy Amdall back to be with us. This wonderful event came with hundreds of book choices, cool games and prizes. What a great event to create lifelong reading habits.

Our theme this year was "Lean on Me." We wanted to look for ways for students to help out their neighbors so each homeroom donated cleaning, office, first aid, shelter and personal hygiene supplies for Benjamin House, Barron County's emergency shelter. Our Golden Bears care about others.

January

February

5th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Zahara Ahmed, Zayda Johnson, Aisha Mohamed, Kanyon Holten, Mrs. Schauf

6th Grade



Idris Yusuf, Bayleigh Crandell, Ellie Edwards, Madalyn Kallsen

7th Grade



Isabella Grant, Elliott Voigtlander, Carter Roth, Braiden Eraquam, Mr. Stralka

8th Grade



Alex Kiggins, Jasmine Wall-Thurber, Konnor Severson, Mr. Stralka, *not pictured: Rusty Manning*

5th Grade



Mr. Mettner, Josiah Glinski, Max Bartels, Landon Hecht, Aden Raiter, Mr. Stralka

6th Grade



Mrs. Bell, Ahmed Abdi, Isaac Mickelson, Grace Marvin, Petra Jerome, Ms. Knapmiller

7th Grade



Breanna Shipley, Noah Marvin, Ozker Kunkel, Brennen Hanson, Mr. Stralka

8th Grade



Devon Kerkhoff, Bryce Kittelson, Nasradin Abdi, Ariella McDonald

Riverview

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March

5th Grade



Mrs. Danielsen, Cadence Holten, Samara Owens, Zander Elliott, Jorja Floyd, Mr. Stralka

6th Grade



Zoey Johnson, Desiree Glinski, Teagen Janssen, Carter Weibe, Mrs. Zdroik, Mr. Stralka

7th Grade



Raul Tzompaxtle, Thorfin Moe, Braydon Roberts, Raina Cook, Mrs. Beckendorf

8th Grade



Meah Hunt, Ana Marroquin, Alyssa Ottum, Graham Ganong, Mr. Stralka

April

5th Grade



Abbigayle Schick, Mohaumnd Garad, Urijah Hunt, Mr. Stralka, *not pictured: Xaysha Jilek*

6th Grade



Aiden Cole, Andrew Gunther, Mrs. Horvath, William Jenderny, Mr. Randy, Mikaela Rose

7th Grade



Skylee Braden, Andy Acevedo-Sanchez, Samuel Prentiss, Alexis Halverson, Mr. Stralka

8th Grade



Isabell Donica, Abdinan Hussein
not pictured: Owen Johnson and Serenity Doyle

COMMUNITY Service



5th Grade

Front row: Mateo de la Torre, Connor Lundequam, Bella Meza, Charlee Gander, Blake Glaser,
Back row: Madison Cimfl, Addie Kroeze, Jessalynn Grant, Raegan Duncan, Carl Nicpon



7th Grade

Front row: Haileigh Johnson, Daniel Wirth, Audrey Cutsforth, Melani Novinski, Madison Harrington, McKaylah Nelson, Back row: Zoey Frandsen, Devanna Colucci, Isabella Grant, Graycin Miller, Annabelle Marion, Caylan Benny, Alexis Halverson, Micahl Braden, Abby Miller
not pictured: Teagen Grinage, Gabby Kuruz

Special recognition to Zoey Frandsen and Alexis Halverson for reaching 100 hours and receiving a gold medal.



8th Grade

Front row: Gabby Camen, Reanna Cook, Brooklynn Kolm, McKenzie Ecklor, Samantha Lien, Back row: Alex Kiggins, Magaly Villalobos, Ariella McDonald, Lillian Harmon, Wesley Mickelson, Baylee Shatley, Konnor Severson
not pictured: Serenity Doyle

Two students reached 100 hours and received a gold medal: Samantha Lien, Baylee Shatley

Earning the honor of reaching 125 volunteer hours and her name on the wall: Baylee Shatley

Over Mother's Day weekend, high school band and choir students traveled to Chicago and had four days of fun sightseeing in the Windy City. Sights included Six Flags Great America, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, Shedd Aquarium, River Architecture Tour, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, Ed Debevic's, John Hancock Building and the Broadway show, Jersey Boys.

Chicago Adventures!



MARION E. JEROME MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



Ella Mathews, Zoey Frandsen, Lucus Zueger, Brett Schlosser

The Barron Federated Music Club is happy to announce the 2022 Marion E. Jerome music scholarship recipients. The scholarships are given in memory of Marion E. Jerome who was a strong supporter of music in the Barron community and schools. Auditions were held on Wednesday, April 13th, and five students were selected to receive up to \$500 in scholarship money. The five recipients will be attending a Shell Lake Arts Center camp and they are: Zoey Frandsen, Piano Camp; Ella Mathews (percussion), Brett Schlosser (trumpet), and Lucus Zueger (trombone) attending Concert Band Camp; Winona Schneider (voice) attending Musical Theater camp.



Winona Schneider

RMS CONCERT



The RMS Spring Band and Choir concert was held on May 17th and selections were heard from jazz band, concert band and concert choir. Many students were recognized for their musical excellence and most improved. The following 7th grader band members were recognized for Musical Excellence: Abby Miller, trumpet; Collin Duncan, clarinet; Braiden Eraquam, tenor sax. Samuel Prentiss, euphonium, was awarded the Most Improved 7th grade award. The following 8th grader band members were recognized for their Musical Excellence: Devin Weltzin, trumpet; Owen Johnson was awarded the most improved 8th grade award; Ariella McDonald, trombone; Ella Mathews, percussion.

DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE

On April 2nd, eighteen Barron High School band students competed at the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) District Solo and Ensemble Competition at Rice Lake High School. Four students received a “starred first” rating in Class A — which consists of the most difficult music at a WSMA District Music Festival to qualify for WSMA State Music Festivals. William Weise, trumpet; Eli Metcalf, clarinet; Fran Peterson, alto saxophone and piano; Jacob Bever, marimba.



1: Tabby Thompson, Adriana Williams, Alexa Humphrey, 2: Fran Peterson, Winona Schneider, Lilly Kunkel, Sierra Lien, Jacob Goff, 3: William Weise, Amelia Weise, Broderick Schneider, Jacob Bever, Patrick Pedersen, Haylie Powers
Not pictured: Angela Zimmerman, Eli Metcalf, Wyatt Weise, Max Schoenke

Band News



Audrey Bigler



William Weise

COLLAGE CONCERT

On May 16th, the annual Collage Concert was held celebrating the Seniors and musical accomplishments of all students. Audrey Bigler was the recipient of the Amy Gagner Band Award and Spirit of the Choir. Hailey Thompson was awarded the Outstanding Choir Member Award and William Weise was the recipient of the Band Director’s Award of Excellence and The Spirit of the Band. Mackenzie Olson was the recipient of the Choral Director’s Award of Excellence. State Solo and Ensemble students performed their pieces along with jazz band, concert band and concert choir selections.

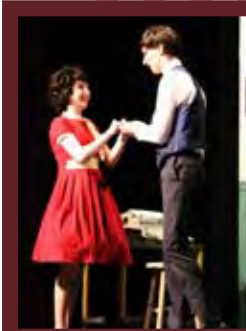


Bye Bye Birdie



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Gratitude

An "Attitude of Gratitude" on the Daily by Greg Adams, Barron High School English Teacher



When BASD returned to in-person education in the fall of 2020, I felt a palpable sense of anxiety among my students, myself, and fellow staff members. The isolation of quarantine morphed into a fear of the unknown, accompanied by myriad new procedures, policies, and approaches to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. I understood early on in pandemic teaching that in addition to maintaining academic consistency, I would need to help my students navigate safely—mentally and physically—this unprecedented era of education.

I turned to gratitude.

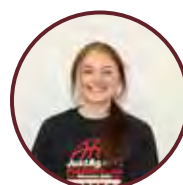
Since the beginning of 2016 (January 4, to be exact), I have started each and every morning by writing a gratitude journal entry. Taking time to write a few words about something for which I am grateful has proven to be a lifesaver for my own mental health. I wanted the same for my students; therefore, beginning in the fall of 2020, I incorporated time in our English 9 classroom routine for students to write a daily gratitude journal entry.

I always enjoy reading the students' entries and thought you might, as well. I chose a few days from this past trimester and selected a few student entries, used here with their permission. Perhaps their heartfelt expressions of thankfulness will inspire you to begin your own journey of gratitude.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022: Art—I am thankful for the making and feeling of art. Many people think it makes no sense because art pieces can be sold for thousands of dollars. I don't draw or paint to make money, though. I just find it beautiful and relaxing. (Hannah Bigler)

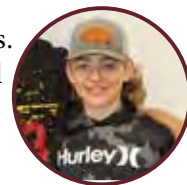


Friday, March 18, 2022—I am glad it is Friday today because I get to have my mom's famous rubeens tonight, and my Grandpa and Grandma Moen are coming over to eat supper with us and have some dessert. (Jack Neihart)



Monday, March 28, 2022: Going to bed early last night—Normally I fall asleep really late at night, but yesterday I fell asleep at 9. It was actually really nice to get some extra sleep for once, and it helped me to be able to get up early this morning with no problem. (Rylin Vruwink)

Monday, April 11—I am grateful for Doritos. They have so many flavors, and they are all so good. I could eat them forever. (Walker Cox)



Friday, April 22, 2022: Earth Day—Today many people celebrate the life of Earth. Earth is our home, and we all need to appreciate and respect it. Many people like to disregard the fact that living animals and organisms are a part of this earth. All I'm saying is that we should take that into consideration and be more kind. (Ubah Ali)

Tuesday, May 3, 2022—I am thankful for the weather beginning to get better. It is nice to have warmer weather to do more stuff outside. I mow lawns, which means more money. I also like to ATV and fish, which is better when the weather is warmer. It has been too long without warmer weather, so it is a welcome sight. (Brett Brodt, *not pictured*)



AWARD

Sportsmanship

The Barron Girls Basketball team received the sportsmanship award from the Heart of the North Conference. This is voted on by all coaches in the conference. Every coach in the conference voted the Bears in 1st place. Congrats ladies on representing your school and team in a positive way!



BASEBALL, GOLF, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, TRACK

Senior Athletes



BHS: SOAR

STUDENTS ON A ROLL



Each month students at Barron High School are nominated by staff members as a SOAR student, or a Student On A Roll for high academic achievement, making improvements, quality performances, school and community honors, and being GOLDEN- service above and beyond the call of duty. We are proud to recognize the following students who were recognized with SOAR nominations during the 2nd & 3rd trimester. Keep up the great work!



NOVEMBER

Lillian Kuhse, Mia Villalobos-Soto, Isabella Kallenbach, Ella Shipley, Hailee Halvorson, Mariah Holmes, Alexa Humphrey, Edward Romans.
Not pictured: *Zildjian Gacula, Collin Krance*

DECEMBER

No Photo Available: Broderick Schneider, Mackenzie Weltzien, Ryan Etlicher, Luka Adamian, Jose Ramirez, Paola Ramirez, Mercedes Swessel, Kamaal Hassan

JANUARY

No Photo Available: Emma Schlosser, Amelia Weise, Kasey Stauner, Annikka Moe, Colton Lammers, Maggie Cole, Madeline Mickelson, Chase Knutson, Kassim Ali, Declan Dennis, Parker Lehman

FEBRUARY

Leon Rosado, Rylin Vruwink, Lilly Kunkel, Jackson Losey, Ubah Ali, Mikayla Ecklor, Ashley Foust, Grace Andreasen. Not pictured: Audrey Bigler, Awalow Bundid, Samiro Abdi, Jordan Taylor, Jayden Eraquam



MARCH

Claire Bartlett, Kami Zurn, Jayden Eraquam, Destiny Jeske, Broderick Schneider, Teagan Mickelson, Greta Scheps. Not pictured: Selicia Williams, Reda Stokes, Mohamed Yusuf, Mia Villalobos Soto

APRIL

Kami Zurn, Sydney Stauner, Taylor Johnson, William Weise, Jason Dau, Hailie Robbins, Taylor Anderson, Alina Garcia. Not pictured: Selicia Williams, Jon Wakefield, Awalow Bundid, Abbie Coss, Austin Hunt, Bryce Bader



Barron FFA Celebrates Chapter Banquet

The Barron FFA Chapter celebrated their year's success at the annual spring awards ceremony on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The awards program was presented by the 2021-2022 Barron FFA Chapter Officers- President-Greta Scheps, Vice President- Isabel Massie, Secretary-Summer Hammann, Treasurer-Mackaylah Waibel, and advisor Kristin Hanson.

FFA members were recognized with the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees and recognized for participation in activities at the chapter level and above.

Greenhand degrees were awarded to 9th grade members Jorey Feidt, Dezi Manning, Makenna Roske, Drew Scheps, and Adam Wirth. Drew Scheps was named Star Greenhand from this group.

Chapter degrees were awarded to sophomores Summer Hammann, Connor Keene, Sierra Lien and Emma Thomspon. Summer Hammann was named Star Chapter Farmer.

Juniors recognized were Ashlynn Harmon, Austin Hunt, Kaylee Kurtz, Annikka Moe, Audra Rick, Summer Stokes, Mackaylah Waibel and Amelia Weise. The Blue & Gold Award is presented to the most outstanding junior member and was presented to Mackaylah Waibel.

Senior members recognized for their participation were Audrey Bigler, Chance Dexter, Kaylee Dexter, Isabella Lyste, Isabel Massie, Patrick Pedersen, Greta Scheps, Janica Skjerly and Braden Wirth.

The DeKalb Award is presented to the outstanding senior, based on their entire high school FFA membership and was presented to Greta Scheps in recognition of outstanding classroom, SAE and leadership achievements over four years of FFA membership.

Members competing in state-level activities were also recognized. These included the following:

- Wisconsin State FFA Degree Winners-- Greta Scheps, Isabella Lyste
- Wisconsin Three Star Leader Award- Greta Scheps
- Wisconsin State FFA Honors Band Selection- Audrey Bigler, Patrick Pedersen
- State Qualifying Contestant- Employment Skills Leadership Development Event- Isabella Lyste
- State Qualifying Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest-Summer Hammann; Gold Individual
- State Proficiency Awards to
 - Audra Rick, Bronze Rating, Dairy Production Entrepreneurship
 - Summer Hammann, Silver Rating, Dairy Production Entrepreneurship
 - Mackaylah Waibel, Gold Rating, State Finalist in Swine Production Entrepreneurship.

The 2022-2023 chapter officers were installed at the end of the banquet. They are: President- Summer Hammann, Vice President-Mackaylah Waibel, Secretary-Drew Scheps, and Treasurer- Connor Keene. They are already planning for another busy and active year.





Senior FFA Members

Greta Scheps, Isabel Massie and Isabella Lyste were all recognized for their contributions as senior members at the Barron FFA Awards Program. Greta Scheps was presented with the DeKalb Award recognizing the chapter's outstanding senior member.

2021-2022 Barron FFA Chapter Officers
President Greta Scheps, Vice President Isabel Massie, Secretary Summer Hammann, and Treasurer Mackaylah Waibel.



2022-2023 Barron FFA Chapter Officers

Treasurer-Connor Keene, Secretary-Drew Scheps, President-Summer Hammann, Vice President- Mackaylah Waibel, and Advisor/Ag Instructor- Kristin Hanson



Junior Prom

CLASS OF 2023

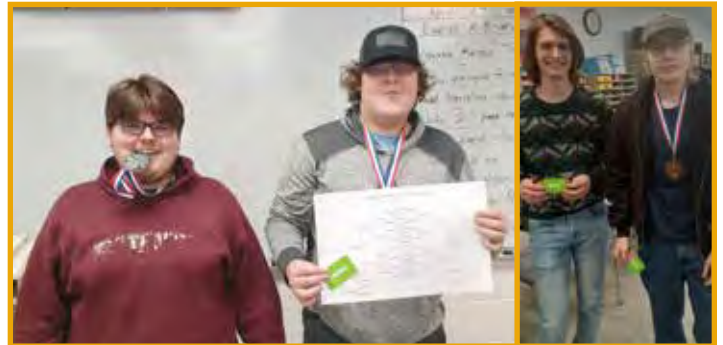


Front row: Audra Rick, Ashlynn Harmon, Fran Peterson, Queen Xantha Jerome, Taylor Johnson, Destiny Jeske, Sydney Stauner, Annikka Moe
Back row: Charles Lacombe, Broderick Schneider, Jacob Bever, King Caiden LaLiberty, Drew Williams, Ethan Williams, Linkin Miller, Jaden Eraquam

Chess Club



The Barron High School Chess Club held their annual tournament this March. Our top four winners were 1st-Jacob Becker, 2nd-Jason Dau, 3rd-William Bjugstad and 4th-Jacob Bever.



Row 1: Regan Vruwink, William Bjugstad, Xavier Jilek, Bronson Halverson, Calvin Wong, Antonio Lcomb
Row 2: Jason Dau, Sheldon Drakeberg, Emily Shipley, Lily Kunkel, Ashley Kurschner, Ahmed Hassan, Charlie Lcomb



Tech Ed Updates

METALS

Mason Humphrey and Dawson Sinclair working on the Can Crusher Project in Metals class.



ADVANCED AUTO

Students learn how to change rear struts on their vehicle in the Advanced Auto Class.

BACC

2022 BACC YOUTH SUMMER REC

Sign-ups at BACC Front Desk start May 15th

T-Ball (Member \$40/Non-Member \$50)

July 11 – August 3 (8 sessions)
Monday & Wednesday
4:00-5:00pm
Anderson Park Baseball Field
Entering K & 1st Grade
Coach: Tim Smyth

Pitch-Ball (Member \$40/Non-Member \$50)

July 11–August 3 (8 sessions)
Monday & Wednesday
5:00-6:00pm
Anderson Park Baseball Field
Entering Grades 2, 3, 4
Coach: Tim Smyth

Soccer (Member \$40/Non-Member \$50)

June 6 – 29 (8 sessions)
Monday & Wednesday
BHS Practice Field behind Woodland
4:00-5:00pm Entering K & 1st Grade
5:00-6:00pm Entering Grades 2, 3, 4
Coach: Tim Smyth

Tennis (Member \$40/Non-Member \$50)

July 5 – 28 (8 sessions)
Tuesday & Thursday
8:15 – 9:15 am
Barron Kiwanis Park Tennis Courts
Entering Grade 3 – Grade 8
Coach: Alyssa Peterson

Summer Swim Team

(Member \$40/Non-Member \$50)
July 11 – August 3 (8 sessions)
Monday & Wednesday
3:00-4:00 pm
BACC Pool
Coach: Clint Hogan



Mermaid Swim Party

June 22nd 4:00-5:30pm (1 session)
(Member \$15/Non-Member \$20)

July 6th 4:00-5:30pm (1 session)
(Member \$15/Non-Member \$20)

August 10th 4:00-5:30pm (1 session)
(Member \$15/Non-Member \$20)

BACC Pool
Nora Hellman

****Child must be at least a level 3 swimmer & able to swim a full lap**

Red Cross Swim Lessons

Session 1: June 7–30 (8 sessions)
Tuesday & Thursday
(Member \$25/Non-Member \$40)

Session 2: July 5-28 (8 sessions)
Tuesday & Thursday
(Member \$25/Non-Member \$40)

Level 1 4:00-4:30
Level 2 4:30-5:00
Level 3 5:00-5:30
BACC Pool
Instructor: Clint Hogan

Red Cross Lifeguard Course

(\$175 per participant)
Online portion May 23–June 2
In-Person portion June 3–June 5
Age 15 minimum & pass pretest
BACC Pool
Instructor: Clint Hogan



UPCOMING EVENTS

July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1 BHS Summer School	2	
3	4 Independence Day - USA	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	12 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg	13	14	15	16	
17 World Population Day	18 6:30 School Board Mtg	19	20-23 Barron County Fair				23
24 Barron County Fair	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31						Friendship Day	



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Elementary Summer School Middle School Summer School					
		FB: 1 st Practice		Coast Guard Day - USA		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Elementary Summer School Middle School Summer School					GTEN: Home Triangular
Sister's Day	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg GF: 1 st Practice	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg GTEN: 1 st Practice			GGF: Home Invite	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	New Staff Inservice 6:30 School Board Mtg BSCR: 1 st Practice CC: 1 st Practice GGF: @ Superior VB: 1 st Practice		GGF: @ Ladysmith GTEN: @ Osceola		FB: Ladysmith GGF: Luck/Frederic	
					National Aviation Day - USA	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	GGF: @ Northwestern	Required Teacher Inservice			FB: @ Glenwood City GGF: Superior VB: @ UW Stout	VB: @ UW Stout CC: 9:30 am @ EC North
		BSCR: @ Cumberland VB: Quad @ Menomonie	6-8 Freshman Orientation VB: JV Quad @ New Richmond	BSCR: Hayward CC: @ Ashland GTEN: @ Unity		
28	29	30	31			
	BHS/RVMS Goal Setting Day BHS/RVMS/WD Picture Day Elementary Welcome Day C Team FB: @ St Croix Falls	Required Teacher Inservice				
		BSCR: St Croix Falls GTEN: @ Bloomer MSFB: Bloomer	GGF: @ Superior			



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 First Day of School BSCR: @ Spooner CC: 4:30 @ Spooner GGF: @ Chetek-Weyer VB: C Team @ Fall Creek VB: Quad @ Altoona	2 FB: @ Cameron	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day BHS Band Ridgeland Fair Parade	6 FB C Team: Cameron GGF: St Croix Falls GTEN: Amery	7	8 BSCR: @ Washburn CC: 4:00 @ Bloomer GGF: @ Solon Springs MSFB: @ Hayward VB: @ Regis	9 FB: Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	10 GTEN: 9:00 am @ Baldwin VB: Varsity @ Osceola
11 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	12 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg FB C Team: @ Chetek-Weyer GTEN: @ Medford	13 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BSCR: Ashland GGF: @ Cumberland MSFB: Cumberland MSVB: @ Cameron	14 Almena Picture Day	15 R-D Picture Day BSCR: Aradia CC: 4:00 @ Chetek-Weyer GGF: Hayward MSVB: Bloomer VB: Spooner	16 FB: @ Cumberland <i>Mildred Fish-Harnack Day POW-MIA Recognition Day</i>	17 <i>U.S. Constitution Day</i>
18 6:30 School Board Mtg FB C Team: Cumberland MSVB: Bloomer VB: JV & C Team @ Hayward	19 6:00 WDL D PTA Mtg BSCR: Cumberland CC: 4:30 Home Invite GGF: @ Hayward GTEN: Osceola MSFB: @ Spooner MSVB: Spooner VB: @ Ladysmith	20	21	22 BSCR: @ Hayward CC: 5:00 @ St Croix Falls GTEN: Rice Lake MSCC: 4:30 @ St Croix Falls MSVB: @ Cumberland <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23 FB: Spooner	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Homecoming Dance
Homecoming Week						
FB C Team: @ Spooner		BSCR: Spooner CC: 4:00 @ Cumberland MSFB: Ladysmith MSVB: @ St Croix Falls VB: St Croix Falls		BSCR: @ St Croix Falls CC: 4:30 @ St Croix Falls GTEN: Unity MSVB: Rice Lake VB: @ Northwestern		



Groundbreaking

MARCH 30, 2022

