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# Inside

SCSD District Newsletter

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Inside is published for residents of the Seymour Community School District

## Commitment for All = Success for Each

### Important Dates to Remember

- November 22nd—end of Trimester
- December 23rd—January 1st—  
 Winter Break
- January 17th—End of Semester
- April 6th—13th—Spring Break



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Dear Families and Community Members,



We currently live in a digital world, one in which we have access to a variety of digital tools used to communicate with each other and the world. These tools include things like the internet, smart devices and various other technologies. We realize that our communication with our parents and communities needs to align with ways families access information. Therefore, I want to share with you a few tools we have implemented over the course of the last year that will help with this communication and keeping pace with our digital world!

Last spring we piloted a program in which each 6th - 8th grader in our district received a Chromebook to use during school hours. The students and staff began to explore ways to use these devices to enhance their previous ways of accessing their learning. This pilot went very well and the program was expanded to the 9th - 12th graders this year. We continue to monitor the implementation of this tool and are learning new things each day. This school year a technology committee will be discussing the next stage of implementation for our 4K-5th grade students. We hope to have a plan for this implementation by the end of this year.

We have moved into the world of using Apps for communication. We are rolling out a school app which will highlight district events, staff directory, links to our Facebook and website and information about individual schools. Please go to your App store and look up Seymour Community School District. You can download this for free and start using it immediately.

We realize how important school breakfast and lunch is for our students. Nutrition is so important to helping students learn. We offer a great food service program for our students to access during the day. We realize it is important for families and students to not only know what is on the menu but also the nutritional information, allergens, favorite foods and special menu items. All of this information and more will be available on our new App called Mealviewer. Please go to your App store and look up Mealviewer. You can download this app for free also!

Schools need to continue to stay current with families and community needs and we hope you find these changes to be beneficial as we continue communication as one of our main goals.

Laurie Asher

The Seymour Community School District was established in 1963 as a result of the consolidation of numerous rural schools. The district encompasses 175 square miles of land adjacent to the Fox River Valley Cities of Green Bay and Appleton. The district's 4K through twelfth grade student population is approximately 2,250.

Our district has five schools and also includes an Athletic Center as part of Seymour High School. The Athletic Center includes an Aquatic Center and Fitness Center. These areas are also open to the public for use during the school year and summer months.

# Seymour High School News

Tom Mueller, High School Principal



Congratulations to our Boys Soccer Team. They qualified for the State tournament this year which was held in Milwaukee.



Congratulations to the Swim and Dive Team on winning the Conference Meet. They also were Co-Champs of their conference.



## High School S Club

The Seymour High School S Club was out this Fall helping rake leaves around the community. One of the things we try to instill in our students is the value of volunteering and helping others. The students also had a great time working together for our community.



## Seymour High School FFA

Seymour FFA members traveled to Indianapolis, IN from October 29th to November 2nd to attend the 92nd annual National FFA Convention and Expo. We toured many different places along the way. The first stop was to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago where we went on a tour of a captured submarine, and looked through all the various exhibits. We also stopped at Albanese Candy, Indiana, Veneer, and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument during the trip. We attended workshops, general sessions, and walked through the giant career fair and expo where members could talk to different colleges and career opportunities in agriculture. Some other highlights were listening to the keynote speakers and National FFA Officers motivational speeches throughout the week.





# Seymour Middle School News

Collette Wilichowski, Seymour Middle School Principal

## ITC 8

Students are working on learning how to program Spheros using conditional formatting and loops. Students will be programming their spheros to complete mazes. Having Spheros complete the maze successfully will be worth a C, additional conditionals like loops, lights or sounds can increase the grade to B or A. When the class is done with Spheros the class will be working on increasing their knowledge of using Google Docs, Sheets, Slides.



## SMS Physical Education



During November and December Seymour Middle School students will be participating in a cooperative stations unit during Physical Education class.

Students will utilize citizenship skills, problem solving, critical thinking, and risk taking to solve physical challenges.

Respect, Tolerance, Cooperation, Honesty, Integrity, Problem Solving, Listening and Working together are the characteristics of a good teammate. Evaluation is based upon the ability to work well with others, stay on task, be honest and work together.

Grades are not determined by actual success at a station but the ability to function together as a team and the accomplishment of each challenge.

## SMS Band

Hello from the Seymour Middle School Band world! We have four different performing groups who are starting to prepare for upcoming concerts: the 6th grade band, the 7th grade band, the 8th grade band, and the jazz band. The sixth grade band will be having their very FIRST concert performance on Friday, December 13. The sixth grade choir will be joining them for this concert, and it will be held in the SMS gymnasium starting at 1:30. We're so excited to show friends and family what we have been learning! The 7th grade, 8th grade, and jazz band groups will be putting on their concert Monday, December 9 starting at 6:30 in the SHS auditorium.



The jazz band recently had the opportunity to attend a performance/clinic put on by the UW-Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble. It was a great way to hear a variety of jazz styles played by a talented group of musicians. Students also had the opportunity to interact and ask questions to both college students and the ensemble directors! Our jazz band will have an additional public performance at the Bay Park Square Mall this holiday season. We'll be playing at 11:30 on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

The Seymour Middle School band had wonderful representation at the St. Norbert College Middle Level Honors Band performance on Saturday, November 2, as three of our students were selected as members this year! Congratulations to Emma Thomas, Nicholas Peters, and Coy Stachowicz on this commendable achievement!

# Black Creek Middle School News

Jason Wesenberg, Black Creek Elementary/Middle School Principal



Black Creek students celebrated Homecoming week with a parade throughout the school.

Go Thunder!



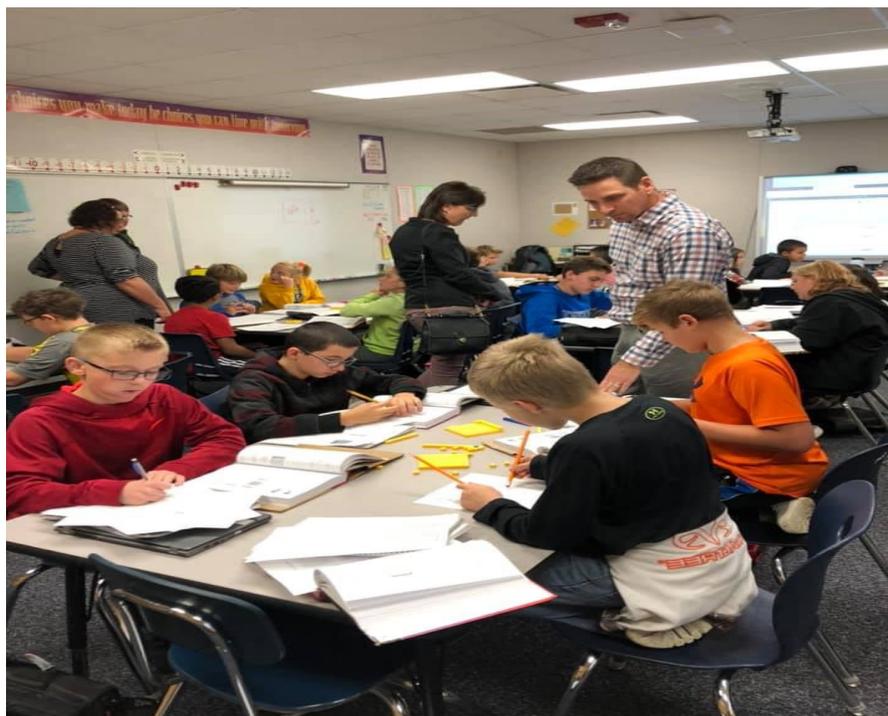
## Concert Dates

December 12 - MS Band & Choir Christmas Concert @ 6:30 pm

May 14 - MS Band & Choir Spring Concert @ 6:30 pm



BC office dresses up for Halloween



Each year the School Board holds a Board tour in which they visit every school in the district to learn about what our students and staff are doing. This year they visited a math classroom as part of the Black Creek visit.



Black Creek Middle School students help to mentor their younger peers through a Buddy Program. They meet monthly to work together on a variety of different activities.



# Black Creek Elementary School News

Jason Wesenberg, Black Creek Elementary/Middle School Principal

## Concert Dates



December 18-Grades

K-2 Christmas Concert @ 6:30 pm

May 20,-Grades 3-5 Spring Concert @ 1:45 pm



Second Graders in Mr. Baranczyk's and Mrs. Tingo's classes at Black Creek Elementary are working on their moon unit. Check out the space vehicles they designed.



## Halloween at Black Creek School

Halloween hit the Black Creek gym early. Students enjoyed a variety of activities from spider toss, rat hockey, ghost toss, pumpkin bowling, to a tunnel. Kids had a lot of fun. They also were given a special treat donated by our families of Black Creek students.



The Black Creek Fire Department visited with 4K-2nd grade students at Black Creek Elementary/Middle School on Thursday, October 10th. In their presentation, the fire fighters taught the children about fire safety and showed the students the equipment they use in emergency situations. The children were reminded to make an escape plan with their family and to practice the plan too. Thank you fire fighters Cory, Justin, and Tim for taking time out of your schedules to make this presentation possible for our students.

# Rock Ledge Intermediate School News

Amy McKeefry, Rock Ledge Intermediate School Principal



## Responsive Classroom

Rock Ledge Intermediate students and staff have been busy implementing Responsive Classroom Morning Meetings everyday. Morning Meetings are an engaging way for classrooms to start each day. The meetings promote building a strong sense of community and set children up for success socially and academically.



Third graders in Mrs. Sheleski's class at Rock Ledge Intermediate were visited by a trickster. They had to unscramble the clues left behind to discover the identity of the culprit. Using teamwork, communication, and persistence, they were successful! Hopefully they will be prepared for the next time that sly fox visits their room.



The Punt, Pass & Kick Competition was held at Rock Ledge Intermediate this year. It is no longer sponsored by NFL, but students really enjoy this activity. Rock Ledge still continues this event with the support of Fuel Up to Play 60.





# Rock Ledge Primary School News

Jamie Inman, Rock Ledge Primary School Principal

## Responsive Classroom at RLPC

We are in our second year of implementation with Responsive Classroom. The Responsive Classroom approach involves a set of practices that build on student academic and social-emotional skills. Morning meeting is one of the practices that we implement daily. During morning meeting, students participate in four main components: Greeting, Sharing, Group Activity and Morning Message. Morning meeting has been very impactful with setting a positive tone for the day.

## Recess is Active at RLPC

RLPC students are active during recess. One of the things the students are excited about is playing in the Gaga Pit. The Gaga Pit is a gentler version of dodgeball. Students engage dodging, jumping, running as they try to hit the ball so it touches the opponents below the knees. Players keep moving as they try to avoid getting hit by the ball. It is a lot of fun and the students have really enjoyed it.



RLP First grade students playing Gaga Ball

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## STEM Day at RLPC

RLPC students participated in a STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) as part of their PBIS Celebration. Each day the students continue to show the Thunder Way as they follow the three rules: 1. Be Respectful, 2. Be Responsible and 3. Be Safe. Every month we celebrate student behavior. To celebrate positive behavior, the teachers each planned a STEM activity to engage and stimulate student creativity and innovation.



Students in Ms. Dzurick's 2nd grade completed Lego challenges.



Students in Mrs. Monfort's 5K completed a Monster challenge.





# District News

## Teaching and Learning Department

Jenny Pierre, Director of Teaching and Learning

What's new in Social Studies? Social Studies is one of the latest curriculum areas to have new state standards. The Vision for Wisconsin Social Studies is that Wisconsin students will become civically-engaged problem-solvers who critically examine their roles in local, regional, state, national, and global communities. Through the study and application of the individual disciplines of social studies (behavioral sciences, economics, geography, history, and political science), students become lifelong learners able to collaborate and thrive in our interdependent world. Something new in the Social Studies standards is the inquiry process. Social Studies Inquiry advances in human knowledge come about not because people can memorize facts or were great at filling out worksheets in school; rather, they come about when people ask questions and pursue those questions in reasoned self-critical ways. Inquiry involves a systematic investigation with five distinct parts: questioning, research, analysis, communication of results, and civic engagement. In our district, K-12 teachers of Social Studies will follow the state's recommendation of a roll out process to understand and then implement the new standards within our curriculum.

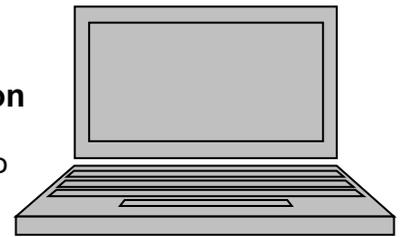


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### Technology Integration

A crafty culprit returned to Mrs. Sheleski's third grade class on Halloween and locked their treats away! Students worked together using communication, persistence, and multiplication and division facts to solve the puzzles and unlock the box.





## Pupil Services Department

Amy Wachewicz, Director of Pupil Services

### ***Allies for ALLSCSD Student Services Department***

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In August of 2015 a group of special educators began an “Allies in Autism” cohort through CESA 6. For two years this talented group of educators worked collaboratively to discuss and implement supports and services for students diagnosed with autism. After this two year cohort finalized, the group decided to continue their work and title their group “Allies for ALL” as they had learned that much of their efforts and findings could benefit ALL of our students in some capacity.

Since this change, the group has provided professional development to district administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals. Topics have included, and continue to include the following:

- Basic Special Education: Part I
- Zones of Regulation
- Positive Reinforcement
- Accommodations and Modifications
- Special Education: Part II
- Panel Discussion: Question/Answer Session for Staff

The Allies for All team includes the following staff members: Rachel Pautz (District School Psychologist), Kelley Selissen (District School Psychologist), Kristen Diermeier (District Speech and Language Pathologist), Jackie Hill (District Program Support Teacher), Jodi Barrington (District Special Education Teacher), Amy Mueller (District Special Education Teacher), and Andrea Smet (District Special Education Teacher).



## Business Department

Pete Kempen, Business Director

In Business Services, we are updating our school nutrition software, so parents and students will be able to identify any possible allergens, as well as having nutritional information to determine which items to choose to eat for meals at school.

Our Maintenance Staff continue to keep our buildings clean and safe. Snow came a little early this year, but we were able to clean it up and will continue to do so throughout the winter.

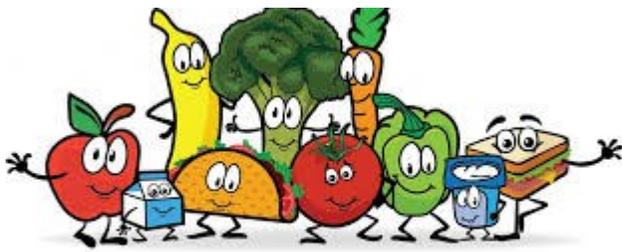
Thanks to our staff for doing a great job!

We are continuing the process of updating the technology education areas and will be hiring an architectural firm to help us determine the best way to use our space for our woods and metals programs, in addition to the mechanics and engineering classes we offer. This has been an incredible growth area for our students, and we believe that we will have the best space for them to use when we are completed!

# District News

## Aquatic & Fitness Center News

The Seymour Community Fitness and Aquatic Center now offers two fitness programs for Active Adults 65+ Silver Sneakers, and Renew Active are free memberships through the members Medicare insurance Company. The insurance company reimburses the School District for up to 10 visits a month Members can attend as many times as they would like at no cost to them. If you know an Active Adult 65+, have them stop by or call the Aquatic center at 920.833.9704 x 615 to find out if they qualify for a free membership.



## Food Services

During National School lunch week, the foodservice program highlighted our Farm to Plate offerings. We had locally purchased beef and pork, that was donated to the School, and the FFA Alumni picked up the processing cost. We also purchased apples and watermelon that were grown locally at Oneida apple orchard and Apple Blossom orchard.



Seymour High School STAN (Students Taking Action Now) students held a Kindness Retreat with all of the district 5th graders. Fifth grade students learned the importance of being kind and how it needs to start with them. They had a day filled with fun activities and learned how to throw "kindness boomerangs" to make their schools a better place.

## Event Accessibility

It is truly important and meaningful to the students when their family, friends, and community members can support them by attending their events. The Seymour Community School District is working to make it easier for all fans to support our students. Within the last 18 months the district has worked to make events more accessible to a variety of people. Whether it is an individual who wants to attend events but lacks mobility, or people who can't make it to events, watching events has been made easier by the district.



Improving accessibility and safety for all our fans started on the Stadium Field with the installment of aisle rails. This makes it easier for individuals to get up and down the bleachers, especially when the bleachers are wet and slippery. Whether it is for soccer or football, fans do not need to worry about slipping as they come to enjoy the game. More recently, aisle rails were installed in the field house. While these bleachers don't have the slip risk that can be true for the stadium field, there are more rows to these bleachers. The rails will allow fans to more easily access their choice of seat for the game.

Sometimes fans are not able to attend events. The district has taken steps to enable people to view events from their own homes. The high school has recently installed the first of two camera systems that will live stream events. The first camera will enable the viewing of events in the field house. This will include most athletic and district events. Events can be watched live or at a later time by accessing the NFHS Network. A subscription is needed to watch athletic events. A second camera will be installed in the summer on the Stadium Field. In all, eight different athletics will be able to be viewed in addition to non-athletic events. Contests at opposing schools who also have NFHS camera systems will also be able to be viewed with this subscription. Support from community groups helped make this possible, including Seymour Basketball Association, TASK, SWISH, Seymour Gridiron Club, Seymour Volleyball Club, SAW, and Thunder Dance Club. We are excited to offer this new way for fans to support our students and for all of our fans to more easily be able to enjoy our events, whether near or far.



More information can be found by going to:

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/seymour-high-school-seymour-wi>.



New staff to our district participate in monthly meetings to orientate them to our district as well as provide just in time staff development. Our new staff have visited Fallen Timbers Environmental Center, Oneida Nation Museum, Muehl Library, Seymour Museum as part of these learning experiences.



# District Information

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Seymour Community School District is to create a cooperative community of people committed to constantly improving learning environments which enable students to demonstrate their uniqueness as persons who are active learners, caring members of society, creative artists, ethical stewards, involved citizens, and productive workers.

## Schools

Seymour High School 920-833-2306  
Seymour Middle School 920-833-7199  
Black Creek Elementary/Middle School 920-984-3396  
Rock Ledge Intermediate School 920-833-7380  
Rock Ledge Primary School 920-833-5155

## Important Reminders

Health and Fitness : The Seymour Community School District offers memberships to our swimming pool and fitness center. For more information go to:

Aquatic Center: [https://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/community/aquatic\\_center.cfm](https://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/community/aquatic_center.cfm)

Fitness Center: [https://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/community/fitness\\_center.cfm](https://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/community/fitness_center.cfm)



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