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Looking Toward Our Future



June 6, 2012 is the last scheduled day for students for the 2011/2012 school year.



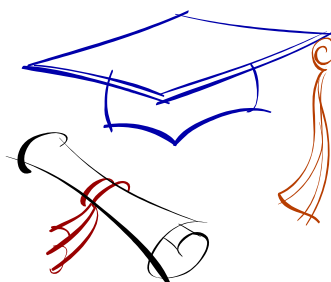
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Seymour High School Graduation Ceremonies Sunday, June 3 High School Field House 2:00 p.m.

Students and their families have prepared for high school graduation for many years. The following guidelines have been established so students in the Class of 2012 may be recognized with dignity and respect.



- All 2012 graduates are to attend graduation practice on Friday, June 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the field house.
- A dress code is in effect for the graduates:

For male graduates: dress pants, shirt and tie, and dress shoes.

For female graduates: appropriate dresses or dress pants and shirt, and dress shoes.

- So families and friends can enjoy the ceremony with minimal distraction, a professional photograph of individual students receiving their diploma will be available to each graduate.
- Guests will be admitted to the field house by ticket only. Each graduate will receive 10 tickets for family and friends. If unused tickets are available, they will be distributed to graduates who register a need in the student services office prior to graduation practice.
- Graduates are expected to obey and respect all school rules. Violations of school rules will result in exclusion from the commencement ceremony and may require graduates to pick up their diploma from school officials at a designated meeting.
- Make sure applause for your graduate does not interfere with the reading of the following graduate's name during the diploma portion of the ceremony.

School Census

If you are new to the district, have moved within the district or have given birth to your first child within the past year, please contact Marilyn Menor at 833-2304 or you may go to our website at www.seymour.k12.wi.us and click on "Census Information". Fill out the form provided and when you are finished, click on the "Submit" button and your information will be emailed directly to Marilyn so we can count your child/children on our school census. We use our census lists to contact families who may be eligible for Early Childhood programs and also for four-year old and five-year old Kindergarten screenings. If you are not sure if you are listed on our census, you may contact Marilyn and she can confirm your information. All children between the ages of new born through 20 years of age are counted on our census.

Thunder Talks

On behalf of the Seymour Community School Counseling Department, we would like to express our gratitude to all parents/guardians and students who participated in the scheduled 5th, 8th and 10th grade Thunder Talks. During Thunder Talks, students share their academic, career, and personal/social development and future plans. Please look for notification to schedule your Thunder Talks.



"MURDER IS A GAME" SPRING PLAY

This year's student production will be "Murder Is A Game" by Fred Carmichael. This fun mystery within a mystery is sure to get your imagination flowing. Please join the fun at 7:00 on May 17, 18 and 19. Tickets will be available at the door.

Academic Achievement and District Statistics 2010-2011

The **Seymour Community School District Performance Report** is available to view from the district home page on our website at www.seymour.k12.wi.us. To request a copy of the SCSD Performance Report, contact Luanne Soliwoda in the district office at 833-2304 ext. 502.



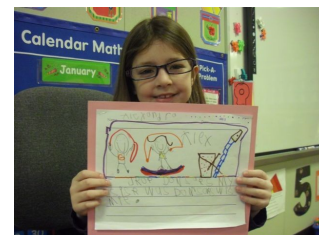
Head Start, a quality preschool program at **no cost** to you, is taking applications for the 2012-13 school year. We also offer 4K/Head Start services for those who qualify. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, contact:

Annette at 920-731-3720 x 119 for more information.



Writer's Workshop in Action...

Over the past month our students have been busy young authors as they eagerly create wonderful writing pieces during the writer's workshop. Please encourage your writer by helping your child realize that daily life is filled with stories that deserve to be told. When something funny, sad, exciting happens in your family...remind them to use that idea for a story! Many times, those "small moments" make the most wonderful stories! Check out the pictures below to see our young authors in action!



Attention Northeastern Wisconsin

Families

As the new area STS representative for this area, I have the pleasure of offering your family the opportunity to host a foreign exchange student for the fall semester. My own experience hosting students has enriched my family and provided a life-long bond with the students and their families. Hosting allows you the opportunity to expand your understanding of the customs, language and knowledge of countries. In my family's experience, we were lucky enough to host a young man from Thailand that we now consider to be a treasured son and a very positive role model for our other children. What an amazing gift!

STS Foundation sponsors an international exchange program for high school students. The program is founded on the belief that international students exchange promotes understanding, respect and good will among people of all nations. Opportunities to increase intercultural awareness are offered to students, parents, host families and communities who are all involved in the exchange experience.

These youngsters are highly motivated and academically outstanding.

As a host family, you will be provided with support, advice and any intervention needed to maximize your positive experience.

If your family or a family you know, would be interested in this experience, please contact:

Jerry Novak

920-360-6380

jlnov7@aol.com

Reading Partnership Program

The Seymour Board of Education has implemented a partnership program connecting kindergarten through 12th grade students who are struggling in reading with a community volunteer.

The School Board is looking for volunteers to work with a child as he or she practices to become a stronger reader.

More information will be coming next fall.

Seymour FFA Anticipates Summer

Though school is coming to an end, Seymour FFA is remaining extremely active in the community. Many major events will be taking place over the summer; including State FFA Convention, the Outagamie County Fair and Farm Tech Days which will be held in Outagamie County this year.

State Convention will be held June 12th-14th in Madison. A group of members will be driven there from Seymour High School and have the opportunity to hear many inspirational speakers, learn about upcoming Ag and FFA opportunities and develop even stronger leadership skills.

Shortly after State Convention, a large committee of Seymour FFA members will be volunteering at Farm Tech Days. The last time this event was held in Outagamie County was in 1981. This year, the event will be taking place in Sugarbush, Wisconsin at the Sugar Creek Farm and the Heideman Farms, from July 17th-19th. This 3-day event educates the public about agriculture and the future it will play in our nation. Many volunteers will be needed and it is a great way to give back to the community and gain volunteer hours.

The Seymour FFA Chapter will also be very involved with the Outagamie County Fair this year. The fair will be held from July 24-29. Like every year, the Chapter will be setting up a Small Animal Barn which will serve as a source of entertainment and education for the many viewers. Some of the Chapter's own FFA members will be showing dairy cattle, rabbits and goats at the fair. The Seymour FFA Alumni also manages the Catch-a-Pig Contest at the fair and members help out and even participate in the contest. FFA is looking forward to a very busy summer.

Olivia Hennes

2011-2012 FFA Reporter

Little Minds Academy 4K

Little Minds Academy has been busy working on the alphabet. We have learned, or are learning, all the names of the letters, their sounds and even some three letter words. Rhyming is fun as we read stories and poems. Learning to read our color words is easy when we sing our songs. My Me Book was the first book we each wrote and illustrated. Now we make books every week. Counting up to 90, by 10's skip counting, making groups of objects up to number 10 and ordering numbers up to 10 is quite an adventure! We do all this playing games and using visuals as our guide. Writing our numbers isn't as easy. Did you know they only have one way to be written? Using dots is a big help to make sure they are written right.

We had some visitors in March and April. Miss Leslie and Chompers came to teach us about taking care of our teeth. Ms. Elizabeth came on pajama day to read. Her stories were about eggs as Easter was just around the corner. Getting ready for Easter included dyeing eggs, decorating baskets, playing games, reading stories, doing projects, singing songs and finding our baskets.

We took a field trip to the Building for Kids. We enjoyed playing restaurant, grocery shopping, taking care of babies, going on a plane ride (some of us got to be pilots), putting out fires, playing in the construction area, water room and doing lots of projects in the Da Vinci studio. The day just wasn't long enough for us. Today we are going swimming in the afternoon. Do you think teachers know how to swim?

I have a lot more to share but I need to stop for now. More fun news next time!

Rosie Wurl
Little Minds Academy



Fall Sports Report Dates

Student athletes please note the following date to report for the start of practice for fall sports:

Football	August 6, 2012
Girls' Golf	August 6, 2012
Soccer	August 6, 2012
Swimming	August 7, 2012
Cross Country	August 13, 2012
Volleyball	August 13, 2012

All participants must have a current physical or alternate card and appropriate forms on file before the first day of practice. For your convenience, instead of attending a sports meeting, all participants and a parent/guardian must view the sports participation video posted on the home page of the high school web site, www.seymour.k12.wi.us/high. This video will be available sometime after June 1, 2012. All forms and verifications are explained in the viewing of this video.

2012-13 Schedule Pick Up

All Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores must have their pictures taken for their id's before they will receive their schedules. Seymour High School has set the following important dates:

Thursday, August 16

Schedule pick up / pictures 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for upper-classmen

Monday, August 20

Freshmen & new student orientation 1:00 or 7:00 session

Monday, August 20

Schedule pick up / pictures at 1:00 or 7:00 for upper-classmen

Tuesday, September 4

School starts at 8:00 a.m. for all students

Start Thinking About Senior Pictures

Dear Junior Parents & Students: Where has the year gone? Now that junior year is almost over, it's time to start thinking about your senior year. This includes senior portraits!



SENIOR PICTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SEYMOUR YEARBOOK **BY NOVEMBER 1**. The photographer will usually take care of this, **HOWEVER**, you will need to make sure that your photographer sends in the picture on time AND that your appointment is **EARLY ENOUGH** for pictures to be available before the deadline. In general, this means that your senior portrait sitting needs to be done before school gets started next year.

Smile beautiful and thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please contact Cindy Otto, Yearbook Advisor, via email cotto@seymour.k12.wi.us or phone (920) 833-2306 ext. 416 with any questions.

Student Leadership

Teens Teaching Bullying Prevention was a year-long project of the high school Student Leadership class. High school students developed and taught 10 bullying prevention lessons to 400 students in both Black Creek and Rock Ledge Intermediate classrooms.



Student leaders wearing their S.T.A.N. (Students Taking Action Now) shirts. The smiley face is named STAN and used as a logo to remind elementary students to act as upstanders. Upstanders are positive with each other and stand up to bullying if they see it happen.



Freshman Taylor Ambrosius and senior Megan Urbanek teaching the first lesson on active listening in a fourth grade classroom at Rock Ledge Intermediate.

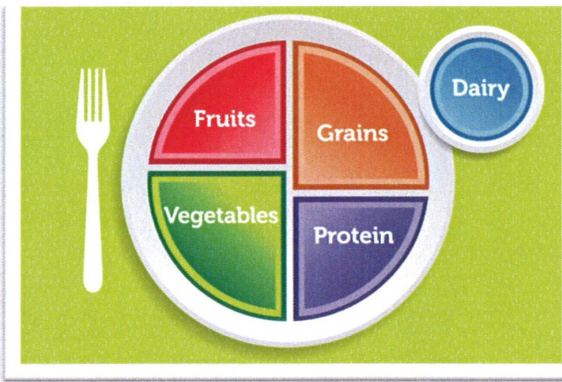


Motivational speaker Matt Glowacki (born without legs) spoke to 3-5 grade students at both Seymour and Black Creek (pictured) about his life experiences and bullying.

Portion Control

Why Discuss? Because we need to know
WHAT to eat and how MUCH To Keep Us
Healthy!

Your Guide: My Plate



One Half of your plate should be made up of fruits and vegetables,
The other half should be whole grains and lean proteins! 3 Meals with 2 Snacks is Key!

Vegetables	Fruits	Grains	Dairy	Protein Foods
Eat more red, orange, and dark-green veggies like tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli in main dishes. Fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables all count. Choose “reduced sodium” or “no-salt-added” canned veggies. **Eat 2½ cups every day A Cup of Broccoli is the size of a Baseball	Use fruits as snacks, salads, and desserts. At breakfast, top your cereal with bananas or strawberries; add blueberries to pancakes. Buy fruits that are dried, frozen, and canned (in water or 100% juice), as well as fresh fruits. **Eat 2 cups every day Remember a baseball is about the size of one cup.	Substitute for refined-grain breads whole-grain choices, bagels, rolls, breakfast cereals, crackers, rice, and pasta. Check the ingredients list on product labels for the words “whole” or “whole grain” before the grain ingredient name. Choose products that name a whole grain first on the ingredients list **Eat 6 ounces every day What counts as an ounce? 1 slice of bread; ½ cup of cooked rice, cereal, or pasta; 1 ounce of ready-to-eat cereal.	Choose skim (fat-free) or 1% (low-fat) milk. They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories. Top fruit salads and baked potatoes with low-fat yogurt. If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or fortified soymilk (soy beverage). **Get 3 cups every day What counts as a cup? 1 cup of milk, yogurt, or fortified soymilk; 1½ ounces natural or 2 ounces processed cheese	Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week, such as seafood, beans and peas, and nuts as well as lean meats, poultry, and eggs. Twice a week, make seafood the protein on your plate. Choose lean meats and ground beef that are at least 90% lean. . *We need to eat 5½ ounces every day

But How can I know what the right portion is?

- A potato should be the size of a computer mouse.
- A ½ (HALF) cup serving is about the size of a light bulb!
- A 3 ounce serving of lean meat is the size of a deck of cards
- A 3 ounce serving of fish is the size of a checkbook
- A 1 ounce serving of lunch meat is the size of a compact disc (CD)
- A 1 cup serving of cereal, pasta, popcorn is the size of a baseball





Community Family Resource Centers, Inc. (CFRC) is a non-profit organization providing family-friendly, affordable entertainment and education for children birth to 5th grade. Located in the Black Creek Elementary School and the Rock Ledge Primary Center, Seymour, CFRC is close and convenient for you and your family. Join us for parent networking, parenting tips, referrals to other agencies and more. All CFRC programs and events are open to *ALL* Seymour Community School District residents.

FREE Summer PACE Playgroups in the Park

During the Parent And Child Enrichment (PACE) Playgroups being held this summer, parents or caregivers and children will work on an art project together, and participate in an activity or game while playing at a local park. A snack will be provided for the children. The playgroups are open to children of any age, but they must be accompanied by an adult. These FREE playgroups offer parents an opportunity to spend time playing with their kids while meeting other local families.

2012 Summer PACE SCHEDULE

In Seymour @ Recknagel Park:

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon

From Tuesday, July 10 to Tuesday, August 14

In Black Creek @ South Park:

Wednesday mornings, 10 am-noon

From Wednesday, July 11 to Wednesday, August 15

**If you like Summer PACE, you'll love CFRC's regular PACE Playgroups starting again in Sept. 2012.
Watch for more information!**

And, watch for Me & My Family Events and Family Education Programs coming this fall!

For more information on any of CFRC events, contact us at cfrc@seymour.k12.wi.us or (920) 833-5155 x703.
Visit our website at www.seymour.k12.wi.us/cfrc.cfm, or "like" CFRC Black Creek/Seymour on Facebook.

How Sweet It Is!



Although the 2012 maple syrup season was short-lived, Seymour Alternative High School students had a sweet taste of it. Students Jade Wendt and Matt Skenandore, along with teacher Jon Murphy, tapped about seventeen maple trees at Fallen Timbers Environmental Center. They collected sap in five-gallon pails, filtered the sap, and cooked it down to syrup. Unfortunately, warm March temperatures slowed the flow of sap to just over a week. One-hundred-forty gallons of sap were collected, which netted three and a half gallons of syrup.



Using Google at the High School
by: John Steltz



Seymour Community High School has gone Google. No, this is not another expression implying students and staff have gone *mad*, *crazy* or even *bonkers*. Rather, going Google means that students and staff are embracing technology as an integral element of their learning process. By signing an agreement with Google, SCHS has committed to make use of Google's various Apps and functions for students and staff. Documents and presentations can now be collaboratively created and shared among students and staff. Along with all created documents, the wide variety of apps, including video storage, creating google websites and collaboration in google groups, are all available on *the cloud*, meaning students and staff will have access to

these great opportunities anywhere in the world where they have internet access. Furthermore, with the technology opportunities Google offers, there will be less paper used as documents and presentations can be shared electronically.

Teachers at SCHS have already been working with Google Docs and Google Apps and have been steadily integrating their use and knowledge into the classroom with students. The use of *Seymour-Live*, SCHS's own domain and URL shared with Google, will assist students in becoming more literate with technology and its uses for jobs and post-secondary education.

It's an exciting time for teachers and students to be working together in classrooms enhanced by 21st Century technology. Ultimately, students will be better prepared for the expectations of employers and college professors as they leave high school.



THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

No school for students on October 25th and 26th

First Semester Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Seymour High School and Seymour Middle School the evenings of October 18th and November 15th and all day November 19th

First Semester Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Rock Ledge and Black Creek the evenings of November 8th and November 15th and all day November 19th

No school for students November 19-23

Winter Break is scheduled from December 24th through January 1st

No school for students on February 18th

Spring Break is scheduled March 28th through April 1st

Last day of school is June 7th provided there are no make-up days

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