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Seymour Community School District



May 2013

Looking Toward Our Future

School days to be extended by six minutes beginning May 8. See page 3.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR THE
2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR
WILL BE
FRIDAY, JUNE 7
DISMISSAL AROUND 2:00 PM
HAVE A SAFE AND FUN
SUMMER

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Seymour High School Graduation

Sunday, June 2, 2013

Seymour 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 2013 may be recognized with dignity and respect.

- All 2013 graduates are to attend graduation practice on Friday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. in the field house. A picnic for the graduates will follow practice.
- The recommended dress code for graduates is:
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 may result in exclusion from the commencement ceremony and may require graduates to pick up their diploma from school officials at a designated meeting.

Local Student Nominated To Compete In National Award Program

Christopher Kollath, a Seymour Community High School senior has been nominated to compete in the national 2012-13 Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship & Principal's Award.

Michael Flaherty, Principal, Seymour Community High School, announced the nomination, which places Christopher in the national competition. Chris now has the opportunity to compete for a \$2,000, \$5,000, \$8,500 or \$12,000 scholarship.



Participating high school principals (from across the country) could nominate one senior high student to compete in this year's program. Winners are recognized for exemplary leadership qualities and academic success.

While at Seymour Community High School, Chris has been active in Robotics, Science Club, Band, French Club, Thunder Stage Guild, Academic Decathlon, and Beat the Heat. He has also participated in theatre and worked tech for the musicals. Chris had been on the honor roll all four years. He also competed at the Robotics World Championship in Anaheim, California. Outside of school Chris is a Sunday school volunteer, founder/supporter of Tag (thetagmovement.org), and has taken part in the Wisconsin Leadership Seminar. Chris' future plans include acceptance to Marquette's 7 year fast track Dental Scholar's Program. He is the son of Catherine and Jon Kollath.

"Win, Lose, or Die"

This year's student production will be "Win, Lose or Die" by Eileen Moushey and directed by Eiley Schiffer. This classic game show is filled with wit and whimsy. Join the lyrical host, Sparky, and our cast of crazy contestants as they try to solve the murder of one of their own. Come see the show on May 9th and 10th at 7:00 or May 11th at 1:00 for a game winning night. Tickets will be available at the Seymour Community High School Auditorium door for \$5.00. Bring a canned food item to receive \$1 off the price of admission. Donations will go to the Seymour Community Food Pantry.



Start Thinking About Senior Pictures

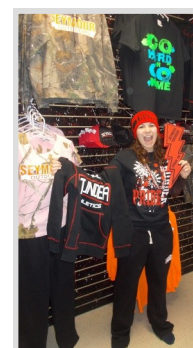
Dear Junior Parents & Students: Where has the year gone? Now that junior year is almost over, it's time to start thinking about your senior year. This includes senior portraits!

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.

ThunderZone

Thunderzone would like to thank the public for purchasing apparel and supporting Seymour Community High School. The Store is closed for the rest of the year. This year brought you new designs of: Wear Red Be Proud, Thunder Pride, Established In, Thunder Athletics, Quarter Zip, Seymour Outdoors, Go Hard or Go Home. We hope to see you next year when we open in September.



Broadband Demand Survey

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC-W) are partnering to promote a **residential and business broadband demand survey** open now through the end May, 2013. This is part of the larger LinkWisconsin project (<http://www.link.wisconsin.gov>).

By encouraging parents to complete this survey we hope that we can begin to address the digital divide many of our students throughout the state face and bring the broadband needed in our schools and classrooms.

We'd like you to do two things that will take minimal amounts of time:

- Promote the survey on your website (we have a badge ready to go here: <http://goo.gl/V07aH>)
- Send home or publish in your school or district newsletters an article explaining why the survey is needed and where to access it. Feel free to modify to suit your local needs.
 - short version - <http://goo.gl/B9K9U>
 - longer version - <http://goo.gl/Qj7pW>

The better the response, the better data DPI and PSC has to encourage public and/or private entities to develop a plan for fast, inexpensive broadband across all of Wisconsin!

Academic Achievement and District Statistics 2011-2012

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.

2013-14 Schedule Pick Up

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

Tuesday, August 13

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

Monday, August 19

Freshmen & new student orientation 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. sessions

Monday, August 22

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

FALL SPORTS REPORT DATES

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

Football	August 5, 2013
Girl's Golf	August 12, 2013
Soccer	August 12, 2013
Swimming	August 13, 2013
Cross Country	August 19, 2013
Volleyball	August 19, 2013

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 after July 1, 2013. All forms and verifications are explained in the viewing of this video.

Extended School Days Due to Snow Days and Weather Delays

The Seymour Community School District will add 6 minutes at the end of each school day beginning Wednesday, May 8 to make up for lost instructional time due to weather closures and late starts.

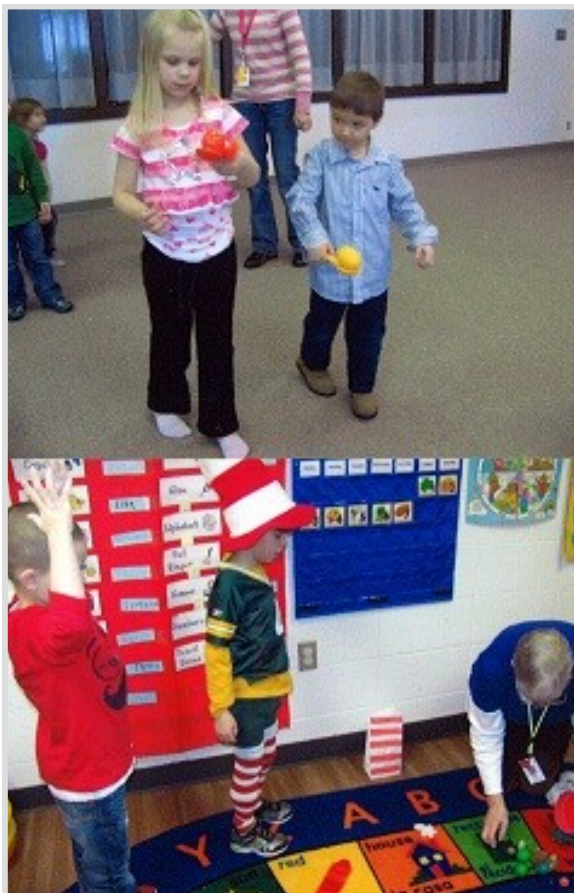
District Administrator Peter Ross said the district is short about 150 minutes as required by state Department of Public Instruction rules governing days and minutes of instruction.

"In lieu of adding a partial day, we will be adding six minutes to the end of each instructional day starting

Wednesday, May 8, through the end of the school year," Ross said. "Dismissal on the last day, June 7, will be at 2 p.m. This action will bring us to the required number of minutes."

4K Little Minds Academy

Little Minds Academy has been hard at work getting ready for the transition to 5K. We have just finished learning the entire alphabet, (letters and sounds) and are working on opposites, rhyming, and listening for beginning sounds. We have learned how to spell some easy words, including the color words as we sing them to songs we already know. We are counting to 85 and by 10's and 5's. Wow it sure is shorter by 10's. We welcomed a new student, Xavier, to our room this semester. Sure is nice to have another boy. Gym class is fun as we are running, jumping, skipping and jogging around the room as well as bouncing balls and playing with hula hoops. We celebrated Valentine's Day, Dr. Seuss Day, with hats, ties and yes, eating green eggs and ham, and, we had an Easter egg hunt. We will finish the year with some field trips and family days. We manage to keep busy, happy and healthy. Come join us as we venture through the rest of the year. We have made many friends, shared many ideas and our families are



Fallen Timbers Wish List

Are you looking for a way to help at Fallen Timbers, but just don't have the time? Donations will be happily accepted and are tax deductible!! Money donated specifically for something on the list below or a donation of the item to Fallen Timbers will be accepted. Another option would be to donate money for part of an item. Donations can be made through the Friends of Fallen Timbers website at <http://fallen-timbers.org/> or a check can be sent to Fallen Timbers at W4531 Robin Rd. Black Creek, WI 54106 (920) 984-3700.

Thank you, in advance, for considering Fallen Timbers.

***Remember: All donations to the Friends of Fallen Timbers group are tax deductible.

Bird Seed

White Copy Paper

Clear Contact Paper (arts and crafts)

Pencils

Arts and Crafts Supplies – markers, crayons, glue, scissors

Cleaning Supplies – paper toweling, garbage bags

Postage

Insect viewers (magnifying glasses)

GPS Units – \$100-\$110 a piece

Snowshoes – \$200-250 a pair

Cross Country Skis

Cross Country Boots

Cross Country Poles

Insect Nets – \$75-80 each, wood-handled, scientific dip nets

Taxidermy stuffed animals (skunk, porcupine, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, woodchuck, etc.)

Old tools (cross-cut saw and lumbering tools)

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

Each year thousands of students from around the world come to the United States to study under a U.S. Department of State program designed to promote understanding, respect, and goodwill among peoples of all nations. Since 1986, STS Foundation has placed hundreds of foreign exchange students, 15 to 18 years of age, in American high schools with American families who act as hosts

for the students. These youngsters are highly motivated and outstanding academically. The majority of these students demonstrate great proficiency in English.

My own experience hosting students has enriched my family in learning about another culture and provided a life-long bond with the student and his family. Hosting provides the opportunity to expand understanding of the customs, language, and knowledge about other countries thus enriching the families and communities they become integrated into. What an amazing gift!

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

This year we have young ladies from Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland attending Seymour High School. They have been excellent students who not only inspire a positive school work ethic but share much cultural enrichment and deep and meaningful relationships with their peers and host families. Very often they express and instill a new appreciation in our own children for the wonderful country we are privileged to live in.

We have several students who want to attend Seymour High School next year and need families to host them. These students come from Italy, Sweden, New Zealand, Brazil, Mexico, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Ecuador, China, and Thailand. They have many varied interests which we will try to match with your family interests.

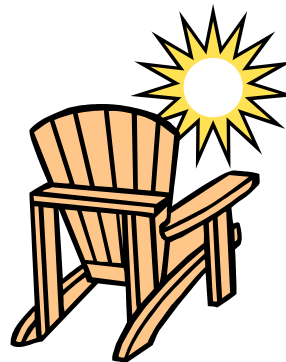
If your family or another family who you know, would be interested in this experience, please contact

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STS Foundation.org



How to be safe when schools out for Summer!



- 1) Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe this summer is to enroll in age-appropriate swim lessons. Do not go near water if you are not able to swim. Life Vests are a simple way to prevent deaths from drowning. Vests save Lives!



- 2) Protect Yourself from the Sun! Wear sunscreen at all times. The sun emits harmful ultraviolet rays. To prevent skin damage or skin cancer wear sunscreen with SPF of 30. Wear sun hats to cover exposed areas of the face. A TIP is to wear SPF lip protection, such as SPF chapstick. Lips are a common skin cancer location. Don't forget your eyes! UV rays can cause eye damage so use ultraviolet lenses for your sunglasses. Protection is KEY!



- 3) WATER WATER WATER! Don't leave the house without bringing a bottle of water with you. In warm temperatures our body's need extra water. Thirst and dry mouth are early signs of dehydration.



- 4) BUG PROTECTION: Mosquitos, ticks, and bees are very common for our area this time of the year, with the potential of carrying harmful disease. Before outside activities apply bug repellant. If playing in wooden or high grass areas wear socks, long pants, and sleeves especially in the morning and at dusk. Avoid areas with standing water. This provides a defense in case you encounter these pests. West Nile Virus- can come from mosquitoes, and Lyme's disease from ticks.



- 5) Protect your Brain-Wear A HELMET! When rollerblading, biking, skateboarding, or scooter riding ALWAYS wear your helmet! This can be an EASY thing to prevent brain injury if you're involved in any accidents.



- 6) **KEEP cold food cold and hot food hot!** Food borne illnesses increase in the summer because bacteria grow faster in warmer temperatures and humidity. More people are eating and preparing food outdoors at picnics and barbecues, where *refrigeration* and places to wash hands are not readily available. **Food is considered contaminated when left unrefrigerated for more than 2 hours.** For More Tips: Visit the American Red Cross.org & <http://life.familyeducation.com>



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/Middle 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 for six weeks, 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. Different weekly themes are incorporated into the art projects and activities/games. 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. The playgroups offer parents an opportunity to spend time playing with their kids while meeting other local families. PACE Playgroups are FREE, but donations are appreciated.

2013 Summer PACE SCHEDULE

In Seymour @ Recknagel Park:

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon

From Tuesday, July 9 to Tuesday, August 13

In Black Creek @ South Park:

Wednesday mornings, 10 am-noon

From Wednesday, July 10 to Wednesday, August 14

**If you like Summer PACE, you'll love CFRC's regular PACE Playgroups starting again in Sept. 2013.
Watch for more information!**

CFRC's Me & My Family Day with the Green Bay Bullfrogs

Area families – join CFRC for a day of baseball fun during the Me & My Family Day with the Green Bay Bullfrogs coming up on Sunday, July 21, for a 1:35 pm game. Package cost with CFRC is \$15 per person. *The regular cost is \$26 per person.* The Green Bay Bullfrogs package includes a general admission ticket, a Bullfrogs Baseball hat, and a voucher for a hot dog and soda. The Green Bay Bullfrogs will be playing the La Crosse Loggers on Sunday, July 21. **Watch for more information on purchasing your Green Bay Bullfrogs tickets through CFRC!**

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.**



THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

No school for students on October 24th and 25th

First Semester Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Seymour High School and Seymour Middle School the evenings of October 17th and November 21st and all day November 25th

First Semester Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Rock Ledge and Black Creek the evenings of November 14th and November 21st and all day November 25th

No school for students November 25th through November 29th

Winter Break is scheduled from December 23rd through January 1st

No school for students on February 17th

Spring Break is scheduled April 18th and April 21st

Last day of school is June 6th provided there are no make-up days

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