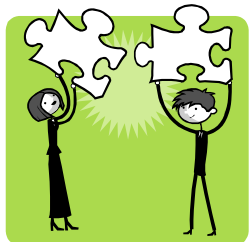


Student Services Newsletter

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...**putting the pieces together...**

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DON'T FORGET!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Be sure to stop by to visit your children's teachers!

Two nights to choose from:

Tuesday, November 13 4-8PM

Or

Thurs, November 15 4-8PM

7TH & 8TH GRADE COURAGE RETREAT

On October 30th all 7th & 8th graders participated in a Courage Retreat, which was facilitated by Youth Frontiers (YF) of Minneapolis, MN. This interactive and dynamic Retreat, which was held in the high school gym, was filled with both small group and large group activities that students found refreshing and energizing. It was a day to inspire students to follow their hearts instead of the crowd, use courage and make responsible decisions despite their fears. The three key learning objectives for the Retreat were:

1. Identify personal fears and understand that everyone has them.
2. Commit to acting with courage to make school a better place.
3. Deepen relationships with classmates to break down social barriers.

Music was used during the large group activities to reinforce the YF message and give students a chance to expend energy. Throughout the day, students took breaks from the high-energy activities to talk about courage and be active listeners. The Retreat Day culminated with sharing; giving students the chance to be heard by their class. After the Retreat, students will follow up with videos, online evaluations, classroom materials and posters to help extend the impact of the day.



P.A.R.T.Y. at the P.A.C.

On Thurs, Oct. 4 all sophomores attended the P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Program at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton. This event was provided through a grant from the Theda Clark Medical Center Foundation. The program objective is to improve health and safety of teenagers through a high-energy, high impact presentation. Students saw skits related to alcohol and drugs, and texting while driving. They listened to trauma surgeons presenting their experiences, and heard from both trauma survivors AND those who caused the accidents. The program continues to provide an eventful and enlightening experience for all students.

ACT TEST DATES

State mandated...

All juniors will take ACT Feb. 20th

Scores can be used for college admission

Other National Test Dates

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Deadline – Jan. 11, 2019

APRIL 13, 2019

Deadline – Mar. 8, 2019

JUNE 8, 2019

Deadline – May 3, 2019

Exams every other month through June allow students to retake the ACT if necessary. Cost of the test is \$50.50 (\$67.00 with the writing test.) Check with the colleges at which you are applying to see if the ACT writing test is required. You must apply online at www.actstudent.org. **Be sure to include our high school code (500880) when filling out your application.** Most importantly, **DON'T FORGET TO PREP AHEAD OF TIME.** There are numerous FREE ACT practice websites online including the new ACT Academy, which all juniors received information on last week.

Gotta Laugh!!

I was in the car with my four-year-old granddaughter, Lily, when the song "Girl on Fire" by Alicia Keys started playing. At the end of the song, Lily said, "Grandma, that girl should just stop, drop and roll!"

Accuplacer Testing and Fox Valley Tech visit to HHS

New in 2018-19: Students who have applied to FVTC only need to take the Accuplacer placement test if they don't meet the ACT benchmark scores or have a cumulative GPA below 2.75. The tests, taken on the Internet, require about 1½ hours to complete and are scored immediately. Results are sent electronically to the technical college. **Seniors who indicated an interest in Fox Valley Tech will be tested, if necessary, at the high school.**

An admissions counselor from FVTC met with interested seniors on Nov. 5th to help with the admissions process and to answer any questions they may have had. Please call Student Services if you need more information on FVTC or the Accuplacer test.

2018 NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

To help promote tobacco, alcohol and drug awareness the Middle School observed **Red Ribbon Week** from October 22-26. This year's theme was: **"Life is a Journey, Travel Drug Free"**. Each weekday had a special theme and the students were able to dress up according to that theme.

To kick off the week, **Monday** was **Wear Red Day**. **Tuesday** was **Put a Cap on Drugs** and kids got to wear their favorite hat. **Wednesday's** theme, **Put a Sock on Drugs**, had students wearing crazy socks! **Thursday's** theme was, **Be on a Drug Free Team**. Kids got to wear their favorite team gear. And on **Friday** we celebrated **Shade Out Drugs Day**. Students came to school wearing their favorite, wacky, sunglasses!

Our students are also competing in the National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest for a chance to win an iPad and \$1000 for their school.

Help us win by voting every day through Nov. 16th. Share our entry with your friends and family. Voters can **vote one time per 24 hour period per entry** – and must confirm their email address before their first vote is counted. **Link to vote:** <http://wshe.es/WOpvnYhQ>. Winners will be announced on December 3rd.



Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship



Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship program is part of a statewide School-to-Work initiative offered through the WI Department of Workforce Development. It is designed for high school juniors and seniors who want hands on learning in an occupational area at a worksite along with classroom instruction.

This one or two year elective program combines academic and technical instruction. Students are simultaneously enrolled in academic classes to meet high school graduation requirements, in a youth apprenticeship related instruction class, and are employed by a participating employer under the supervision of a skilled mentor.

Interested students must be in good standing, both academically and in discipline/attendance, and complete the application process by the March 1st deadline. Students should contact Ms. Pospychala to see if they qualify for this program.

More detailed information is available online at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship>.

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

Dennis Waitley



Chores Build Responsibility

Taken from *Parents Make the Difference Newsletter*

One of the best ways to teach your preschooler responsibility is to give him chores at home. It teaches him that maintaining a home is a family effort and that he is an important part of the family. If your child is at least 3 years old, he can do things such as:

- **Set and clear the table.** Have him start with the silverware. Gradually expand the job to include plates and cups.
- **Feed dry food** to family pets and give them fresh water.
- **Clean using simple tools**, such as a feather duster, small hand broom, or lightweight handheld vacuum.
- **Help with laundry.** He can put dirty clothes in a laundry basket or put clean clothes in drawers.
- **Help with simple cooking jobs**, such as stirring ingredients and pouring liquids.
- **Pick up toys.** Have him pick them up on a daily basis before bedtime.

LEADERS OF THE PACK & FRESHMEN

After the Freshman Summit in August, what happens next? The Leaders of the Pack continue to meet with their freshmen in group settings throughout the school year. The first small group meeting took place near the end of the 1st quarter to see how our freshmen are adjusting to high school. This was a great time for discussion of academic issues-both good and bad. Leaders of the Pack got to share their tips on surviving tough freshmen courses and how to be successful in high school. The next large group get together will take place near the end of December.

Important Dates

Nov. 13 & 15 –4:00-8:00pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 16 – No School

Nov. 21 – Early Release at noon

Nov. 22-23 – Thanksgiving break (no school)

Nov. 29 – UW-Fox Valley rep visit

Fri, Dec. 7 – Elementary winter concert

Sat, Dec. 8 – ACT testing at area schools

Fri, Dec. 14 – Middle school band and choir winter concert

Mon, Dec. 17 – High school band and choir winter concert

Dec. 24-Jan. 1– Christmas break (no school)

Jan. 2-30– Academic Advising for grades 8-11

Fri, Jan. 11 – Registration deadline for the Feb. 9 ACT test

Fri, Jan. 18 – End of 1st Semester

Mon, Jan. 21 – No School (Teacher Work Day)

Mon, Jan. 28 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

WOLF BUDDIES SCHOOL WIDE OCTOBER PROJECT

The first ever, school wide Wolf Buddies project took place on Thurs, Oct. 18th in the south parking lot of the school complex. All 7th through 12th grade students (Bigs) were paired up with Kindergarten through 6th grade students (Littles). Bigs and Littles then split up among numerous activities, which included: pumpkin bowling, spider web, bean bag toss, toilet paper mummies, crepe paper fence designs, and the carving of over 200 pumpkins. Students also got to eat caramel apple slices! District Superintendent, Mr. Sweere had these comments, "It was great to see the interaction between our BIGS and LITTLES - so many smiling faces and good chatter! Special thanks to Mr. Wesener and Mrs. Remington for taking the time to set this up and to any others who helped them get things ready! This was truly a group effort with help from all of the staff. These are special moments that we need to continue to build on!" The pumpkins were transported to the Brillion Nature Center for their pumpkin walk on Oct. 20th. A HUGE thank you to Peter's Pumpkin Patch for donating all of the pumpkins, Heritage Orchard for donating all of the apples, the Hilbert Potter Optimists for their monetary donation for supplies, and anyone else who helped with donations. We couldn't have done it without your generous support!



MS BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM

Mrs. Brown, the district media specialist, started the birthday book program 9 years ago in the elementary school using funds from the Book Fairs. This year the program was expanded to the middle school. When asked to comment, Mrs. Brown stated, "Each month students who are celebrating their birthdays come to the library to pick out a Birthday Book. These books are theirs to keep and enjoy at home and with their families. Students who have summer birthdays are invited in during the month of their half birthday, insuring that all of our students get to bring home a book each year. Our goal is to get as many books into the hands and homes of students as possible. It is important the kids and families have quality reading materials at home, as well as at school. A huge thank you to the Hilbert Potter Optimists for their donation and enthusiastic help with this program. I am excited for the expansion of the Birthday Book program and continuing it for years to come."

