



Black Hawk School District

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December 2023

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Division 7 State Football Championship Game

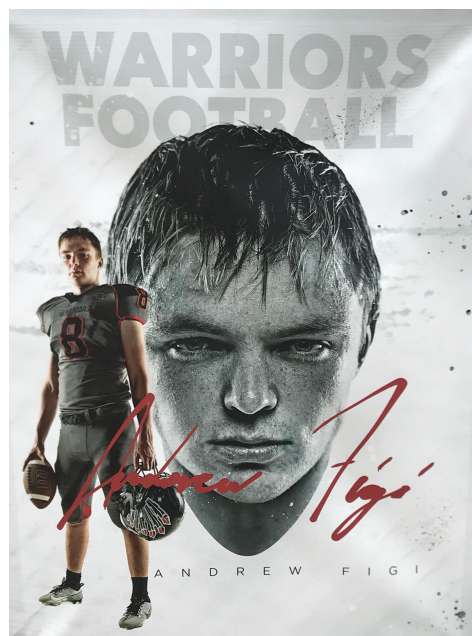


Congratulations to the Black Hawk/Warren Football team on playing in the Division 7 State Championship. Black Hawk/Warren was the Division 7 state football runner-up. They brought home the silver ball to make it the sixth state appearance by the Black Hawk football program and second with Warren.

Figi Earns Postseason Awards

Andrew Figi was named **All-Region Defensive Back** and **Honorable Mention All-State Defensive Back**. Andrew finished the year with 76 total tackles and 12 interceptions, which put him with the second most interceptions in the whole state of Wisconsin.

Congratulations Andrew!



Six Rivers All-Conference Football Awards

Black Hawk/Warren had 18 players receive all-conference awards in the Six Rivers Conference. That was the most awards for any team in the conference. Black Hawk/Warren had 8 first team all-conference nominations, 6 second team nominations, and 4 honorable mention nominations. Congratulations to all the all-conference award winners!

1st Team Offense

Running Back	Lane Marty	Black Hawk/Warren
Running Back	Owen Seffrood	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Brady Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Drew Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren

1st Team Defense

Defensive End	Brady Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren
Inside Linebacker	Drew Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren
Cornerback	Andrew Figi	Black Hawk/Warren
Safety	Lane Marty	Black Hawk/Warren

2nd Team Offense

Quarterback	Eli Schliem	Black Hawk/Warren
Wide Receiver	Andrew Figi	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Will Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren

2nd Team Defense

Down Lineman	Jaryn Fonseca	Black Hawk/Warren
Inside Linebacker	Will Stietz	Black Hawk/Warren
Outside Linebacker	Owen Seffrood	Black Hawk/Warren

Honorable Mention Offense

Tight End/H-Back	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Jaryn Fonseca	Black Hawk/Warren

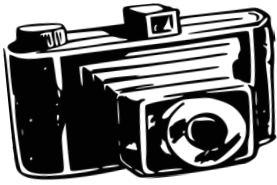
Honorable Mention Defense

Safety	Eli Schliem	Black Hawk/Warren
Punter	Andrew Figi	Black Hawk/Warren

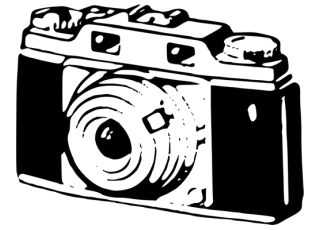
Sportsmanship Award - Drew Stietz Black Hawk/Warren

Six Rivers Conference Assistant Coach of the Year - Michael Flanagan Black Hawk/Warren

School Pictures are Ready!



Pictures are online please click on the link below.
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BLACK HAWK SCHOOLS

Elementary Event Code: FE39123
Middle School Event Code: FE161323
High School Event Code: FE161223

Black Hawk Student Council



During Socktober, students wore their crazy socks every Friday and donated \$1.00 to Kindness for Carson. We were able to raise \$123.00.



2023 Black Hawk FFA Lunch with Santa

The Black Hawk FFA invites you to join us for "Lunch with Santa" on Saturday, **December 9th**, from **9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.** to be held at the Black Hawk High School. The admission is \$7 per child; children not from Black Hawk are also welcome. Lunch with Santa will include lunch, a picture with Santa, and a gift for Mom and Dad (students will also get to do a few craft and snack projects along with multiple interactive activities). Please complete the bottom portion of this announcement and return it to the elementary teachers by December 6th. Mark your calendars for this exciting day! (please note that your child is to be picked up promptly at 11:30 a.m.)

Thank you, and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Black Hawk FFA.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Child/Children and age: _____

Allergies: _____

Please send the above information and attach your \$7 per child back to the school by **Wednesday, December 6th, 2023**. Thanks for your participation. We look forward to seeing you!



Information on Influenza

The “flu”, also called Influenza, is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It starts around November and is usually seen up through March. It can be mild in nature or very severe, requiring hospitalization. It is different from a cold in that it usually comes on suddenly. Common symptoms of the flu are as follows:

- *Fever or feeling feverish with chills—not everyone will have a fever
- *Cough
- *Sore throat
- *Runny or stuffy nose
- *Muscle and body aches
- *Fatigue (tiredness)
- *Headache
- *Children may have vomiting or diarrhea, not common in adults.

Usually when a person gets the flu they can recover in a few days up until 2 weeks. However, pneumonia is a complication of the flu and can be life-threatening. Other complications from getting the flu are bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections. The flu can also make certain health conditions worse. For example, adults and children who have asthma will most likely have more asthma attacks because of having the flu.

Flu is spread to others up to 6 feet away by droplets when a person sneezes, coughs or talk. Another way the virus spreads, though not as common, is through touching surfaces with the flu virus and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. Washing hands or using alcohol-based hand rub is the single best method for preventing spread of the flu.

Those at higher risk for getting the flu are the elderly, people who have chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, and young children. Influenza is unpredictable, it varies from person-to-person and one season to another. Vaccination is one of the best ways to avoid the illness.

If you or your child gets the flu please stay home until the fever is gone without the use of medicine for at least 24 hours. Limit contact with others and wash your hands often.

Please see the following information for parents and having a child with influenza from the CDC.

October Employee of the Month

Rebecca Neff



Please join me in congratulating Rebecca Neff as the October Employee of the Month. Rebecca was nominated by multiple peers for all the hard work she is doing this year trying to manage the behaviors of some of our challenging kiddos, as well as provide support for our paraprofessionals. Rebecca has taken on more than her share in accommodating the multiple shifts in aide schedules and filling in when we cannot find substitute teachers. Even though the beginning of this school year has brought many challenges, she comes to school each day with a positive attitude. Despite the hectic schedule, Rebecca also organized a pumpkin painting contest in the elementary school. Huge shout out to Rebecca for her efforts this school year.

School Board of Education

The Board holds a regular business meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open public meetings unless otherwise noted. Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5400 for information.

President-Dee Paulson
Vice President-Jim Baumgartner
Treasurer-Val Dunlavey
Clerk-Jason Figi
Member-Kerry Holland
Member-Clayton Ruegsegger
Member-Mindy Stauffacher



Revtrak

Pay fees online! You can pay your fees online. Visit Rev Track <https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/> to pay lunch money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals and more. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.

STATE TESTING

ACT Plus Writing---All Juniors

Black Hawk students in grade 11 will take the ACT with writing® which includes Reading, Math, English, Science, and Writing. The ACT is an in-person assessment that will be administered at school.



Save the date for March 12th or March 26th, 2024 (We can now choose between these two dates, if we take the later date the Make-up window will be on April 9) We will be making the decision by January so students can plan accordingly.

PreACT—All Freshman and Sophomores

The PreACT is a summative assessment that measures what students have learned in the areas of: English, Reading, Math, and Science. The PreACT is an online assessment that may help to predict how a student will perform on the ACT when they reach 11th grade and their readiness for college-level coursework.

March 18th-April 26th-Dates will be finalized by February

Forward Exam Testing Window

The Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year at:

- grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics,
 - grades 4 and 8 in Science and,
 - grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies.

Grades 3-8 & 10th---March 18-April 26, 2024

For further information visit the accountability section of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment>

Mrs. McCauley,
District Assessment Coordinator

Black Hawk Drama Department Presents

SHREK

The Musical



Friday, March 22nd: 7 PM

Saturday, March 23rd: 7 PM

Sunday, March 24th: 2 PM

Book and Lyrics by

David Lindsay-Abaire

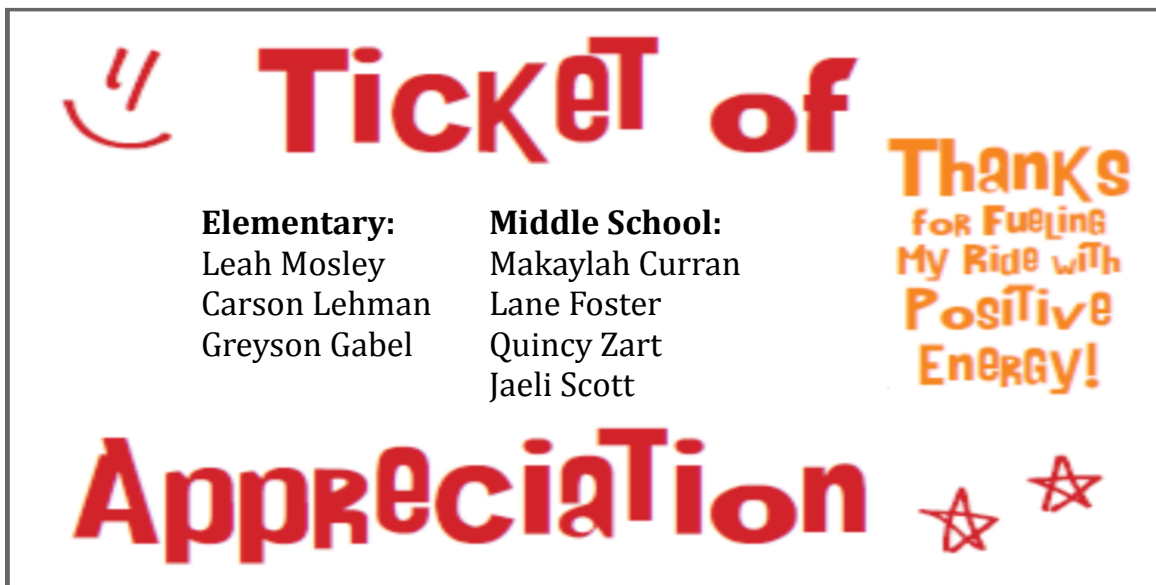
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Black Hawk School Gymnasium

\$5 General Admission

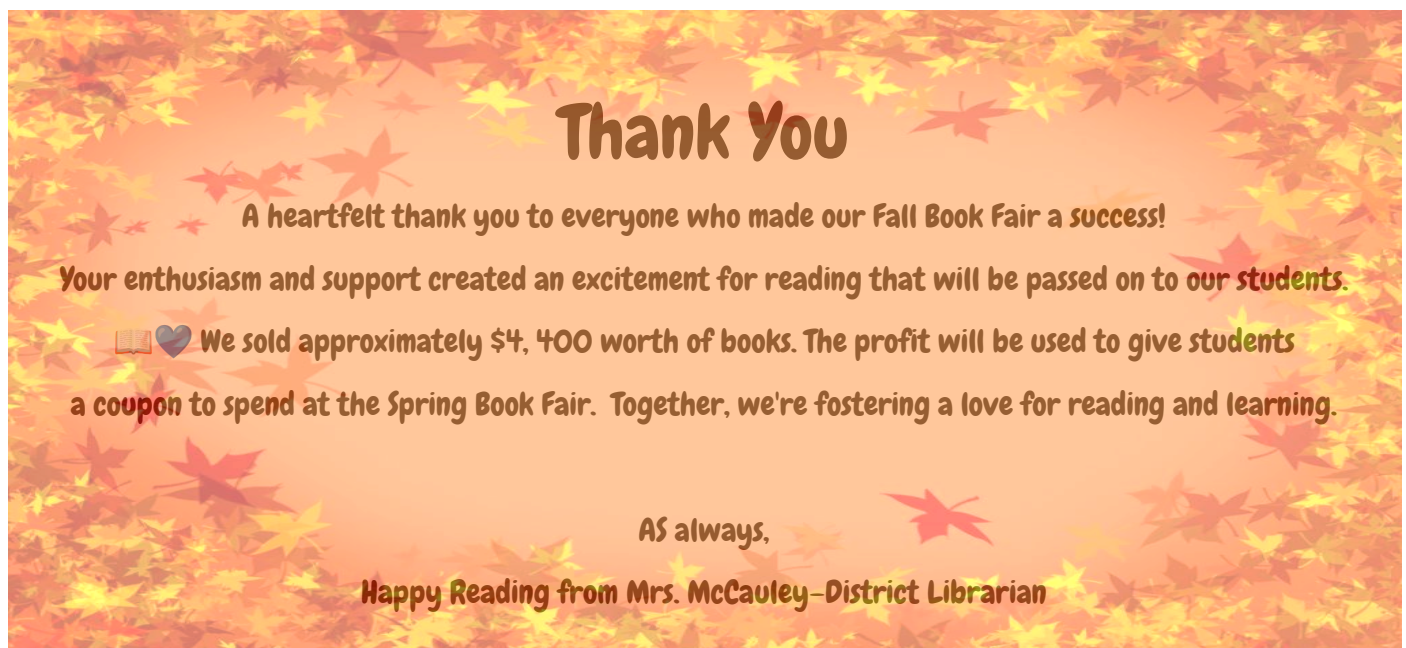
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The **Black Hawk Area Food Pantry** serves families of the Black Hawk school district.

*Just a reminder that the Food Pantry is open every **third Thursday** of the month during the hours of **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**.

We are located at:
102 West Center St.
South Wayne, WI



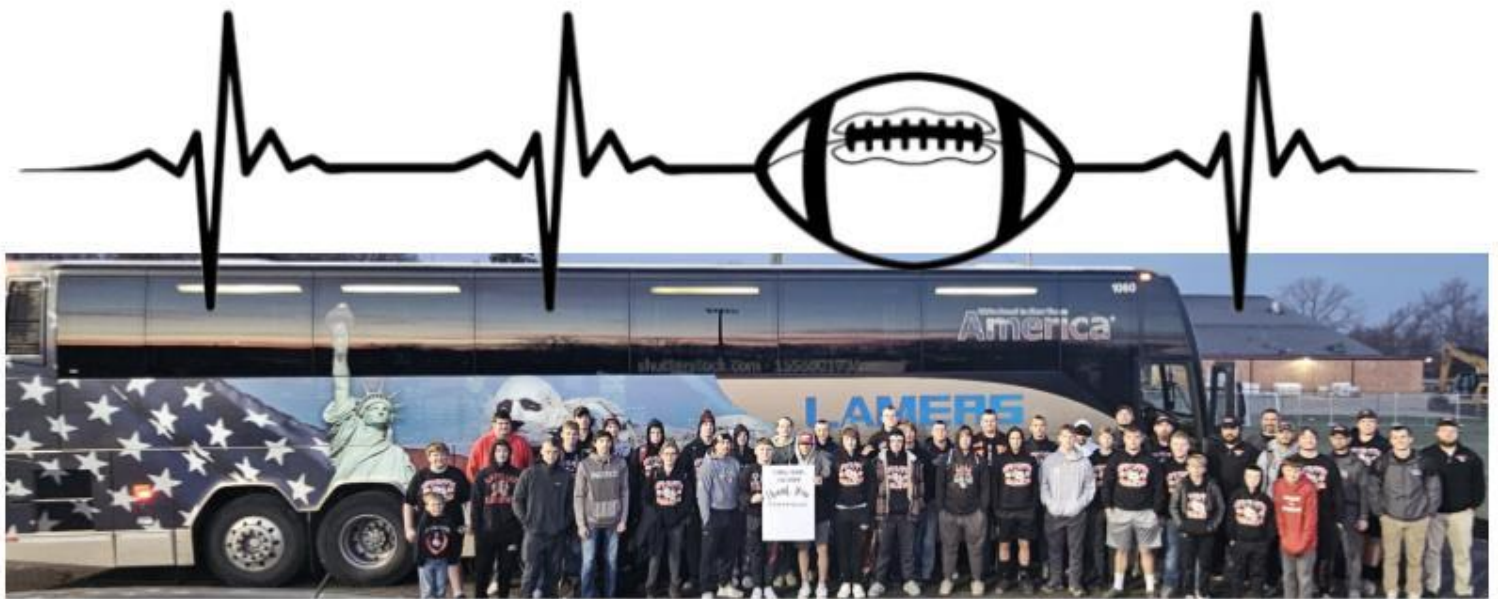


Lucas Stietz was our Zero the Hero!
He read a story to Mrs. Leja's 4k class.
Nice job Lucas!



On Wednesday, November 8, the seventh-grade ELA classes wrote and read thank-you letters to veterans at Aster Assisted Living Facility in Monroe. A huge thank you to Mandy Brooker and the staff at Aster for allowing our students this opportunity to thank and engage with local veterans.





The Black Hawk/Warren Football Team & Parents would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the following businesses and people for their donation as we headed to Camp Randall:

**Community Bank
Hartzell's
South Wayne Mart
Village Inn
Pecatonica Co-Op
Saunders Oil
Myrna & Ken Williams**



**Apple River State Bank
The Vault
Ace Concrete
HATCH
Ace Materials Placing
Tap House
Donna & Ronnie Piefer**

Woodford State Bank

Your donation made it possible for the team to have a memorable trip to State Football by providing a charter bus, team dinners (the night before the game as well as after the game), and treats for the bus ride there! We are beyond thankful for the wonderful communities we live in and appreciate the support and kindness shown to us during this exciting time! THANK YOU!!!

#warriornation



FFA NEWSLETTER

November 2023



NATIONAL CONVENTION RECAP

We attended National Convention from October 31-November 4. We had such a great time we attended the opening session, visited a honey farm and fishery, went to the rodeo, and so much more! It was such a good week and we are so grateful to have taken seven members this year!

BIG BIG CONTEST AND POTLUCK

We had the big buck contest and potluck on November 29. We had a great variety of food and we had a bunch of fun prizes for the winners!



FOOD FOR AMERICA

On November 15th we had our Food for America. This is an event where we have a ton of great stations for the elementary students to visit and learn about different aspects of agriculture. It was a successful day and thank you to the teachers for taking the time to attend!



UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Dec. 6

Chapter Meeting

Dec. 9

Lunch with Santa

Dec. 22

Ugly Sweater Potluck



Sincerely, your
2023-2024 FFA
Reporter,
Allyse Troemel

Black Hawk "Running Club"
2023 Reindeer Run
When: Wednesday, December 13th

Time: After School-4:15 P.M.

All students who need rides must be picked up by 4:20P.M.

Distance is ~ 2 miles outside

****Please consider that when signing up younger students****

Event will be held inside– or be canceled– IF there is inclement weather!

A small snack will be provided after completion of the event.

Please Return completed form by Friday, December 8th.

NO COST

I give my child _____ permission to stay after school for the
"Reindeer Run" and will pick them up no later than 4:20 pm or have them walk home.
I understand my child should dress appropriately for the weather, as it will be held
outside unless it is unsafe.

Parent Signature

Date

Grade of Student: _____ **Children below 5th grade must be accompanied by an
older sibling, classroom teacher, or another adult. We will meet in Mrs.
Petitjean's Classroom at 3:30 pm for a short warm-up and stretch. Then, we will
head out for our run.**

Any food related allergies (please list):

A small group of Black Hawk High School students recently participated in a Medical Career Exploration Day at UW - Platteville. They were introduced to UWP's opportunities in nursing, microbiology, and the sciences as well as partnerships in physical therapy and physician's assistant programs. Pictured are several Black Hawk students along with one of the presenters, Amy Schubert. A 1997 Black Hawk graduate, Dr.Schubert is now the director of admissions at the University of Wisconsin School of Physical Therapy. Pictured with Shubert are (L-R) Taylor Stegall, Kenadie Woodruff, Dr.Schubert, Halle Foecking, Jenaka Stietz and Ty Kobbervig.



Black Hawk Family Meal Accounts - Helpful Reminders:

Automated calls go out every Thursday, one call to families that have \$5 or less remaining in their account, and another call for family accounts that are negative.

You can check your family meal account balance on Skyward Family Access, or by calling or visiting the school office. Payments can be made to the office by cash or check, or don't forget about online payments through the Revtrak Online Payments link on the school website.

Applications for Free or Reduced pricing can be completed anytime throughout the school year. If your financial situation has changed & you are looking for assistance, forms & instructions can be found on the school website, or by asking the school office.

If your account is negative, and you are unable to send in lunch money at this time, please send your children with a cold lunch from home. Families are supposed to stay in a positive balance & staff do not want to turn away any children in the cafeteria line.

If you are a community member and would like to help families in need, you can make donations to Black Hawk Schools, to be applied to negative family accounts.

If you are in need of financial assistance, or if you have any questions on Family Meal Accounts, please feel free to contact Melissa Pickett in the Black Hawk School office at 608-439-5400 ext 105, or email picmel@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

****MS/HS Snack Break is charged ala carte prices and are
NOT part of the Free/Reduced Meal program.***



School Attendance, Truancy & Chronic Absenteeism: What Parents Need to Know

How many days has your child been absent from school over the past 4 weeks? Was it just one sick day or two? What about the day they left early for the dentist? Or the days you took off to extend a vacation? It's hard to always keep track.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem. But absences add up quickly. And these missed school days can have a big impact on your child's learning and overall health.



Missing two days a month—excused or unexcused—can add up to a child being considered chronically absent.

That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) encourages parents to reduce unnecessary absences, learn about attendance policies where they live and prioritize getting their kids to school on time, every day (see 10 tips, below).

Chronic absenteeism affects millions of students nationwide.

You may think this is just high school students skipping school. But in fact, this problem starts early. According to research highlighted in the 2019 American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement, *The Link Between School Attendance and Good Health* (<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/143/2/e20183648/37326/The-Link-Between-School-Attendance-and-Good-Health?searchresult=1>), at least 10% of kindergarten and first-grade students missed a month or more of the school year. Chronic absenteeism became more common in middle school, and about 19% of all high school students were chronically absent.

It is estimated that rates of chronic absenteeism may have more than doubled (<https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/>) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data suggests this may be especially the case for vulnerable populations such as students from low-income households.

Students are chronically absent for many reasons.

There are some reasons for absenteeism that cannot be avoided. The need to isolate during an infectious illness like COVID-19 continues to cause missed school days, for example. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for everyone age 6 months and older should help reduce these absences. But if your child is missing many days of school, or a few days every single month, it's important to consider the reason for the absenteeism.

- A nationwide study (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr118.pdf>) found that kids with ADHD ([/English/health-issues/conditions/adhd/Pages/Your-Child-At-School.aspx](#)), autism or developmental delays are twice as likely to be chronically absent compared to kids without these conditions.
- Children with common chronic illnesses, such as asthma ([/English/health-issues/conditions/allergies-asthma/Pages/Asthma-Management-at-School.aspx](#)) and type 1 diabetes ([/English/health-issues/conditions/chronic/Pages/Diabetes-Mellitus-Type-1-Diabetes.aspx](#)), miss more school when they are having more symptoms.

- Mental health conditions, like anxiety ([/English/family-life/family-dynamics/Pages/help-your-child-manage-fears-and-anxieties.aspx](#)) or depression ([/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/Childhood-Depression-What-Parents-Can-Do-To-Help.aspx](#)), are common reasons for absences.
- Up to 5% of children have school-related anxiety ([/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/School-Avoidance.aspx](#)) and may struggle to understand or explain why they refuse to attend school.

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Add it all up, and this creates a lot of empty desks and missed school time.

Don't underestimate the harm of these school absences.

Missing just two days a month of school—for any reason— can be a problem for kids in a number of ways. Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school—even more than low grades or test scores. When absences add up, these students are more likely to be suspended and drop out ([/English/ages-stages/teen/school/Pages/When-a-Teen-Wants-to-Drop-Out.aspx](#)) of high school. Chronic absenteeism is also linked with teen substance use, as well as poor health as adults.

Chronic absenteeism & truancy defined

What is chronic absenteeism?

Chronic absenteeism means missing too much school—for any reason—excused or unexcused. Experts and a growing number of states define chronic absenteeism as missing 10% (or around 18 days) during a school year.

What makes a student 'truant'?

While chronic absenteeism measures total absences, including excused and unexcused, truancy measures only unexcused absences. The number of unexcused absences it takes for a student to be considered a "truant" differs by state. Read your school district policies and state codes on attendance. You need to stay well-informed on how many absences are allowed, and what count as excused and unexcused absences.

Take any warning you receive seriously. Why? The consequences of too many absences are serious not only for students, but also for parents! Schools handle minor truancy with warning letters, parent-teacher conferences and other means. However, in some states, parents can be fined when their kids miss too much school.

10 tips to help get your child to school on time, every day

1. **Set attendance goals with your child and track your child's attendance on a calendar.** Try offering small rewards for not missing any school, such as a later bedtime on weekends.
2. **Help your child get a good night's sleep.** A lack of sleep is associated with lower school achievement starting in middle school, as well as higher numbers of missed school and tardiness. Most younger children need 10-12 hours per night and adolescents (13-18 years of age) need 8-10 hours per night. Check how many hours your child needs here ([/English/healthy-living/sleep/Pages/Healthy-Sleep-Habits-How-Many-Hours-Does-Your-Child-Need.aspx](#)).
3. **Prep the night before to streamline your morning.** Have your child lay out their clothes. Have backpacks ([/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Backpack-Safety.aspx](#)) and lunches ([/English/healthy-living/nutrition/Pages/Snacks-and-Sugary-Foods-in-School-AAP-Policy-Explained.aspx](#)) packed. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up like a missed bus or an early meeting. Have a family member, a neighbor or another trusted adult on standby to take your child to school should you ever need help.
4. **Try to schedule dental or medical appointments before or after school hours.** If children have to miss school for medical appointments, have them return immediately afterward so they do not miss the entire day.

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5. **Schedule extended trips during school breaks.** This helps your child stay caught up in school learning and sets the expectation for your child to be in school during the school year. Even in elementary school, missing a week of classes can set your child behind on learning.
6. **Don't have your child stay home unless they are truly sick.** Reasons to keep your child home from school include a temperature greater than 101 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, a hacking cough, toothache or a positive tests for COVID-19 or other infectious illnesses. Keep in mind, complaints of frequent stomachaches or headaches can be a sign of anxiety and may not be a reason to stay home. See *School Avoidance: Tips for Concerned Parents* ([/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/School-Avoidance.aspx](#)).
7. **Talk with your child about the reasons why they do not want to go to school.** School-related anxiety can lead to school avoidance. Talk to your child about their physical and emotional symptoms. Try to get them to talk about any emotional struggles they may have with issues like bullying ([/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Bullies-Beat-Down-Self-Esteem.aspx](#)), fear of failure ([/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/Understanding-Childhood-Fears-and-Anxieties.aspx](#)) or actual physical harm ([/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/What-to-Know-about-Child-Abuse.aspx](#)). If you are concerned about your child's mental health, talk with your pediatrician, your child's teacher or school counselor.
8. **If your child has a chronic health issue such as asthma** ([/English/health-issues/conditions/allergies-asthma/Pages/What-is-an-Asthma-Action-Plan.aspx](#)), **allergies** ([/English/health-issues/conditions/allergies-asthma/Pages/Create-an-Allergy-and-Anaphylaxis-Emergency-Plan.aspx](#)) **or seizures** ([/English/health-issues/conditions/seizures/Pages/Children-with-Epilepsy-at-School.aspx](#)), **talk with your pediatrician about developing a school action plan.** Meet with and get to know the nurse at your child's school ([/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/school/Pages/Health-Problems-at-School.aspx](#)). If you need guidance and documentation for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, ask for your pediatrician's help accessing services at school ([/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/My-child-is-receiving-special-education-in-school.aspx](#)).
9. **Follow the rules.** Be sure you know what your school's requirements are for when your child will be absent or late. If you are supposed to call, email or provide a doctor's note after a certain number of days out, then do it. If we want our children to follow rules, we must lead by example.
10. **Keep track of your child's attendance so you know when the days missed start to add up.** Look into why your child is absent. Think about your child's mood. Have they been spending time by themselves lately? Is their chronic condition starting to be more problematic? Is this school refusal? You know your child best.

More information

- [Tips to Help Your Child Have a Healthy School Year](#) ([/English/ages-stages/teen/school/Pages/back-to-school-tips-to-help-kids-have-a-healthy-year.aspx](#))
- [Is Your Preschooler Ready for Kindergarten?](#) ([/english/ages-stages/preschool/pages/is-your-child-ready-for-school.aspx](#))
- [AttendanceWorks.org](#) (<http://www.attendanceworks.org/>)
- [HealthySchoolsCampaign.org](#) (<https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/>)
- [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) (<https://www.ed.gov/essa>)

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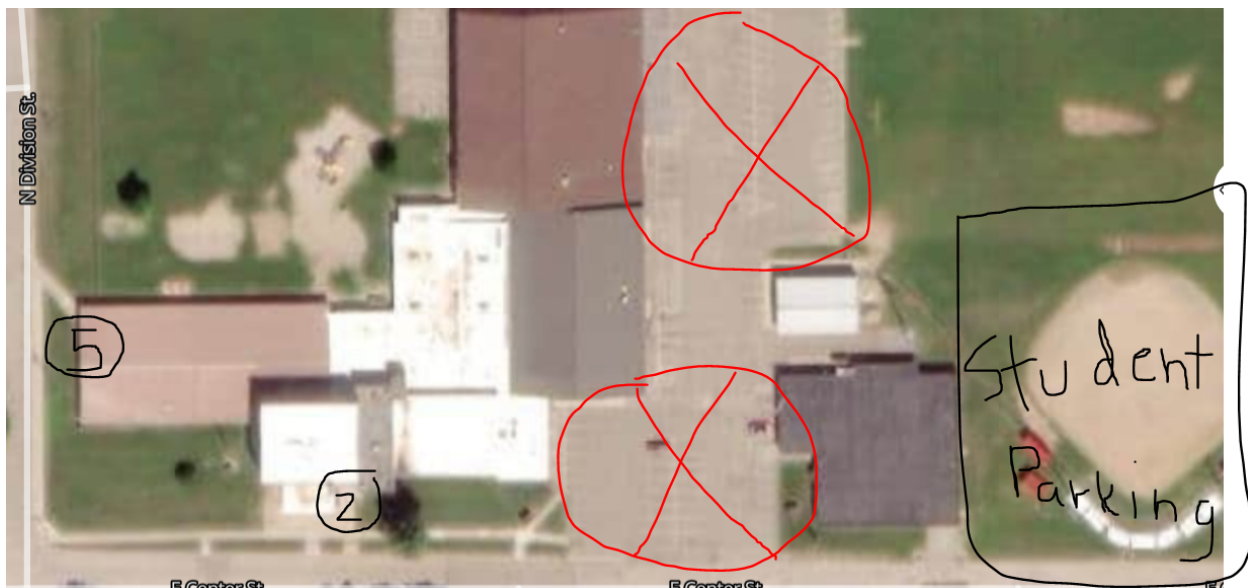
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School District of Black Hawk
Student School Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure
Changes Due To Construction

As we begin the excitement of a new school year at Black Hawk and the new remodeling and additions that are being added to our school, we will need to adjust some of the changes to our drop-off and pick-up routines here at the school. **Our parking lot will be completely inaccessible to students and visitors at the beginning of this school year.**

1. We have two entrances to the school building in the morning and two exits from the building in the afternoon. Door 2 (E. Center Street) and Door 5 (N. Division Street).
2. The school parking lot is not accessible for entrance or parking.
3. Door 2 and 5 will open at 7:45 a.m. If you drop students prior to 7:50 a.m., please make this a prudent drop-off. Our buses will be pulling into E.Center Street for a 7:50 a.m. drop.
4. Students who drive to school must park in the gravel parking lot, west of the Meske Center, where the old baseball diamond was located.



5. High school students **MUST** park in the student parking area if driving to school. You will not be allowed to park off school grounds. School consequences will be invoked for those who do not follow this expectation, including the extreme of banishment from driving/trespassing violations for repeat offenders who refuse to follow this procedure. High school students who drive, will enter the building at Door 2.
6. Buses will drop off students on East Center Street at Door 2 , around 7:50 a.m. Persons dropping students off at school must adhere to state and local traffic laws involving school buses. School buses have priority to East Center Street during drop off and pick up times. Please respect the amber and red lights of the school buses. Do not enter into this area when the bus lights are on and students are being dropped off and picked up. The area in front of Door 2, should be clear of buses around 7:55 a.m.
7. Once buses have cleared, students may be dropped off on East Center Street at Door 2.
8. Additionally, students may be dropped off on N. Division Street at Door 5 on the **near end (east end of the street), adjacent to the school building**. We would like to avoid students having to cross the street on Division Street. We kindly ask that cars do not permanently park on N. Division Street, taking up space. We ask that individuals do a quick drop of students and then maneuver off of Division Street to make room for additional vehicles who are

dropping off students.

9. 4K,5K, 5th and MS/HS school students will enter and exit the building at Door 2.
10. 1st - 4th grades will enter and exit the building at Door 5.
11. Visitors to the school during the instructional day (8:05 a.m. - 3:26 p.m.) will need to park in the gravel parking lot, or find temporary parking off of school grounds.
12. Families picking up students after school must NOT park in the bus area of E. Center Street in front of Doors 2 and 3. You may be allowed to temporarily park on Division Street to pick up your student(s) at Door 5. Please adhere to the village parking restrictions in front of the fire station. Fire trucks need to be able to access Division street in emergencies.
13. Staff are not allowed to park on Division Street or in the bus drop off area of E. Center Street. Staff will need to find parking off school grounds or in the gravel parking lot.
14. Small deliveries will be made at Door 5. Large deliveries will be determined.
 - If there are changes to your child's bus schedule, please provide a note with your children for both their classroom teacher and the bus driver. If a permanent adjustment is needed, we will require one notification at the beginning of the school year. Otherwise, notification is required in writing every time your child needs to ride a bus to a location after school.
 - The district will not adjust our bus driver's regular routes to make special stops for student drop off.
 - We respectfully ask that you be sensitive to your child's peers when scheduling birthday parties, or other friend gatherings at your home. **Large parties of children riding a non-scheduled bus will not be permitted.** Please don't send invitations or letters with your child to hand out at school to their friends. This creates an unpleasant environment for some children, and is a major distraction to our instructional objectives of the day.
 - No student will be able to ride an unscheduled bus route without a permission slip.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in providing a safe and positive atmosphere at Black Hawk Schools.

Visitors During School Day / Parent Pick-Up Procedures

- Door 5 will be the entrance to the school building during the school day. Visitors to the building will have to buzz in at Door 5 for screening. When admitted to the school building, we ask that you transition directly to the school office to sign in.
- Please do not transition directly to your child's classroom and interrupt the instructional process. Please do not linger in the hallways. Proceed directly to the office.
- We respectfully ask that parents/guardians please report to the office to sign your elementary child in or out of the building during instructional hours (8:05 a.m. – 3:24 p.m.). MS/HS students can sign themselves out in the office and meet authorized individuals outside of the building.
- Teachers will begin getting Ech – 5K students ready for bus departure and parent pick-up at 3:15 p.m. 1st grade through 5th grade students will begin preparing for bus departure and parent pick-up at 3:20 p.m.
- We ask that parents who are picking their children up from school, meet their children at the south end of the building on **East Center Street at Door 2.**, and escort them to your vehicle. If picking up at Door 5, please park on the school side of the street (East), to avoid students having to cross the road.
- Be visible so your child sees you as they exit the building.
- Please avoid coming into the school to pick up your child, unless it is absolutely necessary. The purpose of this request is to avoid hallway clutter and maintain safety at the end of a school day.



Black Hawk Middle/High School Schedules



Regular Schedule

7:45	Door Open
8:05-8:49	1 st Period
8:52-9:36	2 nd Period
9:39-10:23	3 rd Period
10:23-10:32	Snack Period
10:35-11:17	4 th Period
11:20-12:02	5 th Period
12:05-12:49	6A/MS Lunch/Activity
12:49-1:19	6B MS Short/HS Lunch
1:22-2:06	7 th Period
2:09-2:53	8 th Period
2:56-3:26	Flex/Intervention/Advisory
4:15	Doors Locked

Early Release Schedule

7:45	Door Open
8:05-8:34	1 st Period
8:38-9:02	2 nd Period
9:06-9:30	3 rd Period
9:34-9:58	4 th Period
10:02-10:26	5 th Period
10:30-10:54	6 th Period
10:58-11:22	7 th Period
11:26-11:56	8A/MS Lunch
12:00-12:30	8B/HS Lunch

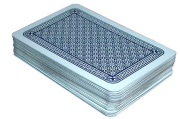
2 Hour Delay/Late Start

9:45	Doors Open
10:05-10:25	1 st Period
10:28-10:48	2 nd Period
10:51-11:11	3 rd Period
11:14-11:34	4 th Period
11:37-11:57	5 th Period
12:00-12:35	MS/HS Lunch
12:38-1:22	6 th Period
1:25-2:09	7 th Period
2:12-2:56	8 th Period
2:59-3:26	Flex/Intervention/Advisory
4:15	Doors Locked

Early Release-Wednesday Professional Development Days

7:45	Door Open
8:05-8:38	1 st Period
8:42-9:15	2 nd Period
9:19-9:52	3 rd Period
9:56-10:29	4 th Period
10:33-11:06	5 th Period
11:10-11:43	6 th Period
11:47-12:20	7 th Period
12:23-12:55	8A/MS Lunch
12:58-1:30	8B/HS Lunch

****If you have any old pens, pencils, or decks of cards you are not using, please drop them off for Mr. Petitjean.**



****Decks of cards do not need to be complete decks or in good condition.***

Recycling and Other Dumpsters

(Dumpsters are located next to Riechers Meats)

As always the staff and Board thank everyone who has donated to the metal/aluminum can drive. The funds have proven to be beneficial to the staff and students of the school district. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of Powers Auction Service in providing this opportunity.

A couple of notes that we would like to make:

- Please do not place items with Freon/coolant in the recycling dumpster
- Please do not place TV's or Computer/Related technology in the dumpster
- Please do not place trash in the recycling dumpster
- The other dumpsters (serviced by Faherty) are for school uses only

We do appreciate the donations. Improper use of the dumpsters costs the district and may result in a net loss.

Sincerely, Willy Chambers

Parents Club

Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do NOT meet every month), the rest of our 2023-2024 meeting schedule is as follows:

Feb 1st 2024

April 4th 2024

May 2nd 2024

subject to change

A few things you can do to support the Parent's Club throughout the year:

- Scan your box tops.. if you haven't downloaded the APP, please do so, it's a super easy way to help!
- The scrip program, grab some gift cards for birthdays, weddings, showers, or just for yourself, it's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club (keep a lookout, these sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack)!
- Keep an eye out for future fundraisers and activities! A great way to do this is to follow our Facebook page (Black Hawk Parent's Club)

As always, thank you for your support! We cannot do our part in providing the things we do for our faculty and students if not for your support!

We are wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season!



www.boxtops4education.com

Your 2023/2024 Parent's Club officer team:

President-Haley Larse

Vice President-Courtney Grossen

Treasurer-Nicole Lewis

Secretary-Chris Ruegsegger

Hartzell's



Dear Family and Friends:

We are excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn **FREE** classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's How You Can Help!

- Shop at Hartzell's IGA from September 2023-April 2024
- Shave your receipts and send them to school with your child
- Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment donated by the store!

Please submit your receipts to school by **April 2024** in an envelope marked

Attention Mrs. Pickett. Thank you!

Administration Contact Information

Throughout the year, members of the community have ideas they would like to share with administration. We welcome both positive feedback and concerns. Preferably, we'd like to hear from you during business hours, but we'll get back to you at other times if necessary. Our contact information is:

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2023



The School District of Black Hawk meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the FAB Room by President Dee Paulson. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey, Kerry Holland and Jason Figi. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Cory Milz and guests.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Dunlavey to consent to agenda which includes September 13, 2023 minutes, financial report as presented and agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Administrative Report:

Chambers: I have attached the lists of open-enrolled in and out students for this year. I also have listed the last 7 years of losses for the district. The lists are confidential therefore they are not public-facing. The program started in 2007-2008.

YEAR	Net Loss (\$)	Net Loss (Students)
23-24	\$103,763	12 students
22-23	\$69,962	14 students
21-22	\$163,851	15 students
20-21	\$208,191	29 students
19-20	\$224,597	32 students
18-19	\$257,510	37 students
17-18	\$146,049	24 students

***The differences in the dollar loss do not directly correlate to the number of students due to the Special Ed status of students, the grade level of students, and the difference in dollar amount transferred each year.

There will be a construction meeting tomorrow.

- The temp offices are out likely two weeks from now.
- I sent an email yesterday and continued the discussion today about the importance of providing the district with accurate information. I also shared that it feels like the district has been given false time frames to buy time for the contractors to get things in order. I just want as accurate information as we can get to provide to the Board and the public.
- The communication platform for the contractors and the architects is up and running. Submittals for contractors have started to flow.
- Payment of Performance Bonds and Certificate of Insurance will be provided to HSR this week.
- Sjostrom and Sons have their kickoff meeting tomorrow. Bryant the project manager has to have the following items ready for that meeting, which he will share with HSR and the district.
 - Schedule of Values
 - Subcontractor List
 - Construction Schedule

There was some discussion about a few hang-ups that have slowed down the excavators, which seemingly will be resolved soon.

Cory Zimmerly - the superintendent noted a list of pressing items to be resolved.

We discussed the initial plans for the groundbreaking ceremony. I shared the names of the three board members and emails who are organizing the event with Bryant. HSR has the shovels, and Sjostrom and Sons will provide yellow vests. I pointed out where the pile of dirt was requested to be placed.

Both entities will hang a banner advertising their company.

I have talked to Roger Trame about ordering the needed materials for a meter for a 4" water supply line.

As per the last couple of meetings, I will provide the minutes once Mike sends them to me.

We will be interviewing another candidate for an aide position and I may have another lead to help us out. I will keep you updated on the progress.

I appreciate the work by Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, and Jason Figi on organizing the groundbreaking ceremony.

Milz:

1. Thank you to Parent's Club, B.H. Booster Club, B.H. H.S. Student Council and Ms. Wolff for making Homecoming 2023 a great event.
2. Thank you to BH Boosters, BH Parent's Club, Ace Materials Placing, Powers Auction Service, and the Pecatonica Co-op for helping us pay for Boom Boom Fireworks' Homecoming show.
3. Thank you to our local fire departments for hosting our elementary students last week during Fire Safety Week, and to Steve Lehman, SW Chief for organizing the event.
4. 4K attended their Pumpkin Patch farm field trip at Vesperman Farms. 5K was unable to go due to the weather.
5. At the September 19 professional development day, our School Improvement Committee, along with Mr. Zac Hess, began a series of mental health sessions with our staff. This will be an ongoing effort. I would like to recognize the members of our School Improvement Committee: Rachel Wolff, Josh Firgens, Brooks Duff-Bowers, Travis Signer, and Cortney Buss.
6. Ms. Crotty has set her Financial Aid night for senior and junior families for Wednesday, October 18 @ 6 p.m.
7. On Friday, October 20 we will be hosting 18 individuals who are coming into the school to speak with our students about their careers and the pathways to their current positions. The Swiss Colony will also be here to talk about the predicted job market and the youth opportunities with their company. Would like to thank Kim Markham and the Swiss Colony for putting together the gift baskets for our presenters.
8. Our elementary classes will be having some fall classroom celebrations in the last week of October. We are going to do a Halloween costume parade at 2:30 p.m. Parents can watch from outside the school on the sidewalk areas.
9. Middle school students will be holding a Fall Dance on Friday, October 27 at 1 p.m. Thank you to the Parent's Club for helping support the dance for our middle school students.
10. FFA National Convention is coming up, the first week in November. Mrs. Nehs will be taking some of our students to Indianapolis for the convention.
11. Congratulations Eric Erickson, who was selected as our September Employee of the Month by our staff. Eric has done a very good job stepping in as the new athletic director and continues to maintain a productive and positive learning environment.

Mr. Milz also explained the process and the unfortunate complications associated with the random drug search.

Board of Education Report - Figi mentioned that last week Monday was custodial appreciation day. Thanks to RJ Paulson, Matt Vickerman, and Jack Walter for all they do. Also, last week was Board of Education Appreciation Week thanks to the Board members who serve the District. They are Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Kerry Holland, Val Dunlavey, and Jason Figi.

Public Comment was called for: NONE

Mary Johannesen the Career Prep and Dual Enrollment Coordinator for Southwest Wisconsin Technical College will be at the meeting to present to the district the Dual Credit Excellence Award. Her PowerPoint is attached.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve the resignation of Lynda Holland as Special Education Aide. Question was asked about what did Administration did to try and keep her? They did not ask what it would take for the District to do so she would stay. The motion carried on a voice vote with some opposition.

A discussion was had on Floating in-service Days. It was explained that the Floating In-service days were to allow the staff to attend professional development days on their own time. Motion by Ruegsegger seconded by Holland to approve continuing the 2 floating in-service days for 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote. Going down the road the board will have 2 reps on the calendar committee with reps from Elm, Junior and High with Aides.

Pitching machines for Softball and Baseball about purchasing in future years with the school and sharing the cost. Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve purchasing pitching machines with South Wayne Village Park and sharing the cost associated with them. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the FFA Overnight Field Trips as presented -The National Convention: October 31- November 1, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote. The other trips will be approved at a later meeting.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Baumgartner to approve the hiring of Tim Schliem as shuttle bus driver retroactively to the start of the school year 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to table Special Education Aide until after executive session. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve going into executive session at 7:03 pm president's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote YES- Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, Dunlavey, and Holland. NO- NONE

The Board returned to open session at 8:41 pm

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Stauffacher to hire Kayla Keller as Special Education Aide. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The next regular monthly meeting will be November 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings include Oct 23, 2023 to set tax levy following Annual Meeting. October 25, 2023 6:00 pm professional development meeting with WASB.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING - SET THE TAX LEVY

OCTOBER 23, 2023



The meeting was called to order in the lower commons by President Dee Paulson at 7:05 pm. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey, and Kerry Holland. Absent Jim Baumgartner and Mindy Stauffacher. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Guest.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to consent to agenda which includes proof of meeting notice and adoption of agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Figi to approve set the tax levy at \$1,798,762 for the 2023-2024 school year, Fund 10 Levy is \$1,244,498.00, Fund 38 Levy is \$61,689.00, Fund 39 Levy (approved by April 2022 Referendum) is \$489,575.00 and Fund 80 Levy is \$3,000.00. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve paying for Middle School Event workers at a cost of \$25 per event. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to approve adding 15 minutes per day to the aides. Question was asked if this was enough time and if not we can add more at an upcoming meeting. Email was sent to aides and only one responded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve the resignation of teacher's aide Summer Stietz. Thanks for your service. Motion carried on a voice vote. With some opposition.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the hiring of Landen Mahoney as teacher's aide. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Dunlavey to approve hiring of Travis Signers as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Coach carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve hiring Jim Seffrood as Middle School Wrestling Coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Dunlavey to approve hiring Josh Firgens as Future Business Leaders of America Advisor. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to approve tabling Payment of sick days until the Regular November 8, 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve sick leave payout for any employee who has current school year sick leave or personal leave days remaining at the end of their contract year will be paid one hundred dollars (\$100) for each unused day. Payment will be made on last day of fiscal year. The employee must fulfill the terms of their contract or letter of appointment. The payout does not include accumulated leave or days the employee chooses to roll over to accumulated leave. This does not affect employees whose resignation have already been accepted prior to this meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Next regular meeting November 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2023



The School District of Black Hawk meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Business Room by President Dee Paulson. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavy and Jason Figi. Absent Kerry Holland. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda which includes proof of meeting notice and adoption of the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration report: Meeting with Sjostrom and Sons for construction updates.

Board of Education Report – None

Public comment was called for - None

Discussion and possible action: The purpose of the meeting was a professional development with WASB and the Board to give direction on Administration and Board responsibilities no action items.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 WR @ Darlington Invite 12p BBB (H) River Ridge (IL) 4p GBB @ Dells (Varsity Only)
4 6p GBB @ East Dubuque	5 6p BBB @ Pec 6p GBB (H) Prairie du Chien 7p WR @ Ithaca	6	7 6p BBB (H) Monticello	8 7p GBB @ Argyle (Varsity Only)	9 6p BBB @ Belmont 9a FFA Lunch with Santa 
11	12 6p BBB (H) Weston	13 6p School Board Meeting	14 6p GBB (H) Albany	15 6p BBB @ Argyle 7p WR (H) Mineral Point	16 8a WR @ Alliant Energy Center TBD GBB @ Loras College
18 130p Elementary Holiday Concert 7p MS/HS Holiday Concert	19 6p GBB @ Potosi/Cassville	20 130p Early Release	21 6p BBB (H) Albany	22 6p GBB (H) Barneveld	23
25 No School 	25 No School	27 No School	28 No School 230p BBB @ Elkhart Lake 6p GBB (H) Belmont WR @ UW Whitewater	29 No School 1p BBB @ Elkhart Lake	30





Breakfast Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free chocolate or Strawberry

Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily

WG-Whole Grain

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
4 Muffin Granola Bites Mixed Fruit Milk	5 French Toast Pears Milk	6 Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Milk	7 Pancakes Granola Bar Peaches Milk 	8 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk
11 Cereal Yogurt Juice Milk	12 Cinnamon Waffles Peaches Milk	13 Sausage Patty Egg English Muffin Apple Milk	14 Pancake Wrap Fruit Cocktail Milk	15 Mini Maple Pancakes Applesauce Milk
18 Banana Bread Yogurt Orange Milk 	19 French Toast Sticks Granola Bar Pears Milk	20 Strawberry Bagel Applesauce Milk	21 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Milk	22 Donut Juice Milk
25  No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free chocolate or Strawberry

Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily

WG-Whole Grain

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Fruit Cocktail Milk
4 Hot Ham Sandwich Yogurt Cheetos Carrots Pears Milk	5 Chicken Fajitas Cheetos Yogurt Applesauce Peas Milk	6 Pizza Cheezits Mandarin Oranges Green Beans Milk	7 Fish Sticks Granola Bites Orange Cauliflower Milk	8 Quesadilla Blue Raspberry Slushie Broccoli Milk
11 Corn Dog Baked Scoops Orange Green Beans Milk	12 Beef Ravioli Doritos Apple Carrots Milk	13 Chicken Patty/Bun Cheetos Puffs Pears Cauliflower Milk	 14 French Bread Pizza Cheese Stick Applesauce Broccoli Milk	15 Cod Square/Bun Cheese Stick Corn Orange Milk
18 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Broccoli Peaches Milk	19 French Toast Sausage Patty Cheese Stick Hash Brown Juice Milk	20 Mini Corn Dog WG Doritos Cauliflower Mixed Fruit Milk	21 Ham Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit Pie Milk	22 Brat/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk
25  No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School



School District of Black Hawk
PO Box 303
South Wayne, WI 53587

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Black Hawk of the Villages of Gratiot and South Wayne, Towns of Gratiot, Monticello, Wayne, Wiota and Darlington, Lafayette County and the Towns of Cadiz and Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, that on April 2, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. the election of the school board members will be held. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for each school board member is 3 years and begins on April 22, 2024.

INCUMBENTS

Kerry Holland
Jason Figi
Mindy Stauffacher

ALSO, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any qualified elector desiring to be a candidate for the office shall, no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2024, file a Declaration of Candidacy and a Campaign Registration Statement with the School District Clerk or District Office. Forms may be picked up and District boundary information may be viewed in the District Office in South Wayne during normal working hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Jason Figi, Clerk
School District of Black Hawk



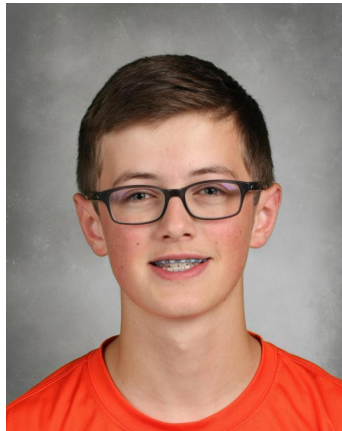
Student of the Month *October*

Elementary



Landon Knapp
4th Grade

Middle School



Mason Schultz
8th Grade

High School



Veronica Cheatham
12th Grade