

Auburndale January Update 2026

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Notes from the Superintendent's Office

Community Closet - Care Fund

The Auburndale School District has a community closet in the MS/HS building. This closet has many items available including food, hygiene products, and clothing. If you would like to set up a time to see what is available please reach out to Sam Phillips at sphillips@aubschools.com. If you are interested in donating, consider sending a check addressed to School District of Auburndale and put Care Fund in the memo. If you would like to donate items, we are in need of NEW underwear, girls sizes 6-10, children's boots and coats.

Referendum Projects Update

The referendum building project is moving along. The track project bids have been approved, and the track project will take place during the summer. Findorff is our general contractor for the elementary projects and the MS/HS science labs. We are nearing the end of the design phase, and those projects will go out to bid in February. Those projects will also be completed over the summer.

Community Listening Session

On January 14th the school board will have their monthly board meeting at 7PM. Prior to that meeting, beginning at 6PM, there will be a community listening session at the district board room. At this session, members from the community can speak to the board. Having community listening sessions was identified in the strategic plan.

State Education Convention

Starting on January 20th, I will be accompanying three school board members to the State Education Convention in Milwaukee.

Solo/Ensemble

On February 20th, we will be hosting solo/ensemble. Because we are hosting this at Auburndale, there will be no school for grades 6-12. School will carry on as normal for grades K-5.

2026-27 Calendar

The school board will be looking to approve the calendar for the 2026-27 school year at the January board meeting. Once it is approved, it will be posted on the school website.

Go Eagles!

Mr. Steve Van Wyhe
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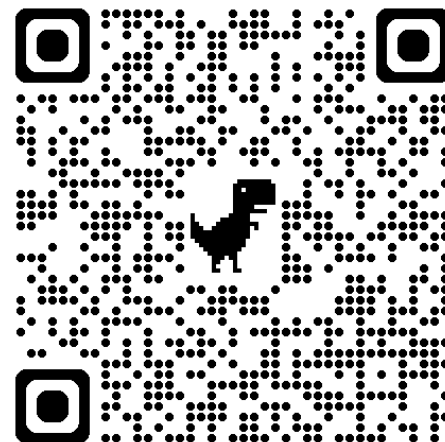
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We believe in quick, efficient, and up-to-date communication for our district. We utilize Facebook to share information with the community.

Important Events

Jan 9: Last day of 2nd Quarter
Jan 12: No School
Feb 12: MS/HS Conferences 4PM-8PM
Feb 13: No School
Feb 16: MS/HS Conferences 4PM-8PM
Feb 20: Solo/Ensemble hosted at Auburndale, No School for grades 6-12

2025-26 Important Dates



SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE

If you would like to see important upcoming dates please scan the QR code above. Included in the QR code is a link to the school calendar.

CRYSTAL APPLE WINNER

Congratulations to Courtney Meidl on winning a Crystal Apple! This year the Crystal Apple committee selected four winners from 13 area schools. Mrs. Meidl was the winner from the middle school category. She was surprised at a school assembly on pajama day!



FFA FRUIT SALE

The Auburndale FFA had an exceptional month of success and service. The annual FFA Fruit Sale on December 5 generated \$50,000 in total sales, raising \$15,000 to support FFA programs and student opportunities.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND ART SHOW

On December 8, students in grades 5-8 performed in a band and choir concert while student artwork was displayed for families to enjoy. The celebration continued on December 15 with the high school band and choir concert. The concerts reflected the dedication and hard work of both students and educators. If you missed the concerts you can check them out on our website. [Click here](#) to select the elementary and MS/HS concerts.



ELEMENTARY MR. SCHARENBRUCH

At Auburndale Elementary we continue to soar, as we fly into 2026! Every day our students break into groups to focus on different reading skills to help them overcome challenges and be the best they can be. Our students start with Number Corner to begin thinking about math and all its daily impact. Each day is a day full of learning how to show good character, as currently our word is Self Control. We focus on how we can control our thoughts, actions, words, and emotions to be a good friend and solve problems. We have our Kids Heart Challenge where students learn how their heart and circulatory system work from physical education and science to raising money to help the American Heart Association. The money raised helps those who need heart transplants and saves lives, and the students get to see how learning and caring go hand in hand. With spring on the horizon we have more learning opportunities, concerts, state testing, and so much more. We continue to keep our wings stretched out and soaring into 2026!

MS/HS MR. GRUBE

The fall and holiday seasons have been filled with meaningful events and community engagement across the Auburndale School District, highlighting student leadership, creativity, and a strong commitment to service. The holiday season included a series of well-attended concerts and an art show celebrating student talent. These events are highlighted to the left. Supporting families in need remained a priority throughout December. On December 2, Auburndale FFA students participated in Toys for Tots, a project that began in May with the planting of sunflowers, food test plots, and pumpkins. Through this effort, students organized a shopping night at Hillers and Dunham's, purchasing \$9,300 worth of gifts for children in need. On December 12, the CARE Program hosted a shopping event to assist families in the community during the holiday season.