

Clipper Connection

Sturgeon Bay High School
December 2017



Notes from the Principal

We have reached the midpoint of Quarter 2. Progress reports and Clipper Connection will be sent electronically to those parents who have an email address in PowerSchool. Progress reports and Clipper Connection will be sent by U. S. Mail for those parents who do not have an email address in PowerSchool.

Co-curricular participation eligibility. Parents of student athletes should pay particular attention to the co-curricular eligibility information printed on the progress report.

PowerSchool Parent Portal assistance. For help setting up your PowerSchool Parent Account, or if you previously set up an account and need help with your username and password, email [Mrs. Nickel](mailto:Mrs.Nickel) or call 920.746.3876.

Faculty and Staff

Staff changes for 2018-19.

- At the end of the 2017-18 school year, we will say goodbye to **Mr. Bumgardner**, who will retire after many years of service to the Sturgeon Bay School District. The district is currently accepting applications for Mr. Bumgardner's replacement.
- In 2018-19, **Mr. Blizel** will return to a full-time teaching load at the middle school. Athletic director responsibilities will be linked to the Phy. Ed. position vacated by Mr. Bumgardner. We thank Mr. Blizel for his years of service as the athletic director. More information about the Phy. Ed. position posting may be found on the [school website](#).
- In 2018-19, the Music Department will again have a full-time choir director and a full-time band director. **Ms. Hill** will become the high school choir director. Choir course offerings will include Women's Choir and Mixed Choir as well as a continuation of the Theater Arts courses.

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College admissions applications, testing, searching for majors, financial aid, and other pertinent information may be found on the [SBHS website](#).

Academics

Updates from the World Language Department. Once again, exciting things are happening in the World Language Department at SBHS. On Friday, December 1, Ms. Canilho and Mrs. McKinnon took their Spanish I and II students to a private screening of Disney's *Coco*. Thanks to the work of the Door County Spanish Teachers Cohort, Sevastopol students were able to attend the screening as well. The film, based in large part upon the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), is jam-packed with cultural and historical references. Having learned about Day of the Dead and other cultural aspects of Mexico, students were able to internalize and enrich their knowledge. Special thanks to the staff at Sturgeon Bay Cinema for offering daytime screenings as a way to enhance the schoolwide curriculum.

In its second year, the Door County Spanish Teachers Cohort is hard at work. In November, Mrs. McKinnon and Ms. Canilho gave a presentation about the cohort at a statewide foreign language teachers' convention. As a result, two other districts in the state are planning to form cohorts of their own. On December 19, 2017, thanks to the efforts of Ms. Canilho, the Door County cohort will attend a one-day workshop with Dr. Helena Curtain, professor emeritus at UW – Milwaukee. Dr. Curtain will conduct a training on the use of Comprehensible Input in the Spanish Language Classroom. We are excited to have Dr. Curtain in our midst, and we anticipate multiple benefits for our students as a result.

Athletics

WFCAs awards. Congratulations to Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCAs) All-State Individual Academic Winners: Nathan LeRoy, Andrew Burkart, and Jared Van Bramer. Congratulations to WFCAs All-State Team Academic Winners: Nathan LeRoy, Andrew Burkart, Jared Van Bramer, Michael Rose, Brady Wodack, Ethan Knipfer, Rex Meikle, Jacob Lefeber, Luke

Brinkman, Tanner DeGrave, Peter Anschutz, Bruce Anschutz, Anthony Moore, and Nathan Olson. More information regarding these awards may be found on the [WFCA website](#).

Student Activities

Language Club news. For the second year in a row, the SBHS Language Club attended the International Holiday Folk Fair in Milwaukee. This year, we had 40 students attend. At the festival, students watched a variety of folk dance performances from around the globe, shopped at the international bazaar, and ate their way around the world by sampling foods from every continent. Club advisor Mrs. McKinnon was encouraged by the students' great enthusiasm for all that they saw and experienced at the festival. The International Holiday Folk Fair is truly a hands-on lesson in cultural diversity.

Choir news from Ms. Hill.

- **Many thanks** to the brave adults who walked with us in the Sturgeon Bay Christmas parade. It was a blustery day, and we were trying something new in having all the choir students march in a parade. We've received many positive comments from the community, and this was only possible because families were willing to share their time to make it happen. Our "float" was courtesy of the Gigstead family, and we want to thank them for their time and effort in support of our choir program.
- **Candleworks for Door County sale.** If your student took part in the Candleworks of Door County candle fundraiser, the candles should have come home and been delivered last week. Thank you for participating at a very busy time of year. We had a good sale and hope to continue with this fundraiser again next year.
- **Performances.** Our high school Mixed Choir and City Rhythm Show Choir presented a short concert at Anna's Assisted Living Center on Thursday, November 16. Students were well-received and took time after the concert to visit with the residents. We plan a return engagement in the spring.
- **City Rhythm at Sturgeon Bay holiday festivities.** City Rhythm Show Choir provided holiday cheer during the Sturgeon Bay tree-lighting festivities on Friday, November 18. Students enjoyed caroling around town and in many of the local business establishments. City Rhythm will also present two more holiday concerts for local community organizations during the month of December.
- **All State Choir.** SBHS will once again be represented in the Wisconsin Choral Directors All-State Choir Festival on January 12 and 13 in Wausau. Bass Clef Choir members are Brant Grahl and Sasha Hill. Marley Gigstead and Madeline Blahnik will sing in the Treble Clef Choir.
- **Winter Concert.** Our Winter Choir Concert, featuring all six high school and middle school choirs, will be held on Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the SBHS Auditorium. There will be an after-school dress rehearsal from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10.

P.A.T.H. Information

P.A.T.H. (Providing Access to Help for Families with Special Needs). To stay updated on what is happening with P.A.T.H., please check out our Facebook page (P.A.T.H. of Door County) or call 920.495.6902.

Dates to Remember

Winter Band Concert	December 11 – 7:00 p.m.
Winter Break	December 23 through January 1
Classes Resume	January 2
Winter Choral Concert	January 11 – 7:00 p.m.
Quarter 2 / Semester 1 Exams	January 18 and 19
<i>January 18: Exams for Blocks 1 and 2 in a.m. Students released at 11:45 a.m. Buses will only run at the end of the day.</i>	
<i>January 19: Exams for Blocks 3 and 4 in a.m. Students released at 11:45 a.m. Buses will run at noon on January 19.</i>	

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