

Clipper Pride

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FROM DAN'S DESK

Members of the Sturgeon Bay Community,

Greetings again from the School District of Sturgeon Bay! This is the second edition of our Clipper Pride district newsletter, which we hope will inform you about a few examples of the many good things going on in our schools.

In the Fall edition of the district newsletter, I shared a couple of ways beyond the newsletter that you can stay informed. In addition to following Sturgeon Bay Schools on Facebook (or seeing the posts through our website if you are not on Facebook), I am happy to present the annual "State of the District" presentation each year to any civic, community, or special interest group you may be involved in. I can be reached at 746-2801 or dtjernagel@sturbay.k12.wi.us.

This year's presentation will again focus on the following four questions: What's new? How are we doing? What does it cost? And Where are we going? In addition to the presentations I do in schools with our various faculty and staff members, and presentations I do in the community with various groups, I have scheduled a "State of the District" public presentation at Sturgeon Bay High School on March 14 at 6:00 P.M. I will also make myself available at 6:00 P.M. on March 16 in the Sturgeon Bay HS Library for anyone who would like to talk with me about any topics, prior to the 6:30 P.M. reception we will hold for our retirees and staff members at various milestone years of service. The public is welcome to join us for this reception as we honor some of our staff members as well. The regular Board of Education meeting will then begin at 7:00 P.M.

This year the State of the District presentation will also include information dealing with the upcoming operational referendum asking for permission to exceed the revenue limit on Tuesday, April 5. We greatly appreciate the support the community has given us with our 3-year operational expense referenda in 2007, 2010, and 2013, and look forward to continuing to earn your support now and in the future. We find ourselves in the same situation as many districts across our state with relatively flat budgets over the years and not enough funding.

Our Board of Education continues to balance their elected duties to our district's students and families, as well as our district's residents and tax payers. They closely examine what it takes to provide the quality education our kids deserve. They also monitor spending in the unique situation we find ourselves in pertaining to property valuation, the number of students our district has, and how that affects state and local funding.

Thank you for taking some time to be informed. As always, thank you to all of you who support our district in a wide variety of ways. I also want to thank you as a parent, resident, and tax payer for making Sturgeon Bay a great place to raise a family, live, and work. As we know, it takes a lot of effort, energy, and support to make a community successful.



With Clipper Pride,

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ALL HAIL KALE! Food Service Staff Teams up with Healthy Door County 2020



Food Service Staff and Healthy Door County 2020 are getting students engaged in the lunchroom, as they champion healthy food choices. As schools are educational environments, the lunchroom can also be a classroom and provide additional opportunities for learning. In our school cafeterias students are learning which foods to eat and how to balance a variety of foods offered.

For the past two years, students have been introduced to various foods in their whole and prepared forms such as velvety pumpkin soup, crunchy kale chips, baked sweet potatoes, and crisp local apples. Seeing a "whole food" before cooking, such as a sweet potato, will help consumers identify the food at a grocery store or farmers market.

"It is exciting to see when kids instantly have creative ideas for how foods could be prepared. When we served

pumpkin soup, one student, who did not like pumpkin in a hot soup, gave the recommendation that school food service could try using pumpkin in a cream sauce and serve it over noodles. We can make a serious impact when we get the kids involved." said Jenny Spude, Registered Dietitian with the UW-Extension Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program.

These collaborative steps in nutrition education and exposure to nutritious foods are how our community is making health a priority for this young generation. To keep up with what is being served in the lunchroom as well as other community health initiatives, visit the Healthy Door County 2020 Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDoorCounty2020/>. Healthy Door County 2020 is partially funded by United Way.



Sunrise Ambassadors

Sunrise Elementary is proud to facilitate monthly service projects for students in collaboration with the Volunteer Center of Door County. The goal of the Ambassador program is to help students develop a sense of membership and goodwill with the wider community through active participation in a community service project. Each month, a different student from each classroom in grades 3-5 is nominated by their teacher to serve as a Sunrise School Ambassador based on their behavioral growth or consistent demonstration of the Sunrise Way: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. The group of about 13 students meets with the Director of the Volunteer Center to select a way to share the Sunrise Way within our community by spending an afternoon assisting with needs of a local nonprofit. Service projects have included activities such as coordinating food drives with Lakeshore CAP; serving meals and playing games at the Senior Center and Ministry's Skilled Nursing Facility; creating seasonal greetings for Meals on Wheels and the community's elderly; spring clean-up at Crossroads; making donation bins for the Humane Society; and making blankets for cancer patients.

Way to GO SBHS Soccer!

Wisconsin Division 4 State Champions



ALLIED ARTS = A LOT OF FUN!

The Middle School Allied Arts program is a special tradition dating back 26 years. Combining the Art, Music, Tech Ed, and Family and Consumer Education Departments, students from the eighth grade class come together to study the different aspects of theater production and benefit from learning how to work together to build a set, create costumes and props, run lighting and sound, and of course sing, act, and dance!

This year's production was "High School Musical Jr." which featured 54 eighth grade performers and 3 crew members. The show was performed for students in the district as well as two shows for the public. A special viewing for senior citizens in our community had a wonderful turnout of over 150 guests who enjoyed the show and were invited to a free luncheon served by the Middle School student council. Thank you for the participation and support of everyone involved, including staff, volunteers, students, attendees!



This year's Allied Arts Performance featured 54 performers and 3 crew members all enrolled in 8th grade at TJ Walker Middle School.

Positive ACT Trend at SBHS

The ACT® is a research-based exam that indicates the extent to which a student is prepared for college-level work. The exam consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, math, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first-year college coursework. Students receive five scores on an ACT exam: one for each of the four curriculum areas tested as well as a composite score. Some students also choose to complete the optional writing test.

A report detailing school performance as well as state-wide performance is mailed to each school. A composite score comparison from 2003 through 2015 shows that Sturgeon Bay High School students performed above the state average in all but one year; in that one year, Sturgeon Bay students matched the state average. The complete testing report for the Class of 2015, who had the highest composite score in the county, is shown below. The results are based on the 55 students

Class of 2015 ACT Results (55 students tested)		
Subject	Sturgeon Bay	State
English	23.8	21.6
Math	23.9	22.0
Reading	23.9	22.5
Science	23.7	22.3
Composite	24.0	22.2

who chose to take the exam. Beginning in 2014-15, the state implemented a mandate whereby the ACT® is now required to be taken by all juniors.

More information about Sturgeon Bay High School may be found on the school profile at <http://www.sturbay.k12.wi.us/high/>.

THE APPRENTICE

Youth Apprenticeship Success for SBHS Student

While not new, the Youth Apprenticeship program is gaining interest in Door County. Youth Apprenticeship integrates school- and work-based learning to instruct students in employability and occupational skills defined by Wisconsin industries. Local programs provide training based on statewide curriculum guidelines, endorsed by business and industry. Students are instructed by qualified teachers and skilled worksite mentors. Students are simultaneously enrolled in high school and youth apprenticeship instruction classes and are employed by participating businesses.

James Champion, a senior at SBHS, is in the second year of the hotel/restaurant management program. Coursework is completed through NWTC, and his worksite placement is Stone Harbor. James chose this program because of the variety of world-wide opportunities and the satisfaction he gets from helping people. James appreciates the ways in which his teachers and supervisors offer feedback for growth. Through this program, he has become more articulate and intuitive and has developed a broader work ethic. As he approaches the last semester of his work, James states, "All of the managers are so good at what they do, it humbles me. I feel driven to one day perform just as well as they do."

If a business you know would like to learn more about the Youth Apprenticeship program in order to possibly host a high school student in the workplace, please contact High School principal, Bob Nickel at 746-2802.



Senior James Champion, caught hard at work in his youth apprentice position at Stone Harbor Resort.



READ ON!

Four educators who work in our school district are pursuing their 316 Reading License in order to become specialized Reading Teachers. This licensure program, offered through the University of Oshkosh, is rigorous and involves taking many courses covering a wide range of literacy topics relevant to teaching grades K-12. After obtaining the 316 Reading Teacher License by summer of 2016, all four teachers plan on continuing their education to complete coursework to advance to the 317 Reading Specialist License and Master's in Literacy degree. All four educators are finding the coursework to be very challenging, enlightening, and beneficial for the student in their classrooms.

Grounded in reading research and best literacy practices, the teachers are implementing new ideas and strategies on a daily basis to continue to improve reading achievement for all students. Each of these educators is deeply passionate about creating a culture of continuous improvement, engaging classrooms, and lifelong learning. Their coursework has not only equipped them with practical teaching ideas, but it has allowed them to research, reflect, and think critically about the most effective teaching practices. Our district and students are fortunate to benefit from the continued development of these teachers, and we thank them for their dedication to their profession and their students.

The benefits of the Ambassador service projects are very inspiring for the Sturgeon Bay students, as well as impactful for the members of the community who get to interact with these young student volunteers!