



# ST CROIX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



October

*Happy Autumn, Saints Nation!*

2023



## HOMECOMING 2023



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School Building Hours  
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Dresser Elementary -  
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SCF MS & HS - 8am - 3:30pm

**Vision**  
Becoming the best version  
of ourselves:  
\* Dynamic  
\* Connected  
\* Innovative

**Mission**  
The mission of the School  
District of St. Croix Falls is  
to provide a supportive,  
student-centered  
learning environment that  
cultivates character,  
fosters academic  
excellence, and  
embraces diversity.

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# HOME COMING 2023



Students playing BINGO the morning of homecoming.



St. Croix Falls students who donated to the food shelf



St. Croix Falls High School had its annual Homecoming activities and food drive last week. The St. Croix Falls Student Council members planned Decades-themed dress-up days and games all week long, including a bonfire on Tuesday after the volleyball team beat Barron. At the bonfire, the sports captains gave speeches and St. Croix Falls students taught the entire school cheers. In addition, the SCFHS Student Council held a food drive all week. The winning classes got to play Iron Man volleyball and powder puff football. In total, the St. Croix Falls High School raised 527 pounds of food to the St. Croix Falls Food Shelf. Homecoming week wrapped up with an assembly at the football field, and the football team winning at home vs. Chetek - Weyerhaeuser.



Yoga with Ms. Eisenman was one of the options for students on Friday morning.



Capture the Flag

## Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, October 31st Trick or Treating for canned goods.**

Student Council members travel throughout the St. Croix Falls and Dresser community and trick-or-treat for canned goods and non-perishable items for Family Pathways.

- **Sunday, November 5th Momster Bash**

This is a mother-child Halloween-themed dance, with lots of games and activities for families to participate in.

Thank You,

Morgan Marks, SCF Student Council PR



Mattress races and corn hole finals.



# A Letter from the Superintendent, Mark Burandt



Welcome to Autumn.

As with each fall newsletter, I want to take a moment to write about winter weather preparedness. As the weather begins to turn, some review of school safety is important. Safety comes in many forms. Not a day goes by where school officials don't think about our students' safety. This includes school buses and their maintenance, behavioral expectations of children, their routes, and the training of our drivers. It also includes the physical safety and comfort of our buildings and grounds. It means being certain that our three principals continue to educate staff and students in the realm of how to treat people with respect and dignity.

In addition, the conversation around safety means that we should be aware of some of the unique items that come with the impending change of seasons from fall to winter. As is common throughout Wisconsin and other northern states, there will be days that may require consideration on whether or not to hold school, or if we are already in school to let out early, for our students due to weather. There are several factors that go into the decision-making process when it comes to "weather-related" cancellations, delays or dismissals. I do want to take some time to explain how the process works, what goes into the decision-making process, and how parents/guardians can help keep their children safe and secure. **As a side note, please take time now to prepare your contingency plans for your children's care in case we have a delay of the starting time, an early release, or a full-day cancellation.**

When it comes to the weather, the one thing we know for certain is that it can vary from location to location and hour to hour. Forecasts can change quickly either for the good or bad. Depending upon where you get your weather information from, that can be a concern as well. Our main television programming comes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. While they are good at what they do, our local forecast can sometimes be quite different than the forecast we see on television. This can be due to how a storm or weather system may approach, where its boundaries are, and the tracking of a system. Therefore, it is important to note, that we take many different factors into making the decision on whether or not to hold school. It is also important to note that the weather can vary greatly even from the southern portions of our district to the northern portions.

When deciding whether or not to hold school, we stay in contact with road maintenance crews from our various governmental units, our transportation director (Stephanie Kemen) and/or local law enforcement. If road conditions are such that it may make for difficult transportation of our students, we will then begin to consider not having school, delaying school, or releasing early. Sometimes the geographical makeup of our district can make this a difficult decision. We are a very long (north to south) district. This can lead to several weather events possibly happening at the same time as what is happening in Dresser may be completely different to the weather conditions in Cushing or other locations to the North.



# A Letter from the Superintendent, Mark Burandt (continued)

Sometimes the weather can impact our school decision even if the roads are in great driving conditions. This can occur when extremely cold temperatures combine with wind conditions such that it may be unsafe to have school. This is often a more difficult decision as everyone's interpretation of wind chill can vary. It is this event that parents can have the greatest impact upon their child's safety and well-being. Being certain children have weather appropriate hats, scarves, gloves or mittens, coats, pants, and footwear goes a long way in being certain students are prepared to face Wisconsin's winter weather. If you should have questions about appropriate clothing, please contact your child's principal who may have resources to assist you in the event that it may be difficult for a family to secure all the needed items. Also please keep in mind that buses can be delayed a bit during winter weather. This again is a reason to ensure that students are dressed properly for the weather each day.

Should there be weather events that may cause you to question whether or not school will be held, we do have a communications program that is called **School Messenger** which will help us communicate with you regarding any delays or cancellations. This program allows us to phone, text, and/or email you quickly with accurate, up-to-date information. We will also get information onto area television stations and our website as well. Our student data program provides the information to **School Messenger** in order to call. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information the school district has, please contact your child's school office.

I have been asked in previous years, why I don't call off school the night prior when a storm is approaching. While I understand that having plenty of advance notice is a good thing, there have been many instances where weather conditions change, fail to materialize or just don't warrant having closed school. It would be very rare for us to call school off on the evening prior due to these reasons.

On another note, the week of October 1 through 7 was the Wisconsin School Board week. I just want to take a moment to say thank you to our school board. Members of our board are: President Roni Schuler, Vice president Brent McCurdy, Treasurer Tashina Raygor, Clerk Steve Bont and member Matt Brice. Being a board member is a tremendous responsibility that our board members take very seriously. At times they must make difficult decisions that are not always popular.

Board members are elected to three-year terms by the voters in the district. Each December there is time to file intent to run for election if that is something someone wants to do. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact the district office for information.

Please take time to enjoy the change of seasons. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Mark C. Burandt  
District Administrator







On the evening of Saturday, October 14th, members and supporters of the district's students came together for a fundraiser. A goal of \$25,000 for the evening was set and silent and live auctions were used to work towards that goal, as well as sponsorships and ticket sales. This was the tenth-year anniversary of raising funds together!



Dawn Mielke and Angie Behning, STAR Board Members, greeted guests at Trollhaugen as they arrived for the Evening with the STARS annual fundraiser.

CELEBRATE academics, athletics and all things SCF! OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

# Evening with the STARS

October 14, 2023 | 6:30 PM  
Trollhaugen Convention Center  
2232 100th Ave, Dresser, WI

Help us raise funds to support students in the St. Croix Falls School District.  
Dress up in your blue and white and plan for an evening of raffles, auctions, and a short program.

Tickets available online at [STARscf.org](http://STARscf.org) or at the District office. Have questions? Call 715.557.1920



Mrs. Germain received the STAR TEACHER award. Her father, Gene, was on hand to celebrate with her. Congratulations Mrs. Germain!



Alumni members shared the evening together supporting STAR!



Benjamin Franklin once wrote, “Investment in knowledge pays the best interest,” and we know this to be so very true even today. High school graduates fair far better in life than their counterparts who drop out, and the quality of their education is determined primarily by their local educational system. Fortunately, the St. Croix Falls School system is doing exceptionally well in its task as educators.



**STAR Board Members. Thank you so much!**

Despite our school's high accolades, however, not all of the students in our school system are thriving. There is still room for improving the

educational experience for many of our students. Some students are challenged financially, so they may have issues related to nutrition or being able to participate in activities that require user fees. Some students are slow learners and may require additional learning aids or equipment. And some students are exceptional learners and may not be challenged intellectually by traditional teaching methods.

This is why the STAR Education Foundation was conceived. STAR stands for Students, Teachers, Alumni and Residents; all of the individuals who comprise and contribute to the success and well-being of our educational system and ultimately our community as a whole.

Your financial support helps us to fulfill our mission to enrich the educational experiences of our students and teachers. Your tax-deductible gifts will be used for a number of programs that will assist in keeping all of our students healthy, equipped, and ready to engage in learning. Some of the initial programs that the STAR Education Foundation will financially assist are the Backpack Program, student activity fees for students who cannot afford them, and a variety of other projects that will enhance the classroom experience.

The STAR Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational charitable organization. We welcome any gift amount, and all financial gifts are completely tax-deductible. Furthermore, all contributions will be used solely to benefit individuals, classes, or clubs within our own St. Croix Falls School District.

A final dollar amount from the Evening with the STARS event has not been released, but we know it was good! We appreciate the support of everyone who chipped in. Please reach out to Melissa Ward at 715.557.1920 if you'd like additional information about the STAR Education Foundation.





# Information from the Nurse

## COVID Information

Covid Testing Home Kits

Home Kits are still available for pickup while supplies last. Please contact me at milleho@scfschools.com to arrange a pickup.



## Flu Shot Clinic

Save the Date Flu Shot Clinic @ SCF Schools: November 1, 2023. The Polk County Health Department and the School District of St. Croix Falls will be offering a Flu Shot Clinic for students K-12 and staff.

Emails were sent out early October. To access St. Croix Falls' flu vaccination consent form, please click here:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/WXhj7gsY3G>.  
Last day to sign up is October 24, 2023.  
Check the school website for up-to date information as well.



## ***TOO Sick For School? When to stay home***

- 1. Fever: 100.0 F or greater. Student may return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.*
- 2. Vomiting/Diarrhea: Any unexplained vomiting episode. May return 24 hours after last episode. Diarrhea=three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stool in 24 hours OR sudden onset of loose stools. May return 24 hours after last episode.*
- 3. Cough: Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing. Consult with a health care provider.*
- 4. Rash: Any new rash accompanied by fever. May return after rash goes away and fever free or clearance given by health care provider.*
- 5. Skin Lesions/Sores: Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage OR sores are increasing in size OR new sores are developing day-to-day. Consult with a health care provider.*

A NOTE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL

# Peggy Ryan



First quarter parent-teacher conferences were held October 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the high school. Turnout was very good—thank you to parents who attended. This year, one parent-teacher conference will be held during each of the first three quarters of the school year to better coincide with the block schedule and changes in courses. We are holding drop-in conferences again this year. If parents cannot attend on the scheduled evening, please contact your student’s teachers and make other arrangements. As the high school wraps up the first quarter, parents can check grades through PowerSchool and see student assignments through Schoology to keep track of their student’s progress.

Please remember to call the school if your student is absent, and send in a note from your medical provider if there is a diagnosis that prevents your student from attending school. This is especially important if your student will miss multiple days for a specific medical diagnosis. It is essential for the school to maintain accurate attendance records. State law allows 10 parent-excused days, so we rely on this information to gain a clear picture of each student’s unique circumstances for being absent.

Fall sports seasons are coming to a close. All five of our starting varsity golfers—Josie Sawicki, Alexandra Lehman, Peyton Park, Lilly Root and Kenzie Fleck—earned Academic All-State Honors from the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin. Kenzie Fleck won all-conference honors, placing fifth overall in the Heart of the North. Our volleyball girls won the conference championship in the Heart of the North and are ranked the number one seed in the WIAA’s division 3 bracket for Northwest Wisconsin. The soccer team finished third in the HON. Ilie Jensen has been our lead runner in cross country, earning a spot on the all conference team. The football team finished third in the HON, heading to Neillsville for the first playoff game.

With fall hunting seasons underway and gun deer hunting season approaching, please remind your high school hunter to remove all firearms and ammunition from vehicles that are used on school grounds and clothing. Schools are gun-free zones.

We will be completing our mental health screening for all freshmen in mid-December during Mental Health Awareness Week. Students are encouraged to participate in this 15-minute process which may help determine if a student has a symptom of a mental health condition. The information gathered is confidential. Parents may opt out of the process if they do not want their student to participate. More detailed information will be sent out in the near future.







*Mrs. Hoefs' WWII students went to the Commemorative Air Force Museum at Flemming Field in South Saint Paul. Here students were able to see Miss Mitchell a functional WWII Era B-25. Students also were able to try their hand at flying Miss Mitchell in the museum flight simulator. Every year this field trip gets better and better!*



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To all who served,

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**WE ARE  
THANKFUL  
FOR YOUR  
SERVICE**

Students/Staff, do you have a veteran you love that you would like to see honored at this year's Veterans Day program?

Send a picture, their name and branch of service to Mrs. Hoefs - [hoefsma@scfschools.com](mailto:hoefsma@scfschools.com) by November 3rd to be included in this year's program.

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# From the Athletic Director

Fall Sports have been exceptional here in SCF and we are so proud!

Here is a little recap so far:

- Dance had great participation in their fall season from HS and MS athletes, performing at each football halftime, and improving from one performance to the next. They also hosted a youth dance camp.
- Girls Golf ended their season at Regionals. Kenzie Fleck was 5th in the Heart O'North Conference meet.
- Cross Country had a lot of great improvement throughout the season with many top 10 finishes for Ilie Jensen along with top 20 finishes from Kenneth Miner. Good luck to our runners at Sectionals in Rice Lake.
- Soccer got the #4 seed and will host Osceola in Unity on Thursday, Oct. 19 for their first round of the playoffs after competing so tough throughout the season.
- Football will make the playoffs for the 5th year in a row. Aiden Meador has been leading the conference in rushing and Griffin Marko is leading the conference in tackles.
- Volleyball got the #1 seed in the WIAA D3 and is the Heart O'North Conference Champion for the 4th year in a row. Kelsey Cooper got her 1000th Career Kill this season and has become the school record holder for most kills. The first playoff volleyball game will be at home on Thursday, Oct. 19.

We wish all of our fall teams the best as they enter into their post-seasons!

## Winter Sports:

Reminder before an athlete can practice he/she needs to have an up-to-date physical or alternate year card, be registered for the sport, and have paid the fee. Concussion tests need to be completed every other year for high school athletes, except for some of our co-op sports, which require a yearly concussion test. Winter concussion testing dates will be shared through HS announcements at the end of October.

Physical and Alternate Year forms can be found outside of the high school office and at the bottom of the athletics school webpage, link:

<https://www.scf.k12.wi.us/district/athletics.cfm>

Sports Registration can be done here:

<https://scfschools.revtrak.net/athletic-fees/#/f/athletics-fees>



ATHLETICS

#SCFSAINTSNATION



## **STARTS DATES FOR EACH WINTER SPORT:**

### **-MS BOYS BASKETBALL-**

Practice starts on Monday, October 30, 2023

### **-BOYS & GIRLS HOCKEY AND GIRLS BASKETBALL-**

Practice starts on Monday, November 6, 2023

### **-BOYS & GIRLS WRESTLING AND BOYS BASKETBALL-**

Practice starts on Monday, November 13, 2023

### **-MS GIRLS BASKETBALL AND MS BOYS & GIRLS WRESTLING-**

Practice starts on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

We wish our winter sports teams the best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming seasons. We know that many of them are coming off of very successful years and we know this year will be even better!

### **-WINTER SPORTS CLUB-**

Powerlifting will be open to students in 7th-12th grade. If you are interested, but missed the October 17th meeting, please contact coach Jordan Braund - [jordanbraund@gmail.com](mailto:jordanbraund@gmail.com)

Notes from Athletic Director Rose: I want to say a big thank you to all of our athletes for representing SCF so well with your athleticism, work ethic, and grit! Thank you to the parents and fans for all your support for our athletes and teams. Lastly, a big thank you to our game workers and officials- you all work a very thankless job that is so incredibly hard, and without you, our athletes would never be able to compete. THANK YOU!

A reminder to all SCF athletic fans- the WIAA and St. Croix Falls require good sportsmanship at education-based sporting events. SCF's Athletic Department core values are Integrity, Sportsmanship, and Leadership- we ask our athletes and coaches to commit to these values, and I want to encourage you- our families, and fans to also do your best to exhibit great integrity, sportsmanship, and leadership.

Thank you, Tara Rose



# ATHLETICS

**THE BEST PLACE TO FIND ST. CROIX FALLS SPORTS SCHEDULES AND CHANGES IN ANY SCHEDULE IS THE HEART O' NORTH WEBSITE:**

[HTTPS://HEARTONORTH.ORG/PUBLIC/GENIE/142/SCHOOL/674/](https://heartonorth.org/public/genie/142/school/674/)

**THE HOCKEY SCHEDULES (BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS) CAN BE FOUND ON THE MIDDLE BORDER CONFERENCE WEBSITE:**

[HTTPS://MIDDLEBORDERCONFERENCE.ORG/PUBLIC/GENIE/91/SCHOOL/210/](https://middleborderconference.org/public/genie/91/school/210/)



# NOVEMBER NEWS

## November 2023

St. Croix Falls School District Breakfast Menu

		1 Banana Bread 44	2 Breakfast Pizza 23	3 No School
6 Mini Bagel 38	7 Berry Bread 44 & Fruit	8 Mini Cinnis 40	9 Cereal Bar 30 Graham cracker 11	10 Ultimate Breakfast Round 45
13 Apple Frudel 36	14 French Toast Sticks 35	15 Ultimate Breakfast Round 45	16 Mini Waffles 38 Fruit	17 Mini Pancakes 41 Fruit
20 1 Muffins 29, Yogurt 19 Juice, milk	21 Cereal Bar 30 & Toast 16	22  No School	23 No School	24 No School 
27 Cereal 30 Crackers 11	28 French Toast Sticks 35	29 Breakfast Pizza 23	30 Mini Pancakes 41 	

Choice of milk: skim, 1%, and chocolate skim and choice of fruit juice or fresh fruit goes with each meal. Chocolate milk: 20, 1%, 13. Apple and Orange juice 14. Grape juice 19.

## November 2023

St. Croix Falls District Lunch Menu

		1 Cheeseburger/Bun 29 Spicy Fries 18 Green Beans 6 Strawberry cups 16	2 Ham & Cheese/Bun 29 Fresh Veggies & Dip 12 Baked Beans 30 Applesauce 12	3 No School
		6 Chicken Pattie/Bun 28 3 Bean Salad 5 Corn 21 Mixed Fruit 17	7 Mini Corn Dogs 27.5 Tator Tots 16 Baked Beans 30 Mandarin Oranges 30	8 Chicken Stir-Fry 12 Steamed Brown Rice 16 Green Beans 6 Peaches 12
		13 Cheeseburger 29 Potato Wedges 18 Baked Beans 30 Spicy Apples 17	14 Pizza Dipper 34 Marinara Sauce 6.5 Lettuce Salad 3 Broccoli 4 Mixed Fruit 17	15 Spaghetti 21 Meat sauce 19 Lettuce Salad 3 WG Garlic Toast 12 Carrots 4 Pears 16 <small>All: Chicken Alfredo @MSHS</small>
		20 BBQ Chicken/Bun 30 Baked Chips 16 Corn 21 Peaches 16	21 Cheese Quesadilla 32 Green Beans 6 Pineapple 15	22 No School
		27 Chili 11 Cornbread 30 Veggies & Dip 12 Peaches 16 <small>All: Turkey Sub 17 @MSHS</small>	28 Mini Corn Dogs 33 Potato 16 Corn 21 Mixed Fruit 17	29 Taco Salad meat 10 chips 20 Fixings 3 Peas 11 Pineapple 15 WG Cookie 16
				23 No School 
				24 No School
				30 Meatloaf 6 Mashed Potato 17 Carrots 4 Applesauce 12

All meals Served with choice of milk: skim, 1%, and Chocolate skim. Fresh fruit and fresh vegetable choice available daily. Menu subject to change due to availability.

# MATH TUTORING



**WHO:** Algebra 1, Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Algebra 2, Common Core Algebra 2, Geometry, Common Core Geometry, Stats, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Tech Math Students

**WHEN:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday -- 7:00 - 7:55am; Friday -- 7:00 - 7:25am  
*(By appointment only if virtual: email [sirinma@scfschools.com](mailto:sirinma@scfschools.com) the day before to make an appointment.)*

**WHERE:** Mr. Sirinek's Room (Room #139)

**WHY:** To improve math skills and study habits.

**WHAT TO BRING:** A POSITIVE attitude & questions you would like help answering!





## A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

# Darrell Imhoff

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start at St. Croix Falls Middle School.

Since the start of this school year we have been reviewing the 3 R's - Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Property. Those 3 Rs are the basis of our positive behavior interventions and strategies programming at the middle school. As you can see in the chart below, the 3 R's are about promoting positive practices and developing beneficial characteristics that help students succeed.

### Respect SELF

- Make good decisions today for a successful tomorrow
- Practice grit; care about the work that you do
- Take care of your mind and body
- Practice self-advocacy

### Respect OTHERS

- Treat others the way they want to be treated
- Be considerate of others' ideas, choices, and boundaries
- Be empathetic and assertive
- Encourage others

### Respect PROPERTY

- Use property as intended
- Ask before you use others' items
- Report any damage
- Leave your area better than you found it

We have several new staff members this year. Frankie Torres is our new school counselor. Frankie is a familiar face around St Croix Falls, as he has been a high school baseball coach for years. He is a graduate from Viterbo University and worked for Polk County Health and Human Services previously. Garrett Kerkow is teaching special education. Garrett, a SCF alum, is a graduate of UW-River Falls and has been a substitute teacher at SCF schools over the past year. Molly Panasuk is teaching 8th grade social studies as well as high school history classes. Molly previously taught at Eleva-Strum and is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire. Nick Johnson, also a SCF alum, is teaching special education. Nick worked at the Cumberland school district. Ella Kerkow is teaching 5th grade science. Ella, another SCF Alum, graduated from UW-Eau Claire last winter and was a substitute teacher here last spring. Brandon Jensen, another SCF alum, is an intern teacher in the special education department for the first semester. Brandon has worked with SCF students as a middle school and high school coach for a number of years. In addition to the teaching staff, we have new Special Education para-professionals – Emma Livingston, Lisa Slater, and Angie Young.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Remember that PowerSchool and Schoology are excellent tools for parents to keep track of their student's grades. If you need help connecting to either PowerSchool or Schoology, please contact the middle school office. Students are being graded using the standard grading scale - A, B, C, D and F. Classwork and assessments contribute to a student's overall grade. Different grade levels use different percentages for final grade determination. For seventh and eighth grade, assessments count for 70% and daily work counts for 30% of the final grade. In sixth and fifth grade, assessments count for 60% and daily work counts for 40% of the final grade. If you ever have questions about why your child is getting a specific grade, please contact their teacher.

Again, it's been a wonderful start to the year and I am happy to be a part of Saints Nation. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Mr. Darrell Imhoff  
St Croix Falls Middle School Principal  
Telephone (715) 483-9823 ext: 1202

## **THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS ARE 7:30 AM - 3:45PM**

**AS THE WEATHER GETS COOLER, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT STUDENTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BE IN THE BUILDING FOR ACTIVITY PRACTICES, HOMEWORK HELP, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WEIGHTROOM OR OTHER SPECIFIC STAFF SUPERVISED REASONS. ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL BE SENT OUTSIDE.**

### **2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR  
AGES 11 UP \$5, AGES 4-10 \$3, 3 AND UNDER FREE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD @ 7PM  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH @ 2PM & 7PM

WE "SHER-WOOD" LOVE TO SEE YOU IN THE FINE  
ART CENTER FOR THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

MONDAYS /WEDNESDAYS- MRS BATEMAN'S ROOM  
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS - MR WONDRA'S ROOM





# SCF SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RESOURCES

### ENGAGE Wisconsin



#### What is ENGAGE Wisconsin?

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has partnered with Graduation Alliance to provide an extra layer of support for grades 6-12 students and their families to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year.

Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an Academic Success Coach who will answer questions, connect them with resources, and develop a plan to help the student stay on track and engaged with their schooling.

#### How does it work?

Coaches reach out to students by phone, email, text message, and more to provide support such as:

- Encouragement and motivation to help students stay on track with their studies
- Organization and study tips
- Educational resources and exercises to help strengthen reading and math skills
- Referrals to local nonprofit organizations that can provide support with life's challenges

#### What does it cost?

ENGAGE Wisconsin is state-funded and completely **free to students**.

#### How do I sign up?

Go to [RegisterWI.GraduationAlliance.com](https://RegisterWI.GraduationAlliance.com), call 414.207.8960, or email [EngageWI@GraduationAlliance.com](mailto:EngageWI@GraduationAlliance.com) to get started.

*"I couldn't ask for better dedication and support for my daughter. Our Academic Success Coach is a blessing and has incredible energy. I love how she got my daughter out of her shell and talking more (and finding her voice to speak up more). Thanks to our coach and this program, my daughter loves school and learning again. This program is the best thing that could ever happen for my daughter and me!" ~ ENGAGE parent*



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

# FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Dear Saints Families,

Our year has been wonderful so far! The Dresser and St. Croix Falls kids are, without a doubt, the best kids in the world. Staff often comment on how working in our schools is like working in a little slice of heaven and I feel that way too. Additionally, families, we are VERY grateful to you for the support you've shown.

The success of our little school is known far and wide and I often get emails and phone calls from school leaders from far flung towns and states asking how we can be so successful. I always share the four things that make SCF and Dresser ES the best of the best.

We do so well because we have the best:

- Teachers and staff.
- Students.
- Families.
- Community.

## **School-Home Collaboration**

The staff and I realize that parents are a child's first and best teachers. We need you. You can rely on us to do our best with your sweetie pies and to support you as parents and we ask you to do the following to support our work.

Speak kindly of school and teachers. Research has found that parents' verbalized perception of a school has a profound impact on student learning and behavior. Staying positive is amazingly powerful!

Organize your day so that children read for 20 minutes each day. This is a homework expectation for every Dresser and SCF ES student. If your little darling can't read, please read to her/him. Additionally, students should spend 5 minutes on math fact practice and/or spelling practice each day as needed. If you need support getting this going at your house, let me know, I truly love to help!

Limit free-play electronics to an hour a day maximum and encourage as much outdoor and creative play as possible! We live in one of the most beautiful places on the planet, let's pledge to enjoy it this year!

Communicate with us! Please check your ClassTag, bookmark the elementary schools' webpage (<https://www.scf.k12.wi.us/schools/scf/>) and share your updated email information. This year more than ever, we need an electronic means of communication.

If there is a change in transportation ALWAYS write a note or call the office directly. ClassTag, email, and other communication systems do not work for changes in transportation.

Please remember, we need you as much as you need us. We serve children best when we try to be on the same page. Reach out with questions, concerns, and suggestions when you have them. Also, reach out with compliments. The teachers have been on overdrive trying to do the very best they can. Your words of encouragement mean a lot.



# FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

## Parking/Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders

Unfortunately, the parking lot can be a very dangerous place. I often see folks driving fast, texting, or being otherwise distracted. My goal is to protect our precious Saints, not to bug you! But, sometimes one seems to come with the other! Please remember to:

Park in designated spaces only.

In the turn around at the SCF Elementary School, please go to the end of the circle to let your student out and keep the flow of traffic moving. There are no vehicles allowed in the circle after school.

Please model safe walking by always using the sidewalks.

We love dogs but they are only allowed on school grounds if they remain in your vehicle.

## Tips and Hints for Happy/Healthy Kiddos

Below are some tips, hints, and reminders for helping your child continue to succeed in school and at home. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions, ideas, and concerns. Working with families is one of my favorite aspects of my job.

## Chores! Not Just for Parents!

A good rule of thumb is:

*If they are capable of doing it themselves, they should do it themselves*

Check out this chart of chores for ideas. Then after chores, let your sweetie chill-out with a good book for 20-30 minutes of much needed down-time.

## A Saint C.A.R.E.S! Behavior Guidelines

- Cooperation: I work well with others!
- Assertion: I use my words to stand up for myself and others!
- Responsibility: I do what needs to get done!
- Empathy: I think about how others feel, and I am caring.
- Self-Control: I control my body and my mind.

## CHORES *by age*

<b>TODDLER</b> 2-3 YEAR OLDS	<b>PRESCHOOLER</b> 4-5 YEAR OLDS	
Make bed	Load dishwasher	
Take clothes to laundry	Set table	
Put clean clothes away	Water plants	
Clean up toys	Help feed pets	
	Match socks	
	Clean room	
<b>ELEMENTARY</b> 6-9 YEAR OLDS	<b>TWEEN</b> 10-12 YEAR OLDS	
Sweep	Take out trash	
Sort laundry	Fold Laundry	
Wipe counters	Vacuum	
Help with meal prep	Mop	
Empty dishwasher	Clean toilets	
Pull weeds	Make easy meals	
<b>TEEN</b> 13+	Make meals/meal plan	Mow lawn
	Clean fridge	
	Babysit	

# FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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## Attendance Reminders

We love our students and want to see their smiling faces as often as possible! This year, we encourage you to make good attendance a goal.

## Building the Attendance Habit

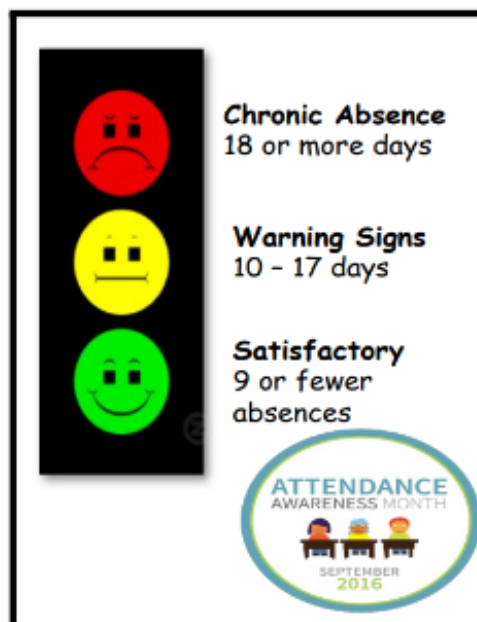
Getting back into the habit of daily attendance matters more than ever as we recover from the pandemic. Going to school every day is an opportunity to:

- Build routines that will be useful for the rest of life.
- Help reduce stress because students don't always feel "out of the loop".
- Connect to friends and teachers and build support systems and a sense of belonging.
- Engage in learning and stay at or above grade level.

Often parents don't realize how quickly absences add up and what a profound effect they can have on a child's life. When students miss two days a month it may not seem like much but it quickly adds up to almost a full month of learning loss!

## Thoughts to Consider

- Keeping a student home when she or he has a fever is ALWAYS the right thing to do.
- Keeping a student home when she or he has a slight runny nose or cough may not be necessary.
- When students are frequently absent (more than once or twice a month) the teacher needs to devote more time to "catching up" and that means a loss of teaching time for all children.
- Students who are frequently absent are more likely to be significantly below grade level in reading and math and that has far-reaching effects.





# FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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## When Your Kiddo Doesn't Want to Go

Sometimes our children (mine included!), don't want to go to school. That is normal! I love my job to the moon and back and sometimes I still don't want to go to work! The call of a cozy day at home can be tempting. But, I promise you, once your children are here, they tend to be happy, even if they put on a strong fuss at home in the morning. Below are tips to help your child get up and head to school each morning.

- Make sure that you share with them how important school is. Never give your child the idea that school is optional.
- Remind your child about how much fun they have with their friends.
- When your child comes home from school, ask her/him to tell you about something fun or funny that happened. Help your kiddos focus on how great it is to be in a community each day.
- Set a routine with an early bedtime. Most American children do not get nearly enough sleep. Elementary school children need between 9 and 12 hours of sleep each night!
- Don't allow electronics of any kind for at least an hour before bed.
- Read with your child for at least 20 minutes before bed.
- Build a routine for mornings with a set wake-up time and breakfast.

We work hard to make our school environment a place where everyone can be safe, happy, healthy and learning. Please reach out if you need help with attendance or building routines. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so that our children have a successful year.

Yours in teaching and learning,

Rita Platt

Principal, St. Croix Falls and Dresser Elementary Schools





Little Saints are having fun. Want to be a part of it? Join our TEAM!







AM Kids Care Call 715-417-2248

PM Kids Care Call 715-417-1694

## KIDS CARE!

2023/2024

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[HTTPS://SCFCSCHOOLS.REVTRAK.NET/RW-COMMUNITY-EDUCATION/](https://scfcschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/)



School Year Contract(All regular school days when school is in session.)		
Type	Description/Information	Fees
Registration Free	Online Registration <a href="https://scfcschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/">https://scfcschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/</a>	\$20 per child\$60 maximum per family
AM Location	AM Kids Care: St. Croix Falls Elementary SchoolPhone Number: 715-417-22486:00am-7:45am	\$5 per child
PM Location	PM Kids Care: Dresser ElementaryPhone Number: 715-417-1694 3:15pm-6:00pm	Until 4:30pm- \$5.00 per child Until 5:00pm- \$7.50 per child Until 6:00pm- \$8.50 per child



### Kids Care will provide:

- A safe, healthy, comfortable environment.
- Caring supervision by a qualified adult and great, enthusiastic students.
- A consistent group of playmates.
- Quiet time with books.
- Large movement games-when outside time can't happen.
- A healthy, nutritious snack.
- Lots of fun!!

### What will be expected of your child during Kids Care?

- Be a Saint who C.A.R.E.S. (cooperative, assertive, responsible, empathetic, self-controlled)
- Follow program rules & staff directions
- Participate appropriately in planned activities within a group of children
- Stay within the activity area and not wander away from the group
- Behave in a manner that does not pose an unsafe situation for themselves or others
- Be independent for personal care needs such as washing hands and toileting

**ALL FAMILIES ENROLLED WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A MONTHLY CALENDAR WITH YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE. YOU WILL BE BILLED BI-WEEKLY. PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY FOR THE CARE PROVIDED FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THE MONTHLY CALENDAR.**

**Late fee will be applied if payment is not received by the due date.**



### KIDS CARE DIRECTOR

Tammy Jones  
jonesta@scfcschools.com

AM Kids Care Call 715-417-2248  
PM Kids Care Call 715-417-1694





# COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

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## **SARA MCCURDY**

Community Education supervisor

The mission of St. Croix Falls Community Education is to engage youth and adults in community-driven learning and to create lifelong learners who will have the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to lead productive lives and improve our community.

Community Education serves the public in numerous categories, utilizing school facilities to their maximum potential. Classes, activities, and special events include: college credit classes, adult education, business and industry training, business partnerships, health programs, fine arts, crafts and hobbies, cultural and entertainment events, sports and recreation, youth programs, child care, and personal enrichment opportunities. Community Education takes pride in offering services to the entire area at minimal costs to the taxpayer. One of our goals is to not duplicate services, but rather work with area groups to offer a great variety of opportunities. Visit our website as we are striving to make it useful for everyone to find information regarding all area groups and contact information.

If you are interested in offering your expertise in any area and teaching a community education class, please contact our office:

Sara McCurdy, Director of Community Education

Phone: 715-483-2507 extension 1406

Email: [commed@scfschools.com](mailto:commed@scfschools.com)

Classes are listed for registration at: <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>

Community Education Website: <https://www.scf.k12.wi.us/community/>

## **SCF COMMUNITY EDUCATION: HALLWAY WALKING**

1. Use the SCF HS/MS School hallways for walking will be permitted during the following times:
    - Monday-Friday, 5-7 PM, November – March.
    - Hallway walking is not permitted on non-school days (ie in-service days, fall break, winter break).
    - If school is canceled, there is no hallway walking.
  2. Registration is required. Please register online at <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/> or contact the Community Ed Director ([commed@scfschools.com](mailto:commed@scfschools.com)) or 715-483-2507 x1406 if you wish to be included on the list. You must be on the list that is shared with evening custodial staff to ensure safety.
  3. Participants are not permitted to attend games or events that may be taking place on campus during scheduled walking times, unless paying entrance fees.
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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

DANCE STUDIO IN HS GYM  ST. CROIX FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

# FITNESS CLASSES

WITH LINDA  
Linda Shober, NETA-CGEI

REGISTER NOW!



4 WEEKS OF CLASS!  
OCT 16 - NOV 8

STARTS IN  
**OCTOBER**

## "STRENGTH + STRETCH"

Build Strength + Mobility! This class will focus on functional, bodyweight exercises such as squats, lunges, planks and more. Additionally, we will integrate moves from yoga, pilates & barre. Encouraging environment. All welcome.

WEDNESDAYS: 6 PM - 7 PM  
**COST: \$40**

BEGINNERS WELCOME | MODIFICATIONS AVAILABLE | DROP-INS WELCOME

## Fitness Class with Linda - Strength & Stretch

Wednesday, November 29, December 6, 13, 20 from 6-7pm in the HS Fitness Room

Fee: \$40

Join Instructor Linda Shober to build your strength and mobility! This class will focus on basic bodyweight exercises such as squats, lunges, planks and more. Additionally, we'll integrate moves from yoga + pilates + barre for both our strength and stretch portions.

Register online at <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/> or email [commed@scfschools.com](mailto:commed@scfschools.com). Register by November 22nd to assure your spot in class.

## Piano and Flute Lessons: with Instructor Julie Roadfeldt.

Lessons are open to youth and adults \$25.00 per half hour lesson, monthly tuition is due at the beginning of each month, payable to Julie Roadfeldt. Classes can be held in the SCF HS Music Room. St Croix Falls Community Ed welcomes experienced piano and flute instructor Julie Roadfeldt this school year for private after school music lessons, for students of all skill levels! Lessons are open to ALL ages. To learn more about music instruction and to schedule lessons, please email Julie at [julie.roadfeldt@gmail.com](mailto:julie.roadfeldt@gmail.com) or call 715-557-2527.



## SAINT CROIX FALLS BOOSTER BASKETBALL

REGISTER ONLINE:  
<https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>

### BOYS 3RD & 4TH GRADE BOOSTER BASKETBALL

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION!**

## 3rd & 4th Grade BOYS BOOSTER BASKETBALL

Register online at <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/> or email [commed@scfschools.com](mailto:commed@scfschools.com).

## 5th - 8th Grade BOYS BOOSTER BASKETBALL

Questions: email Chad Hall @ [hallcha@scfschools.com](mailto:hallcha@scfschools.com).

Boys 5th - 8th Grade registration will open **NOVEMBER 1st!**

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

## Saturday Morning Basketball!!!



### Open to boys and girls Grades K-4

(Used to be called Bitty Ball)

The primary goals of this program are to teach youth fundamental basketball skills and to progress into fun, organized and competitive scrimmages. This is a non-traveling league and is recommended for all students (K-4) including those that play traveling basketball. December and January is spent doing fun drills that work on fundamental skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. In February, offense and defense will be introduced into simple organized games. This program is run by Chad Hall, varsity boys' coach, and HS basketball players.

#### Saturdays:

DEC. 16 MIDDLE School Gym  
JAN. 6 MIDDLE School Gym  
JAN. 20 ELEMENTARY School Gym  
FEB. 3 MIDDLE School

#### Times:

All Grades K-4: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Cost: \$25 If you have a jersey and \$45 for new players, includes new jersey.

REGISTER ONLINE ONLY: <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>

Questions, please contact Chad Hall 715-483-9823 ext. 1315 or [hallch@scfschools.com](mailto:hallch@scfschools.com)  
Registration Questions contact Sara McCurdy 715-483-2406 or [mccursa@scfschools.com](mailto:mccursa@scfschools.com)

## SCF YOUTH WRESTLING

Registration is now open for High Flyer Youth Wrestling in St Croix Falls  
Grades PreK thru 1 will practice Mondays 6-7 PM January – March 4th  
Grades 2 thru 5 will practice Tuesdays and Thursday 6-7:30 PM January – March 28th

Location: SCF HS Wrestling Room. Cost: \$50

Register online at <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>  
or email [commed@scfschools.com](mailto:commed@scfschools.com).



## SIMPLE CRAFTS FOR BEGINNERS – Stained Glass Class

Thursday Nov. 9 & 16 @ 6:30 – 8:00 PM, SCF High School FACE room  
Cost: \$20. Bring your own 5x7 picture frame to class – does not have to be new  
Join Kathy Scharfenberg and learn how to use transparent glass pieces to create a beautiful framed stained glass picture. Class is limited to 6 students, so pre-register online at <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>



Ages 6+ are welcome - the first night is free!  
Thursdays starting September 7th-May 16th (billed monthly)  
Hosted in the dance room at the SCF High School



Cheer! Stunting! Dance!

Ballet (5:30pm-6:00pm) - \$30/month  
Hip-Hop (6:00pm-6:30pm) - \$30/month  
Cheerleading (6:30-7:30pm) - \$45/month  
Cheer Stunt Team (Invite Only) (7:30-8:30pm) - \$45/month

Register at <http://ApexGymnast.com/CommEd/>  
Questions? (715) 539-3333 or [office@apexgymnast.com](mailto:office@apexgymnast.com)



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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

## Woodland Chorale

Coming to St Croix Falls,  
under the new direction of  
Shawn Gudmunsen.

Auditions: Nov 5th 4-6:30  
Nov 6th 6-8:30 & Nov 13th 6-8:30

- 1.) Vocal Range
- 2.) Voice placement preference
- 3.) Pitch matching/ Tonal memory

Chorale rehearsals will begin in  
January, 2024.

Please send email with  
questions or intent to  
audition to  
gudmush@scfschools.com

### The Woodland Chorale.

Please audition.

If you are selected to be part of this  
exciting group, you can register through  
community ed. There is a \$45  
participation cost per person.

Dance Lessons  
Wednesday nights  
7-7:45  
HS Fitness Room  
\$40/person  
Register online -  
limited space

SCF COMMUNITY ED PRESENTS  
**DANCE LESSONS**  
BY JOANNA



WEDNESDAYS  
7-7:45PM  
HS FITNESS ROOM

NOV 8, 15 & 29,  
DEC 6 & 13

REGISTER ONLINE.  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
\$40/PERSON

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## PICKLEBALL

OPEN PLAY & BEGINNER  
INSTRUCTION

Men's Women's & Mixed Doubles

TUESDAY/ THURSDAY MORNINGS  
6:30 - 7:30 AM @ MS GYM

**BEGINS OCTOBER 3, 2023**  
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

NO RACQUET - NO PROBLEM  
BORROW ONE OF OURS!

ADULTS:  
Come join this healthy,  
social activity  
that is easy to learn!

QUESTIONS? CALL  
715-483-2406

OR EMAIL  
commed@scfschools.com

Consider joining us to learn  
this new popular sport - All  
levels are welcome. For  
additional information call  
715.483.2406 or email at  
commed@scfschools.com

Driver's Education: St Croix Falls students interested in Driver's Ed

- **OPTION 1** Drivers Education is available online through Northwood Technical College.

All information is available by calling 715-234-7082 and select option 4, or can be found at:

<https://www.northwoodtech.edu/continuing-education-and-training/driver-training/drivers-ed>

- **OPTION 2** St Croix Valley Driving School is located in St Croix Falls. New classes begin September 18, 2023 and go through October 12, 2023

Classes are held Monday - Thursday 6-8 PM. Classes are also available online through SCVD. All information is available by calling or texting

715-553-6602 or email [scvds.office@gmail.com](mailto:scvds.office@gmail.com)

- **OPTION 3** Bumper to Bumper School of Driving is located in the Somerset/New Richmond area and offers services to St Croix Falls students.

All information is available by calling 715-417-8316 , email [Btbsdllc@gmail.com](mailto:Btbsdllc@gmail.com), or on their website: [btbsdllc.com](http://btbsdllc.com)

**DRIVER'S  
EDUCATION**  
GET A GOOD  
START



**OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE**

- \*ST CROIX VALLEY DRIVING SCHOOL
- \*NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- \*BUMPER TO BUMPER SCHOOL OF DRIVING