

ST CROIX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

January

Winter Wonderland, Saints Nation!

2026

St. Croix Falls School District

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St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
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School Building Hours
(in session)

Dresser Elementary -
8:17am-3:09pm

SCF Elementary -
8:07am-3:19pm

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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A Letter from the SCF Superintendent, Craig Broeren ~ January 2026



Saints Families-

Welcome to 2026! I sincerely hope that you found plenty of time to spend with family and friends over the holidays. As always, there were many awesome things that have occurred during the first half of the year in our schools and many more to come I am sure.

Of particular note, you have likely seen that the District "Exceeds Expectations" as scored on the State accountability report card and that SCF Elementary "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" which also led to their being recognized as a "high achieving" school by the State. The Department of Education would also typically recognize these schools as well through the Blue Ribbon Schools program; however, the program was discontinued.



This distinction publicly highlights the work of our staff as well as that of our students and although school staff typically do not want the spotlight, it is gratifying to know that the work you are doing is making a difference and that the broader community is aware.

It is also worth pointing out that a lot of credit goes to Mrs. Rita Platt, our elementary Principal, who is responsible for creating and maintaining the conditions necessary for staff and student success. School and District report card information is included in this newsletter for your reference.



As of Tuesday, January 6, we have had to close our schools two times due to inclement weather; as a result, any future school closure days will be "virtual learning" with specifics being provided by your child(ren)'s school and/or teacher in the future.

Please note that we did some updating of contacts in Powerschool, our student information system; to communicate the most recent school closure (on January 6) I did use all forms of communication we have available- phone calls, text messages, and emails. If you did not receive all three, please contact your child's school office for assistance in rectifying any issues.

I also wanted to take some time to thank our families and community members for the support you provide our schools, our staff, and of course our kids! I look forward to coming to work every day because it allows me to connect with kids and staff in meaningful ways that are fulfilling to me both personally and professionally.

This is a truly phenomenal District and the support from our families and community is unmatched as is the quality and caliber of our students and staff.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Take care.

Sincerely,
Craig G. Broeren
Superintendent

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General School Announcements



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LOG IN TODAY TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR COMMUNICATIONS!

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Elementary School: 715-483-9826
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Dresser School: 715-755-3165
ext. 1600

Middle School: 715-483-9825
ext. 1200/1201

High School: 715-483-9824
ext. 1300/1301



ST CROIX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Information

Please return your child's emergency contact information as soon as possible. All forms are available online beginning this year. Be sure to identify the applicable offices if you have a change of information any time during the school year. Keeping your phone numbers and emails up to date is the most reliable way for the school to get information to you.

School Closings

If, for any reason, schools need to close; closings are broadcast over the following television stations:

WCCO Channel 4

KSTP Channel 5

KARE Channel 11

FOX Channel 9

DrydenWire.com

Updates will be put on the school website and on the school's Facebook page.

School Messenger will call/text the phone number(s) you have provided as well.

Parents: This is a reminder on attendance.

Per our student handbooks, each student is allowed **ten** parent excused days each school year. A parent or guardian is required to notify the school when a child is absent from school. When taking a vacation, we require at least two days notification before being absent from school.

Students arriving late to school require a parental note or phone call and must sign in at the office window and receive a pass from one of the school secretaries for class. Being tardy for school beyond the time specified in your school's handbook will result in your student being marked absent. Accumulating multiple tardies, excused or unexcused, to any class, will result in detentions (for middle and high school students only).

For the specific school attendance policies, please visit our school website. If you have any attendance questions, or you are calling to excuse your student, please call your school's office.

High School Office: 715-483-9824

Attendance: 715-483-7726

Middle School Office: 715-483-9825

Attendance: 715-483-7727

Elementary School Office: 715-483-9826

Attendance: 715-483-7728

Dresser School Office: 715-755-3165

Attendance: 715-483-7729

Power School is a great tool for parents to keep track of their student's attendance as well as their grades and school lunch accounts. If you are looking for guidance on how to access this, visit this link:

<https://parentaccess.scfschools.com/home>





NOTICE OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE DATA AND OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

State law requires each public school to provide parents and guardians with the following annually.

1. A copy of the annual state accountability report [called the school report card] for the school that your child attends and
2. A list of the educational options available to children residing in the District.

School and School District Accountability and Performance Data

Along with this notice, you are receiving access to a copy of your child’s school’s most recent state-issued accountability report [school report card]. These reports are provided via the electronic link below. Please contact the main office of your child’s school or Brian Kray, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, if you have difficulty accessing the reports or have any questions. In addition:

1. The full version of the most recent state-issued accountability report for each school in the district and the District as a whole can be accessed on the [District’s Report Card Information Website](#).

Overall District Rating
Exceeds Expectations

Individual School Ratings

School Name	WI Report Card Accountability Rating
St. Croix Falls Elementary	Significantly Exceeds Expectations
St. Croix Falls Middle School	Meets Expectations
St. Croix Falls High School	Meets Expectations

2. Extensive school and district performance report data is now generally available through the “Wisconsin Information System for Education Data Dashboard,” called “WISEdash.” The website for public access to WISEdash is <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/>. In addition, parents and guardians may request a copy of such performance reports from the District. Provided that the report has been made available by the Department of Public Instruction, the District will provide a copy of the most recent report in response to each such request by no later than May 1 of each school year.

Educational Options

Along with a copy of the annual state accountability report [the “school report card”] for your child’s school, state law requires each public school to annually provide parents and guardians with notice of the educational options available to children who reside in the District.

In the School District of St. Croix Falls, children and their families have access to a variety of educational options, including all of the following:



1. The District's Public Schools

- a. The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade. Various specialized programs and services are also offered, such as programs for students with disabilities [beginning as early as age 3] and students who are English Language Learners.
- b. The District operates two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. District students in grades K-12 may also attend virtually through the St. Croix Falls Virtual School. The main web page for each of the District's public schools can be accessed through the District's website. See scf.k12.wi.us.
- c. The District offers its 4-year-old kindergarten program with our St. Croix Falls Elementary building.

2. Options for High School Students Who Are Enrolled in a District School

- a. Eligible high school students enrolled in the School District of St. Croix Falls can consider the following options that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a District school or program:

- The Part-Time Open Enrollment Program, as authorized under section 118.52 of the state statutes.
- The Early College Credit Program, as authorized under section 118.55 of the state statutes.
- The Technical College Course Program ["Start College Now" Program], as authorized under section 38.12[14] of the state statutes.
- Eligible high school students may also participate in the Youth Apprenticeship program authorized under section 106.13 of the state statutes.

3. Other Educational Options [other than primary enrollment/attendance in a District school or District program]

The following educational options involve full-time [or at least primary] enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the School District of St. Croix Falls:

- a. Full-time Open Enrollment through a nonresident school district under section 118.51 of the state statutes [including possible enrollment in certain non-district charter schools and virtual charter schools].
- b. Enrollment in any independent public charter school [i.e., a school with no district authorization or affiliation] may be open to students who are district residents.
- c. Enrollment in any private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program that may be open to eligible students who are District residents.
- d. Enrollment in any private school participating in the state's Special Needs Scholarship Program that may be open to eligible students with disabilities who are District residents.
- e. Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing [generally at the family's own cost, unless otherwise provided].
- f. Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law. Students enrolled in such a home-based program [i.e., home-schooled] have the opportunity to:
 - Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53 of the state statutes.
 - Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133 of the state statutes.

For more information about the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District Office at 715-483-9823. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction also provides additional information at <https://dpi.wi.gov/ed-options>



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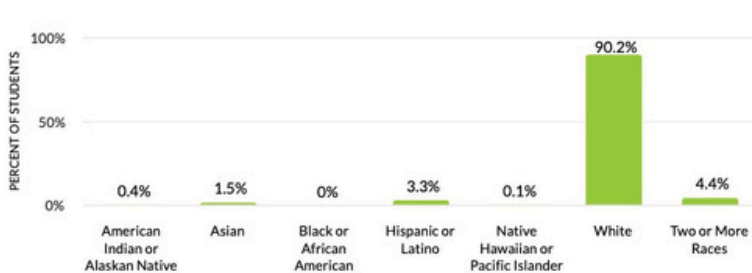
District Details

Grades : K4-12
Enrollment : 991
Percent open enrollment : 16.5%

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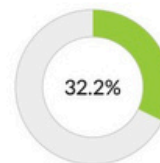
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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED



ENGLISH LEARNERS



Score Summary

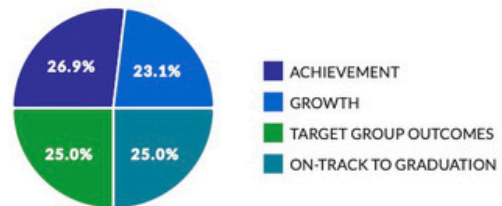
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Exceeds Expectations



PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS



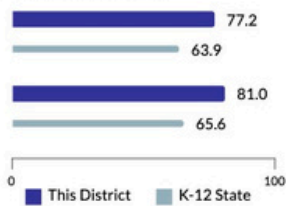
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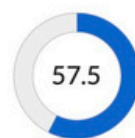


English Language Arts
Mathematics

Subject Area Scores

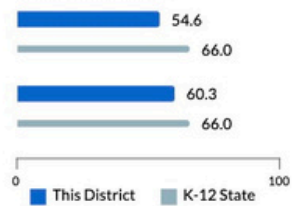


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English Language Arts
Mathematics

Subject Area Scores

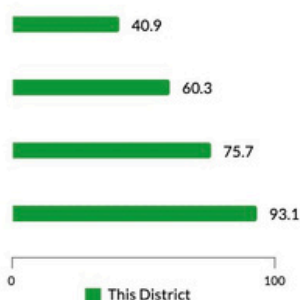


TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



Achievement
Growth
Chronic Absenteeism
Graduation

Group Scores

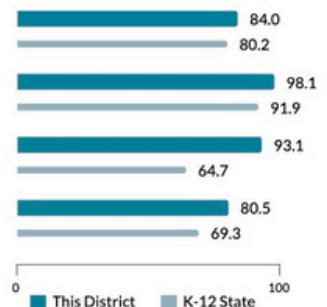


ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



Chronic Absenteeism
Graduation
3rd Grade English Language Arts
8th Grade Mathematics

Area Scores





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School Details

Grades : K4-4
Enrollment : 303
Percent open enrollment : 13.2%

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Student Groups



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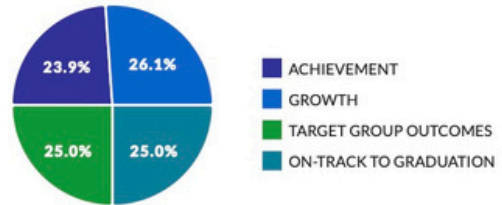
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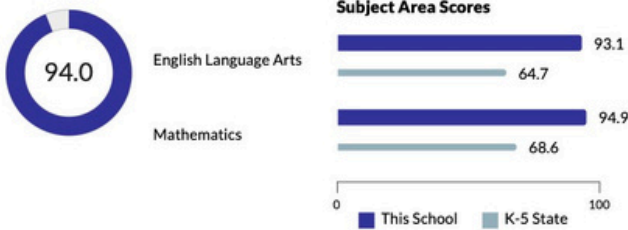


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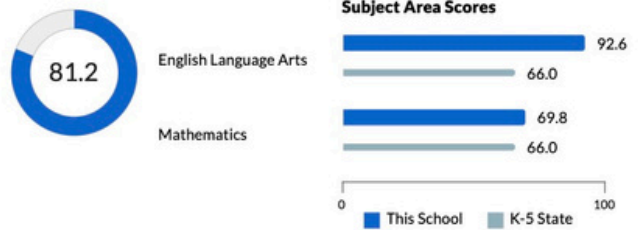


Priority Area Scores

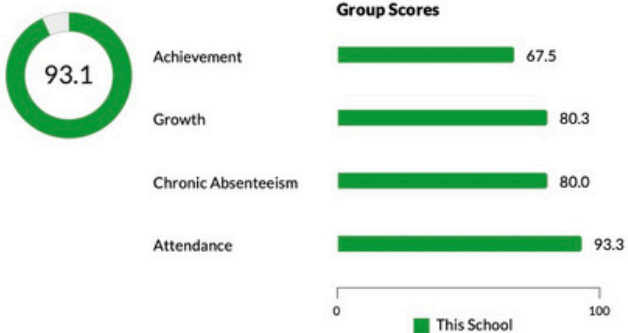
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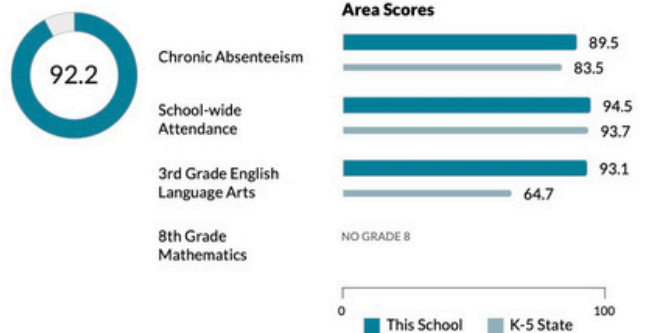
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TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION





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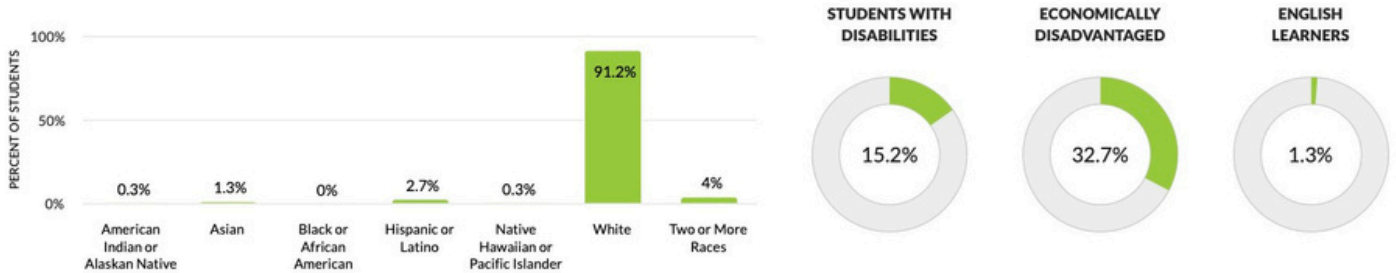
School Details

Grades : 5-8
Enrollment : 297
Percent open enrollment : 17.5%

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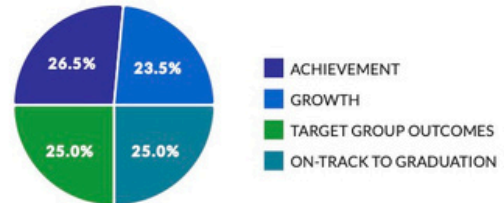
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Meets Expectations

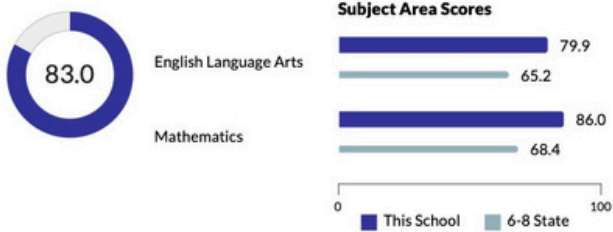


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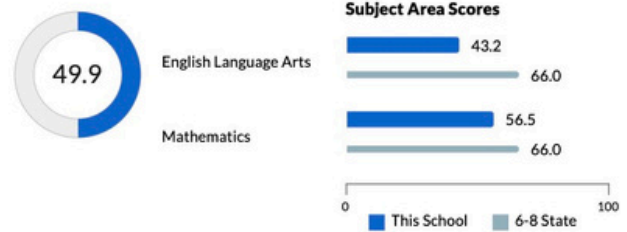


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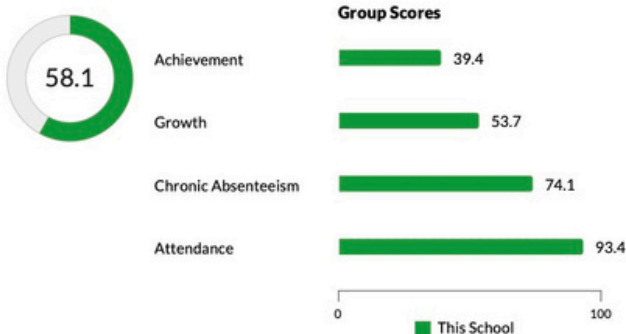
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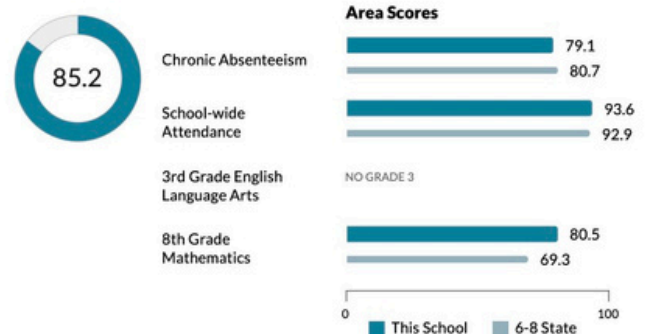
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TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION





OVERVIEW

School Details

Grades : 9-12
Enrollment : 345
Percent open enrollment : 19.4%

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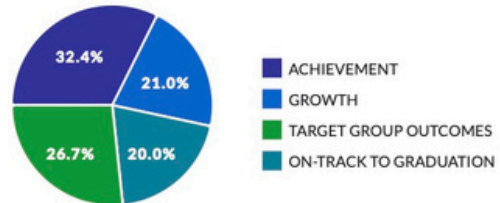
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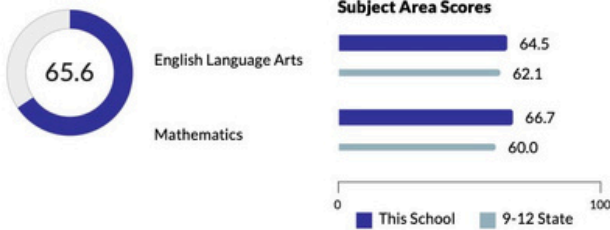


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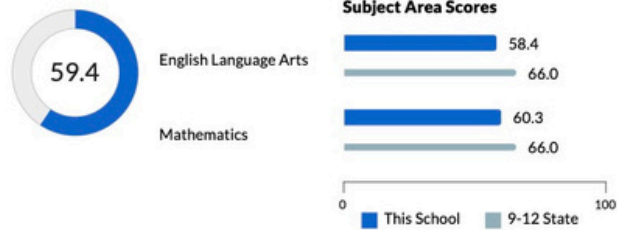


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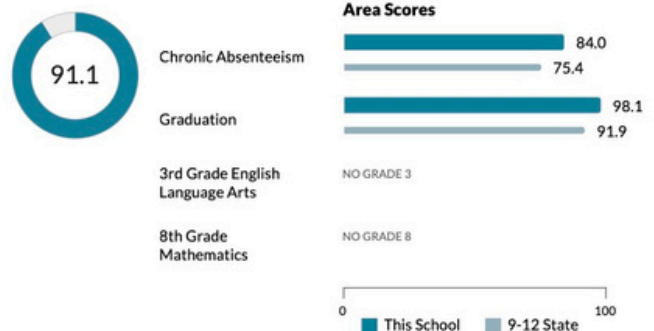
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TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



2026-2027 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 2 – APRIL 30, 2026.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2026-27 school year is from February 2-April 30, 2026. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

February 2 – April 30, 2026

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 5, 2026

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 12, 2026

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 26, 2026

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2026-2027 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:
Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2026-2027

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A NOTE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **Mike Wilson**



Welcome to 2026! The first half of the 2025-26 school year has flown by, and I expect the same thing to happen in the second semester.

It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. August “Gus” Larson to our middle/high school teaching staff. He will start at the beginning of the second semester, but has already spent a couple of days in the district learning about our school and the classes he is scheduled to teach. Mr. Larson recently graduated from UW-Stout with a Bachelor of Science in Technical Education-teaching degree. He is passionate about metals, welding, engines, and drafting, bringing years of experience in the welding industry. Please welcome Mr. Larson to our staff. He is excited to be a Saint!

Scheduling for the 2026-27 school year will begin at the end of January. Students will meet with their Academic and Career Planning advisor to discuss the scheduling process, review the course description book, and start making selections. As always, we ask that parents sign off on their student’s schedule requests. Please work with your student(s) to plan out the best classes for their 2026-27 school year. Also, be aware that some courses are available on an every-other-year basis. Several courses that consume expensive supplies require a lab fee to help offset that cost. If your family cannot afford the fee and qualifies for free or reduced lunches, contact me about a fee waiver. Finally, courses are offered according to student selection. If only a few students sign up for a class, it may not be included in the schedule. This is why alternative selections are important considerations when making course choices.

Throughout January and February, seniors will be meeting 1:1 with Mrs. Lecuyer and/or myself to make sure that they have solid plans in place for life after graduation and to offer them the support and guidance they need to be successful in their next endeavor. If you, as parents/guardians, have any questions, please reach out to either one of us.

The junior class will be taking the ACT on March 11, 2026. This will be a virtual learning day for freshmen, sophomores, and seniors. Only juniors will be in the high school that day. You will receive more information about test registration and test preparation in the coming weeks. This test is often used to determine whether a student is admitted to college and for scholarship selection, so students must be well-prepared and well-rested before testing.



A NOTE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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The Pre-ACT test will be administered to freshmen and sophomores in April. You will be notified when the exact date is set. This will be a virtual learning day for juniors and seniors. More instructions will be forthcoming on this exam.

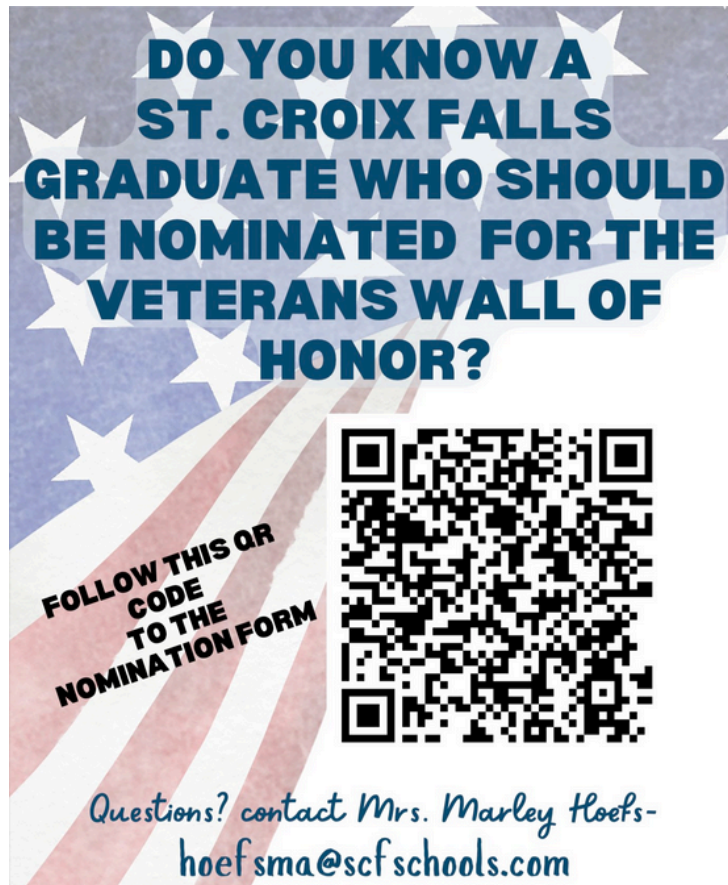
As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have. I appreciate open lines of communication and welcome conversations. Thank you for all that you do.

Michael J. Wilson
High School Principal
St. Croix Falls High School

Important dates:

1/16 end of Q2, 1/20 start of Q3, 1/19 inservice, 2/16 inservice, 2/26 PT conferences, 3/14-22 spring break, 3/27 end of Q3

VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

A poster for the Veterans Wall of Honor. The background features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The text is in bold, blue, sans-serif font. A QR code is positioned on the right side. Below the QR code, there is contact information for Mrs. Marley Hoefsma.

**DO YOU KNOW A
ST. CROIX FALLS
GRADUATE WHO SHOULD
BE NOMINATED FOR THE
VETERANS WALL OF
HONOR?**

**FOLLOW THIS QR
CODE
TO THE
NOMINATION FORM**

*Questions? contact Mrs. Marley Hoefs-
hoefsma@scfschools.com*





The Outdoor Ed classroom has been busy enjoying the snow! The students have learned to build a proper Debris and Quinzee Hut, they have shot two types of bow/arrows, snow shoed, and cross-country skied in and around the campus.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Aluminum Can Donations - A huge THANK YOU goes out to 5J's Sports Bar in Centeria for their support of SCFHS Student Council.

Through your aluminum can donation! 5J's donates all the aluminum cans they collect at their business directly to SCFHS Student Council every 4-5 weeks.

The donation is truly appreciated, and it goes a long way in allowing our program to continue. We look forward to the continued partnership in the future.



Halloween Can Drive - On Halloween night 2025, members of the St. Croix Falls High School Student Council collected non-perishable food donations for the Family Pathways food shelf.

As part of the annual Halloween food drive, students visited homes in St. Croix Falls and Dresser, asking for food items to donate. The students ended up collecting over 360 items of food to donate.



STUDENT COUNCIL

WASC Fall Tour

On November 18th, SCFHS and SCFMS Student Councils traveled to Eau Claire to the Wisconsin Association of School Councils' Fall Leadership Tour at the UWEC campus.

While there, the students participated in breakout sessions and listened to a keynote speaker talking about how to be authentic leaders. Students participated in a variety of activities that got them out of their comfort zones and networking with students from across the area.

This training helps develop leadership both at the HS and MS levels, fostering the leaders here at SCF.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Brinner (Breakfast/Dinner)

This past December, the St. Croix Falls Student Council hosted its annual Operation Christmas fundraiser. The Operation Christmas program helps families across Polk County make their children's Christmas brighter. This year, the student council raised \$1,050.91 through three events that happened on the night of December 12th.

From the free will brinner donations, they received \$441.88. From the Chuck-a-Duck fundraiser, a game where you buy ducks to throw during half-time of the basketball game, they got \$262. And from Miracle Minute, a game where we see how much money we can collect by passing around a bucket for a minute, they got \$414.91. The program was a great success. This is the most money raised for this event. The money was then spent buying tween and teen items that are scarcely donated items to the Operation Christmas Store.



Happy Sockmas

At the last meeting before winter break, the SCFHS Student Council celebrates its accomplishments thus far in the school year with an event dubbed Sockmas. The students each drew the name of a fellow student council member and kept it a secret until the day of their exchange.

They each buy a pair of socks for that person and brings them for their annual Sockmas gift exchange. Members enjoyed hot cocoa and apple cider and Mrs. Imhoff's famous caramel rolls while wearing their brand-new pair of socks.

This event is a fun way to bring the group together to continue to work as a team to plan and execute school events and community fundraisers.



SCF HIGH SCHOOL

Rotary Student of the Month



Rotary STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Justin Wynne
November 2025



St. Croix Falls School District



Rotary STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Fiona Hendricks
December 2025



St. Croix Falls School District

STAR

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ST. CROIX FALLS, WISCONSIN

STAR's backpack program feeds students over the weekend! Contact the district office for more information!

OUR MISSION REMAINS THE SAME.
WE'RE HERE TO HELP
SCF STUDENTS SUCCEED!

We're looking to GROW our long-term non-endowed fund. Reach out if you're in a position to donate and help us reach our goals!



CLICK to connect

and donate!



SCF HS SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES



Dear Parents of High School Students With Disabilities,

Parenting a student with a disability can be overwhelming. Thousands of questions run through your head. What type of accommodations and support should my child be getting at school? What type of support should I be giving my child at home? What's an IEP? Is there support after high school? This letter should serve as a guide to answering some of those questions.

SCF School District Special Education Information

<https://sites.google.com/scfschools.com/student-services/special-education?authuser=0>

Many special education questions can be answered here:

- **Special Education Home Page**

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped>

- **Special Education: Parent Homepage**

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/families/rights>

- **Intro To Special Education Booklet**

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/families-students/intro-se.pdf>

If you have more questions or need more information and would like to talk with a special education teacher, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you!

High School Special Education Teachers:

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A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **Kris Wallace**



Greetings, Saints Middle School Family!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! The first part of our school year has flown by, and our second semester is starting soon.

The new semester brings new classes for students and a clean start with a new grading period. The fresh start provides a great opportunity to ring in the new year with a renewed purpose and drive to achieve in the second semester.

As a reminder, we will send out a notification when report cards are available for parents to view through the PowerSchool app. If you'd like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the middle school office, and we can make sure we send one out.

Remember that the PowerSchool Parent Portal is an excellent tool for parents to keep track of their students' grades. If you need help connecting to the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact the middle school office.

If you have questions about why your child is getting a specific grade, please contact their teacher. Here are a few updates and reminders as we look ahead.

Remote Learning for Unplanned School Closure:

At this point, we have already had two days that school has been closed due to the weather. The first two days of school closings have been traditional snow days with no expectations of remote learning. If we have any additional unplanned school closings, we will be using remote learning with your students.

While face-to-face instruction is our preferred mode of instruction, we have the means to continue to deliver learning opportunities for your students remotely. If a remote learning day is necessary, we will inform families during the closure notice. By using this remote learning approach, we can ensure that we can continue to provide meaningful learning for our students and complete the school year as scheduled.

On virtual learning days, the middle school will run a condensed schedule with students moving through their day with shorter class periods. Students will not have their WYN periods, but the rest of the day will follow the normal order of their schedule. The afternoon would be open for students to complete their homework or check in with their teachers.



The schedule for all middle school students is as follows:

- Period 1 - 8:00 Period 5 - 10:00
- Period 2 - 8:30 Period 6 - 10:30
- Period 3 - 9:00 Period 7 - 11:00
- Period 4 - 9:30 Teacher Office Hours - 12:00-3:30

Students will log in for each of their classes at the designated times to get instruction from their teachers about what the learning will look like for that day. Teachers will be available via email or Google Meet for additional support with homework in the afternoon during the office hours to assist with any specific content questions your student may have.

Winter Sports Opportunities:

Middle school boys wrestling (grades 6-8) and girls basketball (grades 7-8) seasons have just started. If your child is interested in a winter sport, it isn't too late to get involved! Reach out to a coach if you have any questions.

MS Speech (formerly Forensics)

If your middle schooler is interested in public speaking, they're in luck! In the coming weeks, Mr. Bergstrom, our MS Speech advisor, will be stopping by WYN periods to speak to students and hand out useful information. Stay tuned!

Attendance Reminders:

Please make sure to call the attendance line (715-483-7727) in the morning if your student will be out for the day. If you are going on a trip or your student will be gone for an extended period of time, please contact the Middle School office to get a prearranged absence form. We also need the students to come to the office when they feel ill. If they contact you, please ask them to go to the office before coming to pick them up.

Important Upcoming Dates:

End of 2nd Quarter 1/16
Teacher Inservice 1/19
Start of 3rd Quarter 1/20
Teacher Inservice 2/16

It's been a great first half of the school year and I'm looking forward to all that second semester brings! Thank you for your continued support of your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Kris Wallace
Middle School Principal
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A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL **Rita Platt**



Dear SCF and Dresser Elementary School Families,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year, but here we are! Students are doing great and growing in their academic and social-emotional skills.

Parents, thank you for your work with your kiddos! The word “parent”, as you well know, is a VERB! It’s action-oriented and can be hard work. We appreciate all you do!

As a reminder, we ask for three things to happen at home to support our students’ academic growth:

1. Home Reading: Students should read a just-right book for a minimum of 20 minutes every day outside of school (or, for our littles, have a book read to them.) If your child isn’t bringing home books to read, reach out! We’ve got plenty!
2. Math Fact Practice: Students in grades 1-4 should practice math facts for a minimum of 10 minutes each day. Gaining fact fluency in elementary school means a way easier math experience in middle and high school. First graders should master all of their addition facts; second graders should master addition and subtraction facts; third graders should master addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts; and fourth graders should master addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.
3. Spelling practice or other homework assigned by teachers.

A Saint Always CARES!

At school we work with children on developing C.A.R.E.S. traits (cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control).

A Saint is:

- Cooperative! Working together to get a job done, is a great tool for helping children feel like active members of your family. Assigning simple chores is good for kids and even when they complain about them, in the long run, they will feel good about themselves when they contribute to the well-being of the family.
- Assertive! Learning to be assertive can help children feel in control of their lives. We define assertion as using your words to stand up for yourself and others and to ask for what you want or need.
- Responsible! Every student in grades K-4 should be reading at home a book of their choice for at least 20 minutes a day. Students in grades 1-4 should also be practicing math facts for 5 to 10 minutes a day. This little bit of homework can help students develop responsibility. If you need books or flashcards, reach out, we’ll get them to you.
- Empathetic! Empathy means thinking about how other people feel and following the Golden Rule. At home, you can work on pointing out examples of people showing empathy or kindness to each other in real life or even on television shows.



A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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- Self-Controlled! Being in control of our bodies and minds is a life skill. Help children with self-control by limiting their use of technology or screen time. Additionally, teaching kids to do “figure-eight” breathing can help with both self-control and reducing stress.



Start with Love, End with Love

I truly believe that every single child is a gift to the world. It feels to me like the last several years have presented numerous challenges. Many of us (adult and child alike) are fatigued. That fatigue can lead to stress that our kiddos feel, even when we try to shield them from it.

At home, you might be seeing behaviors from your Saints that you haven't seen before. If you need help, reach out. The key is to work to let go of anger in discipline and replace it with a desire to help our young people learn to make better choices and use cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control to guide their lives. The key is to start with love and end with love.

Strategies to Help Parents Keep Our Cool

- Breathe. Figure Eight breathing isn't just for kids, LOL! I keep a copy on my lanyard and remind myself to relax and breathe often.
- Get Inspired. Surround yourself with quotes, poems, and pictures that inspire you. Post them where you think you'll need them most. Then, when you feel your pulse racing or your mood shifting, read them. Really read them and ask yourself how you can live in accordance with the messages they share.



A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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- Laugh. When we feel joyful, our bodies release dopamine which makes us feel even better. Joyful laughing is almost always a good thing. Add a bookmark on your browser for a website that always makes you laugh. Google Kid Snippets for some really funny videos or Charlie Berens for some good midwestern humor.
- Love. No matter what is happening, try to focus on how much you love your child and see her or him as 100% likely to be a wonderful, happy, healthy, and positive person in their future. When our kids misbehave (and they all do), we have to encourage ourselves to remember to dislike the behavior but love the person.

A Great Second Half!

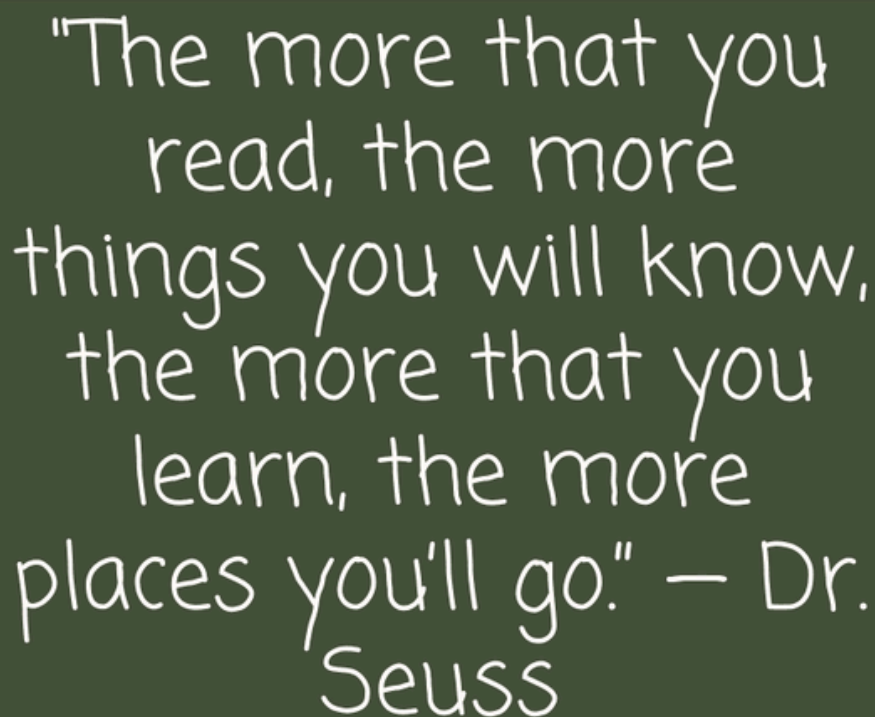
At St. Croix Falls and Dresser Elementary Schools, our goal is for students to be happy, healthy, successful, and independent learners. I am so excited to head into the second half of our school year.

Families, I want to remind you that I am here for you too! Reach out if you need help, have a question or concern, or for any other reason you may have to talk with me.

Very sincerely yours,

Rita Platt

plattri@scfschools.com



"The more that you
read, the more
things you will know,
the more that you
learn, the more
places you'll go." – Dr.
Seuss





Learning is Fun



FOOD SERVICES

Eat Breakfast at School!

Mornings can be hectic. Alarms don't go off, kids don't want to get up, and there's often no time for breakfast before the bus arrives. Sometimes students aren't ready to eat at home, or a quick soda and candy bar feels like the only option. If this sounds familiar, we have good news!



Breakfast is served right at St. Croix Falls Schools. A healthy school breakfast gives students the energy they need to start the day strong. It helps them stay alert, focused, and ready to learn, while also providing important vitamins and nutrients for a healthy body.

School breakfast is also affordable.

- **Students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals automatically qualify for breakfast—** no extra paperwork needed.
- You won't find a healthy breakfast at a better value anywhere else.

What's on the menu?

St. Croix Falls Schools offers a variety of breakfast choices, including:

- **Cold cereal or cereal bars (daily)**
- *Waffles, pancakes, French toast, muffins, eggs, breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls*
- *Yogurt parfaits with granola*
- All meals are served with juice, fresh fruit, and white or chocolate milk

Breakfast Times:

- **Middle School & High School:** 7:30 AM
- **Dresser & St. Croix Elementary:** 8:00 AM
- **High School 2nd Breakfast:** 9:30 AM

Menus are posted online:

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



Help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

Did You Know?

- Eating breakfast can improve math, reading, and test scores.
- Students who eat breakfast are more likely to behave well and get along with others.
- Breakfast helps improve focus, problem-solving skills, memory, and learning.
- Students who eat school breakfast often have fewer absences and are late less often.
- Breakfast provides important nutrients like calcium, fiber, folate, and protein.
- Children who eat breakfast regularly are less likely to be overweight.
- Eating breakfast helps build healthy habits that last a lifetime.
- Studies show that breakfasts high in fiber and low in sugar help students remember more of what they learn.



Summer EBT Program

The Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) program helps families buy food while school is out during the summer, and nutritious school meals may not be available. Through Summer EBT, families can get one payment per summer for each eligible child in their household. For the 2025-26 school year, Summer EBT benefits will be sent to families with eligible children starting May 2026.

If your child gets free or reduced-price meals at our school, they automatically qualify for Summer EBT for Summer 2026. If you move or need to change your contact information before benefits start to be issued in May 2026, you should use the Department of Health Services' Benefit Management Tool at [summerebt.wi.gov/s/SummerBenefit Info](https://summerebt.wi.gov/s/SummerBenefitInfo) to let the state know.

If your child does not get free or reduced price meals, there are actions you can take to see if they can qualify before Summer EBT benefits are sent out for Summer 2026.

- You can apply for free or reduced price meals at St Croix Falls School District for your child. If they are approved anytime during the 2025-26 school year, they will automatically qualify for Summer EBT.
- You can apply to participate in another qualifying state benefit program. Your child will automatically qualify for Summer EBT if your household gets FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, or participates in certain income-based Medicaid programs.
- If you apply and are approved for one of these programs before the end of Summer 2026, then your child who attends St Croix Falls School District will be eligible for Summer EBT for 2026. To learn more about applying for any of these state benefits you can call 211, visit access.wi.gov, or contact your local or tribal agency. Visit dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm to find the agency based on where you live who will help you apply or enroll for programs.
- You can apply directly for Summer EBT. You can apply on <https://wisconsin.summerebtapp.com> for Summer EBT. When applying for Summer EBT for your child(ren) who attend St Croix Falls School District, you will need to show that your household meets the income requirements for the program. The Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt has more information on what these income requirements are.

Note: This information is for children that attend St Croix Falls School District. If you have another child that goes to a different school, the steps here might not be the right ones for them to qualify for Summer EBT and they may get a different letter explaining how they would qualify. You can visit dhs.wi.gov/sebt to learn more.

Getting Summer EBT does not affect whether your child can get other benefits, such as meals offered through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO). To learn more about SFSP or SSO meal sites near you, visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp/find-summer-meals-site> or call 211. You can also text 'food' to 304-304.

If you have other questions about the Summer EBT program, please visit the Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt. You can also email your questions to dhssebtssupport@wi.gov.

Notes from the Athletic Director

Tara Rose



We are almost halfway through the winter season. For the most up-to-date schedules always check the St. Croix Falls page on the Heart O'North website here: <https://heartonorth.org/public/genie/142/school/674/>

To our winter sports teams- Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Dance, Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Wrestling, and Girls Wrestling- we wish you all the best of luck in the second half of your season and into the post-season!

We always commend the physical wins, both big and small for the season, but we also want to recognize how incredible our Saints are both on and off the field by displaying our athletic core values of integrity, leadership, and sportsmanship!

Sports Officials

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming an official, please reach out to AD- Tara Rose for more information. We could always use more people to help.

The number of officials for all sports is still down in Wisconsin. To our fans, remember that officials are human and will make mistakes. Let's make sure we treat them respectfully when they are at SCF!

Sports Have So many Positive Benefits for our Students
Encourage your student(s) to get involved!

THE MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF SPORTS



ATHLETICS

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Notes from the Athletic Director

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Spring Sports - Starting Dates & Information

The following sports are offered through the school district for the spring season:

High School Sports:

- Baseball- Practice starts March 23, and Pitchers report on March 16, 2026
- Boys Golf - Practice starts March 30, 2026
- Softball - Practice starts: March 16, 2026
- Track & Field - Practice Starts: March 9, 2026

Middle School Sports:

- Track & Field - Practice Starts: March 30, 2026

*Make sure the athletes have a current physical or alternate year card turned in, this must be in before the athlete can practice. Also, make sure to register and pay the activity fee for your athlete on RevTrak-Link: <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/athletic-fees/#/f/athletics-fees>

*If you're not sure what your child needs to be turned in, please contact the Athletic Office to check.

Concussion Impact Testing Dates will be in early March for any students who need to take a concussion test. Students should listen to announcements and check their email to know when to take their concussion screener.

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Notes from the Athletic Director

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Athletic Thank You Note:

A big thank you to our athletic scoreboard sponsors – these businesses greatly support Saints Athletics and we are incredibly grateful for them! Please make sure to support them.

THANK YOU TO OUR VERY GENEROUS

SPONSORS!



Please consider supporting our sponsors with your business.

*If any business would like to know more about supporting Saints Athletics or becoming a scoreboard sponsor, please contact AD, Tara Rose.



Thank you to the SCF Papa Murphy's for serving up pizza and monkey bread at select athletic events and donating a portion of the proceeds back to Saints Athletics!

Thank you for all your support of Saints Athletics - Go Saints!

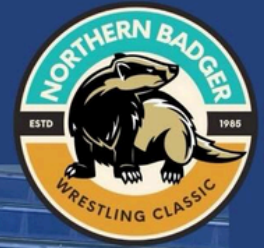
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ATHLETICS

St. Croix Falls



TEAM CHAMPIONS 2025

The wrestling team won the prestigious 48 team Northern Badger for the 5th time in school history over Christmas break. This is a record for the most titles by any schools that have ever attended the Northern Badger. Individuals that won the tournament were Kaiden Hahn, Brock Sladky, Nevaeh Nwachukwu.

Sports Schedules

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/>

Get gear anytime through this link - create your own great Saints look!

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/wisconsin/saintcroixfalls/saint-croix-falls-high-school>



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SPORTS



The St. Croix Falls Saints Dance team took 1st in Pom and 3rd in Hip Hop on Saturday at the Cameron Comet Dance Invitational!



Nevaeh Nwachukwu raises her arm after winning the 152-pound girls title at the Northern Badger Wrestling Classic.



Catherine Williams was voted the Bound Wisconsin Statewide Basketball Player of the Week in December 2025.



Girls Basketball



Boys Basketball



Dance Team



Boys Coop Hockey - SCF & Somerset



Boys Wrestling



Girls Wrestling

2026-2027 SCF School District Calendar

August						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

12 New Teacher Inservice
 17 All Staff Inservice
 19 Driver Inservice (8-noon)
 17-20 Teacher Inservice
 24 Teacher Inservice
 25-27 School in session

February						
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15 Teacher Inservice

 19 days / 112 total

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1 First Official Student Day
 7 Labor Day (No School)

 21 days / 21 total

March						
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22-26 Spring Break (No School)

 18 days / 130 total

October						
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16 Teacher Inservice

 21 days / 42 total

April						
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12 Teacher Inservice

 21 days / 151 total

November						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

6 Teacher Inservice
 25 No School
 26 Thanksgiving (No School)
 27 No School

 17 days / 59 total

May						
S	M	T	W	H	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

27 Last Student Day
 28 Graduation / Teacher Inservice
 31 Memorial Day

 19 days / 170 total

December						
S	M	T	W	H	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

22 Teacher Inservice
 23-31 Winter Break (No School)

 15 days / 74 total

June						
S	M	T	W	H	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1 Teacher Inservice

 Summer School - June 7-25

January						
S	M	T	W	H	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 New Year's Day (No School)
 4 School Resumes

 18 Teacher Inservice

 19 days / 93 total

- Two inclement weather days will be forgiven / floating inservice.
 - Student Contact Days 170

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INFORMATION FROM THE NURSE

Hollie Miller



Winter is here, and so is RSV, Influenza, COVID-19, and other winter-related illnesses. It is strongly encouraged to test when having symptoms to rule out which illness your child has and see if any treatments are available.

Please encourage all family members to take these actions to fight the spread of our winter illnesses both at school/daycare and at home:

- Wash your hands. Encourage everyone to wash their hands with warm, soapy water after toileting and after any coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. Hand sanitizer can be used if handwashing is not readily available.
- “Cover your Cough”. Encourage everyone to cover their cough with a tissue or cough into their elbow and, of course, wash their hands.
- Stay home if ill to reduce the spread.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces at home.
- It is not too late to vaccinate for influenza and/or Covid-19. Contact your medical clinic or the Health Department (715-485-8500) to get vaccinated.
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Too Sick for School? When to stay home

- **Fever: 100.4 F or greater.** Students may return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without using any fever-reducing medications.
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea:** Any unexplained vomiting episode may return 24 hours after the 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 the last episode.
- **Cough:** If you experience serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, consult a health care provider.
- **Rash:** Any new rash accompanied by fever. It may return after the rash goes away and the fever is free or clearance is given by a health care provider.
- **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 healthcare provider.



COLD, FLU, RSV, COVID-19... HOW CAN YOU TELL?

Symptom	COLD	FLU	RSV	COVID-19
Onset of Symptoms	Gradual; 1–3 days of exposure, often starts with 1 symptom	Abrupt; 1–4 days after exposure, usually multiple symptoms	Gradual; symptoms can be severe in infants, young children and older adults	Gradual; 1–3 days of exposure, often starts with 1 symptom
Length of Illness	7–10 days, up to 2 weeks	3–7 days, some symptoms may linger	1–2 weeks	1–2 weeks, severe or “long” COVID can last for months
Infectious Period	While exhibiting symptoms, but worse during the first 2–3 days	1 day before onset of symptoms, and first 3–5 days, sometimes longer	1–2 days before onset of symptoms and first 3–8 days; infants can be contagious after symptoms are gone	2 days before onset of symptoms and 5–10 days from onset
Fever	Sometimes; low grade temperature under 100°	Common; 3–4 days with temperatures of 100°–102°	Common; over 100°; very young infants may not have fever	Common; temperatures greater than 100.5°
Chills and Sweats	Uncommon	Common	Rare	Common
Headache	Sometimes (sinus headache)	Common	Common	Common
Muscle Pain/Body Aches	Sometimes; mild	Common; often severe	Rare	Common
Fatigue/Weakness	Sometimes for 1–2 days	Common; can last up to 3 weeks	Common	Common; may linger with diagnosis of ‘Long’ COVID-19
Cough/Chest Discomfort	Common; mild to moderate hacking	Common; can be severe	Common; may progress to wheezing or develop into a barking cough	Common; dry cough
Shortness of Breath	Rare	Common	Emergency symptom; Infants may develop apnea (10+ second pauses in breathing)	Common
Wheezing	Rare	Rare	Common	Rare
Sore/Scratchy Throat	Sometimes; for 1–2 days	Common; can last up to 3 weeks	Common	Common
Nasal Congestion	Common	Common	Common	Common
Loss of Taste or Smell	Rare; though sometimes due to nasal congestion	Rare	Rare	Common early symptom; often without nasal congestion
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Loss of Appetite	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Nausea, Vomiting and Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes; more common in children	Rare	Less common



FREE Developmental Screening

The School District of Saint Croix Falls and the Polk County Birth to 3 Program will be having a Child Development Screening for birth to 4-1/2-year-old students. The screening will be at the Dresser Elementary on Monday, February 16, 2026, starting at 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm, with a snow day make-up on Monday, February 23, 2026.

During the Child Development Screening, you will have the opportunity to learn about your child's cognitive (pre-academic), motor (fine and gross), social/emotional, and language development. There will be an Early Childhood teacher, a Speech and Language Therapist, a 4K teacher, and a School Psychologist from the Saint Croix Falls School District as well as representatives from Birth to 3 assisting in the screening. In addition, trained personnel will check your child's hearing and vision, for ages 3 and above only. Early Head Start staff will be available to answer questions too.

Please call Kay Hansen (715-755-3165 ext. 1600) to schedule an appointment. Please schedule an appointment by Friday, February 13, 2026.



LITTLE SAINTS CHILD CARE

Do you love children, want to grow your career working with children alongside a team of early childhood professionals and have a passion for watching children learn and grow? APPLY TODAY!!!

JOIN US

Little Saints is willing to train and help new hire obtain lead teacher qualifications! Call Jessie at Little Saints today!

 arnesje@scfschools.com

 715-294-4393

SPOTLIGHT INTO THE 4K PROGRAM

DRAMATIC PLAY

We develop our vocabulary and social skills, like cooperation, sharing and problem-solving through our engaging dramatic play units!



FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

Fine motor stations and play opportunities help to develop hand strength necessary for building pre-writing skills!



SENSORY EXPLORATION

Our sensory play is designed to help students develop fine motor skills, support brain development and understand the world around them.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We spend time each day learning more about being a Saint who C.A.R.E.S.! We also learn how to identify and manage emotions and how to interact with peers.

HANDS ON LESSONS

We develop early literacy and math skills through hands-on and engaging learning experiences! We explore new concepts through play in small groups and as a whole class.



SCIENCE DISCOVERY

Large and small group lessons engage senses through science discovery. Age-appropriate experiments build excitement for learning more about our world!



OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

We spend time walking the nature trail! We actively explore the outdoor environment and spend time moving our bodies!



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Learning is best through play! Indoor and outdoor play experiences are the foundation of our program and build excitement for learning!

ART, MUSIC, GYM & GUIDANCE

Students are exposed to art, music, guidance, and gym classes as part of 4k! Not only do they meet different teachers, but they learn new skills important for healthy development.



RECESS PLAY

Outdoor movement is an essential part of our daily 4K experience. Students play with all 4K students and we have 2 different playground opportunities for students!



FIELD TRIPS

Field Trips provide opportunities to enhance learning and further develop social skills. Our field trips promote curiosity and engagement, while building connections and creating memories!



INSTILLING A LOVE FOR LEARNING!

If you have a child who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026, and are interested in registering your child for 4k, please contact the Elementary School office for more information. We would love to have your child join us for a hands on, hearts on, learning experience especially designed for 4 and 5 year old children!



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



Kids Care Kids are having fun AND learning



COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

ST. CROIX FALLS PRESENTS

BOOSTER VOLLEYBALL

SCF Community Education



DATES **MARCH 7TH**
—
MAY 9TH

Girls:
4th - 8th Grade

Practice Locations

St. Croix Falls Schools
740 Maple Drive
St Croix Falls, WI 54024

Game Locations
To Be Announced

COST: \$45

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

SCF Community Education

2026 YOUTH BASEBALL

Registration Open Now

3RD GRADE

Through

8TH GRADE

Important Information

COST \$100

Cost includes a hat, jersey, league fees, umpires, game balls, and some equipment.

Each player will be responsible for purchasing black baseball pants, black/blue socks, a black belt, and cleats (no metal for 10u-12u).

**PRACTICE STARTS IN APRIL
GAMES START IN MAY
SCF HOME TOURNAMENT - TBD
SOME WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED.**

Contact Kirk Anderson - anderki@scfschools.com with questions.
Register online at: <https://scfschools.revtrak.net/rw-community-education/>



Cheer! Stunting! Dance!

Ballet
Hip-Hop
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Cheer Stunt Team

Register at ApexGymnast.com/CommEd/
Questions? 715-539-3333 or
office@apexgymnast.com

THE SAINTS DANCE TEAM PRESENTS:

WINTER DANCE CAMP



FEBRUARY 9, 10, & 11, 2026
HALF TIME SHOW FEBRUARY 12TH

QUESTIONS?

715-483-9823, EXT. 1404

ST. CROIX FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
WWW.SCFSCHOOLS.COM



COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS

Woodland Chorale will be returning to St Croix Falls in 2026.



Auditions for the Chorale will take place in December and the chorale will begin rehearsals in January 2026.

All who love to sing are welcome.

Please look for more information on the website, the SCF District Facebook page or contact Shawn Gudmussen at gudmush@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
- **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, or on their website: btbsdllc.com

**DRIVER'S
EDUCATION**

**GET A GOOD
START**



**OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**

**Looking for other community opportunities or support?
Visit our Community Links page of the SCF Website
<https://www.scf.k12.wi.us/community/communitylinks.cfm>**

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SCHOOL YEAR**



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- ☑ Supportive Team
- ☑ Great Students
- ☑ Van Driver Also Needed

CONTACT RITA:

- ☎ 715-483-9823 x 1102
- 📧 plattri@scfschools.com
- 🌐 <https://www.scf.k12.wi.us/district/>



Saints Loading at Bus Stops

During cold weather, please be aware your drivers are on the way. Please be on time to your bus stop and be out of the house/vehicle you are waiting in. Arriving a few minutes early to your stop can help the driver stay on schedule. Please be at the stop 5 minutes before the time given and up to 5 minutes after due to weather and traffic conditions.

Saints Conduct on Our School Buses

Establishing routines and consistent expectations between the classroom and the school bus is a crucial factor in ensuring every student can ride home safely. It's understood that students can have high energy levels immediately after school and are excited to get home (especially on Fridays and during school breaks!). We all must work together to make sure that behavior does not become a distraction to our drivers. Our school bus drivers have the most important job of ensuring your children arrive home safe and on time; their priority is to focus on the road and what's in front of the bus. Please remind your children of our basic but essential rules for safely riding the bus:

- Always stay in your seat, facing forward, with your feet out of the aisle and your backpack on your lap.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Keep your voice level appropriate.
- No eating on the bus
- Always remember to listen and follow the bus driver's directions.

Lost and Found

During winter months, we have a very high volume of personal items left on our school buses. Our bus drivers will do their best to return items to their owners. Please remember to label all items your students may wear or bring with them on the bus. Proper labeling allows us to return them to the correct owner as quickly as possible. Drivers keep lost and found items on the bus for a few days before bringing them to the Transportation Office. Items are donated if they remain unclaimed for more than ten days in the bus garage.



Discover What's New in Community Education This Winter!

Dear Saints Families,

St. Croix Falls Community Education believes that a strong community is built through shared experiences, lifelong learning, and connection. That's why we're working to grow our programming—and we'd love your help.



Kirk Anderson

Do you have a skill, talent, or passion you'd like to share with others?

Is there a class, event, or activity you wish we offered here in St. Croix Falls? We're currently building new opportunities for both youth and adults—and we want to hear from community members, parents, local businesses, artists, coaches, and more who are interested in teaching or hosting classes.

The Vision

Our goal is to make Community Education a vibrant hub for all ages—offering programs like:

- Youth enrichment (STEM, art, music, sports, etc.)
- Adult learning (technology, writing, financial literacy, gardening)
- Fitness and wellness (yoga, walking clubs, strength training)
- Creative workshops (crafts, photography, woodworking)
- Practical skills (CPR, cooking, home repair)

If you've ever thought, "I could teach that!" or "I wish we had that here," — now is the time to bring it to life.

Let's Create Together

We're looking for:

- Instructors with experience or enthusiasm
- Program ideas from anyone in the community
- Partnerships with local organizations and businesses

Whether you want to lead a one-day workshop, host a weekly class, or simply suggest an idea — we'd love to talk!

Connect with Us

Kirk Anderson, Community Education Director

☎ 715-483-9823 ext. 1404

✉ anderki@scfschools.com

Help us build a Community Education program that reflects the talent, creativity, and heart of St. Croix Falls.



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Piano and Guitar Lessons

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR
YOU!**

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS
FOR THE COMMUNITY!**

Do you have an expertise, a passion, a skill, or talent that others might want to learn? Consider teaching a Community Education class.

Please send your suggestions to
commed@scfschools.com **SUBMIT NOW!**

I'm an expert at Canning vegetables
I can certify a Babysitter
I can teach basic pottery
I want to learn to do watercolor
I can knit really well
I'm a Whiz at Jigsaw Puzzles
Let's have a BOOK CLUB
I want to learn how to dance
I can speak multiple Languages
I want to learn investing
I can teach people about estate planning
I'm an expert gardener
I know lots of Card Games
I'm a history buff
I can help with using computers
I want to help families do things together

Looking for other community opportunities or support?

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- Middle School Para Professional
- 6th Grade Math Long Term Substitute
- Food Service Substitute
- Middle School Drama Director
- Kids Care Aide
- Custodial Substitute
- Bus & Van Drivers
- Substitute Teachers



APPLY NOW

Visit our website:

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