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South Middle School Newsletter

November 20th, 2022

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Upcoming Events

No School 11/21- 11/25

12/1 - Choir 6 concert 7:00 pm

12/8 - Band 7 Concert 7:00 pm

12/9- Mid Quarter 2

12/15- Band 8 Concert 7:00pm

12/23-1/2 – Winter Break Schools Closed



*Reminder that
there is no school
for students
11/21-11/25. Have
a GREAT break!*

You can find the ECASD Family Engagement Newsletter [here](#).



Grade 7 Health Class went on a Nutrient Gallery Walk this week.



In 7th grade science students learned about the process of osmosis by putting an egg in different substances.



Free and Reduced Lunches

You can find answers to your questions regarding the free and reduced price meal application **HERE**. This is a great FAQ page, and you can also see if you qualify for free or reduced lunches.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The first meeting of the 2022-2023 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 4th. Superintendent Mike Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services Abby Johnson gave a detailed informational presentation about the upcoming Capital Referendum then answered questions, received feedback, and addressed the concerns of FAC members in attendance.

The second FAC meeting was held on November 1st. The meeting began with the selection of new FAC officers: Lyndsay Simmons (Roosevelt) and Jenna Murphy (Memorial) are this year's Co-chairs; Rob Geske (Northstar and North) is the Secretary. Superintendent Mike Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services Abby Johnson provided a Referendum status report on the continuing informational efforts of the District. Superintendent Johnson then provided an overview of the first quarter of the school year, future goals for the remainder of the school year, and the status of German programming.

About your FAC: FAC presents family concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about FAC, please visit: <https://ecasd.us/District/About/Family-Advisory-Council>.



A Reminder from ECASD Food and Nutrition

Just a reminder to all our families, the USDA no longer provides waivers for universal free breakfast and lunch for students this school year. That program was established during the pandemic and the program has now ended.

As always, our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. Paper applications were mailed with the ECASD Family Handbook this August. Applications are also online at www.myschoolapps.com. Questions? Call Food and Nutrition at 715-852-3021.

Science Olympiad

It's not too late to join the SMS Science Olympiad team. Pick up a registration letter and event rule sheets from the bin outside of Mr. Evan's door, room 116A. Practices will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm starting again after Thanksgiving Break. You do not have to be able to attend all practices to compete.

Veteran's Day Program



Our 8th grade social studies teachers, NJHS, and 8th grade FACS classes put together a Veterans Day program on November 11th. A lot of work went into the planning, decorating, and baking. Thank you to everyone who helped put make the program possible.



Falcon Foods

We do not want any families to have empty cupboards. Please let us know if you would like food from Falcon Foods. This is open to all families that need a little extra help stocking their cupboards. Please reach out to Jen Whatley-- jenwhatley@ecasd.us or 715-852-5207



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Winter & Holiday Help



Listed below are organizations and program specific details that offer winter and holiday season assistance. If your family needs assistance in providing cold weather outerwear (coats, snow pants, boots, hats/gloves), please contact your child's school counselor or partnership coordinator. Additionally, if you are able to give back to our great community, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below or the ECASD Closet which provides resources to all students and families in need throughout the school year.

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving-In-a-Box <small>*Box will include a turkey + Thanksgiving sides. Food included will be uncooked, so families can prepare in their homes.</small>	Pick-up Tuesday, November 15 th @ The Community Table at scheduled time	Email outreach@thecommutytable.org to reserve your box or via Facebook.	Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Orders must be placed by November 14 th at 5 p.m.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Christmas Meal	December 17 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Lunch	December 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas At The Community Table	December 25 th 9:00-11:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Christmas Toy Assistance Program	Sign up: Oct. 10-Nov. 23 rd <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> M-Th both weeks, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	Amanda 715-834-1224	Application required. Must be picked up at site. Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.
Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street	Christmas Gift Assistance	Sign-up: Oct. 17-Nov. 30 th <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> Application Drop- Off/Pick-Up Hours: M-Th 9:00-3:00	Michelle 715-834-1379 toys@familypromisecv.org	Application required. Can be picked up at site or printed from Family Promise website: www.familypromisecv.org Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.

South Middle School

proudly presents

2022-23 Quarter 1

Falcons on the Rise Award



#FALCONPride



South Middle School is excited to present our Quarter 1 Falcons on the Rise. Each quarter staff members nominate a student who is working hard academically, or shows kindness to others, or has made great gains. Congratulations to these remarkable young people.



AVID's To Do List activity over break is to make sure that you are cleaning out your backpack. Make sure any loose papers are going in your binder and any trash is being thrown away. Including that gross banana! It is also a great time to stock up supplies that you need like pencils or pens.



Field Trip

On Thursday, AVID students went on a field trip to UWEC- Barron County. While there they had a campus tour, listened to a student panel, had an admission presentation, and played games in the gym. The favorite parts of the trip were seeing the dorm rooms and experiencing what college classes were like.