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Van Straten Family Pay-It Forward Fund

Providing financial support to students in need

Earlier this fall, Tom and Janice Van Straten, and a few of their family members, gathered to present the School District of Shiocton with funds to launch the Tom and Janice Van Straten Family Pay-It Forward Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support so that students have the opportunity to participate to the fullest extent in academics, fine arts, athletics, and other co-curricular offerings of the District.

As a child growing up in the school district, Mr. Van Straten experienced economic hardships. He knew well the challenges of participating in athletics and other school activities without the needed footwear or apparel or equipment. Having grown to a place in life where he and Janice are now able to do so, they wanted to find a way to give back to their community while also making a difference in lives of children. Together with their own children and their families, Tom and Janice decided to establish the fund that would pay-it forward and help children who are experiencing similar hardships and challenges like young Tommy did years ago.

HOW TO APPLY

If your family is experiencing financial challenges that are impacting your child's ability to participate in school-based offerings, please consider making application by submitting a written letter. Visit the Commu-

nity webpage from the District's website (<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/>) for more information regarding the application.



HOW CAN YOU PAY IT FORWARD

While established as their family fund, the Van Stratens wanted to ensure that the fund created was an open one so that anyone wanting to could also make a donation for this purpose. To enhance the funds available, while also receiving documentation of the tax deductible donation, please contact the District Office at (920) 986-3351 x700.

COFFEE WITH COMMUNITY
 Members of the community are invited to gather for coffee, conversation, and collaboration about our community and school.
Thursday, December 7, 2023

Tax Levy Set - Mill Rate Less Than Projected

Mrs. Schweitzer, District Administrator

At their October 23, 2023 meeting, the Board of Education took action to set the total tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year at \$4,249,749.00 with a mill rate of \$8.35 per thousand dollar of equalized value. The resulting mill rate (\$8.35) is \$1.90 less than was projected (\$10.25) during the three-year, non-recurring referendum passed in February 2021. This marks the third year in a row that the actual mill rate fell below the projected amount.

The District and the Board of Education continue to collaborate on a budget that seeks to address the changing educational needs of our students while being strong stewards of the tax payer's dollars," commented Mrs. Schweitzer, District Administrator. A review of the past three years' mill rates showed each year was below the projection, with 2021-2022 coming in at \$9.07 per thousand (a decrease of \$1.02 from the projected rate of \$10.09) and 2022-2023 coming in at \$7.71 per thousand (a decrease of \$2.42 from the projected rate of \$10.13).

ACTUAL IMPACT

Increases in property valuations have occurred, with the greatest increases having

been seen last year and this year as towns and villages held reassessments. A fact that the District could not have foreseen but one that the Board and District took into account when setting the levy.

In the **2022-2023 school year**, the average increase in valuation was 18.08 percent. This meant that a home valued at \$150,000 in 2021-2022 was valued as of 2022-2023 at just over \$177,000. While the projected mill rate of \$10.13 on a \$150,000 home would have resulted in a tax obligation of \$1,519.00, the actual mill rate of \$7.71 produced a tax obligation of \$1,365.00, which is \$154 less than what was projected.

For those homes reassessed for the **2023-2024 school year**, the average increase was 12.93 percent. This means that a home valued at \$150,000 in 2021-2022 is now valued at approximately \$169,400. While the projected mill rate of \$10.25 on a \$150,000 home would have resulted in a tax obligation of \$1,538.00, the actual mill rate of \$8.35 produced a tax obligation of \$1,415.00, which is \$123 less than what was projected.

As you can see, the Board of Education and the District are committed to being responsive

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All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.

The Link is published monthly, from September through June and can be viewed at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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NEWS FROM GRADES PK—6 OFFICE

December Greetings from the PK-6 Office!



Thanks so much to all of you who participated in conferences at the PK-6 level. We had a great turn-out (whether in-person, via Zoom, or by phone). Let's continue to maintain home-school communication, all throughout the year, in order to help our students have the best possible school year! Thank you to those of you who were able to support the book fair sponsored by S.P.I.C.E.

Just like last year, I would like to share how proud I am of our current sixth graders who transitioned from elementary school to middle school this year. Overall, the sixth grade report cards were absolutely amazing! Please encourage your child to keep up the great work and to continue to work hard into this next quarter.

For all grades, we are now in the midst of Quarter 2. We have been encouraging our older students to reflect on Quarter 1 and set goals for Quarter 2. This would be a great time to ask your child about any goals that he/she is working on. For our younger students, please continue to maintain reading at home as a priority each night. We really need your assistance to help our kiddos be the strongest readers they can be.

Thank you so much to everyone who was able

to attend this year's Veterans Day program. In addition, thanks to everyone who helped make this year's program so special. We extend our thanks and gratitude to all the veterans within our community and beyond!

The high school Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be finishing up soon. Collections are continuing through December 8, 2023 for canned food and toy donations, personal hygiene products, baby products, paper products, and monetary donations for area families. As we know, this community is absolutely amazing! Thank you, in advance, for helping to make this season a little brighter for families within our community!

Middle school band and choir students, along with Mr. Yenor and Mrs. Leahy, are preparing for their Winter Concert on December 5, 2023. The concert will begin at 7:00PM in the High School gym.

Mrs. Carlson and students in Grades K-2 are preparing for their upcoming Winter Concert in December. The concert is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023 at 1:45PM in the high school gym.

During this time of year, may we take time to count our many blessings, appreciate all of the special people in our lives, and help those who are less fortunate. I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, joyful, and blessed month of December!

~Mrs. Kim Griesbach, PK-6 Principal

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to changing situations, be it student needs or property valuations, so as to maximize the use of tax dollars and ask for only what is needed.

GOING FORWARD

As we look ahead to the coming referendum questions - operational and capital campaign (building project) - the District and Board of Education expect to continue as strong stewards of the tax payers' dollars. The asks will reflect the projected costs of doing business and growing the district's programs as we are able to project through the 2026-2027 school year. I have every confidence that, where we are able to reduce the tax levied upon the tax payers in relation to that which is projected, we will continue to do so.

Referendum 2024: Community Meetings:

Thursday, January 4 – 8:30AM

Shiocton School Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 24 – 6:30PM

Shiocton School LMC

Monday, January 29 – 6:30PM

Town of Ellington Town Hall

Wednesday, January 31 – 6:30PM

Town of Bovina Town Hall

Wednesday, February 7 – 6:30PM

Town of Maine Town Hall

Wednesday, February 14 – 6:30PM

Shiocton School LMC

Students prepare for upcoming concerts

Starting this school year, Elementary Music Teacher, Mrs. Carlson, will be working with her students on Winter and Spring performances. Students in kindergarten through second grade will perform in a winter concert on December 8, 2023. There will be a second concert this spring on May 7, 2024 where Mrs. Carlson is giving students in third through fifth grade the opportunity to perform and showcase their talents.

Her website shioctonmusic.weebly.com provides great content of the happenings in the music department. Please email her at fcarlson@shiocton.k12.wi.us if you have any questions or comments! Below is the schedule to the concerts.

Winter Concert 2023

Kindergarten - Second Grade
Friday, December 8, 2023
1:45 pm • High School Gym



Spring Concert 2024

Third Grade – Fifth Grade
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
5:30 pm • High School Gym



First grade students honor local Marine; Shiocton graduate



These patriotic hearts were made by the first grade students in remembrance of Veterans' Day.

Visitors that attended the Veterans' Day program were able to view and enjoy these hearts on their way to the high school gym. First grade continued to spread their support and thankfulness by sending these hearts to a 2023 Shiocton graduate, Kaleb Baum, who is currently deployed with the United States Marines. These hearts will be shared with Kaleb's unit.



Kaleb's loved ones enjoy the hard work of the first grade students. We thank Kaleb and his unit for their service!

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Shiocton

April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 22, 2024. The present incumbents are as follows:

Michael Bellin
Stacey Warning

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024** with the School District Clerk in the School District Office in Shiocton at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary election is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Given under my hand this 27th day of November 2023:

David Gomm, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Shiocton

Type A Notice under s. 10.01 (2)(a) Section 120.06(6)(b)

Girls Wrestling excited for Year 2

By Gage Relien, Student Reporter

After a successful first year, the Shiocton Girls Wrestling program looks to take their game to the next level. Head Coach Jetlyn Michonski is ready for Year 2.

"Last season was our very first year running the girls program separate from the boys. It was brand new for all of us and we definitely learned a lot. We now have a great baseline to build off from last season and have some new dynamics to make our small group feel more like a team. We want every wrestler to be able to grow individually as a student and an athlete, which will also help the team grow as a whole. The biggest goal we have for this season is growing our numbers. Girls wrestling is growing rapidly and it's an amazing thing to witness and be a part of. Our girls absolutely love the sport and have learned so much in so little time. We hope to get more girls out for the team this year so that we can continue to help grow and support not only Shiocton wrestling but also girls wrestling as a whole." The wrestling program is hard at work at growing this number, by marketing the opportunity out to other girls. "We have created an Instagram page for our team to highlight the girls' competitions, practices and achievements but also to grow a following and help gain interest

amongst other girls to join the team. We also have a handout in the works titled "Wrestling Basics for Female Athletes". This will have all of the information that you would need to know as a young female athlete stepping onto the wrestling mat for the first time. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable to wrestle for our team."

Coach Michonski listed Lily Helser as her "Diamond in the Rough". "She's very strong and a quick learner as well. I believe that she'll grow immensely as a wrestler this season and will accomplish some great things for our team." Coach Michonski listed Hope Johnson and Lexi Riehl as the leaders of this team. "They both stepped up last season and were very helpful to their teammates and the coaches as well. Since they already have a season of wrestling on the girls team under their belts, I'm sure their leadership will grow and be a huge asset to the team this year as well." Lexi Riehl, the lone senior on this team, who was also able to qualify for Individual State last year, will play a big part in this year's success. "She already helps the team a lot because she cares so much about her teammates' growth and success. She's got the most experience on the team and is always there to help the girls out when they need it. I think that alone will help us win this year because having good teammates that stick by your side and support you (especially upperclassmen) affects your individual performance

more than some people may realize."

As a coach, Michonski looks to emphasize the mental aspect to give the players a better chance at competing. "As a coach, I am looking to put more emphasis on the mental/emotional side of things to help the team compete. Having a good mindset is everything. Practicing gratitude and mindfulness is just as important as drilling every day during practice." What Coach Michonski is looking forward to most this season is going to some all-girl duals. "I am looking forward to hopefully getting the girls into some all-girl dual competitions this season. We went to one last season, the very first all-girls wrestling duals at the high school level in the state of Wisconsin, and the girls had a blast. Since girls wrestling is such a brand-new sport, many of the teams are too small to hold dual meets. Getting that experience for the girls is definitely a game changer and gets them super excited to compete and score points not just individually, but for the team."

Counselor's Corner

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scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us
7-12 School Counselor—ext. 711

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dkern@shiocton.k12.wi.us
K-6 School Counselor—ext. 762

Welcome to the Counselor's Corner. We felt that providing a single location for our information would be more useful and convenient to all of our students and their families. Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students continue to practice skills that make them respectful learners and friends. This month we are introducing Emotion Management. We will be discussing the different things that happen to our bodies when we encounter various feelings. We will also learn strategies that can help us cope with strong feelings and calm our bodies down.

In Grade 6, we are discussing bullying. Students will learn how to recognize bullying, respond to bullying, and learn how to be an upstander in bullying situations.

Seniors - Many universities have a late fall/early winter application deadline. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is expected to open January 1, 2024. Families should watch for this opening to start the application process for federal financial assistance for college.

Local scholarships are open on the district website. Click on Schools-High School-Scholarships. Students should carefully view instructions and deadlines.

Juniors -Schedule your Chief Chat now. Chief Chats are conferences with the student, counselor, and parent to discuss academic and career plans. Junior Chief Chats will run in November and December.

All students in Grades 8 through 11 will soon be bringing home course registration materials for the 2024-2025 school year. Please review course options with your child, and sign and return the registration form by the date indicated. Contact Mrs. Cornell with any course-related questions.



Congratulations to Ms. Schneider's Homeroom winners of the AODA prevention door-decorating contest.



Congratulations to Senior Ava Lorenz on finishing in 15th place out of 152 competitors at the WIAA Cross Country State Meet! Ava will be competing at UWGB next year!



Congratulations to the Football and Volleyball Players that earned CWC All-Conference Honors this year!

Austyn Neubert 2nd Team All-Conference Defensive Lineman
Jordan Jahnke 2nd Team All-Conference Linebacker
Bennett Schmidt Honorable Mention All-Conference Wide Receiver
Bennett Schmidt Honorable Mention All-Conference Defensive Back
Ilijah Sanchez Honorable Mention All-Conference Linebacker
Isaiah Carton Honorable Mention All-Conference Linebacker
Billie Jean Puls 2nd Team All-Conference
Autumn Taylor 2nd Team All-Conference
Elizabeth Pelky 2nd Team All-Conference
Alexis Garcia 2nd Team All-Conference



Brand-new season for Boys Basketball

By Gage Relien, Student Reporter

The Chiefs will look to repeat as Conference Champs after losing four seniors, one of which was recognized as Conference Player of the Year a season ago.

“Just like any year it's a brand-new season, new players, some returners, help the kids returning get into new roles, play solid defense, solid offense and score the basketball,” said Head Coach Chad Schmidt. For the team's goals, they don't talk about them, they let the outcomes present themselves. “We don't normally talk about goals, we try to be the best we can be. More process oriented, if we can work on getting better, then the outcome takes care of itself. Win and losses take care of themselves, we haven't talked about wins and losses for the last ten years.” After losing three starters, Coach Schmidt has the guys to replace their production. “We do have some new varsity guys who are prepared. I have expectations for all of our same guys to make an impact.” He also believes defense will play a large part in how competitive this team can be. “How good can we play team defense. If we can buy-in and play really sound defense, we will be really competitive.”

This year's team will feature two seniors, Ty Marcks and Bennet Schmidt, who Coach Schmidt hopes will become the team leaders. “They

have experience, both provide size, good skill set, they want to do well. Good teammates, nice kids, just gonna have to lead us into the focus and performance.” He also knows what he has to do to build the ultimate competitor of a team. “Always start with getting our bodies right. Physical training, skills training, mental skills training. The overall well-being of a competitor. In the game of basketball, you have to score. Everybody is going to learn to score. Get better at scoring and be able to defend. Focus on scoring and defending. Responding to things as they come at us. Our response is a huge thing.” Coach Schmidt is looking forward to working with a new team this season. “Working with a brand-new team we are looking for these kids to develop their talent. I enjoy working with kids and getting them better both on the court and off the court.”

The Chiefs lost their all-time leading scorer, and Conference Player of the Year, Dawson Schmidt, who graduated last June. They also lost their starting guard, center, and reserve from a year ago, but Coach Schmidt knows he can win. “It's going to be a different team. I've been doing this for twenty-five years. You may lose a great group of guys, but you figure it out.”

Shiocton's National Honor Society

Mr. Tony Pickar - NHS Advisor

The National Honor Society (NHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of **scholarship, service, leadership, and character**. These four pillars have been associated with membership to the organization since its inception in 1921, over a century ago. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, Canada, and around the world.

NHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates. They make connecting and serving within the community a priority. The average chapter contributes:

- 1,000 hours serving the school and community
- Giving \$26,000 in charitable donations
- Donating 1,000 pounds of food to local, state, and national causes
- Donating 100 pints of blood to local blood banks

Our Shiocton chapter of the National Honor Society recognizes 15 Seniors and 11 Juniors in its current 2023-2024 membership. These students have not only been incredibly active scholastically, but have been active in extracurricular activities, employment, and volunteering their time. They have donated hours in the NHS concession stand at sporting events, the St. Denis Cabbage Chuck, and in numerous individual

volunteer capacities. It's amazing the wonderful ways these students strive to help others!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers in our Shiocton Chapter of the National Honor Society!

Kayleigh Pigsley: President
Logan Van Camp: Vice-President
Lydia Hofacker: Treasurer
Shelby Erickson: Student Council Representative
Tyler Pamperin: Secretary

Thank you for your continued support of these fine young scholars in the National Honor Society!

Classes compete to support the annual Food and Toy Drive

Classes throughout the Shiocton School District are still competing to see who can collect the most items for this year's Food and Toy Drive. The winning classes will be rewarded with a special treat provided by Student Council. There is still time to help as the Drive goes through Friday, December 8, 2023.

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to this wonderful event! Each year we're able to accommodate more and more families thanks to the generosity of the community!!

If your family is experiencing a financial hardship or if you know of

a school family in need, please contact one of the following staff members right away so that we can add your name to the confidential list and spread some joy to your family this holiday season.

Please call: (920) 986-3351
Mrs. Kim Griesbach - ext. 747
Mr. Nick Ortlieb - ext. 751
Mrs. Sandee Cornell - ext. 711
Mrs. Dannielle Kern - ext. 762
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider - ext. 787



Notes from the Nurse

Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain

Eight Surefire Strategies:

1. Get moving. Regular, sustained aerobic activity is one of the most effective ways to maintain or lose weight. However, check with your doctor before you start.
2. Cheat a little, but only once a day. If you must indulge in a holiday treat, allow yourself 1 small serving. Savor the texture and aroma. Then compensate later on by reducing your calorie intake or burning a few extra calories through exercise.
3. Control the risk for temptation. Clear your office and home of tempt-

ing holiday goodies. When you bake, keep a small amount for your family. Then give the rest away. (Share any gifts of food.)

4. Eat your veggies and fruits. Aim for seven or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. They will satisfy your stomach without adding empty calories. In addition, the fiber will help you feel full.

5. Never go to a party hungry. Eat one serving of fruit, fat-free yogurt or raw nuts beforehand. Approach the party food only if you feel hungry. Then take your time, and choose mindfully.

6. Be in charge of your party choices. Bring a heart-healthy appetizer or dessert so you'll have at least one nutritious option. Use a smaller plate to control portion sizes. Bypass the rich sauces, the high-fat meatballs, the wings. (Remember, do not drink too many calories.)

7. Say no politely. You are not obliged to eat high-calorie foods. Even when they're homemade and your host encourages you. Learn to say no politely.

8. Focus on socializing, not food. Conversation is calorie-free, and standing burns more calories than sitting. So get out and mingle — and offer to help clean up.

Source: Cleveland Clinic

Boys Wrestling rolling out the mats

By: Gage Reilen, Student Reporter

Last season, the Shiocton wrestling program had the most successful season to date. It was the program's first time heading to Team State. The Chiefs will be looking to build off of the momentum created last year as they begin the 2023-2024 season.

"Same as we always do. I have a lot of confidence after last year. We now know we can do it, and we got the horses to do it. I look at what we've done well the last several years and how we can continue to do it", said Head Coach Dom Gunderson. He has the same goals in mind as last year. "As always, make a trip back to team state, repeat as conference champs, send eight or nine wrestlers to individual team state. I feel pretty good about doing that, fo-

cus on the results." The Chiefs will return ten starters while losing four. Coach Gunderson listed sophomores Jackson Young, Scott Daniels, and Zach Reif as guys that can really improve heading into this year. He also mentioned freshman Holdyn Volkman as someone who can contribute early. Coach Gunderson believes the experience of this team will pave the way. "The experience, we work really hard. Just focus on doing the little things, the way we work during the season and offseason, and the confidence from being there puts us over the top." After graduating four seniors last year, he will be looking for all juniors and seniors to step up. "I'm hoping that two

or three can take this team over, lift up this team, and do good in school". This year's team will feature three seniors: Lexi Riehl, Israel Sanchez, and Logan Leeman. "They're three really good kids. They're good on the mat, always doing what you ask of them. Work really hard. You never have to worry, they always bring their best."

Coach Gunderson has a plan in place of how he will help this team compete. "We really have a better hold on our schedule, mixing in weight training, different techniques. Have more one-on-one work with coaches, who are assigned to four to six guys for a couple week span. Have film sessions with systematic drills, split practices, and focus on light weights technique. More individual tech-

nique. Make the schedule tougher. I'm a firm believer in making the schedule tougher is how we get better. What we do and how we do it. Do the things we always do." Coach Gunderson is really looking forward to this season. "Biggest thing is a good group of kids, a lot of potential on and off the mat. Lots of work this spring and summer going to camps. A really good chance to accomplish a lot and have fun while doing it. That sometimes gets lost in the mix."



Child Development Days

What is Child Development Days?

A free preschool screening opportunity for children ages 3 – 4 who reside within the School District of Shiocton. The purpose of the developmental screening is to:

- ✦ Assess children's developmental progress.
- ✦ Provide parents with awareness of child growth and development issues.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

- ✦ Children who are ages 3 – 4 not enrolled in 4K.
- ✦ Children who have not previously participated in Child Development Days.
- ✦ Children who reside in the School District of Shiocton.

When is Child Development Days?

The child development screening days are scheduled on the following dates and times. The screening process is completed within approximately one hour.

- Wednesday, January 10 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm * RSVP 1/3/24
- Tuesday, February 27 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm * RSVP 2/20/24 Friday, March 1 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm * RSVP 2/23/24

Where is Child Development Days?

The Child Development Days screenings are held at Shiocton Elementary School located at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

What Happens at Child Development Days?

Your child will be screened in a relaxed and friendly setting in the areas of Communication, Personal-Social, Motor and Academic Readiness. When the screening process is completed, a school professional will share the results with parents and address any concerns. The entire screening process is completed within approximately 1 hour.

How Can I Register for Child Development Days?

Phone reservations for a reserved time slot for your child's screening can be made by contacting Rose at (920) 986-3351 Ext 764. Parents are required to call for a reserved screening appointment.

Hope to see you there!

S.P.I.C.E.

Shiocton Partners In Children's Education

Learn about upcoming events!
Support our school!
Get involved!
Scan me:



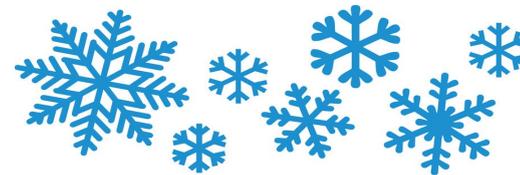
We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to EG Sound Company for doing an amazing job at the middle school dance on November 10, 2023. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped SPICE make this event possible. We couldn't do it without you and we greatly appreciate it!

Thank you to everyone who chose to purchase their gift cards through our SCRIP order in November. By choosing to do your gift card shopping through RaiseRight, you are helping raise money for our school.

Don't forget to write your letter to Santa

when you come visit him and join us in decorating cookies at our **Cookies with Santa** event on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 8:30AM to 11:00AM. Santa will be arriving at 9:00AM. Along with cookie decorating, there will also be holiday themed games and craft activities while visiting with fellow classmates. We hope to see you there!

Please consider joining us for our upcoming meeting and holiday party at Wild River Pizza Pub on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30PM!



Shiocton Child Care Center News:

Upcoming events:

The center will be closed on Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, December 26, 2023

We will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024.

Parent Engagement:

All of our families completed the three part series of the Conscious Discipline Training. It was so nice to hear that they enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about regulating their emotional states, and it has been even more thrilling to hear how these families have implemented what they learned at home.

On November 17, 2023, we hosted our third annual Thanksgiving Feast. Several of our families came to enjoy lunch with their little ones. We had so much fun chatting and enjoying the meal. We look forward to hosting again next year!



Staff Development:

The SCCC Staff completed their final chapter in the Conscious Discipline Training. They have learned all seven skills, and have begun implementing them more regularly in their classrooms. The teachers started utilizing more visual supports and using a lot of different breathing techniques to help our littlest learners calm their bodies. It has been such a gift to watch these new skills being utilized.

We have three spots available!

We have three full time spots available in our preschool. If you are interested in securing your spot, please reach out to Megan at mjarosh@shiocton.k12.wi.us or 920-986-3351 ext. 790. Thank you for the continued support of the child care center!

December

****Menu subject to change without notice****
Breakfast prices: 4K-12— \$1.40 per day
Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.60 per day
9-12—\$2.85 per day

Breakfast	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Choice of Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel or Cinni-Mini Roll, Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake Wraps or Fruit, Juice, Milk	Mini Chocolate or Mini Powdered Sugar Donuts, Apple Frudels, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Choice of Muffin, String Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake Wraps, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Choice of Strawberry or Chocolate fudge pop tarts, Oatmeal Banana Chocolate Chip Granola Round, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Long John Donut, Pancake Wrap, French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk
					1 Classic Deli Boardwalk Turkey, Ham, and Cheese Sub on a Bun, Fruitable Juice, Applesauce Cup, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
4	Homemade Chili and Buns, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Sweet Chilled Strawberry Cups, Milk	5 Grab N Go Salads, Build Your Own Soft Shell Taco w/ Trimmings, Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Pears, Milk	6 EARLY RELEASE-12:10PM Chicken Patty on a Bun, Baked Beans, Sweet Pineapple Chunks, Milk	7 Grab N Go Salads, Homemade Pizzaroni, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Fruit Mix, Garlic Bread Stick, Milk	8 Grab N Go Salads Meatballs w/Gravy Over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Milk
11	Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Milk	12 Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Peaches, Goldfish Crackers, Milk	13 Portessi Cheese Fries w/Marinara Sauce, Seasoned Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Pears, Milk	14 Grab N Go Salads Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, String Cheese, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Fresh Apples, Dinner Rolls, Milk	15 Grab N Go Salads Cheese Quesadilla, Green Seasoned Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk
18	Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage and Hash brown Patties, 100% Fruit Juice box, Fresh Kiwi, Milk	19 Walking Tacos w/Trimmings, Whole Kernel Corn, Chilled Sliced Pears, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Bar, Milk	20 Hot Dog on a Hot Dog Bun, Baked Beans, Chilled Fruit Mix, Milk	21 Mozzarella Pizza Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce, Seasoned Mixed Vegetables, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Milk	22 Grab N Go Salads Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Chilled Applesauce, Milk
25 NO SCHOOL 	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	
WINTER BREAK					

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/1 JV Girls Basketball vs. Wittenberg 5:45PM
 12/1 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Wittenberg 7:00PM
 12/2 SPICE Cookies with Santa 8:00AM
 12/2 Varsity Wrestling Invitational @ Kimberly 8:00AM
 12/2 Varsity Boys Basketball Game @ Coleman 1:00PM
 12/4 MS Boys Basketball vs. Iola 5:00PM
 12/4 JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Iola 5:45PM
12/4 Board Meeting 6:00PM
 12/5 Shiocton Band Winter Party and Concert 5:00PM
12/6 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:10PM
12/7 Coffee with Community 8:30AM
 12/7 MS Boys Basketball @ Manawa 4:00PM
 12/7 Varsity Wrestling Triangular @ Pulaski 5:00PM
 12/7 JV Girls Basketball vs. Amherst 5:45PM
 12/7 Varsity Girls Basketball 7:00PM
12/8 K-Gr.2 Elementary Winter Concert 1:45PM
 12/8 JV2/JV Boys Basketball @ Amherst 5:45PM
 12/8 Varsity Boys Basketball @ Amherst 7:00PM
 12/8 JV Boys Wrestling @ WI Dells Center 6:00PM
 12/8 Varsity Girls Wrestling @ WI Dells Woodside 6:00PM

12/9 Varsity Boys Wrestling @ WI Dells Center 9:00AM
 12/11 MS Boys Basketball @ Weyauwega 4:00PM
 12/12 JV2/JV Boys Basketball vs. Kewaunee 5:45PM
 12/12 Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Kewaunee 7:00PM
 12/12 JV2/JV Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega 5:45PM
 12/12 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega 7:00PM
 12/14 MS Boys Basketball vs. Bonduel @ 4:00PM
 12/14 Boys Wrestling @ Evansville, Random Lake 4:00PM
 12/14 JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Wittenberg 4:00PM
 12/14 JV2/JV Boys Basketball vs. Manawa 5:45PM
 12/14 Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Manawa 7:00PM
 12/15 JV2/JV Girls Basketball @ Manawa 5:45PM
 12/15 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Manawa 7:00PM
 12/16 Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Menasha 10:00AM
12/18 Board Meeting 6:00PM
 12/19 JV Girls Basketball vs. Oconto 5:45PM
 12/19 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Oconto 7:00PM
 12/21 Varsity Boys Wrestling vs. Freedom 5:00PM
 12/21 JV Boys Wrestling vs. Freedom 6:00PM
 12/22 JV Boys Basketball vs. Weyauwega 4:00PM
 12/22 JV Girls Basketball vs. Weyauwega 5:45PM
 12/22 Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Weyauwega 6:00PM
 12/22 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Weyauwega 7:30PM

12/22 Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Wrightstown 5:15PM
12/25-1/01 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
 12/28 Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Brillion 3:00PM
 12/28 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Brillion 6:00PM
 12/29 Varsity Boys Wrestling @ UW-Oshkosh 9:30AM
 12/30 Varsity Boys Wrestling @ UW-Oshkosh 9:00AM
1/2 SCHOOL RESUMES

Join us for Pickleball

Free open gym style pickleball in Shiocton's MPF gym (fitness center)

Wednesday's 6:30 –8:00PM

Adults (18+) No Children

Come alone or bring a friend.
 Equipment is available to use.
 Questions? Contact- Sarah Ver Voort
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