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Referendum 2024: Voters say 'Yes', 'Not Yet'

Despite the disappointing results of the Capital (Building) Referendum, Mrs. Schweitzer reminded staff to look at the positive messages sent by the voters. "The voters demonstrated their continued support for what each of you do every day: providing a high-quality education for the children of our community and making opportunities for them to grow and achieve in all ways."

Funds approved by voters on February 20, 2024 through the operational referendum will serve to maintain the educational programs and offering for the next three years. "We are very thankful for the continued support of the community through the approval of the operational referendum. We will continue to be good stewards of the tax payer's dollars as we work to meet the myriad and changing needs of students every day," commented Mrs. Schweitzer.

Regarding the capital referendum results and the projects that would have been completed had the referendum passed, Mrs. Schweitzer noted that the needs remain. "The needs reflected in the projects do not go away with the closing of the polls. They were interrelated and important projects of which the needs reflected still must be addressed." When asked about plans for addressing the needs, Mrs. Schweitzer indicated that discussions would be had over the course of the next

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GridIron Establishes Bleacher Fund

On the heels of another successful banquet this fall, the Shiocton GridIron Club is pleased to provide seed money to establish the GridIron Bleacher Fund.



Over the course of the past decade, the Shiocton GridIron Club has held its annual banquet as a means to raise funds for the Club to support the middle and high school football teams. From pads and pants to footballs and helmets, the Club has utilized the funds raised to meet the needs of players and coaches while also saving for a larger project.

That larger project now has a name: Bleacher Fund. That project also has an initial donation of \$80,000.00 thanks to the Shiocton GridIron Club. In making the donation on behalf of the Club, Mr.

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COFFEE WITH COMMUNITY
 Members of the community are invited to gather for coffee, conversation, and collaboration about our community and school.
Thursday, March 7, 2024
8:30—9:30AM
School LMC

25 Years of Coaching

An in-depth look into Shiocton basketball coach Chad Schmidt bringing the basketball program back to relevance, his greatest memories, coaching philosophy, AAU coaching, and career achievements.

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

Part 1, Backstory

Twenty-five years. In twenty-five years there have been twenty-five different Hiesman trophy winners. The college football playoff system has been changed three different times. The NCAA tournament field has been expanded to sixty eight teams. Student athletes in college can now get paid. Yet, in all that time and change during the last twenty-five years of sports, one thing has remained the same: The Shiocton boys basketball coach. For the last twenty-five seasons, the Shiocton boys basketball team has been coached by one man, and that's Head Coach Chad Schmidt. A five time CWC Coach of the Year. The leader in all time career wins at Shiocton and the constructor behind the Division 4 program known throughout the state. We dig deep into what gave Coach Schmidt the coaching bug, his experiences coaching high school, AAU, and much more.



The year is 1992 and a young man by the name

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News from the 7th - 12th Grade Office

Greetings from the Shiocton 7th-12th grade office. This is Mr. Ortlieb reaching out to let you know about some things that have been going on in the MS/HS Office and some dates to look forward to in the month of March. We appreciate all of the support our community has given us throughout the year, and we are looking forward to finishing the year strong through the end of the third quarter and all of fourth quarter.

The end of Third Quarter means that we are well into our testing season for MS/HS students. Our 11th grade students will be taking the **ACT on March 12, 2024** here in the high school. We have worked extensively with our students to prepare them for this standardized test, and we want to celebrate that hard work alongside them. If you have a student that is a Junior, please talk to them about the importance of a healthy diet and maintaining a good sleep schedule as the test approaches. Our 9th and 10th grade stu-

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few weeks as to what the District's next step(s) might be. When considering next steps, Mrs. Schweitzer noted that continued efforts to seek input from the community would be included so as to better understand why more voters were not supportive of the building referendum. "The recent reassessments in Bovina and Ellington increased the property valuations greatly, which inherently lends itself to increased taxation. Add to that the fact that the State Budget did not provide any increase in per pupil revenue for the past two years and then provided us this one-time opportunity to make up for the lack of revenue in this tax year only, and you have the perfect taxation storm that caused taxes to increase even more. We knew the build was a big ask of our tax payers, especially with the increases already sustained, but the needs are there and must be addressed."

Mrs. Schweitzer was quick to look at the positives and share the collective appreciation of staff and Board. "We want to thank every community member for voting on Tuesday (February 20). We appreciate the "yes" votes, especially with regard to passing the operational referendum. Too, we appreciate the hundreds of positive votes for the capital referendum. What the numbers tell us is that there is support for the projects, but tax payers are not ready just yet for them to happen."

Watch for more information in upcoming editions of The Link and on the District's website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us) regarding the District's next steps in addressing the various needs reflected in the five priority projects and playground.

dents will be taking the **Pre-ACT** later this spring, while our 7th and 8th grade students will participate in the **Forward Exam**.

On the same day that the 11th grade class takes the ACT, our freshman and sophomore students will participate in **Career Day field trips**. These trips to area businesses and educational institutions are designed to give the students a glimpse of what life looks like after graduation. Meanwhile, our senior students will participate in a **Senior Adult Experience Day** complete with learning activities centered around the day-to-day life of an adult.

Additionally, we have our **Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences** coming up on March 7, 2024.

Look for information in your email about signing up for conferences through Skyward. Please feel free to reach out to the MS/HS Office if you have any questions or concerns.



Clayton, Sydney, and Karissa share details of their experiences during Reality Check on January 5, 2024.

Annual Science / Health/ Fine Arts Fair
March 7, 2024 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

Students from Kindergarten to High School have been busy using their creativity to create amazing artwork that line our hallways and classrooms. The elementary gym will house our annual science fair where students will showcase their science projects and experiments.



K5 students are becoming great readers, writers, and mathematicians

Kindergarteners are moving into reading three or four lines of print. Many times the sentence doesn't end until the second line. This requires students to continue reading until the punctuation mark. We are relying less and less on pictures are working



to decode the tricky word through phonics. Students are writing stories making sure there is a beginning, middle and end. We are working on details- lots of details and a "firework" ending that ties a writers book all together. Our kiddos have learned a little song to help them remember all the parts



of a story. Ask a student in Miss Connie's room to sing it to you. We just keep growing as readers, writers, mathematicians, and being a great friend.



Fifth place in Regional Spelling Bee

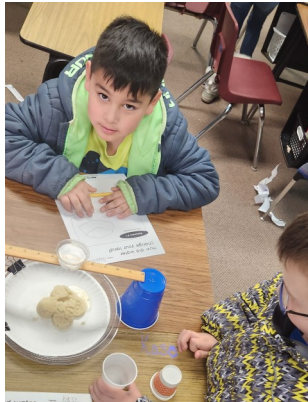
On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, eighth grader Lola Nelson and seventh grader Devin Biese participated in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee held at Gerritts Middle School in Kimberly.

They competed with approximately 42 other contestants from numerous private and public school districts in our area. At this level, the competition becomes more intense, but the experience is so worthwhile. Congratulations to Lola who placed 5th in the final 6 contestants and Devin for your willingness to grow in your spelling expertise!



"What time is it?"

That is a question being asked by many of our second graders lately. The students are busy learning about telling time on an analog and a digital clock, as well as distinguishing between AM and PM. This month they will also be busy describing, organizing and representing data in graphs.



In our Writers and Readers Workshops, our second graders have been learning more about nonfiction texts. They have filled their book boxes with informational books to read and discuss. They studied the features of nonfiction texts and how they help readers with comprehension. Now that they are familiar with this type of text, each second grad-

er is making his/her own nonfiction book. Each student has been researching a habitat and taking notes. They are writing down what they learned, remembering to include cool facts and other information that would interest an elementary audience. The books will also include a Table of Contents, headings, labels, captions, bold print, and even a glossary! When finished, the students will get to share with other grade levels! Be ready to learn some cool facts!

Take me out to the ball game! Our Fang Reading Incentive Program is now in full swing! This program is a great way for kids to read some interesting books while working toward a goal and earning a reward! The students will have the opportunity to earn a Timber Rattler ticket along with a hot dog/soda voucher. In order to earn the ticket, each second grader will need to read 100 minutes each week! Reading is a great activity on these cold winter evenings! So...snuggle up with a good book, second graders!!!



Exploring in the classroom and beyond in Grade 5

In ELA, students finished non-fiction reports about the 1800s. During the report sharing time, they got the chance to try an 1800's cracker called *Hardtack*. Additionally, as part of the Americanism project, students wrote definition essays about what freedom means to them.

Our young mathematicians have been sharpening their division skills while putting all they have learned toward working with equations.

In science, students have been learning about mixtures and solutions. Students have created mixtures, learned about their properties, and then dissected the meaning of "dissolve." Science is continuing with our new Mystery Science curriculum leading up to the always anticipated Science/Fine Arts Fair. Students have also been developing

their observation, teamwork, and communication skills during their experiments.

In mid-March, we will be switching to Junior Achievement lessons to learn about how the Real World works as we prepare for JA BizTown in April.

Lastly, it wouldn't be fifth grade without some fun. Earlier this winter, students enjoyed a fantastic hike at the Navarino Nature Center. Getting the chance to combine an outdoor exercise activity with lessons about forest ecology was awesome, especially when you get to see a porcupine's face! The kids learned a lot and had a blast as well. It is always great to get out and enjoy our Wisconsin winters - whether there is snow or not!

Counselor's Corner

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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.

K4-6 Students: This month we are continuing Emotion Management. We are discussing strong feelings, how our bodies feel when we have a strong feeling, and what we can do to calm those strong feelings down: 1. Stop 2. Name Your Feeling 3. Calm Down. Students will continue to practice calming down with belly breathing, positive self-talk, and counting. We will use these strategies to help us solve problems.

In Grade 6, we are discussing ways to problem solve. We will also be starting our Academic Career plans in Xello.

Grade 8 students: Eighth grade Chief Chats will take place in Spring of 2024. Please watch for more information to come.

Eighth grade students will attend a career fair in Clintonville in April. More information will be coming home in regards to this event.

Sophomores: Watch for upcoming information on Summer School Health Class registration.

Sophomores and Juniors: Applications for the 2024-2025 Youth Apprenticeship Program will be due March 1, 2024. For more information, contact Ben Krull, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, at krullben@bonduel.k12.wi.us.

Juniors: The state required ACT test will take place on March 12, 2024. Watch for more information. Many colleges have changed their requirements for standardized testing admission criteria. Please view the college website or contact your college for specific information on the ACT requirement.

On March 13, 2024 the Juniors will be attending a Post-Secondary Fair at New London High School.

Seniors - Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Please check the school website to verify application instructions and deadlines.



Congratulations
to the
Badger Girl and
Boy State
Representatives

Fourth graders are working hard in all academic areas

By: Ms. Phillips, Ms. Schreiter, Ms. Sell

This year has been flying by and the fourth graders have been working really hard! In science, the students have been learning about how energy creates movement and transfers.



Students have explored this topic by creating their own paper models of an amusement park ride. Fourth graders also have been learning about different earth features. They are currently focusing on volcanoes.

In social studies, students are learning about the journey Wisconsin went through to become a state. Also, the effects of mass migration that took place in the 1800s. In reading and writing, students have been learning about the American Revolution. We have read informational texts to help students build their background

knowledge. Students then began completing their informational book on the American Revolution. We have practiced researching, note taking, and utilizing a teacher tone in our writing.

Our fifth math unit that focuses on measurement is coming to a close. Students have practiced converting units of time and units in both the customary and metric systems. Next, students will be furthering their understanding of fractions.

Of course we made some time for fun that included Global Day of Play, the 100th day of school, and Valentine's Day celebra-



SPICE Quilt Raffle: The Blanket of Friendship

A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Jeannie Reese and Mrs. Beecher's Gr 4 artists for their collaboration on this year's quilt for the SPICE Quilt Raffle. The quilt was built by Mrs. Reese from the squares of fabric crafted by the Shiocton Elementary School Fourth Grade students.



Raffle tickets for "The Blanket of Friendship" quilt, along with several other baskets, will be sold starting March 7, 2024 during the Fine Arts & Science Fair at the school from 4:00 - 7:00PM. Attendees will be treated to a live showing of the quilt and the many other baskets that will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12 and may be pur-



chased in the District Office during business hours, as well as during the spring musical (April 19 & 20) and the elementary spring concert (May 7).

****NEW**** New this year: An online silent auction. *Givebutter* will host our event and supply a direct link with a QR code once we go live on March 7. The auction is for select items and only available to bid online. Stay tuned for more information as time draws closer to the March 7 Fine Arts and Science Fair.

The raffle winners, including the lucky recipient of The Blanket of Friendship quilt, will be drawn on May 8, 2024 during the SPICE meeting.



Doug Pahlow noted that more funds will be needed in order to construct new bleachers. Recent estimates gathered indicate a cost of upwards to \$300,000.00, which does not include costs to build a new press box.

The new bleacher system would be located on the softball side of the football field, eliminating a long-standing concern about the setting sun shining in the eyes of fans during the fall games. "The current system is not ADA compliant and the first few rows are too low to see over the players, as well as those standing on the track," commented Mr. Pahlow. "The new bleacher system would be elevated to 4' for the first row of seating and would be constructed with two points of access." The new bleacher system when constructed would include steps on one side and a ramp on the other, thereby addressing both the mobility and the visibility concerns. Additionally, the bleacher system will be built with a 12" run-over-rise. "The expanded seating of up to 600 persons coupled with the elevated starting level will afford more of our fans the ability to sit and enjoy the game from a greater vantage point," commented Mrs. Schweitzer, School District of Shiocton Superintendent. Additionally, Mr. Pahlow noted that the expanded system will also afford the District the opportunity to host more tournament games. "We would be able to host games all the way through Level 3 of the playoffs. And, our fans will have closer access to the concessions, restrooms, and parking."

"This fund is well-timed," commented Mr. Schweitzer. "With the recent donation to provide for a rubberized track, we anticipate more fans will join us for home Track and Field events. Thus, the bleacher fund will certainly meet the needs for Chief fans under the Friday night lights, but also those seeking to cheer on our fleet-of-feet athletes come spring."

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please contact the school district at 920-986-3351 x700 or send a check, ear marked for the bleacher fund, to: The School District of Shiocton ATTN: Bleacher Fund PO Box 68 Shiocton, WI 54107.



Shiocton Baseball Star Commits to D3 School

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

Last month, Shiocton pitcher James Mutchie signed his letter of intent (LOI) to Cornell College (IA), a member of the MWC conference, to play baseball at the collegiate level. Mutchie also received offers from St.

Norbert, UW-Platteville, Marion, St. Scholastica, and Menlo College.

James was a four year varsity starter, starting ten of sixteen games his freshman year. His sophomore year he was second team All-Conference. Last year, he was first team All-Conference, All-District Honorable Mention and Conference Player of the Year Runner-Up. Here, Mutchie goes in-depth on his recruiting process and his decision to commit to the Cornell Rams.



Player Perspective

During the recruiting process, Mutchie became sold on the Cornell staff's vision and the academics. Mutchie mentioned the relationship with assistant coach Robbie Dombrowski and the chance at early playing time as factors that went into his decision. "Coach was very interested and forthcoming in playing time as a freshman and how competitive he wants to be with the recruiting class coming in." Coach Dombrowski was also a big part in his commitment as his experience with the program made it seem like a great opportunity. "It was his first year there as an assistant coach. He played for Cornell and really loved the coach with nothing but nice things to say about him, the team and school. He made it seem like a good long term investment for the next four years." Academics also went into the decision as Mutchie really liked how classes were taught. "The way they do schooling is simple and easier. Instead of 8 classes a day it's 1 class a day for three and a half weeks." He also mentioned how nice the campus is. Mutchie will be pursuing a degree in Kinesiology with an internship in physical therapy. The Cornell staff sees Mutchie as a starter with an arsenal of a fastball, curveball, changeup, and slider with his fastball maxing out at 85 mph. In his four years, Mutchie is looking to accomplish getting to the College World Series, trying to go pro, and the biggest being to get his degree.

On the legacy he thinks he left on the baseball program, he jokingly mentioned his long hair as what people will remember him by the most. The example he set was a good one for the younger kids. "I try to teach them all I know and set an example. I will be

coaching middle school baseball this summer to prepare them for high school."

Coach's Perspective

First Year Head Coach of the Shiocton baseball team, Ben Prodell, gives his perspective on James' commitment and his development over the past four years. "He opens the door to all student athletes. When you commit yourself, anything is possible. Being signed for a collegiate sport is no easy task", Coach Prodell said on the example Mutchie set forth. On Mutchie's legacy, "Just the beginning of it. Last year was a solid year, people know of him. He really made people aware of him last year, it will be unfortunate for teams that have to face him." Coach Prodell on looking on to Mutchie's recruitment from a coach's perspective. "Proud of him. Getting to the collegiate level and staying there is something that's hard to do. It's a grind competing against guys as good as you; he has what it takes." Coach Prodell described Mutchie's game as fearless as it doesn't matter who he's going against, his mindset is he's going to beat them. Coach Prodell also mentioned if Mutchie "devotes himself to his work ethic, he could really unlock his true potential."

Finally, on the growth from his freshman to senior year, Coach Prodell said, jokingly, "Mutchie's hair, which grew six inches." "Honestly, from his freshman year, his mentality and ability has completely did a 180 flip on my expectations on what he would become now. Through his sophomore, junior, and senior year, he slowly started transitioning into what I was hoping he would turn into."

With Mutchie's final year of high school baseball coming up this spring, Coach Prodell lists his expectations for the upcoming season with Mutchie leading the pitching. "Hoping to get him 10 wins, a personal goal for him. Have to be in contention for the Conference. Seeing Mutchie develop his pitches throughout the season, learning batters, and how he should approach them."

Good luck, James! We hope he and the baseball team have an excellent season this spring. We also wish him the best of luck with his future

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



Sunday, April 14, 2024

1:30 pm.

High School Cafeteria

Future Career Skills Developed in CTE Classes

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

The month of February is used to recognize CTE (Career and Technical Education) teachers across the country. These teachers help prepare students for future careers and help them develop real world skills. In the Shiocton High School, these teachers include Mrs. Julie Gomm, Mr. John Bergstreser, Mr. Harley Griesbach and Mrs. Jessica Miller. We take a look at what they teach and how they help students develop much needed skills to be successful in their futures.

There are so many classes that are taught in the CTE department, it would take too long to list them all. A brief list includes -

Family and Consumer Education: Culinary Basics and Advanced, Housing and Interiors, and Health Occupations

Technology Education: Woods, Metals, and Computer Science

Business and Information Technology Education: Personal Finance; Principles of Business, Accounting, and School Store



So, why do CTE classes get an entire month devoted to their courses? It's simply because of the many skills developed and used in the classes that are truly enhanced. Common skills taught through all CTE classes include multitasking, communication, and teamwork. In addition to these skills, CTE courses also teach application of prior knowledge and time management, through real world experiences. Students are able to apply skills learned in other classes to real world situations. They show students where they will use knowledge learned in other classes in an effective way in their futures. CTE courses also help students see what they like and don't like. What they have a passion for and what they simply have no interest in. They help students decipher what they may want to pursue for a future career.

CTE classes are extremely beneficial and Shiocton students think so too. Shiocton High School student Isaiah Gassner had this to say on whether or not CTE classes were beneficial. "Yes, because kids should know more about the career fields available to them and that there is more than just college." Gassner has learned skills such as common sense and common knowledge that he uses every day in real life.

CTE courses are extremely important and beneficial to students and their learning experience. We thank CTE teachers Mrs. Gomm, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Griesbach, and Mr. Bergstreser for their service to Shiocton students.



Shiocton Steps for Suicide Awareness Walk



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 4, 2024** and plan to join community members for the next Shiocton Steps for Suicide Awareness Walk.

(Watch for more information or visit them on Facebook.)

Shiocton Steps for Suicide Awareness Donation: Nutrition, Mental Wellness Resources

This past summer, members of the Shiocton Steps for Suicide Prevention group presented the School District of Shiocton with a \$5,500.00 donation to be used to meet a variety of needs.

The District's food service program received \$500 to offset food balances that students might have on their accounts. The remaining funds can be used to help families that may be struggling with making payments. Another \$500 was donated to Shiocton Child Care Center. The donation was perfectly timed, as the funds were used to provide Conscious Discipline resources to parents following the in-person training.

The remaining \$4,500 was donated to the District to provide resources related to mental wellness and mental health for both students and staff. Recently, a portion of the donated dollars was used to purchase age-appropriate books to address concepts such as test anxiety, worry, anxiety, big emotions, being yourself, and being a kid.

A big **THANK YOU** to the members of the Shiocton Steps for Suicide Prevention for the very generous donation that has afforded the staff and students so many vital resources.



SPICE has several exciting events coming up this spring! Kicking off on March 7th is the Quilt and Basket Raffle. You can see items on display at the Science and Fine Arts Fair as well as other school events up until the drawing on May 8, 2024.

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12 and can be purchased at the district office and select school events. We would like to make a huge shout-out to all the sponsors/donors that have made this year's raffle even better! New this year, we are also holding an online auction which also kicks off on March 7, 2024. SPICE has a set goal to raise \$5,000 from the raffle and auction to support our school, but we can't do so without the support from our community. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and check back to our site for spotlight items and sponsors, such as a signed Packer football, a beautiful homemade quilt, wireless stereo speaker, and many more!

Also this month, we have the Shiocton Elementary PTO Night at the Wisconsin



Herd game on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6pm. Our school Pep Band will also be performing on this particular night as well! Tickets include: Jockey High Five Tunnel for all Shiocton students and a post-game on court group photo and free throws. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated back to SPICE; we hope you'll join us for a fun night out!

Exciting events coming up include:

Funset Boulevard Family Night:
May 9, 2024

FREE Drive-In Themed Movie Night:
May 17, 2024

Elementary/Middle School Book Swap:
Week of May 20th

*If you have any books you'd like to donate, look for donation boxes on Science Fair Night and throughout the school leading up to the event.

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on March 6, 2024 at 6:30pm in the school library.

We hope to see you there!

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of Chad Schmidt has graduated from Whitehall High School in Wisconsin. During his time at Whitehall, Chad earned 12 varsity letters while playing basketball, baseball, football, and track. Schmidt would then go on to play basketball at the collegiate level at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During his time playing basketball, it became apparent that coaching would be something waiting for him in his future. "It started to get me to think about coaching," said Schmidt on how playing basketball would open the door to the world of coaching. "I got the bug that this was something that I wanted to do. I started thinking seriously about it."

After spending some time at North Central University, Chad would transfer to UW-Eau Claire where he would play baseball the rest of his collegiate career. Schmidt graduated in 1998 with a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology with an emphasis on teaching and a minor in coaching. While at UW-Eau Claire, Schmidt took an assistant job as a volunteer at Eau Claire Memorial High School. He would spend three years learning and absorbing all the knowledge he could soak up while being a part of a Division I state tournament team. "I got to learn about the working of an entire program and how it should be ran. I got a huge education." Not only did Chad coach basketball, but he was the head coach at Blair-Taylor high school. During his time as the head coach, Schmidt would lead the Wildcats to a place they'd never been as they reached their first and only WIAA basketball state tournament appearance. "It taught me a lot about leadership, how to be the lead dog and be very successful. It was something I knew I could be good at."

After spending the early part of his coaching career on the west side of Wisconsin, Schmidt would apply for a teaching position at the School District of Shiocton. Though he originally only planned on coaching baseball, a great opportunity was quite literally handed to him. "I was originally hired to coach baseball here. Then I realized there was no varsity coach for basketball and no prospects. I had planned on coaching a middle school or freshman team, but I decided to take the job as they handed it to me with nobody else looking to coach." Coach Schmidt started coaching in the fall of '98 and has been at the helm of the program since.

"We had some rough go early on building, but through building a youth program and putting in a lot of time and effort, we were able to build a solid program." Schmidt has built Shiocton into more than just a solid program as the Chiefs have

earned eight conference championships since 2006, four conference player of the years, twenty all conference players, and over 325 wins in the twenty-five year span. "Proud to have been the scoring champions the last 12 years in the conference. Developing skilled players. Won conference five of the last seven years and taken at least first or second the last eleven years. It's big time. Record has been pretty good. Put together a nice reputable program known throughout the state in D4."

Coach Schmidt has also coached NBA players like Jordan Poole and current college stars like Kobe Johnson among many more during his AAU coaching. "I got into AAU when my kids were playing AAU ball. AAU was something else. I got to know college coaches, it gave me another knowledge base and another perspective on coaching. You're playing people from all over the country and scouting them before playing. I got to know many people throughout the country", coach Schmidt talked about during his time coaching AAU. "We played a St. Louis AAU team and absolutely destroyed them. The coach said 'I want to know your offensive system.' Talking to different coaches, there is so much education you get that's not just scouting."

With the success that Schmidt has with the Chiefs, he has been offered other opportunities to coach elsewhere, including at the collegiate level such as an assistant coaching job at Northern Michigan. However, Schmidt has never felt any pressure to leave as he felt it was important to coach young people and has been very grateful for the relationships he's built during his time at Shiocton. "At the end of the day, what was important was to coach young people, Shiocton has them here. I didn't need to jump and chase bigger schools. I've felt good about what we're doing and it's taken a lot of people to do it. It's been very fun; a very rewarding and fortunate experience. I've built some great relationships over the years that are still going with players, many who are coaching with me."

Part 2, Coaching Philosophy

Throughout his twenty-five year tenure at Shiocton, Coach Schmidt has been through many highs and lows, but he mentioned the highs being way higher than the lows. "Winning streaks I've been pretty proud of, championships, kids accomplishing personal goals. No doubt, the undefeated season of 2017 is a huge highlight. Eighteen sectional finals, 3-peat conference champs. Those from a winning perspective." Some of his greatest accomplishments include mental skills training, relationships, mentoring, building trust, leading, and the ultimate of leading young men to become good husbands and fathers. Part of his coaching

philosophy is "Players first, love players. Be the best that you can be in the moment you're in at the moment of outcomes. Trust the process of becoming great."

On how his coaching has changed in the last twenty-five years, Coach Schmidt couldn't pinpoint on just one. "I've changed so much, I can't even list it out. The growth I've had from my twenties to now is beyond crazy. I'm a totally different coach than twenty years ago. It's all for the good. You don't start as a finished product, (you) work to become a better version of yourself every year. I'm interested in you as a player, but way more interested in what you will become. I love athletics, but it's way more than that. Working hard. I think the biggest thing is perspective."

A brief summary of his coaching strategy, Coach Schmidt described it as "we want to score as much as possible, play fast, get in space, and have pace. Be exciting and entertaining. Bring as much joy to the kids as possible. If you bring joy to the kids, you bring joy to the fans."

On what he would tell his younger self, "Trust the process, surrender the results, and show as much love to the players as humanly possible." What Coach Schmidt is looking to achieve the rest of his career is to keep doing what he's doing. Keep things fun and joyful for the kids and sustain a strong culture and leadership. "If that's in place, it will drive behavior and performance."

On what he would point to as the driving factor behind the success, he alluded to people as the number one thing always. He also mentioned work ethic and being intentional with the important things. So how long does coach Schmidt plan to keep coaching, he said he has no plans on being done anytime soon as he still has a fire and passion for what it requires. He hopes to coach baseball again one day and will coach for as long as he's teaching. Finally, what Coach Schmidt is most excited for in the future is to simply keep exciting. "We have a lot of talent coming up. I'll coach anyone who wants to play and wants to get better. Always look forward to what's next. Enjoy the moment, look forward to what's next."




As the times keep changing, Coach Schmidt has stayed as a constant. Congratulations to Coach Chad Schmidt on an amazing twenty-five year coaching career.



MARCH



****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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast 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 Chocolate Chip or Blueberry 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 Grab-N-Go Salad, Creamy Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Chilled Applesauce, Milk
4 Grab N Go Salads, Chicken and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Rolls, Milk	5 Cheeseburgers on a Bun w/ Trimmings, Baked Beans, Chips, Sliced Pears, Milk	6 Chicken Smackers, Seasoned Broccoli, Orange Smiles, Dried Cranberries, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk	7 Super Nachos, w/ Meat Sauce, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, 100% Fruit Juice Box, Vanilla Graham Cracker Cookie, Milk	8 EARLY RELEASE 12:10PM Pizza Dippers, Seasoned Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Chilled Applesauce, Milk
11 Boardwalk Turkey, Ham and Cheese Sub on a bun, Fruit-able Juice, Applesauce Cups, Ice Cream Cup, Milk	12 Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Seasoned Green Beans, Sweet Pineapple Chunks, Garlic Bread, Milk	13 Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fresh Bananas Chocolate Pudding Cup, Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets, Seasoned Rice, Seasoned Mixed Vegetables, Strawberry Blueberry Apple Slice Mix, Milk	15 Ooey Goey Goodness Macaroni and Cheese, PB & J Uncrustables, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Milk
18 Homemade Chili and Buns, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Sweet Chilled Strawberry Cups, Milk	19 Grab N Go Salads, Build Your Own Soft Shell Taco w/ Trimmings, Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Pears, Milk	20 EARLY RELEASE 12:10PM Chicken Patty on a Bun, Baked Beans, Sweet Pineapple Chunks, Milk	21 Grab N Go Salads, Homemade Pizzaroni, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Fruit Mix, Garlic Bread Stick, Milk	22 Grab N Go Salads, Cheese Quesadilla, Green Seasoned Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk
25 Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Milk	26 Grab N Go Salads, Meatballs w/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Milk	27 Hot Dog on a Hot Dog Bun, Baked Beans Sliced Pears, Milk	28 Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, String Cheese, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Fruit Mix, Dinner Rolls, Milk	29 

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/4 Policy Committee meeting 5:00PM
- 3/4 Board Meeting 6:00PM
- 3/7 Coffee with Community in LMC 8:30AM
- 3/7 Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair 4:00PM
- 3/8 Early Dismissal 12:10PM
- 3/9 MS Wrestling @ Wrightstown 8:00AM
- 3/12 Kindergarten Parent Meeting LMC 6:00PM
- 3/14 Kindergarten Parent Meeting LMC 3:30PM
- 3/16 Varsity Boys Track @ UWO 4:45PM
- 3/16 MS Wrestling Regionals @ Bay Port 8:00AM
- 3/18 Board Meeting 6:00PM
- 3/19 Varsity Boys Track @ Ripon College 4:00PM
- 3/19 Varsity Girls Track @ UWO 4:45PM
- 3/20 Early Dismissal 12:10PM
- 3/21 Varsity Softball @ North Fond Du Lac 5:00PM
- 3/23 Alumni Tournament 7:00AM
- 3/23-3/24 Varsity Softball @ Rheinlander Dome 1:00PM

- 3/26 Varsity Baseball vs. Marion 4:30PM
- 3/26 Varsity Softball vs. Almond- Bancroft 4:30PM
- 3/28 Varsity Baseball vs. Rosholt 4:30PM
- 3/28 Varsity Softball vs. Menominee 4:30PM
- 3/29 NO SCHOOL
- 4/1 - 4/5 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

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
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Mark your Calendar!

Mrs. Ritchie's Annual Piano Recital

Saturday, April 20, 2024

School Cafeteria

There will be three different recital programs where Mrs. Ritchie's piano and guitar students will perform.

