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SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The **Link**

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

January, 2014

LEGO Bolts Do Shiocton Proud at State

by Coach Steve Parker



The school's fourth-year LEGO League robotics team competed in the Wisconsin State Tournament at Appleton East High School on December 8. Sixty teams from across the state presented their research projects about natural disasters, the theme for

2013, and put their robots to the test.

Our team's research skit on tsunami detection and survival was well received, as was the team's robot design and game strategy. The LEGO Bolts team finished in the top half of all teams in both robot performance and project presentation. Digital copies of *Tsunami Survival*, the board game the Bolts created, were requested by teams throughout the state. Congratulations, LEGO Bolts!!



Grade 1 Art Clay Santas

Media: Clay, tempera paint,
and Mod Podge

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic Coming to Shiocton Elementary

On Thursday, February 6, the Tri-County Dental Clinic will come to Shiocton Elementary School to offer a free dental screening and fluoride varnish to qualifying students. The qualification for participation in this program is that the student receives free or reduced-cost hot lunch and is in preschool, kindergarten, or elementary school. This largely volunteer-driven nonprofit clinic focuses on prevention and early intervention with youngsters who have limited access or whose families cannot afford dental care. The first phase of the program takes place at school, with subsequent treatment at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic. All services are offered free of charge, including dental cleaning and any restorative treatment a child may require. If you wish to have your child participate and meet the qualification, please watch for the forms to come home soon with your child. If you have any questions, you can contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker, at 986-3351 ext. 714.



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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. 517. 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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'Tis The Season

Recently, a jolly ol' elf visited our school to spread good cheer and merriment to all the kindergarten girls and boys. Fresh from the first of many concerts honoring the season, the surprise and wonderment reflected in their faces reminded me of the true spirit of Christmas. 'Tis a season for rejoicing and appreciating our many riches; 'tis a season of hope and anticipation of good things to come to all in the new year. 'Tis a season for remembering days of old; 'tis a season for making memories anew.

Wherever the season's festivities may take you, be sure to bring cheer and merriment to all who gather with you. May the spirit of the season be with you in all that you do.

Safe travels and Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Schweitzer



The After-School Tutoring Program

Shiocton High School is in the second year of its After-School Tutoring Program, originally created by Rhonda Uelmen after she observed the need in the high school. The program is currently being run by Leah Hobbs and Elizabeth Schneider. High school students started attending on November 18, with middle school students starting November 25. There is an average of 10 students attending the program daily.



The program is open to any student, but is specifically in place to give students who are chronically missing work a place to go to catch up, get organized, and get extra help. When teachers recommend students for the program, Mrs. Zeinert places a call home to guardians asking that they arrange transportation for their child to attend the program. The program is open

to any student who would like to attend, but students with missing work or failing grades are strongly urged to attend. The after-school program runs Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the LMC.

If you would like more information, or to find out how to get your child involved in the program, please contact Leah Hobbs, Elizabeth Schneider, or Kelly Zeinert at (920) 986-3351 ext. 728, 787, or 751.

Citizen of the Year Nominations

Shiocton area residents are asked to make nominations for the 16th Annual Citizen of the Year Award sponsored by the Shiocton Area Business League. There are no restrictions as to the person nominated. Judging will be based on the time and effort given by the person nominated in support of community events. A banquet will be held to honor the person selected.

Mail or drop off entries at:

First National Bank
N5579 State Road 76
P.O. Box 37
Shiocton, WI 54170.



Entry deadline is January 15, 2014

Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

This year, we need your help to make sure all of our students are fully prepared for academic success. We all know that hungry children have a more difficult time doing their best work. That's why we encourage all students to begin the school day with a nutritious breakfast.

The **School Breakfast Program** is available for purchase to all students every weekday morning. You do not have to register your child in advance. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or only occasionally. School breakfast makes good sense – it provides $\frac{1}{4}$ of your child's nutritional needs,

meets Dietary Guideline recommendations, and offers children a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

School Breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when kids are running late or parents have to be at work early. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please have your child take advantage of breakfast here at school.

Thank you for helping us to make sure that all of our students start the school day alert, well fed, and ready to learn.

Sincerely,
Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

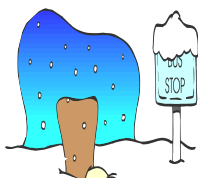
School Closing/Delay Announcements

Families to be notified via the
Skylert Messaging System

With winter here, we can anticipate the need to be prepared for occasional weather-related school closings or delays. Decisions to delay school will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program. Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events/practices will also be canceled.

All parents and staff members will be contacted via the Skylert system. If you have had any changes in your phone number or e-mail address, please update this information by calling 986-3351 ext. 782. Doing so will insure that you receive the Skylert messages.

You can also still watch for the alerts on your local TV stations (WLUK, WFRV, WBAY, and WGBA) and area radio stations, such as 93 Rock (93.3 FM), The Drive (94.3 FM), WTAQ (97.5 FM and 1360 AM), Y100 (100.3 FM), WIXX (101.1 FM), and WNFL (1440 AM).



Student and Employee Non-Discrimination

The Board of Education does not discriminate in the employment of staff, nor in the admission of students, on the basis of any characteristic protected under State or Federal law including, but not limited to, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability in any of its student programs and activities.

Any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination should be directed to Superintendent, Mrs. Nichole Schweitzer.

Shiocton School District Early Childhood Screening Coming Soon



Do you have a child who is three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2014? Do you have a child who will be four years old after September 1, 2014, but will not be enrolled in our four-year-old kindergarten? Do you have concerns about your child's speech/language, social development, motor skills, or academic readiness? If so, please watch for the February issue of *The Link* for details of an upcoming and free Early Childhood Screening.

Brave the Cold, Save a Tree, Help the School!

by Tim Huebner

This year we will be having a post-holiday paper drive. From Monday, January 6, to Friday, January 10, the large yellow dumpster will be behind school.

This will be a great way to get rid of all those recyclables that seem to stack up at this time of year. However, **one item that cannot be contributed is wrapping paper.** Wrapping paper is not recyclable. Many thanks ahead of time for braving the cold and snow to donate your paper recyclables. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.

Future paper drives:

Monday, January 6, to Friday, January 10 –

Please no wrapping paper.

Monday, March 17, to Friday, March 21

Monday, April 28, to Friday, May 2

Monday, June 2, to Friday, June 6



Music Recitals Coming in May Mark Your Calendars

The music recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students are scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2014. Please make a note on your calendars and watch *The Link* for more information.



Food and Toy Drive a Success!

Thank you to all those who helped make the High School Student Council Food and Toy Drive a huge success again this year! We were able to help many families in our community have a happy holiday season thanks to your generosity.

Thank You from SWAT

Thank you to all who participated in the SHS SWAT-sponsored Teddy Bear Toss at the boys basketball game on December 13. All stuffed animals were donated to the Shiocton Food and Toy Drive. Your donations made the



holidays brighter for those families; on behalf of them, we thank you!

Hunter Safety Class — Register on the Web

by Officer Fischer



The Hunter Safety class will start February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Class will be every Monday night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. through March 3. It is mandatory that a parent or guardian attend the first class, and they are strongly encouraged to attend all classes. The field day will probably be March 1.

To register for the class go to www.wisconsinndnrclasses.com. Click on Safety Education-Wisconsin DNR. You will then see the Sign Up for Safety Education Course page. Scroll down to Enroll. Click and then click on the Search For and Enroll in Upcoming Classes in the green box on the left side of the page.

After the written test is done for Hunter Safety on March 3, we will start a two-week Bowhunter Safety course for those students who wish to take it. Bowhunter Safety is not required in Wisconsin, but many western states require Bowhunter Safety certification. Only the students who took part in the Shiocton Hunter Safety course can take our Bowhunter Safety course. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (920) 810-8204.

Again, it is mandatory that a parent or guardian attend the first class, and they are strongly encouraged to attend all classes.

Archery Club Holds Raffle

by Steve Parker

The Archery Club is selling raffle tickets. Money collected will help purchase equipment and pay for transportation to tournaments. Tickets are one for \$1 and six for \$5. **Grand prize is a new Mathews Reezon Bow** which retails for nearly \$900. **Second prize is an iPod touch** with an estimated value of \$400. **Third prize is a collection of gift certificates from Shiocton businesses worth over \$200.** **Fourth prize is \$100 cash.** There are other prizes that will be awarded as well.

Ticket sales will run through the beginning of January. Drawings will be held at our January 9 practice. Tickets can be bought from club members, Officer Greg Fischer at school, or select businesses in the Shiocton area. Questions can be directed to Officer Greg Fischer at 810-8204 or me at 257-7822.



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

**School District of Shiocton
April 1, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 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 28, 2014. The present incumbents are as follows:

David G. Gomm
Gregory Schoettler

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 7, 2014**, 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 18, 2014.

Given under my hand this 25th day of November, 2013:

David Gomm, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Shiocton



Principal's Report

Here we are at the halfway point of the school year and I can't believe how fast the time has gone. It seems like just yesterday we were starting school and now we are fast approaching the end of the first semester. First semester exams will be held on January 21 and 22.

Registration for next year is quickly approaching as well. The course description booklet will go before the school board on January 20 for approval. Mrs. Uelmen, our school counselor, will go into classrooms (shortly after the approval) to meet with students about next year's schedules. For the 2014-15 school year, we are looking at greater ways to connect our students with the UW system and the technical college. We are exploring CAPP classes (Cooperative Academic Partnership Programs) with UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, and UW-Green Bay. We are looking at articulating and transcribing several classes with FVTC. We are excited about the opportunities that the students have at the high school and the variety of courses that we offer.

On January 10, all Shiocton High School seniors will be participating in a program called Reality Check. It is a hands-on program that will help prepare our seniors for the "real world." On January 8, each senior will participate in mock interviews for careers in which they are interested. Then, on January 10, they will assume that role and see if they can budget properly for a month as they experience a financial literacy activity. Mrs. Miller, Ms. Schneider, and Mrs. Uelmen are doing a great job of organizing the event. We are excited to have our students experience this worthwhile activity. We are also pleased with the number of community members who have volunteered to help us with this project. It is great seeing the school and community working so closely together to educate our students.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kelly Zeinert
Principal Grades 7-12



Back row: Mason Gomm, Dominic Gunderson, Brandon Gomm.
Middle row: Garrett Gunderson, Mitchell Nackers, Adam Miller.
Front row: Chandler Van Straten, Brian Dawes, Trevor Young.
Not pictured: Austin Riehl, Henry Fielding, Garrett Beyer, Jesus Padilla.

WHAT IS WRESTLING?

Wrestling

to me demands
the utmost expression of the best discipline
and courage in a man
and the driving out of fear, hesitancy and laziness.
Since man is naturally bent toward laziness,
fear of the unknown, and self indulgence,
he needs a way of changing these trends.



Wrestling

has been such an arena
for many a grateful young man,
each one striving to rid himself
of the harmful habits of men around him,
and each one striving to mature
their God-given abilities hidden within.

Wrestling

cannot change the nature of man,
but it can bring out the qualities
that are intended to lead others,
encourage others, challenge others,
entertain others, and direct others.
I am thankful to God for the sport of **wrestling**
and its maturing effects
in the lives of young men.

Ben Peterson, Wisconsin Native
1972 Olympic Champion
Submitted by Eric Clausen, Wrestling Coach

High School Counselor News

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Check out Shiocton High School Career College on Facebook!! It is open to view and comment.

Important Dates

January 1	FAFSA application is available
January 8	Mock interviews for seniors — 8:00 a.m-12:00 noon
January 10	Registration deadline for the February ACT Reality Check for seniors ASVAB for juniors in the a.m.
January 22	End of the semester
February 4	Teen Symposium for freshmen
February 22	FAFSA help at FVTC at 2:00 p.m. See below for more details.
March 1	Deadline date for Youth Options. See below for more details.

There will be a **financial aid application help day** called College Goal on February 22 at 2:00 p.m. for anyone who may need assistance with their FAFSA. This would include anyone attending an institution of higher learning. Fox Valley Technical College is the closest location. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at www.collegegoalwi.org, or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

Seniors: All seniors should have applied to their colleges by now. If you have not, please see Mrs. Uelmen. Also check with each of your institutions and find out what they offer for scholarships and when the applications are due. Due dates have passed for some already. Local scholarships are available, and letters of recommendation should be requested. Don't wait until the last minute; teachers will turn you down if they do not have adequate time to prepare.

Mock Interviews: Seniors will be matched up with real employers in the community to conduct job interviews in the field that they are interested in. Please ask your son/daughter about this over the next couple of weeks. It is a great opportunity for our students to start building their network contacts.

Juniors: All juniors will be taking the ASVAB test while seniors are going through Reality Check on January 10. This will take place in the LMC at this time. This exam is used for career purposes, an ACT predictor, and one more standardized test to practice on before those often dreaded college entrance exams. If your child does not attend the exam, it will count against one of their 10 excused absence days, and you will need to call them in.

All Students: It is that time of year when you have to start selecting classes for next year. We will be conducting class requests in class, so feel free to go online to the school's website and go over the course description book with your parents. This should be a joint effort for you to be successful.

Youth Options: If any juniors or seniors would like to take college courses for high school credit (better known as Youth Options), the paperwork is due by March 1 in the pupil services office. If you are interested and would like more information, please see the course description book under Youth Options or make an appointment with Mrs. Uelmen.

A **Youth Apprenticeship** meeting will be set up soon as well. This is a state program where students can work in a career area and get paid while taking college courses in that field as well. Please stay posted on the date, time, and place.

Post-Prom: Any parents who would like to help with this year's Post-Prom, please contact Mike Bellin for more information. Thanks.

Pep Club is on Twitter!

The Pep Club has created a Twitter account to help spread the word about upcoming events and exciting activities going on at Shiocton High School. Please follow us [@GetPeppyShioc](https://twitter.com/GetPeppyShioc).



FBLA Prepares for Regional Competitions

On Saturday, February 1, Shiocton FBLA will travel to Kewaunee High School to compete in the Regional Leadership Competitions. This first level of competitions will allow 22 members to compete in events such as Desktop Publishing, E-Business, Emerging Business Issues, Entrepreneurship, Global Business, and many more.

Students who perform well at regional competitions will advance to state, which will be held in Appleton on April 7-8. Winners at state will advance to national competitions in Nashville, Tennessee, this June.

Follow Shiocton FBLA on [Facebook](#) or on [Twitter](#) for updates, and be sure to wish our FBLA members good luck in their competitions.



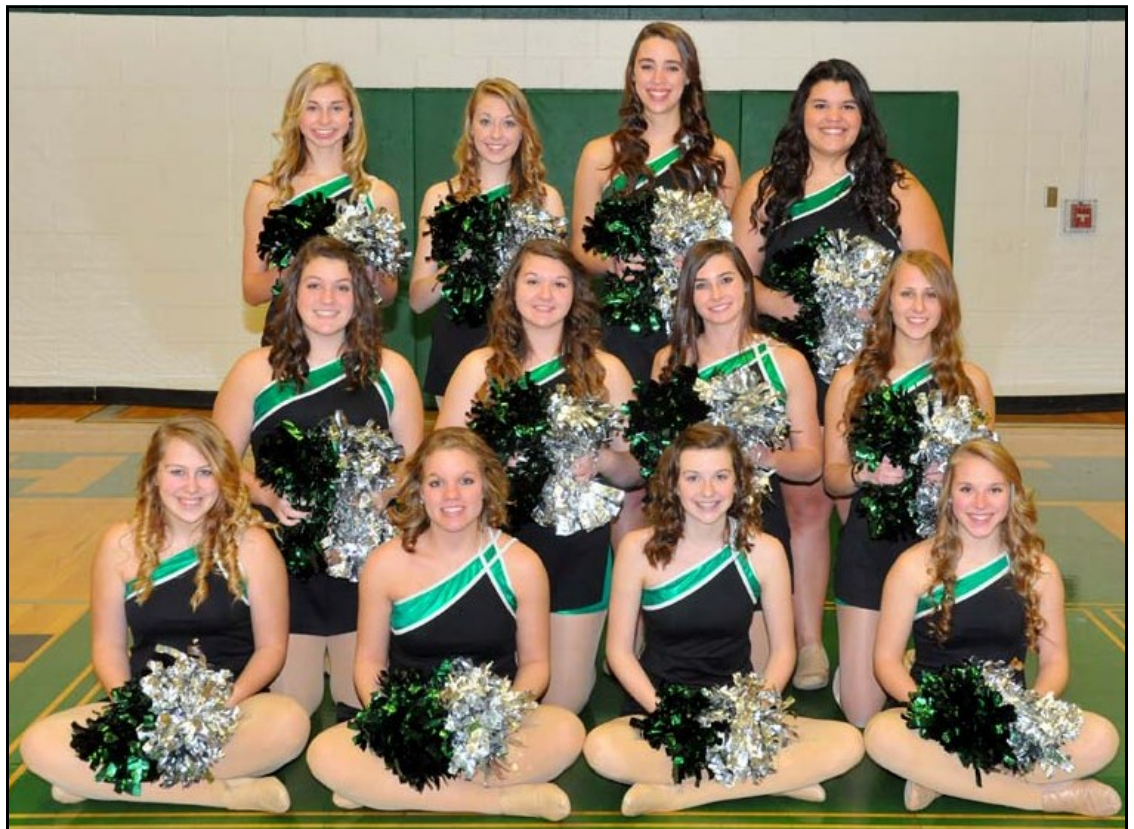
Girls Varsity Basketball



Back row: Samantha Schmidt, Peyton Moder, Jonalee Elliott, Jordan Elliott, Dallas Stelter, Coach Rob Hendrickson. Front row: Corrie McCarthy, Hannah Guyette, Carmen McCarthy, Madi Morack, Sydney Wilcox. Not pictured: Haylee Conradt.

Dance

Back row: Cierra Puls, Zoey Vyse, Rachael Berard, Veronica Calderon. Middle row: Jenna Collar, Sam Wagner, Alexia Beecher, Heidi Besch. Front row: Cheyenne Ver Voort, Shelby Krause, Claire Fielding, Amber Raddant.



*Photos by Advertiser
Community News
and Times-Press*

January Calendar of Events

1-31		Market Day cookie sale
2	Thu	School resumes Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm
3	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Kewaunee — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at Manitowoc Lincoln — 7:00 pm
4	Sat	HS Wrestling Tournament at Cedar Grove-Belgium — 8:00 am
6	Mon	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
6-10	M-F	Paper Recycling Fundraiser
7	Tue	Deadline for School Board candidate filing MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:00 pm
8	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
8/10	W/F	Reality Check for seniors
9	Thu	Archery Club raffle drawing HS Wrestling at Fox Valley Lutheran — 7:00 pm
10	Fri	HS Band Clinic at New London — 8:00 am-12:40 pm Geography Bee for grades 4-8 in room E146 — 10:00 am JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
13	Mon	MS Girls Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm
14	Tue	Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
15	Wed	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the February issue Citizen of the Year nominations due at First National Bank SPICE meeting at the Hometown Grill — 8:15 am
16	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm HS Wrestling at Almond-Bancroft — 7:00 pm
17	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
20	Mon	Grade 3 field trip to Mosquito Hill MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Greenville — 4:15 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Omro — 6:00/7:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
21	Tue	HS Final Exams — HS students released at 12:20 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Suring — 6:00/7:30 pm
22	Wed	HS Final Exams End of the first semester — 12:10 pm dismissal
23	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm C Team Boys Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at home vs. Amherst — 7:00 pm
24	Fri	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
25	Sat	HS Wrestling Multi-Meet at Manawa — 10:00 am
27	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office MS Solo and Ensemble Festival at home — 3:30-6:30 pm Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Stockbridge — 7:00 pm
28	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 7:00 pm




- 30 Thu MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel
— 6:00/7:30 pm
HS Wrestling at Wittenberg-Birnamwood
— 7:00 pm
- 31 Fri C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Bonduel
— 6:00/7:30 pm

Coming Up in February

- 1 HS Wrestling at Sturgeon Bay
MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood
- 3 Hunter Safety begins
- 4 Market Day pick-up
- 6 C Team Boys Basketball at Pacelli
- 7 C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia
- 12 Staff Development — 12:10 pm dismissal

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take a ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Muffins, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Bagels with cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk
			* Menu subject to change	2 Pizza, mandarin oranges, green beans, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, pineapple, milk
6 Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, mandarin oranges, milk		7 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread, pineapple, milk	8 Nachos with meat sauce, cheese, sour cream, peas, mixed fruit, milk	9 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, pears, green beans, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
13 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, bread, milk		14 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, milk	15 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, applesauce cup, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, green beans, peaches, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, peas and carrots, pineapple, milk
20 Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, dinner roll, peaches, milk		21 Cheese omelet, hash browns, pancakes, orange juice, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, sliced bread, milk	23 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, sliced carrots, baked beans, pears, milk	24 Turkey, ham, cheese on a bun, fresh vegetables, Goldfish crackers, apple juice, cookies, milk
27 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas, peas, mandarin oranges, milk		28 Pizza slice, green beans, strawberries, apple crisp, milk	29 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, pears, milk	30 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk	31 Homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, carrots, applesauce, milk

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$45.10 for January

Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$51.70 for January

Parents/Guardians — Please remember, money is needed in the lunch account before purchases are made. If your account has a negative \$20 balance, please send money or a cold lunch. Your child may not be allowed to eat hot lunch. No a la carte purchases will be allowed.

Elementary/Middle School News

With all of the activities and programs that were conducted during the month of December, the month just zoomed on by. Here's some information about some of the activities that took place as well as things to come in the near future:

Congratulations to the **Shiocton LEGO Robotics team**, the LEGO Bolts, for finishing in the top half of all the teams during the state competition in December. Congratulations on a terrific season!

December Programs: Great job to band students (grades 5-12) and choir students (grades 6-12) who recently performed for family and friends. As I write this, the kindergarten students and elementary music students are rehearsing for their programs which are scheduled to take place just before winter break. I would like to thank all of the students and staff members involved with these programs. GREAT job! ☺



Food and Toy Drive Update: A HUGE "thank you" to the staff, students, families, local businesses, and entire community for the tremendous support of this year's Food and Toy Drive. A huge round of applause needs to be given to the High School Student Council for organizing and coordinating this wonderful event to benefit families within our community. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!!!! Thanks to the entire school community for helping to make the holiday season a bit brighter for Shiocton families. ☺



Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 10. Good luck to all of the students who will be participating!



End of the Second Quarter: The end of the second quarter is coming up on Wednesday, January 22. Please keep monitoring and encouraging your child so that he/she has a strong finish. **There will be a 12:10 p.m. early dismissal on this day.**

Spelling Bee: The Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Good luck to all S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S!!! ☺

Middle School Solo and Ensemble: This event will take place on Monday, January 27, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration: During the **week of February 10-14**, registration will be held for students who will be entering K4 or K5 during the 2014-15 school year.



Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held in May. Please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Also, please help spread the word about the registration week if you know anyone with children eligible for either grade. Thank you!

Open Enrollment: Just a reminder that the open enrollment window will be from February 3 through April 30 for the 2014-15 school year. Contact the district office at 986-3351 ext. 700 or 716 for more information. You may also obtain additional information on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website (www.dpi.state.wi.us) at the beginning of February. Open enrollment applications can be downloaded directly from this website in early February.



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair: The fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 11. Many grade levels will be participating through grade level projects and/or displays. Individual students may also participate through individual science projects, experiments, and/or displays. So, it's time to begin thinking about those science experiments and projects. Additional information will be coming home in January. In addition, there will be a *Music in our Schools Concert* that evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gym.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. May you be showered with many blessings in the coming year. Happy New Year!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Griesbach
Principal Grades PK-6
(920) 986-3351 ext. 747

“Running As Fast As We Can” through December in Early Childhood

Our classroom was transformed into a gingerbread house which students decorated with candy! They used colored sand to make gumdrops and made marble rolled candy canes. Students also made a self-portrait gingerbread person to put on our FRESH from the oven pan and a gingerbread man out of a paper plate. In addition, they learned the *5 Little Gingerbread* rhyme. While we practiced the rhyme verses, the gingerbread men tried to run away but the students were too fast for them.



Students worked on counting and color identification skills through a “Who Do You See” reindeer book. They enjoyed dancing around the classroom like reindeer, sporting their handmade antlers.

January brings us into the cold, snowy season where we will build snowmen of all shapes and sizes. We will also learn more about penguins. Hopefully, there will be snow to make our activities this month more enjoyable. Happy winter and keep warm!

K5: Ready to Start the New Year

The holiday season is wrapping up and the new year will soon be here! Our Christmas program was a huge success; thank you to all who were able to attend. The kindergartners were so excited to have such a great audience viewing their performance.

The K5 children will be working extremely hard to start off the new year. The arrival of winter has created a new sense of independence with each child. They are dressing themselves in all of their gear and even offering to help others in order to get outside quickly to play in the snow!

The kindergartners are amazed at how many words they are able to read. Thank you for continuing to work with your child at home on his/her reading and writing skills. The practice is definitely making a difference. In January, we will add the sight words *do, what, he, see, not, she, come, up, one, two, little, and be*. We will also be working on identifying the letters *Bb, Kk, Oo, Ww, Xx, Uu, Qq*, and the blend *wh*.

In math, we continue to work on numbers 0 to 10. Children will receive a set of flash cards to review each night, and we will continue to add to these flash cards. We have been working on addition using a number line, counting objects, or starting with the larger number and adding the second number. Eventually, the kindergartners will become so confident with their addition skills that they will know the answer to a number sentence automatically! These building experiences will help each student prepare for first grade math skills.

K5 wishes you a happy and healthy New Year!



Holiday Fun in K4

The four-year-old kindergartners have been very excited getting ready for Christmas. We painted candy canes to put on the Christmas tree. We also made stockings to hang by the fireplace, and St. Nick put candy canes in our stockings. Were we ever surprised!

We had our Holiday Parent/Child Activity Night and it was a big success. The parents and children worked on activities together. A good time was had by all. The students also made a very special gift for their parents and they could not wait to take their gifts home to their parents.



We are hoping for some big snow hills to arrive over the holiday break so we can enjoy some fun in the snow. Wishing all of you a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Snow Much Fun in Grade One!

Wow! It's hard to believe, but December is almost over! The first graders had a lot of fun reading *The Gingerbread Man*, baking cookies, and creating artwork to go along with this unit. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make cookies and to those of you who were able to send the gingerbread man to another state. We received quite a few postcards already, and should continue to receive some well into January. This was a great way to learn about different states and have fun, too.

Speaking of fun, we can't wait to have “snow much fun” in January. The first graders will read Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* and listen to many other snow stories. Students will make great big “tear” snowmen, a snowball picture storybook, and riddles about snow. They will also learn about compound words, such as snowball, snowman, and snowflake, by making a book of “snow” words. What fun!



In science, Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's students have just finished their animal units and are starting to learn about planets. The children are having so much fun that we might make the whole solar system! In January we'll be studying the weather and seasons. In social studies, Mrs. Streblow's class has been discussing communities, jobs, and wants and needs. Then they will learn about the earth and its natural resources in January.

We've really been working hard in first grade. Continue to encourage your child to read daily and practice math skills and spelling words. Keep up the good work at home. Together, we make a great team!

I would like to thank everyone who made this year's Cookies and Milk with Santa a success.



We had fewer visitors for Santa this year than last, but it was a very busy weekend. Thank you to Julie

Gomm and her students for making our delicious cookies. Thank you to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help set up and make this event run smoothly. We were again able to provide a book to all the children in attendance. This is a free event offered by SPICE to say thank you for all that you help with at school for the year. Last but not least — thank you, Santa!

Cheralee Marcks

Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell – School Counselor, grades K-6
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Happy New Year from the guidance office! Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 reviewed their school year academic goals. Lessons in all grades have focused on giving, caring, and respect for diversity.

Love and Logic: Avoid Power Struggles with your Child

- Only give choices that fit with your value system.
- Give choices that do not cause conflict for you or someone else.
- For each choice, give only two options, both of which you will be okay with.
- If the child doesn't decide in ten seconds, decide for him/her.

Examples:

- Are you going to brush your teeth first or put your pajamas on first?
- Are you having peas or carrots as your vegetable tonight?
- Are you going to wash dishes or fold towels?

Check out the Love and Logic website at www.loveandlogic.com.

Upcoming Dress-up Days

January 8: Western

January 22: Famous person or storybook character

Homework Help

Homework help is being offered after school for students in grades 1-5 on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Sign up by contacting Mrs. Cornell at 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Grade 2 Looks Ahead

Happy New Year! 2014 is going to be a great year of learning and growing! We will be ready to make some awesome New Year's resolutions to do the best we can in school! Thanks in advance for helping make these resolutions happen.

This month in second grade we will continue to practice writing "opinion" pieces in our Writing Workshop classes. Students are learning to state their opinions, then explain their reasons for why they feel this way. As our students get better at opinion writing, they may even be able to sway their readers to change their own opinion on a topic.

In science we will be learning all about magnets. We'll explore magnets with hands-on experiments. We will observe, predict, classify, and compare magnets. The students will learn about when a magnet will attract and why it repels. It will be a lot of fun to discover and explore how magnets work!



Brrr! It's getting very cold out at recess time. Be sure to bundle up your child with a hat, mittens or gloves, snow pants, and boots. We do continue to go outside for recess each day, unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero.

Watch for information to come home this month about our next field trip. We will be heading to Appleton on February 4 to the Building for Kids (Children's Museum) in the morning and then to see a play at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) in the afternoon. The field trip note will come home on January 10.

Grade 3: Welcoming 2014

The third graders will be finishing up multiplication and moving into division for the start of 2014. After that, geometric shapes will be our study. Please continue to review multiplication and division facts at home.

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays upon us, we are busy with concerts, baking, shopping, and the visiting of family and friends. It is VERY important that the students continue to get their reading in over break. We ask you to ALWAYS have your child read 20 minutes each day/evening. We want the students to keep progressing. We will be taking midyear MAP tests as we return. These are our benchmark scores to students' growth, and they help us set end-of-the-year goals as well!



Our next field trip is January 20, to Mosquito Hill Nature Center. We are hoping the weather cooperates this year.

Just a reminder: Unless it is below zero, ALL third graders do go outside for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed properly. Winter coats, snow pants, hats, boots, and mittens are a must.

From our Shiocton family to yours ~ we hope you have a fun-filled holiday season.

3rd Grade Boys Win Tournament

Congratulations to the Shiocton Hoops Club 3rd grade boys basketball team for winning the championship game to finish in first place in the Menasha Boys Basketball Tournament on December 7. The boys showed great teamwork and sportsmanship in their pursuit to winning the gold medal. Members of the team are pictured below.

Front row (l to r): Coach Nancy Wilcox, Bennett Wilcox, Brady Morack, Dawson Schmidt, Nate Twombly, and Logan Ebben. Back row: Jacob Klitzke, Caden Winter, Cade Stingle, Jack Harrigan, Braxton Ebben, and Assistant Coach Shane Ebben.



Time Flies in Grade 4

Every school year we teachers and students are amazed at how fast the year goes by. The explanation for that is that school is a fun and busy place. Time flies when you are having fun! If it is January, it means that the end of the semester is just around the corner. We are really proud of our students and how they are doing academically.

In addition to our usual academic progress, some of our 4th graders showed their geography skills in advancing to the school-wide Geography Bee. The candidates earning that privilege are Colton Westby, Dylan Morris, Zane Platt, Melanie Marcks, Andrew Behnke, and Olivia Conradt. Alternates for the Geography Bee are Julia Bronold, Ron Diemel, and Matthew Klitzke.

Our students have been working to complete their interview of a grandparent or "grand friend" for our annual Grandparents Day. Please note we have had to move the Grandparents Day activities to February 13, 2014. Our celebration will still be held during the afternoon in the cafeteria. We know this is a wonderful day for our students as well as their grandparents. It is always a pleasure to see the many smiles on that day from the students and their special guest(s). More information will be coming home leading up to that event.



Geography Bee is January 10

The annual Geography Bee will take place on January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Ver Voort's room. Students in grades 4-8 who qualified for the Bee are listed below. Good luck to all participants!



The National Geographic Geography Bee website is interesting. Check it out at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee.

4th grade

Mr. Beer:
Dylan Morris
Colton Westby
Alternate -
Julia Bronold

Mrs. Krohlow:
Melanie Marcks
Zane Platt
Alternate -
Matthew Klitzke

Mrs. Singler:
Andrew Behnke
Liv Conradt
Alternate -
Ron Diemel

5th grade

Mrs. Ver Voort:
Sam Flannery
Josh Wilkinson
Alternate -
David Peters

Mrs. McNichols:
Trenton Twombly
Brandon Rohloff
Alternate -
Nate Bunnell

Mrs. Timmers:
Trenton Wise
Logan Heindl
Alternate -
Maddie Daniels

6th grade

Dylan Van Camp
Hunter Raeck
Kaden Piechocki
Tanner Baeten
Austin VanDenBosch
Cassidy Defferding
Alternates -
Mickayla Henry
Justin Hellweg

7th grade

Lukas Berard
Sam Bloch
Paige Scott
McKenna Puls
Dashal Mentzel
Caleb Winter
Alternates -
Megan Pigsley
Tyler Ace

8th grade

Josh Parker
Evan Durham
Hunter Herminath
Nicole Pomeroy
Gunnar Oskey
Jaden Schneider
Alternates -
Ben Gunderson
Luis Leon
Matt Peterson



Upcoming Concerts

February 14

1st and 2nd grade concert
in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

April 11

5th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

May 30

4th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

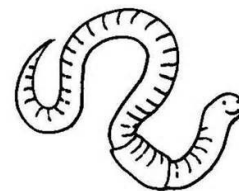
If you have any questions,
call Debby Stellmacher at ext. 771.



Grade 5: Shiocton Black Gold Rush

Fifth grade science classes are digging right in to their study on vermicompost. Vermicompost is the process of using worms (red worms, in our case) to compost organic waste. Worms love to eat organic waste like newspaper, fruit and vegetable scraps, cardboard, and even coffee grounds (filters included)! Worms don't like to eat things like bones, meat, dairy, or anything greasy.

The fifth graders will be maintaining three separate worm bins. By the end of the school year, each worm bin will have about 2,000 red worms in it for a grand total of 6,000 red worms! We researched that on average 1,000 worms can eat about a half a pound of organic waste per day. That means that if our worms are happy and healthy, we could be composting about 3 pounds of organic waste each day.



The best part is the more our worms eat, the more castings they will produce. Worm casting is a fancy name for worm poop. Worm castings are the ultimate natural fertilizer. Some people find worm castings to be so valuable they actually refer to it as Black Gold.

If you'd like to help us feed the worms, please feel free to empty your paper shredders or donate old newspapers (the non-shiny stuff) or toilet paper/paper towel tubes. As a grade, we would like to encourage you to find ways to recycle what you can... and maybe start a vermicompost bin of your own at home!

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Attendance Guidelines from the Health Office

With the cold and flu season upon us it is important to remember a few things:

- When your child has a **fever**, he/she cannot attend school. A child with a temperature over 100 degrees should not be sent to school. Please do not allow your child to return to school until free of a fever for 24 hours. Giving medication such as Tylenol may temporarily reduce the fever but will not reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.
- A child with **vomiting** and/or **diarrhea** should be kept home for at least 24 hours after the last episode to allow the body time to recuperate. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.
- A child with a **deep or hacking-like cough** belongs at home. If your child has coughing that is accompanied by a high fever or wheezing, you should consult their doctor immediately.
- A **rash** may be the first sign of many illnesses. Do not send your child to school with a widespread rash. Again, consult your doctor before you send the child.
- A child with a mild **cold** or **sore**



throat with no other symptoms may go to school. They should be encouraged as always to practice good hand washing.

- It is important that your child's emergency information is up to date. If you or your emergency contacts have any address or home/cell/work phone number changes, please update that information with the office as soon as possible.
- If your child does get sick at school, then you will need to have someone available to pick up him/her immediately. We need to keep other students and staff healthy and safe.
- If your child should require medication during the school day, remember — the school supplies no medication. Medication must be brought in by an adult in the original labeled container along with a permission form from either parent.

Your cooperation on observing the above guidelines will be appreciated. Please contact the nurse or health aide or office if you have questions or concerns regarding this information.

7th and 8th Grade Counselor News

by Rhonda Uelmen — School Counselor, grades 7-12

The 7th and 8th graders have been hard at work learning proper etiquette when it comes to working with others and working on the Internet. We have been covering bullying, cyberbullying, and manners. I feel that we have the nicest students in our conference, but we all need reminders on how to work with one another and treat each other with respect. Please keep having discussions at home with your son/daughter about these topics.

During January we'll be going over careers, and the 8th graders will be finishing their job shadows. Many students have already completed them. This will lead them into picking classes for their first year of high school. Yes, that's what I said, "high school." An exciting, but scary time! I will guide them and you through this process. This will lead us to your "Chief Chat" in June, where we will finalize your child's schedule.

Thanks again for sharing your children with me, and please keep the lines of communication open with them. They should be attending school and reading every day. They should be monitored while they are on your computers, and you should have access to all of their passwords for social media. There are many unsafe people out there, and it is everyone's job to keep our children safe. Have a great NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year from SPICE

by Steve Parker, SPICE Chair, sjparker92@gmail.com

We wish each of you happiness and good health in 2014 and thank you for your support in 2013. We appreciate everyone who volunteered and are looking forward to working with you again in the new year. We can't think of a better new year's resolution than to become more involved with your child's school; SPICE is a great way to do that. Please consider getting involved in SPICE in 2014.



Cookies and Milk with Santa had another wonderful turnout. The kids loved visiting Santa, decorating cookies, getting a tattoo, coloring pictures, and receiving a book. We saw many parents reading those books before the day was through. Thank you to Santa and to so many people who stepped up and volunteered to help get the cafeteria organized for this event.

The end of February or the beginning of March will see another Free Family Movie Night scheduled. Look for information about this fun event in the weeks to come.

On March 6, we'll host our Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$3/wristband (non-refundable). Your purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, laser tag, carousel rides, and kids play area. Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!

Coming up on March 11, our school will again feature the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. SPICE will host the Spring Scholastic Book Fair which will coincide with the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair.

BOOK FAIR

We encourage people to clip and collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. Be on the lookout for challenges and incentives for collecting these labels that mean so much to our group financially.

Our next meetings will be January 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC and January 15 at 8:15 a.m. at Hometown Grill. We hope to see you there. If you are not able to attend one of our meetings, please feel free to contact us with suggestions or concerns. Find SPICE on Facebook or e-mail us at the addresses below.

Steve Parker, Chairman, sjparker92@gmail.com
Tanya Puls, Vice-chairman, tanyapuls@aol.com

School Board Meeting Summary

December 2, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve revised Policy 4430: Leaves of Absence.
- Approve revised Policy 5111.01: Homeless Students.
- Approve revised Policy 5730: Equal Access for Non-district Sponsored Student Clubs and Activities.
- Approve revised Policy 8330: Student Records.
- Approve revised Policy 8390: Animals on District Property.
- Approve revised Policy 9130: Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints.
- Approve revised Policy 9150: School Visitors.
- Approve revised Policy 9160: Public Attendance at School Events.
- Approve a special education secretary position.
- Approve a leave of absence request as per board briefs.

In other discussion:

- Coaching Staff Compensation Plan – clarification on tournament days.
- Review of 2014 spring election schedule.

Board report: Gregory Schoettler gave an update on the Safety Committee meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Cookies and Milk with Santa, band/choir concert and chili dinner, and elementary programs.
- Mrs. Zeinert: SLATE Conference and CAPP updates.
- Mrs. Guex: Free/reduced percentages vs. enrollment report and update on new insurance carrier.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Math curriculum adoption and meeting with PMA.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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HOME STRETCH TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break and into the final stretch in preparation for the solo and ensemble festivals, we ask that you would help us keep the kids accountable. Ask your son/daughter to play their solo or ensemble for you at home. Encourage them to practice their music. This event is our best opportunity for musical growth and achievement. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The **Middle School Festival** is **Monday, January 27**, from **3:30-6:30 p.m.** right here at school. Individual event times will be posted as we get closer to the event. We are in need of six to seven parent volunteers to be room monitors for the festival. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor. The **High School Festival** is in Gresham this year on **Saturday, February 15**. A bus will be available to transport students to and from the event. Parents may transport their child with a signed travel release form. Watch for more details coming home as we get closer to event time.

HS BAND TO WORK WITH RENOWNED COMPOSER

The high school band has a fantastic opportunity to clinic with acclaimed composer Quincy Hilliard. Dr. Hilliard is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Students will be excused from morning classes to perform a few selections and work with the composer over at New London High School on **Friday, January 10**. We are very excited to have this opportunity!

HS CHOIR STUDENTS REPRESENT SHIOCTON

Congratulations to **Veronica Calderon**, **Jon Jandourek**, and **Lizzie Van Dyke** for their nomination to the All-State Honors Choir. These students will sing with other nominated students from across the state. The two-day festival will be held in Milwaukee on **January 11-12**. Make Shiocton proud!

DID YOU KNOW...

"GE hires a lot of engineers. We want young people who can do more than add up a string of numbers and write a coherent sentence. They must be able to solve problems, communicate ideas, and be sensitive to the world around them. Participation in the arts is one of the best ways to develop these abilities."

—Clifford V. Smith, *president*
General Electric Foundation

This is why we teach our children music in school—to nurture their sensitivity.

HS BAND CLINIC

Friday, January 10
8:00 a.m.-12:40 p.m.
New London HS
HS BAND

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Monday, January 27
3:30-6:30 p.m.
Shiocton MS
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 15
Gresham HS
HS BAND/CHOIR

Music In Our Schools Month CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 11
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
5-8 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNERS
for organizing/coordinating
an amazing collection of
people and resources in
support of the music dept.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WORKERS
from chili dinner kitchen
workers to servers and
cleaners, many thanks for
giving your time and talents.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DONORS
for your generosity in giving
items to raffle and auction
off—your support of music in
our school is so appreciated.

EVERYONE
for your support of music in
our children's education. We
look forward to partnering
with you in 2014 to continue
making this happen!

WALL OF THANKS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2014

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