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## Building Project Committee Selects Prioritized Projects

After reviewing updated financial projections from representatives of Hoffman Planning, Design, and Construction, Inc, members of the Building Project Committee scaled down the prioritized projects to be completed through a building project referendum at their meeting on June 14, 2023.

With over \$70 million dollars in total cost to address the various improvements and builds that resulted from the facility study conducted last fall, the Committee knew there would need to be a prioritization with only some of the suggested projects potentially coming to fruition.

### Which Projects Made the Cut?

**Infrastructure** repairs and replacements are badly needed, especially in the elementary wing where most of the domestic water lines date back to 1962. The HVAC hydronic pumps, which date back to 1996, will need to be replaced, including the piping and variable frequency drives. The water softeners, which are 20 years old, are also in need of replacement, as are the chillers given that only one of the two is in dependable working condition.

The main electrical service equipment, including panels installed prior to the 1996 build, are in indeed of replacement. Electrical upgrades and expanded capacity will be necessary if the Technical Education labs and work areas – woodshop, welding, CAD, automotive, small engines, and construction - are to be expanded. The generator and transfer switches are

also in need of being replaced, while leaks in at least five roofs reinforce the facility study findings that repairs are needed though replacements may be the most economical in the long run.

**Safety and security** were also strongly recommended by Hoffman, and echoed during our most recent review by the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department. As a result, the construction of a new elementary school office off of the Kindergarten wing is being included in the prioritized projects list. The new office would include a secure, double vestibule entrance with a magnetic locking entry system. A similar secured entrance would be built at the far end of the high school choir wing and the MS/HS Office would be relocated to the end of that corridor so as to provide direct supervision of the new entrance.

The need to expand the **Technical Education** learning labs and classrooms remains a high priority for the Committee members. Enrollment in Wisconsin technical colleges has increased more than 10% in recent years, a trend that is reflected in enrollment in tech ed courses offered at Shiocton High School. Due to the lack of electrical capacity and a significant shortage of physical space, a mill that was donated in 2022 remains stored in the large shed on school property. The lack of open

work space continues to limit the projects that students in woodworking and Building Trades (construction) classes can learn through; the same can be attributed to the limited number of students afforded enrollment in automotive and small engine classes. Too, the Computer Aided Design (CAD) labs are aged and inefficient to properly instruct students in industry-standard programs and design. If the District is to afford more students access to trade-related learning experiences, potentially spring boarding their career in the trades, a remodel and expansion of the Technical Education areas is needed.

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## Join our Food Service Team

The School District of Shiocton is seeking qualified candidate for a part-time food service position. Preferred candidates will be knowledgeable in food preparation, safety, and service. Duties would include preparation, serving, dishes, and clean-up of meals. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, and 3 recent letters of recommendation to Mrs. Debra Danke, Director of Food Service, PO Box 68, Shiocton, WI 54170 or [ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us).



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

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

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**Prioritized Projects** Continued from Pg 1

Another prioritized project stemming from the facility study results is the need for more child care space. **Shiocton Child Care Center**, which began in August 2018 with just 18 students has grown exponentially in the past five years. Currently, 81 children, ages 6-weeks-of age to age 9, benefit from SCCC's on-site, pre-academic and social-emotional programming. Mrs. Jarosh, SCCC Director, reports that there are 37 children currently on the waiting list, 23 of which are infants. To date, 18 children have open-enrolled into the School District of Shiocton as a result of having attended SCCC as young children. Next year alone, the District will realize over \$140,000 in pupil revenue as a result of those enrollments. The "youth sport" equivalent to PK-12 enrollment, SCCC is bursting at the seams with plenty of interested children to fuel further growth but without sufficient space.

Space for youth sports, as well as school sports and even adult recreation, is a growing need in the district. Even with the addition of the multipurpose gymnasium, the District still experiences a shortage of indoor sports area with hours of availability. Too, our current high school gym, home to all indoor Chief events, is lacking in ADA accessible seating options. The Committee included a **new gymnasium**, with side-by-side practice courts, in the prioritized projects list. The gym would also include a full sized competitive court for volleyball and basketball along with accessible bleacher seating. Provisions for pickleball courts and mat hoists for wrestling mats are also being considered for the proposed gym.

**What Didn't Make the Cut?**

Due to the sheer cost of all of the projects that were found to be in need of completion through the facility study, some projects had to be cut altogether or are still under consideration. A few of those projects include the creation of an auditorium, as well as the construction of a new band room. Enlarging the cafeteria is also not currently included in the list of prioritized projects. The Committee continues to give consideration to a new playground, including new equipment and a more accessible surface, as well as a new school track.

**Community Meetings Planned for August**

Over the course of the next month, the Building Project Committee will finalize the prioritized projects. Hoffman will then revise the budget and update renderings of the proposed projects. Community members are invited to attend one or more of the upcoming listening sessions where the prioritized projects and visual renderings will be presented and feedback solicited. The sessions will also include a tour of the tech ed wing and child care center.

Following are the dates and times of the Community Meetings :


- August 2 – 6:00PM
- August 3 – 8:30AM (during Coffee with Community) & 6:00PM
- August 10 – 9:30AM
- August 15 – 6:00PM
- August 16 – 6:00PM

**Final Co-Curricular Code meeting**

The final Co-Curricular Code Meeting of the summer will be held on July 23, 2023. All student-athletes and their parents are required to attend a meeting.

**Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:00PM in the HS Gym**

View the 2023-2024 Code of Conduct Handbook:  
<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/schools/middlehighschool/gr-6--12-code-of-conduct.cfm>

**2023-2024 School Supply List**  **and 2023-2024 Calendar**

Visit the District website at <https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/>

- Calendar - click on DISTRICT HOME
- School Supply List - click on the Schools down arrow and select your school

**School Registration August 1-11**

Online registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be open August 1-11, 2023 for families to register their students. All registrations will need to be completed online again this year.

If you need assistance with registering, we will have staff available during the following days/times to assist you in registering online.

**Tuesday, August 8**  
**4:00PM– 7:30PM**

or

**Wednesday, August 9**  
**8:00AM – 11:00AM**

or

**Thursday, August 10**  
**4:00PM-7:30PM**

During these in-person online registration dates, parents/guardians will be able to pay school fees and receive help with their Skyward Family Access.

Parents who choose to register online from their home will also be able to pay school fees online using their eFunds account.

If you need the assistance of a translator, contact Mrs. Howard at (920) 986-3351 x713 by August 3.

## Year Two: Fifth at State Competition

The Shiocton Trap season has come to an close with a season that the community can be proud of. The trap team is in its second year and has placed Fifth place at state. Coach, Chris Schley commented, "I am very proud of how our entire team learned and progressed throughout the season". The team competed in the Wisconsin State High School Clay Target League tournament on June 10, 2023. Their combined score of 471 earned them a place in the Top Five. Individuals earning recognition included Jacob Schley: 1st place overall season average, 1st place male season average, 1st place Conference Division 1A, and unanimous selection for the Wisconsin All-State Team. Earlier this season, the Trap team received a \$3,500 grant from the NRA for the purchase of shotgun shells and several gun cleaning kits. The Outagamie County Conservation Club donated over \$1,300 in clay targets. Together, these donations afforded the athletes vital resources while they focused on developing their skills and improving their accuracy.



## Students write articles for summer school class: Chief News

### Top Four Summer School Classes

Written by: Charlotte L., Mary P., and Ramsie V.

Out of all twenty-one summer school classes, Cooking, Putting on a Show, Cooking Kidz, and Games, Games, Games are the top four. We came to this conclusion by surveying several students in summer school and asking them what their favorite classes were.



At number four we have Games, Games, Games. This is what Jackson Kelly said about the class: "It's very, very fun!" Jessa R. said, "You get to go outside if it's nice and you can play any games you want!" Mrs. Bellin, the teacher for Games, Games, Games, said that some popular games in that class are Don't Break the Ice, Magna Tiles, Operation, Dominos, and plastic animals. Mrs. Bellin thinks that kids like Games, Games, Games because you get to play games. Despite what kids think, they are actually learning from Games, Games, Games. In Games, Games, Games, kids are learning to use strategies, be kind and social, and to read directions. Games, Games, Games has two classes that are each one hour long so if you want to be in that class, you have to sign up for it right away.

Show had more hours then it would most likely be the top class.

At number one we have Cooking. We asked Gavin Yang why he said Cooking was his favorite class. He said, "Because it's fun!" Carter D. and Parker B. both said that they like it because you get to eat food. We also asked Charlotte L. why her favorite class was cooking, and she replied, "You get to learn how to make interesting and delicious foods. Then eat them!" Some things that we make in Cooking are puppy chow, monkey bread, taco mac and cheese, apple pie bombs, energy bites, french toast, and many more delicious foods. Mrs. Gomm is the teacher for Cooking. She has lots of cooking experience because she is a high school and middle school cooking teacher. Unfortunately, her class is normally busy so we weren't able to interview her.

## Two Students Win Home Plan Contest

Andrew Balderas took first place in the contest, earning the \$300 prize for his single-family home design in the 2023 Norris Construction Home Plan contest. Sawyer Young placed second with his multilevel home design earning him the \$200 prize. Both students worked incredibly hard on the project over the entire semester to complete their home plans having never used the Revit software before and spending countless hours outside of class working towards completion. Starting with simple ideation sketches to complete drawing plans take a tremendous amount of skill building and devotion to a project of this magnitude.



Andrew shakes hands with Mr. Griesbach, Tech Ed Teacher, after being awarded First Place for his design

Students went through multiple iterations of the projects and met with Tyler Arthur, Architectural Designer from Seymour Lumber, about their floorplans and layouts. In the end, the winner came down to the criteria in contest for buildability. "Great work by both of them. Norris Construction is looking forward to more students in the contest in the future," says owner Chris Arneson about the Home Plan Contest. "This is a great way to create interest in the trades and industry".

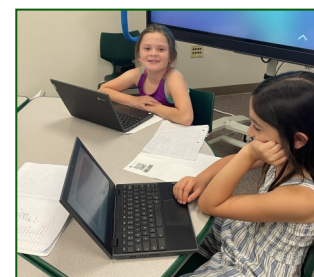


Sawyer was awarded second place for his multilevel design

At number three we have Cooking Kidz. Mason S. and Isla G. both mentioned, "We get to make something new everyday, but some days we get to play games." Hailey G. said, "We get to make fun foods." Cooking Kidz is taught by Shari Griesbach. She has her daughter, Ella G. help her. There are three classes that are each an hour long. We couldn't interview Mrs. Griesbach due to her being busy helping kids in her cooking class.

At number two we have Putting on a Show. Ramsie V. said, "Putting on a show is awesome because you get to be different characters and you get to express yourself in different ways." Lucy B. mentioned, "We get to go on stage and perform to people." Ms. Schmidt, the teacher of Putting on a Show, said this about why she thinks kids like Putting on a Show: "They realize how fun it is to perform and express themselves because they don't get to do that in school. It was hard to find a play but I am excited about the one I found. I sometimes feel bad when kids don't get the part they want but in the end they realize how important their part actually is. Putting on a Show only has one class that is one hour long. This affected the results for the top class. Cooking has a class for all four periods while Putting on a Show only has one. Also, Putting on a Show has a limited number of spots for that class. If Putting on a

In conclusion, Cooking is the favorite class. But keep in mind that Cooking has four one hour classes and Putting on a Show only has an one hour class. In the end Games, Games, Games is number four, Cooking Kidz is number three, Putting on a show is number two, and Cooking is number one.



# 4th Quarter High School Honor Roll

++ High Honors    + Honors

## Seniors

Abigail A. Daniels++  
Bradley K. Demerath++  
Jordyn M. Houterman++  
Davin R. Piechocki++  
Thomas E. Parker++  
Kendal R. Stingle++  
Autumn E. Lorenz++  
Ashlyn M. VanCamp++  
Logan G. Arneson++  
Madelyn R. Thebo++  
Rebecca L. Peters++  
Bennett R. Wilcox++  
Colten D. Schuh++  
Brooke A. Gillen++  
Harrison D. Hofacker++  
Dawson R. Schmidt++  
Elizabeth A. Casper++  
Sarah N. Gillen++  
Shyann E. Singler++

## Juniors

Daltyn M. Enders++  
Shelby S. Erickson++  
Logan D. Leeman++  
Kayleigh A. Pigsley++  
Sydney K. Ritchie++  
Alexis J. Widmann++  
Hailie L. Poppy++  
Ruby K. McCarthy++  
Kira K. Schwaller++  
Ty A. Marcks++  
Israel Sanchez III++  
Ava N. Lorenz++  
Clayton D. Marohn++  
Zachary J. Flannery++  
Spencer W. Mansfield++

Kiley M. Dorn++  
Nathan G. Wickesberg++  
Cade R. Stingle++  
Aiden C. Kerr++  
Genevieve J. Surprise++  
Abigail M. Fischer++  
Cindy X. Carranza++  
Cassandra M. Nieland++  
Dion J. Helser++  
Ari A. Stingle++  
Austin A. Conradt++  
Makenna A. Scott++  
Kaleb Baum+  
Dylan R. Herb+  
Jacob E. Klitzke+  
Alexis M. Schupp+  
Kevin N. Medina Miranda+  
Maraia A. Gassner+

## Sophomores

Lydia N. Hofacker++  
Destiny A. Monnot++  
Tyler J. Pamperin++  
Megan M. Wilkinson++  
Reghan L. Conradt++  
Logan J. Van Camp++  
Abigail M. Presteen++  
Wyatt D. Dreier++  
Marah K. Eger++  
Sawyer B. Young++  
Aubrey N. Hess++  
Anna J. Behnke++  
Erika M. Ullmer++  
Yeyson M. Matamoros Diaz++  
Morgan B. Oskey++  
Brianna L. Schmidt++

Billie Jean M. Puls++  
Lillia G. Lane++  
Shadrick J. Anday+  
Isabelle E. Jennerjohn+  
Lilyana Van Zeeland+  
Benjamin P. Kortens+  
Owen T. Carlson+  
Cody D. Young+  
Alysia M. Ullmer+  
Bradley J. Maldonado Maradiaga+  
Zachory J. Ullmer+  
Jordan M. Jahnke+  
Lariah M. Kruger+  
Lucas W. Hofacker+  
Jacob M. Schley+

## Freshman

Aliyah D. Reese++  
Timothy M. Reese++  
Hannah M. Widmann++  
Brooke A. Beschta++  
Scott S. Daniels++  
Lucy E. Foesch++  
Lily A. Helser++  
Madelyn L. Murray++  
Onnica J. Riehl++  
Hailey L. Affeldt++  
Mason C. Demerath++  
Austyn J. Lesczykowski++  
Mallory E. Oskey++  
Emily R. Bolssen++  
Elijah G. Jorgensen++

Kailee M. Surprise++  
Coltan J. Dewar++  
Madelyn G. Hinz++  
Dilsia D. Molina Calona++  
Gage C. Relien++  
Jackson O. Young++  
Kali R. Fischer++  
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Mattea F. Lane+  
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