



Black Hawk School District

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January 2026

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Southwest Wisconsin
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SENIOR PARENTS *Night*

We invite you and your senior to join us for a special **Senior Parents Night**—an evening designed to help you look ahead with confidence as your student prepares for college this fall. You'll learn about the many resources available to support their journey, including career assessments and success planning, academic advising, financial aid and FAFSA assistance, student services, housing options, and the clubs that help students build community. It's a chance to ask questions, explore opportunities, and get excited about the bright future ahead.

JANUARY 14, 2026

5:30 - 8:00 PM

**SOUTHWEST TECH
LENZ CENTER**

1800 Bronson Blvd.
Fennimore, WI 53809



This event is open to students, parents, and supporters. To help us prepare for your visit, **registration is required**. Snap the code with your smartphone or contact **McKenzie Graf** to email you a link to the online registration form, mgraf@swtc.edu

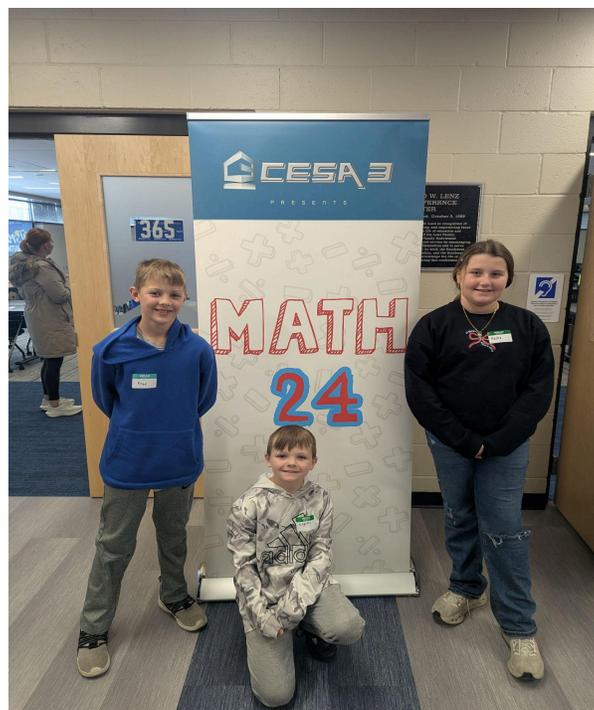
If you need an accommodation to attend, please contact Disabilities/Support Services, 608.822.2632 (tdd: 608.822.2072) or disabilityservices@swtc.edu





Mr. Duff brought some 5th graders to compete in the CESA3 annual Math 24 Doubles competition.

Congrats to Kingslee, Preslee, and Knox for being selected to represent Black Hawk!



Black Hawk Drama Department Presents:

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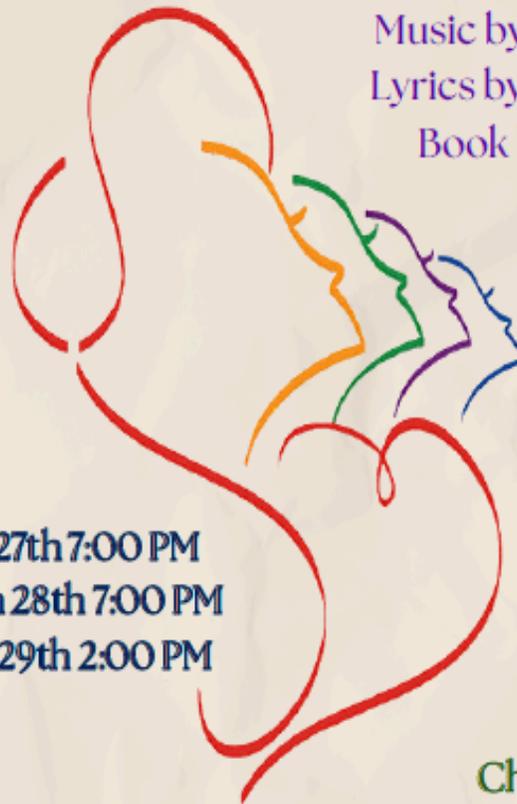
LITTLE WOMEN

the
musical

Music by Jason Howland

Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein

Book by Allan Knee



Friday, March 27th 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 28th 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM

Adults: \$10
Students: \$5
Children Ages 5 and
Under 5: Free

Poster by Jerzey Wiegel

Black Hawk School Gymnasium
202 E Center St, South Wayne, WI

Congrats to Emery, Greyson, and Dexton for qualifying for the CESA3 Annual Math 24 Singles Tournament!
They competed against 50 other 4th graders from our region and represented Black Hawk well!



In November during 4th grade guidance, we talked about what we are thankful for. We discussed lots of items, people, places, possessions, actions and more. The students then completed a collaboration poster "Thankful Hands". Each student colored a 1/4 of the poster and wrote what they were thankful for in the heart inside the hand.





SPELLING BEE

Qualifiers

Ashton Knapp
Hunter Stauffacher
Alternate: Luke Lehman



Archer Johnson
Easton Larse
Alternate: Josie Signer

Jakobi Lewis
Camden Long
Alternate: Mason Lehman





January is National Winter Sports TBI Awareness Month. Harsh winter days offer thrill-seekers a playground of opportunity to participate in extreme sports, such as snowboarding, skiing, heli-skiing, and snowmobiling. The high velocity, living on the edge sense of adventure makes these sports appealing. There are physical risks associated with such activities, injuries, especially concussions and other traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Sports and recreational activities contribute to about 21% of all traumatic brain injuries among American children and adolescents. A study by Vinay K. Sharma published in the Orthopaedic Journal of Sports Medicine examined the rates of head and neck injuries in three extreme winter sports: snowboarding, snow skiing, snowmobiling; and four extreme summer sports: surfing, skateboarding, mountain biking, and motocross. The study discovered some alarming statistics:

- More than 4 million injuries were reported in the seven sports between 2000 and 2011. Eleven percent involved injuries to the head and neck.
- Skateboarding, snowboarding, skiing, and motocross had the highest number of head and neck injuries.
- Snowboarding and skiing combined accounted for 55% of the reported concussions from all seven sports.
- According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, snowboarding is the leading cause of winter sports injuries.

Tips from the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons to help make an extreme winter sports adventure safer include:

- Always wear a helmet for high-velocity sports.
- Prepare for extreme physical activity by stretching and warming up.
- Hydrate and eat a well-balanced diet.
- Wear appropriate protective gear and outerwear to limit skin exposure.
- Know when to stop. Injuries happen from exhaustion.
- Avoid overexposure to sub-freezing temperatures.
- Be informed about current weather conditions.
- Stay in bounds on the slopes and watch for obstacles and hazardous conditions.
- Never participate in winter sports activities alone.
- Extreme sports activities should be enjoyed where medical care is near.
- Seek medical attention if injured.

Kids watch extreme sporting events on television and they think flying through the air on a snowboard looks easy, says George Russell, MD, spokesperson for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeon (AAOS). They do not see all the practice it takes to do that and they don't see how often extreme athletes get injured while learning their stunts.

If injured while participating in any extreme sport, [seek diagnosis and treatment from a DOC](#) sports medicine physician, a specialty-trained orthopedic surgeon for musculoskeletal injuries. If a mild concussion is suspected, a diagnosis may require a neurological examination to test vision, hearing, strength, sensations, balance, coordination, reflexes, memory, and a cranial CT scan or MRI. Depending on the symptoms and severity of the injury, the guest may be referred to a neurologist. Traumatic brain injuries are emergencies and require immediate treatment at the closest ER.

10 Steps to Starting the New Year Healthier than Ever!

1. *Start off strong with a healthy breakfast.* A good breakfast provides energy and will help keep you alert and attentive in class. Highly sugared foods leave you feeling tired soon after eating.

Remember: Your school performance is directly related to what you eat!

2. *Drink plenty of water.* Water is the best fluid to stay hydrated without the added sugar found in some juice and soft drinks. Also, remember to drink the recommended amount of reduced-fat milk or milk alternative. Water and milk are served at school for breakfast and lunch every day.

3. *Don't forget to wash your hands often.* Keep hands away from your face, mouth, and nose where germs can enter your body.

4. *Boost your immune system.* Get plenty of sleep, talk to your doctor about taking multiple vitamins, and eat colorful fruits and vegetables every day. Think variety and rainbow colors!

5. *Eat a nutritious and yummy lunch.* Choose foods from all the food groups. Different food groups supply our bodies with energy to think, move, and grow. Make healthy choices from the daily menus, or pack a healthy lunch from home.

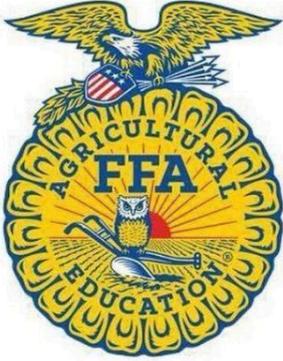
6. *Cut back on sugar and salty snacks.* Limit sodas, sport drinks, candy, chips, and ice cream – they add on extra calories, can harm your teeth, and leave you feeling tired and weak. Need a snack at school? Ask the nurse for a healthy snack alternative!

7. *Enhance your brain performance.* Exercise, play memory games, do crossword puzzles, and eat brain foods like berries, cold water fish, and nuts. Just say “NO” to fast food and enjoy a home cooked meal together at least four nights a week.

8. *Get at least 30 minutes of exercise every day* – at recess and at home. Go for a daily walk with a friend, a parent, or your pet . Exercise helps our bodies to be strong, flexible, and resilient.

9. *Do your homework every day after school.* It's so important to be prepared!

10. *Turn off the TV and video games at least one hour prior to bedtime.* Take time to relax, take a bath or shower, brush your teeth, and pack up for the morning – and still get to bed by 8:30pm!



FFA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



THE END OF NOVEMBER:

THE SENIOR CLASS HOSTED A MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY. WHERE THE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CAME OVER AND LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE JOBS IN THE AG INDUSTRY. THE SOME CAREERS WE PRESENTED ON WERE AG TEACHER, FARM MANAGER, SPRAYER APPLICATOR, AG SALES, CHEESE MAKER, AGRONOMIST, WELDER, GAME WARDEN, VET, NUTRITIONIST, AND ELECTRICIAN.

STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES, REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE JOBS, AND MUCH MORE.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT
DURING ONE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOLER'S LUNCH WE GAVE OUT HOT CHOCOLATE AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO COME TO FFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

HIGHLAND VISIT

WE TOOK 7 OF OUR FFA MEMBERS TO THE NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE EXPO AT THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN FREEPORT. THEY WENT TO TWO STATIONS WHICH THEY CHOSE TO GO TO. THEN THEY WENT TO THE CAREER HALL AND HAD A SHEET TO COMPLETE GOING TO EACH BRANCH IN AGRICULTURE. THEN THEY LISTENED TO THE KEY NOTE SPEAKER AND EACH OF THE AG TEACHERS. TO FINISH OFF THE DAY THEY HAD A TOUR AROUND THE WHOLE CAMPUS.



DECEMBER CONTINUED

LUNCH WITH SANTA

ELEMENTARY KIDS CAME TO SCHOOL TO DO SOME DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SNOWMAN BOWLING, A SPECIAL VISIT WITH SANTA, MAKING REINDEER FOOD AND REINDEER HANDPRINTS, COOKIE DECORATING, A SNOWMAN CRAFT, WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA, AND MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD! TO END THE MORNING WE ALL HAD LUNCH, THEY HAD A LOT OF FUN AND SO DID WE. HAVE THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON.



FRUIT SALES

WE FINISHED UP WITH FRUIT SALES. PERFECT TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ANYONE THAT BOUGHT FROM OUR FFA CHAPTER, YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



BIG BUCK CONTEST

WINNERS ARE:

BIG BUCK: BENTLEY BALD

**BEST DRESSED: KEIRA
BRUNNER**

**BEST BEARD: MITCHELL
WAND**



DECEMBER CONTINUED

BROWNTOWN PARADE

WE PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL BROWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE. THE FFA OFFICERS HANDED OUT HOT CHOCOLATE THROUGHOUT THE PARADE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.



**CHRISTMAS/UGLY SWEATER
POTLUCK**
WE HAD A POTLUCK AND A
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST.
WINNER: ALYVIA RUEGSEGGER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**JANUARY 8TH – FFA MEETING IN
FLEX**

**JANUARY 16TH AND 17TH – HALFTIME
CONFERENCE**

**JANUARY 23RD – STATE OFFICER
VISIT**

**FEBRUARY 4TH – DISTRICT LDE'S
CONFERENCE**



**SINCERELY,
YOUR 2025-2026
FFA REPORTER
EMILY FIGI**

Congratulations to Black Hawk SSM's Club Scrub graduates!



Mia Breadon, Makena McCauley, and Adalie Grossen participated in SSM's Club Scrub Program. Club Scrub is a 10-week program that introduces local 8th graders to multiple careers in health care.

School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

****Retakes are now online***

BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232725

BLACK HAWK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232625

BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232525



**Images are secured using the email address provided to us by the School.*

Parent's Club

Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do NOT meet every month), please follow the Parent's Club Facebook page for updates on meetings and other events happening!

A few things you can do to support the Parent's Club throughout the year:

- Scan your boxtops.. if you haven't downloaded the APP, please do so, it's a super easy way to help!
- The scrip program, grab some gift cards for birthdays, weddings, showers, or just for yourself, it's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club (keep a lookout, these sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack)!
- Keep an eye out for future fundraisers and activities! A great way to do this is to follow our Facebook page (Black Hawk Parent's Club)

Keep a look out for fun upcoming events from the Parent's Club, like our Facebook page to make sure you don't miss anything!!

As always, thank you for your support! We cannot do our part in providing the things we do for our faculty and students if not for your support!

Happy New Year!!!! Here's to a wonderful 2026!!!

Haley Larse, President

Courtney Grossen, Vice-President

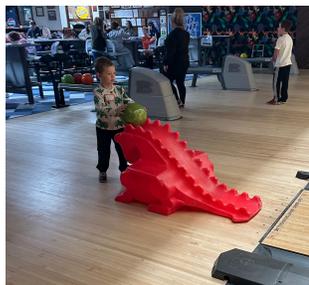
Nicole Lewis, Treasurer

Chris Ruegsegger, Secretary



CESA 3 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bowling

CESA 3 hosted its annual bowling event for deaf and hard of hearing students on Friday, November 21 at Tower Junction in Montfort. The students bowled, colored pictures, and had a pizza party. Thank you to CESA 3 for this event for our students.



**AUGUST AKINS
CYRUS AKINS
OLIVE AKINS
CHARLIE BABLER
LANE FOSTER
BLAKE HOFFMAN
BRISTOL KOMPROOD
KATE PICKETT
RUBI RAMIREZ LOPEZ
GRACIE SCHAFFER
LAYLA SIGAFUS**

**Thank you for your
hard work selling
Butter Braids! ~
Black Hawk MS
Student Council**

Prom for Pennies

SPONSORED BY MONROE
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR
OPTIMISTS

**Beautiful variety of
new and gently-
used prom and
formal dresses,
and tuxedos,
shoes, jewelry, and
more!**

**Raffle prizes with
prom accessories!**

**Please contact us if
you have dresses
to donate!**

**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM!**

@mhsjunioroptimists



January 18, 2026

1-3 pm

Monroe High School

1600 26th St.

Monroe, WI

New in 2026:

**All proceeds will be
donated to Green County
Family Promise!**

**TO DONATE DRESSES
PLEASE CONTACT**

katherinelehto@monroe.k12.wi.us



NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



TRENTON O'BREIN
KINDERGARTEN



CARSON LEHMAN
7TH GRADE



BRANDON MCCOY
11TH GRADE

SPONSORED BY THE BANK OF NEW GLARUS & WOODFORD STATE BANK

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Brittany Leja
4K/ECH Teacher

Please join me in congratulating Brittany Leja as the November Employee of the Month. Mrs. Leja was selected for the way she demonstrates care, compassion, and a deep commitment to fostering a positive learning environment. She goes above and beyond to meet the needs of her students, striving to ensure they receive the support and guidance necessary for their success. Brittany is approachable, always willing to lend a hand wherever needed, and her positive, friendly demeanor makes her a pleasure to work with. Her dedication to both her students and her colleagues is truly commendable. Congrats, Mrs. Leja.

Sponsored by The Vault

Revtrak



Pay fees online!

Visit Rev Track <https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/> to pay lunch money, milk money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals, and more.

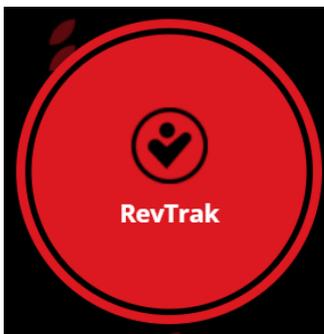
If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.

Contribute to helping BH Students as you desire.

As times get tougher all around for school districts, Black Hawk finds itself struggling to continue to offer the "extras" for our students to ensure that their educational and school experience at Black Hawk is a meaningful one. As our budgets get slashed and our costs go up, we are looking for different ways to raise funds to offer these tools and sponsor events. If you are in a position to help support some of our projects, classrooms, organizations, and events.....check out our new "Support Our School" link on Revtrak. Helping our students in a way that is meaningful to you has never been easier. Go to:

1. www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us

2. Click on Revtrak.



3. Click on Support Our Schools



4. Choose the area to which you wish to give a supportive gift, indicating as much specific information as you wish.

Support Our School

- STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
- STUDENT READING RESOURCES
- STEM - (SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING, MATH)
- CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT FUND
- GENERAL ATHLETICS FUND
- ATHLETIC TEAMS
- HOMECOMING & FIREWORKS FUND
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- MUSIC PROGRAMMING
- SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND
- OTHER

Thanks for your support!

Recycling and Other Dumpsters

(Dumpsters are located next to Riechers Meats)

As always, the staff and Board thank everyone who has donated to the metal/aluminum can drive. The funds have proven to be beneficial to the staff and students of the school district. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of Powers Auction Service in providing this opportunity.

A couple of notes that we would like to make:

- Please do not place items with Freon/coolant in the recycling dumpster
- Please do not place TV's or Computer/Related technology in the dumpster
- Please do not place trash in the recycling dumpster
- The other dumpsters (serviced by Faherty) are for school uses only

We do appreciate the donations. Improper use of the dumpsters costs the district and may result in a net loss.

Sincerely,
Willy Chambers

School Board of Education



The Board holds regular School Board Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5371 for information. Agendas are posted on the Black Hawk School District's Website and Facebook page.

President-Dee Paulson

Vice President-Jim Baumgartner

Treasurer-Val Dunlavey

Clerk-Jason Figi

Member-Clayton Ruegsegger

Member-Mindy Stauffacher

Member-Cali Schliem

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025**



The meeting of the school District of Black Hawk was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons. The following were present Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Jim Baumgartner, Cali Schliem, Dee Paulson and Jason Figi. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 10 guests.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve consent to agenda with acting on Financial Report separate which included minutes from October 8, 2025, and October 22, 2025, meetings and agenda as posted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve financial report as presented which includes checks written, ACH payments, journal entries, cash receipts and the cash reconciliation for the month. And to approve short term loan payments on as needed basis that payment can be made prior to board meeting which will reduce interest that will be paid. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report; Chambers: Attached is a School Safety Assessment Report provided by Lieutenant Burgess of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. I withheld the report from the public in case it would provide knowledge to a person who may wish to harm staff or students in the district.

Thank you to Ms. Wolff for leading the volleyball program for another year. Thank you to Ms. Mahoney for her support role in the program. Ms. Wolff provides young ladies with a lot of great knowledge and leadership experience. Congratulations to the volleyball players for their fine efforts throughout the season.

Thank you to Mr. Breadon and the rest of the coaching staff for their great work with our football athletes. Another great season. I want to make the Board and community aware of the comments made by officials. I happened to be in the office after the game against Cashton, and one of the officials made a point to get my attention and commend the Black Hawk/Warren players and coaches on the sportsmanship they exhibited. I know that in other games, similar comments were shared with the coaches.

Our access points were having issues and needed to have updates installed. To do so, we needed to secure a subscription for the service provided by Extreme. The cost was to be just over \$679/month. Jason Tyson was able to convince Extreme to provide us with three-month free service. The hope is that we will be able to get to July 1 when our new E-Rate cycle kicks in to assist in covering the cost for the subscription going forward. Thank you to Jason and the TC Networks team for their efforts to assist the district.

Our intent to repurpose many of the staff laptops has been sidelined by security issues. Microsoft has decided to stop supporting Windows 10. The old laptops cannot be upgraded to Windows 11. Since Windows 10 is no longer supported, the TC Networks staff has warned me that continued use of the devices will create security issues for our network.

Jordan Scott from TC Networks removed the devices provided to the Board from the school network. Board members will be able to use them via the internet for the agenda manager and Google applications. They will not be able to interface with many of our internal systems, such as Skyward (parent access should be good). They will try to use some of the others using a different driver to run some single-use applications, such as recording meal purchases as students eat breakfast and lunch.

TC - Networks will try to place a different driver on the old laptops and see if they can be usable for a single use, like the breakfast and lunch line.

As noted at the annual meeting, I can share last year's report cards at this time.

Report Cards: Elementary: 83.5 Expectations up by 8.2 points from last year.

Middle School: 64.0 Meets Expectations by 9.2 points from last year.

High School: 58.8 Meets Few Expectations, up by 3 points from last year.

District: 67.7 Meets Expectations up by 6.9 points from last year

Results show growth; we still have work to do.

MILZ: Thank You's

- a. Cory and Kerrie Bidlingmaier donated \$1817.98 to select choices of sports teams.
 - b. Jeff Ditzenberger and his TUGS organization donated food items/snacks to the school to be used for students. Items were divided amongst Warrior Backpack program, Warrior Care, and the special education department.
- * Career Awareness Day was held on October 24. Thanks to all of the business leaders and representatives who volunteered to speak to our students. Special thanks to Logan Stietz, Class of 2013, veterinarian for being our headline speaker.
 - * Parent teacher conferences were held on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. Excellent parent attendance at the elementary level, below average at the middle school level, and poor at the high school level.
 - * Quarter grade reports were completed Friday, Oct. 31. 3 high school students failed a course 1st qtr.
 - * Nov. 3 - Seals On Wheels dental service was in the district providing services for families that signed up.
 - * Nov. 4 - Lafayette County Memorial Hospital was down given flu shots to students who
 - * Our middle school choir participated in the Six Rivers Honors Choir on Monday, Nov. 10. We have 16 students in our middle school choir.
 - * Nov. 11 was our Veteran's Day Program. Thank you to Jeff Ditzenberger, veteran of the U.S. Navy for being our guest speaker. Shout out to Eric Amweg and Dan Sniff for their preparations of our elementary students, choir, and band for fine performances. Thank you to all the veterans who attended. Thank you to our students who volunteered to read selections for the program: Josslyn Lewis, Makena McCauley, Jakobi Lewis, Jaelie Scott, Rubi Ramirez-Lopez, and Keira Brunner.
 - * Nov. 12 FFA/Ag students sponsored Food for America activities for elementary students. Elementary students rotated to stations to learn where their food comes from and seeing some of the livestock animals that our FFA students work with for some of their SAE projects.
 - ? Our junior class is going to the Lafayette County Courthouse on Thurs. Nov. 13 for Government Day.
 - ? FBLA students will be competing in an investment challenge on Thurs., Nov. 13. on UW Madison campus.
 - ? Nov. 14 - Qualifying 7th/8th grade students will be competing in the CESA 3 gifted and talented, Quiz Bowl competition with Mr. Duff-Bowers, who serves as the school's gifted and talented coordinator.
 - * Mr. Duff-Bowers and Mr. Sniff will begin holding auditions for the spring musical, Little Women, on Nov. 20 and Nov. 21. March 27-29 will be the dates of the musical in 2026.
 - * Maker Space room is open to the public on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - * Mr. Amweg will be taking members of the 8th grade band to the Six Rivers Conference band performance on November 20.
 - * As noted by the district, Friday, November 21 is Substitute Teacher Appreciation Day.
 - * November 21 - Black Hawk FFA hosting agricultural career education sessions for middle school students.
 - * We still don't have Bus 71. Waiting on parts to fix the electrical harness. Brad is driving 66, with 64 and 62 as the sub buses.

* State report card data was officially released this week for public viewing. Overall the district is meeting expectations, the elementary school is exceeding expectations with very good achievement and growth scores, middle school meeting expectations with solid growth and good math performances well above state average, high school is not meeting expectations with slight improvement in ELA scores but decent math scores close to the state average up 9 pts. In achievement.

ERICKSON: Fall seasons are completed. Football started with 42 and ended with 42 (14 from Warren and 28 from Black Hawk).

. HS Volleyball started with 18 and finished with 18.

Post season awards for VB players were Mya Milz on the SR 2nd Team, Keira Brunner and Maddy Place on the honorable mention team.

The football team is well represented as well (not to be released until this coming Sunday)

We hosted two playoff games and had a very nice crowd for the conference championship game vs Potosi/Cassville. We had close to 800 at the game that included the recognizing of Mr. Milz's induction into the coaches HOF as well as raising some money to assist the Heller and Romero families, both of which are involved with our football program. The generosity of our community and specifically of Alyssa Hagen donating back over \$400 from the 50/50 and the football team's addition raised over \$4000. Sadly, Coach Romero passed away at the age of 30 on November 5.

MS basketball is finishing up. The MS girls team finished last week, and the boys will finish tomorrow.

Winter seasons are getting under way. Girls basketball started on Monday with 10 girls. Coach K. Flanagan is committed to getting our younger kids' opportunities to play at that JV level. I consulted with several veteran coaches and AD's for solutions that provide for that to happen. I have also contacted all the officials and AD's of opponents to let them know what we will probably do. At this point, the plan is to play a 10-minute JV game followed by a varsity contest. We may change our start time to 6:30 to accommodate that.

Our boy's program will probably have 14 total boys, and they start on Monday, 11/17.

Wrestling will start on 11/17 as well and will probably have 6-8 boys and 3-4 girls.

Our scheduling software company has changed and that has put a temporary stop to all future scheduling. It has made things a bit more time-consuming to maintain the information for future years.

With consideration of the numbers I've mentioned, I have opened communication with bordering schools to discuss a cooperative program in girls' basketball. We are getting close to having that same conversation around boys' basketball.

After meeting with Tammy and Arbitrator, we decided not to pursue Arbitrator Pay. The cost didn't make sense to the number of checks we write.

Board of Education Report: Recommend each Board member reach out to at least one community member to try and be a part of the referendum committee meeting. Referendum Committee is recommending that a referendum amount to go to electors be set by next month at latest. Thanks to all that donated to the school: the following have donated goods, monetary and or services in in the last couple months Community Bank, Melissa and Joe Pickett, Football Program, Michael and Janel Marty, Monica and Marty Olsen, Willy Chambers, Cory and Kerri Bidlingmaier, Huschitt Show Cattle, Youth Wrestling Club, Pat Baumgartner, Booster Club, Shelia Breadson, Val Dunlavey, Jeff

Ditzenburger Tugs Group, Jason Figi, Jim Baumgartner, Jon Curran, Casey Berget, RJ Paulson, Jim Seffrood. The School Board will not be taking any compensation for the 2025-26 school year.

Public comment was called for: None.

Future learning shaped by AI: Investigate moving forward since it will help students to stay ahead of the curve with AI. Question is how we are using it verse Elementary verse Junior and High students. Also look at having a day that is all technology free day.

Budget cuts that happened for 2024-25 school year reduce .5 position of PHY ED \$47,376, eliminated a shuttle run by incorporating it into a route \$9,000, bid out liability insurance coverage which could potentially save \$38,858, Reduced band from a .75 to a .50 position \$23,000, Warrior Care brought in \$11,707, VLN Education brought in about \$47,736. Proposed Budget Cuts going forward: Reduce Administration, Share Administrator, have a teacher that retired mentor new hires, online Spanish, Art add to schedule or reduce position, combo classes to increase class size and reduce teacher, teacher acting as an assist to Principal to help, guidance counselor reduce or make year round to help with Administration, this year we are projected at a \$500,000 deficit shortfall. Serious talks about if referendum does not pass.

Discussion about Friday Afternoon football games: Due to the fact that this happened this year and Warren dismissed early and Black Hawk had school all day this could happen more in future due to the Referee shortage having to do 1 game early and then having to do a game later. All staff that are here should not have to find own subs if they are a part of the football program. Staff also have students that they want to watch but are forced to stay at school since school is in session. Suggestion is that we have early releases and have the same time that we do now with our scheduled early releases.

Potential Operational Referendum Question for April 7, 2026. Set a special meeting to decide cuts, term non-reoccurring or reoccurring and length of time. It was suggested that we send postcards with the meeting date to Black Hawk School District residents to try and get them to meeting. Set December 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm to have a Special Meeting to discuss cuts and referendum amount. At the December regular meeting the Board will vote on a resolution for the amount to go for.

Concession stand repair Motion Figi and seconded by Baumgartner allow the Booster Club to do the necessary repair to the concession stand. Which includes remodel and/or reconstruction and adding a concrete floor. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Stauffacher to approve getting the Paxton 10 lockdown button at a cost of \$756.68 which would lock all exterior doors and not allow key fobs to work in the event of an emergency. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve hiring Kyle Stauffacher as Middle School Wrestling Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to hire Shelia Bredeson as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach providing there are enough girls to play 2 levels of play. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded Figi to approve prom venue to be held at Koning Maple Leaf Event Center in Monroe on April 18, 2026, from 7:00 pm -10:00 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve amendment to Policy 0151 Annual School District Meeting as approved at the Annual Meeting October 22, 2025. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to table 4 teachers that have lane movement until December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve easement for Alliant Energy the request includes 16.5" by 67" easement on the southwest corner of the property as attached. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey I move that the district requires one less in-person in-service day, specifically May 29, 2026, in place of a self-directed preparation day. The district provides the district administrator with the authority to change one of the current 1/2 workday/1/2 in-service days to a full workday and to accommodate staff who still need to meet the Floating in-service requirement to do so in-house on May 29th, 2026. The 190 days of work of which 185 days are assigned days of work, and 5 days will be floating days off in exchange for professional hours worked by the staff above and beyond the regular teacher workday. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Stauffacher to approve FFA going to the National Leadership Conference in Wisconsin Dells on November 13, 2025, which all travel expenses being paid by FFA and/or FFA Alumni including sub pay. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to go into executive session at 7:52pm, YES- Dunlavey, Ruegsegger, Schliem, Stauffacher, Baumgartner, Paulson, Figi NO-NONE, ABSENT-NONE Presidents announcement of executive session under 19.85(1) item c, Wisconsin State Statues personnel employment.

The Board returned to Open session at 9:20 pm

Motion by Ruegsegger seconded by Figi to approve exploring options of shared Administrator with another District. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to issue a notice of non-renewal to Mr. Chambers his contract will end on June 30, 2027. Motion carried on a Roll call vote, YES-Baumgartner, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Paulson, Figi NO-Schliem

No Action on part-time Administrator at this time.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher the adjourn at 9:23pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Special meeting date to go over referendum information will be December 1, 2025 @ 6:00 pm in the upper commons.

Next Regular meeting will be December 10, 2025, Referendum meeting will take place prior to the meeting at 5:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

SPECIAL MEETING REFERENDUM STRUCTURE

DECEMBER 1, 2025



The School District of Black Hawk meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:06 pm in the upper commons. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Jason Figi, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruesegger, Mindy Stauffacher and Cali Schliem. Also present was Willy Chambers, Tammy Zimmerman and 18 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda but moving 4.d.b ahead of 4.d.a.a. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: Chambers: I was unsuccessful in securing an Aldi's grant to assist with snacks for the Warrior Care program.

Board of Education report: None

Public comment was called for: None

Hiring of retired State Employees: Wisconsin state employers can hire state annuitants, but the annuitant must first have a valid termination of employment and a 75-day break in service before returning to WRS-eligible employment. During the 75-day break, there must be no agreement for future employment, and after returning, the rehired annuitant is limited to working no more than 880 hours in a rolling 12-month period. The employer must also use the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) online tool to verify the employee's status.

Non-Instructional that cannot be performed by District Administrators under their license: School Psychologist - To practice as a school psychologist in a public school setting, an individual must hold a pupil services license from the [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction \(DPI\)](#) (A District must have a licensed School Psychologist or Director of Special Education)

Library Media Specialist - All school districts must comply with [Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 8.01\(2\)\(h\)](#), which mandates a written plan for library services and a licensed library media person to direct the program.

School Counselor - a school district in Wisconsin is required to have a licensed guidance counselor as part of its mandatory guidance and counseling program, according to [Wisconsin Administrative Rule PI 8.01\(2\)\(e\)](#). This rule mandates that the program be planned and provided by licensed school counselors, in collaboration with other licensed staff and professionals.

Reading Specialist - Yes, each school district in Wisconsin is required to employ a certified reading specialist

Expenses Reduction by District: It was noted that even with a passed referendum some cuts will still happen. The Board will be focusing on reallocating tasks, redeploying employees to different roles and additional options to help reduce administration and/or personnel expenses. Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to table the expenses reductions until the December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Type of referendum question was asked to those in attendance and majority voted going to a recurring makes more sense.

Motion by Ruesegger and seconded by Baumgartner to approve moving forward with a recurring referendum. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Tammy Zimmerman went over the projection numbers for years going forward with a passing referendum and a failing referendum.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve moving forward with an amount of \$800,000 for the Spring Election April 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion Baumgartner seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 7:28 pm. President's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f Wisconsin State Statutes YES- Paulson, Ruegsegger, Baumgartner, Schliem, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Figi NO-NONE, ABSENT-NONE

The Board returned to open session at 7:47 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session. NONE

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Ruegsegger to adjourn at 7:46 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote,

Next regular meeting 6:00 pm December 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm. Referendum meeting at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by,

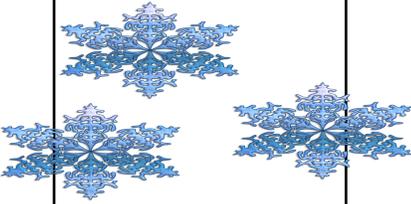
Jason Figi, Clerk

January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year! 	2 No School	3
5 6p BBB (H) Darlington (Hall of Fame Night) Classes Resume	6 6p GBB @ Galena 6p BBB @ Stockton	7 130p Early Release 6p School Board Meeting	8 6p GBB (H) Albany/Monticello (Youth Night)	9 6p BBB (H) River Ridge (Cheerleader Alumni Night)	10 TBD-BBB @ Warren Shootout
12 6p BBB @ Barneveld MS WR @ Belmont	13 6p GBB @ Juda 6p BBB @ Parkview	14	15 6p BBB (H) Albany WR @ Juda 	16 6p GBB (H) Benton (Your Night) End of 2nd Qtr.	17 WR @ Janesville Craig WR @ Hillsboro 8-5p Youth BB (H)
19 No School 6p GBB Kickapoo	20 6p BBB (H) Pec 6p GBB @ Brodhead 	21	22 6p GBB @ Barneveld WR @ Galena	23 6p BBB @ Highland	24 WR @ Monroe
26 6p BBB @ Argyle	27 MS WR @ Iowa-Grant 6p GBB @ Argyle	28 Conference HS Honors Band	29 6p BBB @ Monticello WR @ Pec 	30 6p GBB (H) River Ridge (Youth Night) MS WR @ Pec/Argyle	31 6p GBB @ Warren WR @ River Ridge 12-430p Youth BB

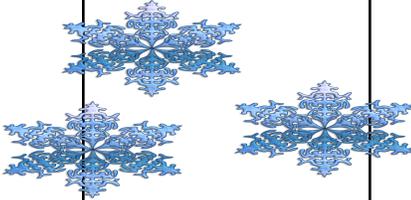
Breakfast Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
“This institution is an equal opportunity provider”

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 No School	2 No School 
5 Cereal Yogurt Juice Peaches Milk	6 Breakfast Pizza Goldfish Crackers Applesauce Pears Milk 	7 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Applesauce Milk	8 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	9 Cereal Bar Cheezits Apple Milk
12 Muffins Granola Bites Apple Milk	13 Berry French Toast Applesauce Mixed Fruit Milk	14 Pancakes Granola Bar Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	15 French Toast Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	16 Egg Round Sausage Patty English Muffin Granola Bar Apple Milk 
19 No School 	20 Pop Tart Granola Bites Apple Milk	21 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Applesauce Milk	22 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	23 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Pears Milk
26 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Pears Milk	27 Cinnamon Waffles Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	28 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Apple Milk	29 Bacon Egg & Cheese Bagel Granola Bar Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	30 Donut Applesauce Applejuice Milk 

Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 No School	2 No School
5 Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	6 Chicken Strips Granola Bites Green Beans Apple Milk	7 Hamburger/Bun French Fries Cheese Slice Applesauce Milk	8 Spaghetti Meatballs Garlic Toast Carrots Apple Juice Milk 	9 Pulled Pork/Bun Goldfish Crackers Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk
12 Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheesestick Cauliflower Peaches Milk	13 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Apple Juice Milk 	14 Mac & Cheese Cheesestick Carrots Apple Milk	15 Pizza Dippers/Sauce Cheezits Broccoli Grapes Milk	16 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit Milk
19 No School	20 Corn Dog Cheezits Cauliflower Orange Milk	21 Taco Meat Soft Shell Baked Scoops Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	22 Pork Patty/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk 	23 Hamburger/Bun Sweet Potatoes Cheese Slice Mixed Fruit Milk
26 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Broccoli Peaches Milk 	27 Brat/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk	28 Hot Ham/Bun Yogurt Cauliflower Pineapple Tidbits Milk	29 Popcorn Shrimp Yogurt Chex Mix Broccoli Peaches Milk	30 French Toast Sausage Patty Cheese Stick Hashbrown Milk

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK**

April 7, 2026

Election Details

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Black Hawk of the Villages of Gratiot and South Wayne, Towns of Gratiot, Monticello, Wayne, Wiota and Darlington, Lafayette County and the Towns of Cadiz and Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, that on April 7, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. the election of the school board members will be held. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	VAL DUNLAVEY
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	CLAYTON RUEGSEGGER

Office Terms

The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026. Forms may be picked up and a description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office during normal working hours.

For Candidates

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the office of the school district clerk OR district office, located at 202 E Center Street – South Wayne, WI 53587.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

November 19, 2025

Jason Figi, Clerk

Jason Figi, Black Hawk School District Clerk

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK**

April 7, 2026

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Black Hawk on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 202 East Center Street, South Wayne, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact William Chambers, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Black Hawk
on December 10, 2025
Jason Figi
District Clerk



School District of Black Hawk
PO Box 303
South Wayne, WI 53587

Official Referendum Ballot

April 7, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

Question: Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?

Yes

No