

# River Bluff Middle School

Campus E-News - November 2, 2018

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, November 5**

End of 1st Quarter

### **Tuesday, November 6**

Homework Club, 3:20pm

Minecraft Club, 3:20pm

Wrestling @ Oregon, 4:15pm

### **Thursday, November 8**

Homework Club, 3:20pm

Boys Basketball @ Oregon, 4:15pm

### **Friday, November 9**

"A" Day

Veteran's Day

7:00pm Breakfast of Champions

Friday, November 16 Volleyball Night, 4-6pm

Wednesday, November 21 No School

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23 No School

Monday, November 26 No School, Professional Development for Staff



## A Message from the District Administrator

### **A Message from the District Administrator: An Overview of our District Safety Program**

Dear Families:

I hope this message finds you well.

As the first quarter draws to an end, I wanted to update you about steps we have taken and will take to ensure a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Safety has been a point of focus for our District for several years. That is why we instituted a computerized sex offender background check for visitors (Raptor), secured our building entrances and last year began training our staff and students in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate), a framework for how we would respond to an armed intruder.

Still, we realize that safety is an issue that requires ongoing attention. This year, we have secured grants for additional security cameras inside our buildings and for additional resources to meet the mental health needs of our students. Our staff are engaging in age-appropriate conversations with students about ALICE and how we can work together to promote school safety. These conversations will continue throughout the year, but I am also including a one-page information sheet about ALICE if you would like more information. The State of Wisconsin also has developed new standards for staff training in areas such as security and mental health, school safety drills and more.

In the coming weeks and months, we will be sharing more information not only about these State requirements and how they affect our District but also about proactive steps we are taking to enhance our safety programs here. As I have stated before, it is sad that we even have to talk about scenarios involving armed intruders, but I am sure you share my belief that we should always err on the side of caution and preparation when it comes to the safety of our students. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or your child(ren)'s building principal. Thank you again for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tim Onsager  
District Administrator  
Stoughton Area School District

## 6th Grade Science Fair

Students from UW-Whitewater visited River Bluff on Halloween to put on a Health Fair for the 6th grade science classes as well as the 7th grade Health classes. As part of their semester course work, the college students had to choose, research and present on a topic related to healthy living in adolescents. The topics varied widely so that River Bluff students were able to learn about many different health concerns. Some of the topics were: the dangers of smoking and vaping, the hidden sugars in our everyday food, bullying prevention tips and techniques, maintaining a positive self image, the problems that blue light from screen time can have on our sleep patterns and the importance of getting enough exercise.



The River Bluff students were extremely respectful towards their presenters and asked some really great questions. Many great conversations about healthy living were had at lunch and through out the day. Hopefully this can spark some conversations at home as well!



## Volleyball Night

Friday, November 16, will be our annual **Volleyball Night** at River Bluff from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Teams must have 6-8 players, an equal number of boys/girls (unless you have 7 players), and be the same grade-level. You may also have a coach. Sign-up your team in the library.



Teams are encouraged, but not required, to wear matching shirts. Team names **MUST** be school appropriate and are subject to teacher approval! Teams must be signed up by Friday, Nov. 9th.

On Friday, November 16, we'll play several round robin games and an elimination tournament to determine the winning teams at each grade-level. Those teams will play against the teacher team on Tuesday, November 20 during an assembly.

To be a member of a team, you must be in good standing behaviorally!

All students will need to leave the school building at the student dismissal (3:15pm) on Friday, November 16 and will be allowed to re-enter at 3:45.

Cost of admission is \$1 or a canned food item. Anyone attending the event (players, spectators, family members) will need to pay to get in...all money collected goes to the food pantry!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase in the cafeteria during Volleyball Night. No food or drink will be allowed in the gym area.



## High School & River Bluff students meet!

On Thursday members of The Norse Star at SHS did a video chat with members of the new River Bluff Courier.

Ms. Streytle & Mrs. Bonde set up the opportunity for the high schoolers to answer questions and give feedback to middle schoolers in this new class. Both classes were very excited for this opportunity to meet each other!



## Agriculture News

The objectives of our agricultural education program are:

- to provide instruction which will meet the needs of a wide range of students
- facilitate an enhanced curriculum through a combination of academic application and active involvement in the FFA organization
- to support guided opportunities for students interested in exploring agricultural careers through a Supervised Agricultural Experience
- develop critical thinking skills and ethical awareness necessary for sustained success in high school and beyond

## FFA

All students grades 7-8 who have taken at least one agricultural education class are eligible to join FFA. The Stoughton FFA organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. While the letters "FFA" symbolize "*Future Farmers of America*" spanning decades of American heritage from 1923-1988, the official title is *National FFA Organization*. The name change reflects the influx of numerous members who are aspiring educators, scientists, business owners, doctors, tradesmen, and others not pursuing farm production as a career.



## Boys Basketball Update

It's not too late to sign up your 7th or 8th grader for Boy's Basketball! Registration can be found at <https://stoughton-ar.schooltoday.com/>. Once registered, your child can report to practice on Monday,

November 5 at 3:30 pm. Practice goes until 5:00, and game schedules can be found at [www.badgerconference.org](http://www.badgerconference.org).

Please make sure to upload or send in an up-to-date physical form when registering!

Please contact Allison Foree with any questions at

[allison.foree@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:allison.foree@stoughton.k12.wi.us)

Hope to see your child at practice!



**Laser Cut Skulls**  
*at the Stoughton FabLab*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 8:00pm


**WHERE:** Stoughton FabLab  
600 Lincoln Avenue  
Stoughton, WI


At this event, students get to create a skull design on Adobe Illustrator and use the FabLab equipment to make a 3D skull.

Employees from Cummins will be volunteering to help the students create their skulls. The students can ask the Cummins employees questions about school, job, promotions, travel, design, development, service, etc. to learn that working in STEM is very fun, engaging, and attainable.

This event is open to 15 students grades 4-8. Please contact Isabel Montgomery at 608-332-1373 or [Isabel.Montgomery@cummins.com](mailto:Isabel.Montgomery@cummins.com) to register.



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## Chromebook Replacement Cords

If a student loses their Chromebook cord, they are responsible for purchasing and replacing the cord. Replacement cords can be ordered [here](#)

## Infinite Campus Portal

Is your Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus Portal account set up and active? Is your household information accurate? Please take a moment to verify by going to <https://stoughtonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/stoughton.jsp>. This is a great tool to have to review your child's student information (attendance, grades, schedules, etc) as well as for registration and contact purposes. If you discover you do not have an account, cannot remember your login

information or other related questions, please contact the Stoughton Area School District Infinite Campus Specialist, Heather Lucas at 608-877-5045 or [heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us)



## RB Staff Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a River Bluff Staff Member, please fill out the following form. Your recognition will be noted in our staff bulletin. Thank you.

[RB Staff Shout Out](#)



## River Bluff Contact Information

Main Office/Attendance: 877-5500

Trish Gates, Principal: 877-5501

Bob Johnson, Assistant Principal: 877-5503

## Other Information

- [District Calendar](#) link
- [Community Events](#) link
- To sign up for the District e-Newsletter, which includes student features, reminders about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, videos, photos and more, [Sign up with this link](#).