



# SOLON SPRINGS

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SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EAGLE FLYER - FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

## Greetings from the Superintendent

Welcome to this edition of the Eagle Flyer Newsletter! Many years ago Solon Springs School had a periodic newsletter that was made available to the community. Although there has been a shift to people using electronic communications more than in the past, we also understand how people like to have school updates in paper.

Believe it or not, although I use a lot of electronic communications, I still do prefer holding in my hands somethings to read, whether it be a newspaper, a brochure or a book. So, as the Eagle Flyer takes off, we plan to send out multiple editions throughout the year to be in your hands. It will be delivered to every community member, business and parent mailbox served by Solon Springs routes. It will also be sent to parents of students who are open enrolled here. You can also expect to see an electronic version that can be shared with friends and relatives who live elsewhere.

In the future you will find articles that go beyond what is happening at school. We want to include articles about special events in Solon Springs, information about local clubs and spotlights on alumni and local businesses. With that said, please let us know about possible articles about the community to include. If you have ideas or would like to include community information in the newsletter, please contact Christine Nordness at: [cnordness@solonk12.net](mailto:cnordness@solonk12.net) or call the school at 715-378-2263 ext. 162.

This first new edition of the Eagle Flyer has become into being thanks to the work of many staff who contributed articles!

Sincerely,

*Frank Helquist*



## SOLON SPRINGS STUDENTS SWEEP THE COMPETITION AT THE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE!

Landon Brown (1<sup>st</sup>) and Ellianne Tyson (2<sup>nd</sup>) will be advancing to the state competition in Madison! The Badger State Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, in the Starlight Theater at the new Madison Youth Arts Center. Landon and Ellianne advance from the regional bee that was held in Ashland to join other spellers from across the state to vie for a chance to travel to Washington D.C. for the Scripps National Spelling Bee! What were the winning words, you ask?... Headdress and Sunflower!



## CLASS OF 2023 TOP SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED:

Kyra Latvala – Valedictorian  
Marianne Lear – Salutatorian



Solon Springs School District proudly offers a variety of educational choices to our students and families. We truly are... *STRONGER TOGETHER!*



### LEGACY

A cornerstone educational opportunity in the District with a well defined scope and sequence and highly instructed methods of learning.

Serving students in grades PK-12



**LEGACY**  
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MONTESSORI

This time-tested educational opportunity provides a hands-on, flexible, follow the child approach to learning where all students are valued and is responsive to individuals and families.

Serving students in Children's House- E2 (PK-6)



**MONTESSORI**  
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



### VIRTUAL

Virtual school serves self-directed learners who are seeking flexible, rigorous learning opportunities that are not bound by schedules or location.

Serving students in grades K- 12



**VIRTUAL**  
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

### EAGLES ACADEMY

At Eagles Academy, students learn through interdisciplinary projects, rooted in our community.

Serving students in middle and high school



**EAGLES ACADEMY**  
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLO SPRINGS

The mission of Solon Springs School District is to nurture and empower all learners.



# If I were the President...

Mr. Nelson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class shares what they would do if they were in charge!

If I were president I would feed the homeless. I would save the animals. I'd plant flowers. I will protect our country. If there is a war, I'll stop the war. - Koti

If I were president, I would make a ban on spelling words! I would buy all the cats. I want 1,000 of them! I would also buy 1,000 leopards. I would like to meet the movie star Wednesday. Another movie star I would meet is, Sam and Cat who stars in Super Rockin' Fun Time Babysitting Service. - Paisley

If I were president, I would protect our country. In a war, kids get sent to a safe place with family and the fathers will be signed up to the army if 18 or older. If you are smart you shall be sent up a grade. If you don't do well in school you shall be sent down a grade. - Russell

If I was president, I would be helping world hunger and try my best to stop pollution and poaching. I will be helping the homeless and I would also make more people do what they love. I will make people food. I will try my best to stop racism. I want people to stop bullying. I want to make our country a better place and make speeches. - Delia

If I was president, I would give money to charity. I would try to lower gas prices. Also I would build more hospitals. I would like to make it easier for people who are poor to buy more things. I would stop slavery in other countries. - Jace

If I was the president, I would have you vote: should gas prices go down or should gas prices go up? Gas should go down, because a gallon of gas is really expensive and some people don't have enough money to pay to top off their tank. I would make a state law that gas prices should stay under 3.99 a gallon. I would make a truck stop for truckers on Highway 53 so they could sleep. Then they could have room service 24 hrs a day. - Isabella

I would make a donation center for the homeless and we would hand out bags of food. For the homeless, I would make a bulletin board full of jobs so they could make money. The second thing I would do is every time we have a snowstorm, someone has to check the snowmobile trails to make sure they are safe to go on. If they are not safe, they will block them until they are safe. - Autumn

If I were a president, I would want to be able to do my own things like make the world better. I would also like to be able to have a great community and have people be nice and care for each other even more than we already do. I would also like to be able to have people donate to people in need because I am that kind of person who loves taking care of people. I would also love to have a servant and to just be able to ring a bell and somebody will bring you whatever you want. - Kellyn

If I was president, I would make it a good place again! I would make sure they would have enough money to pay for their house. All the people would get a good salary at work, or the store gets a fine for not listening to the government to not pay a reasonable fee. If someone gets a ticket they will get one last warning before a lot of money out of pocket. Everyone would be loved in the community. - Alexis

If I was president, I would be rich and I would buy all of the tacos at Taco Bell. I would buy a mansion, and I would buy fortnite and buy walmart. I would also be good at fortnite. I would make an amusement park that would have the fastest roller coaster. I would make the fastest roller coaster in the world in America. - Zerick

I would go to California. It would be hot. I would like to go swimming and shop. I want to go because it would let me explore a part of the United States I have not explored yet. I have wanted to go for a long time. It would be fun. - Mila

If I went on a dream vacation, I would go to Disney World with my family for free. I would see a whole bunch of Disney characters like the Avatar Virtual Reality Tour. My big sister went there for choir, but I could not go with her. I want to meet the people that are in the movie, Avatar. - Rowan

I want to go on a vacation and I would like to go to the Kalahari. The Kalahari is a Water park and Resort. It is very fun. It even has private cabanas. My family goes there around a week after Christmas. At the Kalahari, I swim and go to the built in adventure park. -Ethan

On a vacation, I would want to go to Kalahari because you can get a room that has a balcony. They have 110 water activities/water slides. You can buy a private sauna for \$10 and you would get pizza, free TV to watch football, and play basketball. They have an ice machine and vending machines. It is a four story hotel with over four thousand rooms. The first floor is where you check in and check out. That is why I would go there. - Braxton

If I went on a vacation, I would want to go to Florida because it is hot there! You can see sharks and scuba dive! You can jump off an old train track and you can fish for sharks, too, that is why I want to go to Florida! You can also go see alligators and crabs in the swamps. - Dezmond



I would like to go to New York. I want to see the big city because I have never seen a big city before. I like the state because I heard good things about it. It's my favorite state because its state flower is a rose and that's my favorite flower. I also want to go to New York because its state bird is an Eastern bluebird. I love bluebirds. - Arabella

If I went on a vacation, I would go to Seattle to see my aunt. She has two kids named Caron and Caleb. I would like to go to the zoo. I would like to feed the penguins. The many other animals would be fun to see, too. I love to go to Seattle and the zoo. It is fun. - Brooklyn

# If I could go on vacation anywhere...

Mr. Nelson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class shares where they would go!

SOLON SPRINGS  
CLASS OF 2023

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

We will be featuring our seniors in this edition of the Eagle Flyer and also in the April/May publication.

2023 Valedictorian:

2023 Salutatorian:



Kyra Latvala enjoys sports, photography, and playing with her dog and her favorite class is Chemistry. Her favorite school memories are going to Disney World, hanging out with friends, and the yearly canoe trip. Kyra will play basketball for and attend UW Superior for Business Management with a healthcare focus.



Marianne Lear's favorite class is choir and she enjoys singing, reading, painting, and hanging out with friends. A favorite school memory is being in the musicals. Marianne will go to college for Theatre Arts and Music Education.



Colton Lane-Koehler's favorite class is Shop or Creative Writing. He has been working on writing his own fantasy novel and looks forward to getting it published. Colton plans on attending Northwood Tech for IT and Cybersecurity.

Zoe Smith enjoys art, running, and singing. Her favorite class is Social Problems. Her favorite school moment was the Disney Trip, making video projects, and drawing with her friends. Zoe will be majoring in Psychology/Anthropology with a minor in Art at UW River Falls.



Isabel Molina is a senior that enjoys reading, painting, and hanging out with friends. Her favorite class is Choir and her favorite moments have been the Musical and making movies for projects. She will be attending college for Theater Arts and Music Education.





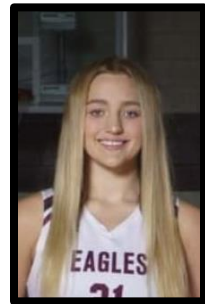
Gretchen Hammond enjoys watching basketball, shopping, and telling jokes with Mrs. Makela. Gretchen's favorite class was creative writing. She will be going to Daytona State College to major in Dental Hygiene to pursue her dream of becoming a dental hygienist.



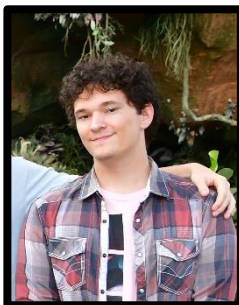
Bailey Monson enjoys singing, sports, shopping and hanging out with friends. Her favorite class was advanced biology. Favorite memories are the snow weeks and starting fires with Mr. Meyers behind the school. Bailey plans on attending Rochester Tech College to become a vet tech.



Claire Holmstrom enjoys sports, shopping, hanging out with friends, and lake days and her favorite class is Chemistry. A school memory is when a delayed rocket launch headed for Mrs. Zosel in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Claire will be attending Minnesota State University at Mankato to major in Aviation.



Trey Carter is a senior whose favorite memory is participating in the Beauty and the Beast Musical. In his free time, he enjoys playing competitive Super Smash Brothers Melee. Trey will be moving south to pursue his acting career.



Caiden Cimermancic's favorite classes are tech math and shop. He enjoys hiking and playing video games. His favorite school memory is going to NYC with Mr. Rajala and the other students. Caiden plans on going to WITC for welding.



Kaya Evans is a senior that enjoys working in the Shop. Her hobbies include riding horses, late night drives, and jam sessions. Kaya will be entering the workforce after graduation and looks forward to getting her own apartment and living life to its fullest!



Alastair Klebe enjoys playing games and is the Eagle Hour UNO reigning champion. His favorite class is shop and eagle hour. Alastair will be going to a technical college to study cybersecurity.



# COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP

GATHERING TIMES:





**RIVER CHURCH**

Youth Group  
Wednesday Night  
Activities:

Grades: 5 through 12  
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm  
Meal provided every week

8979 County Rd A,  
Solon Springs, WI 54873

Contact:  
Pastor Emma Guerra at  
emma@thinkriver.net

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Wednesday Night  
Activities:

PreK-5th grade  
4:00 - 5:00 pm

5 pm Community Meal -  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MS/HS Youth  
5:00 - 8:00 pm

You do not need to be a member of the congregation to enjoy in the fun, fellowship, and learning! All are truly welcome and everyone from the community is welcome to the community meal at 5 pm.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday, Feb. 5

- Montessori CGS Atrium/Youth Group 9:30-11:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 7

- Family Homeschool Group 1:30-3:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Family Homeschool Group 1:30-3:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 16

- Little Flowers Girls Club & Blue Knights Boys Club 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 19

- Montessori CGS Atrium/Youth Group 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Ash Wednesday

Friday, Feb. 24

- Stations of the Cross

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes): You don't have to be an athlete - any student is welcome to join in grades 6-12. This student led group meets Wednesdays at 7:30 am in Mr. Ahlberg's room. This group is always looking for breakfast treats. Need more info? Contact Katie Ahlberg at kahlberg@solonk12.net



The Solon Springs Educational Foundation is currently soliciting grant proposals for projects that fall within our mission and goal of providing the students, staff and Solon Springs School District with financial support to enrich educational opportunities and programs and encourage outstanding student academic achievement by:


- Enhancing learning opportunities for all students
- Enabling staff to develop creative and innovative educational programs for all students
- Recognizing contributions by staff, alumni and community members
- Encouraging businesses, alumni, civic and community involvement in our schools

Grant proposals will be accepted until February 15th and decisions on successful projects will be made at the February 21st meeting. A link to the application can be found using the QR code or can be accessed by contacting Frank Helquist at Solon Springs School. (fhelquist@solonk12.net)

Past projects include but are not limited to:

- Fishing Club
- Cross Country Skiing Equipment
- Outdoor Kitchen/Sap Boiler Equipment
- Science and Chemistry Equipment

**SOLON SPRINGS  
EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION**



**SAVE THE DATE:** The Solon Springs Educational Foundation will be hosting their annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 21st in the Sandy Spin Slade Gymnasium with Keynote Speaker Dr. Noah Lottig (Solon Springs Alumnus) presenting on Limnology - Inland Aquatic Ecosystems.



Use the QR Code to find out more about the Education Foundation, the Wall of Honor at Solon Springs School, and how to nominate someone!



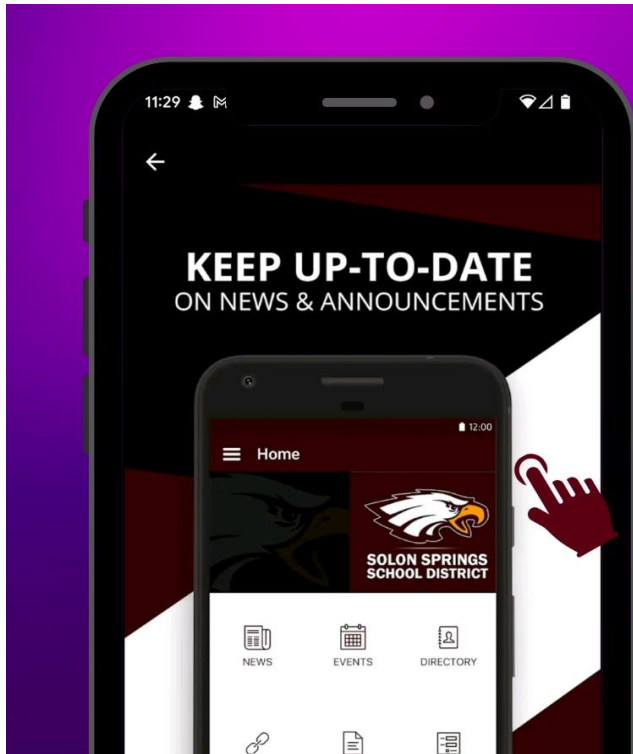


**DIANA  
RAUNIO**

Ms. Cason (Student Support Specialist) and Mrs. Raunio (School Counselor) can be found in the Counselor's Corner in the two offices across from the high school gym. They provide non-clinical mental health services and emotional support to student as needed. They also can provide referrals for higher levels of care, if the need arises. Both are passionate about the overall mental, physical, and emotional well-being of students in the Solon Springs School District!



**DANI  
CASON**



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**VISIT THE FABLAB!**

Hours: 4-8 pm  
Location: Mr. Zosel's Room  
When: Every other Thursday - check the school calendar on the website!

All ages welcome. Students below grade 6 need an adult with them.

The Fab Lab was added in 2018 and has equipment such as 3D printers, laser engravers, and vinyl cutters.

The Fab Lab is open to community members and students - every other Thursday from 4-8 pm. This is a great time to learn how to use the equipment and to work on projects.

Fourth grade students were introduced to the Pop artist James Rizzi and are learning how to create value in their art by using tints and shades. They are creating these "Love Birds," using paint and collage, inspired by James Rizzi, just in time for Valentine's Day!



# SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Next Meetings @ 6 pm:  
 February 27  
 March 20  
 April 24

## Meet our School Board Members:

**KEITH NORDSKOG, PRESIDENT**  
 KNORDSKOG@SOLONK12.NET

**BRAD HUNTER, VICE-PRESIDENT**  
 BHUNTER@SOLONK12.NET

**JASON CLIFTON, CLERK**  
 JCLIFTON@SOLONK12.NET

**BEN KIDDER, TREASURER**  
 BKIDDER@SOLONK12.NET

**JOHN SWANBERG, MEMBER**  
 JSWANBERG@SOLONK12.NET

From our Board President...

*A New Year, with hellos and goodbyes! First, this year we have two new board members who have come onto the School Board: Ben Kidder and John Swanberg. A huge welcome Ben and John!*

*Second, we will be saying goodbye to Frank Helquist, our School District Superintendent. The district will be in an active search for a new Superintendent.*

*Sincerely,  
Keith Nordskog*

## QR code for our upcoming events:

### Congrats to our local 2023 Spelling Bee Winners:



**Grade 4-8 Winners:** Landon Brown (1<sup>st</sup>), Ellianne Tyson (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Penelope Burfield (3<sup>rd</sup>)



**Grade 1-3 Winners:** Millie Tye (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson Burfield (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Brinley Seaton (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**GO EAGLES!**

## Solon Springs School District

**JOB POSTING!**

- ✓ **Bus Driver Subs**
- ✓ **Paraprofessional Subs**
- ✓ **Teacher Subs**
- ✓ **Janitor Subs**

JOIN OUR TEAM

Openings *immediately!*  
 Please contact the school office.

Visit our website for more information: [www.solonk12.net](http://www.solonk12.net)  
 Questions? Contact Holly Jones, Principal at: [hjones@solonk12.net](mailto:hjones@solonk12.net)





SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting  
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: IMC



- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Keith Nordskog called the meeting to order. Also Present – Ryan Smith, Jason Clifton, and Ben Kidder. Brad Hunter arrived at 6:16 pm. Also Present – LeeAnn Garay, Holly Jones, Frank Helquist, Ashley Vande Voort, Angela MacLellan, Ida Sampson, and Brittany Hager.
- II. **REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** - Published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is on the third Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- IV. **AGENDA** – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. **BOARD MEMBER VACANCY** – Smith submitted his resignation from the Board effective December 20. Vacancy will be posted until January 10. Due to Smith leaving his position as Clerk, motion by Hunter and second by Smith to appoint Clifton as Clerk and Kidder as Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. **MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith to approve the November 28 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. **EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Expenditures Report. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer's Report was presented and will be filed for the Auditors.
- IX. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Helquist shared historical information on Revenue Limit and State Aid changes that showed large increase in State Aid since 2017.
- X. **SCHOOL FOREST BIDS** – 5 Bids were received and opened. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to accept Bell Timber bid in the amount of \$59,089.40 contingent on meeting all other bidding requirements for the advertised School Forest Timber Stumpage. Motion carried 5-0.
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- XII. **REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
  - A. Board President – Nordskog thanked all staff for their hard work.
  - B. Student Council - None
  - C. Athletic Director – Written report included updates on winter sports and Conference name change status
  - D. Principal Report – Senior Kyra Latvala discussed plans for proposed Senior Trip in March. Jones updated Board on recent activities including HOPE Survey responses, musical performances and enrollments.
  - E. Superintendent Report:
    - 1) Charter School – Ida Sampson, Governance Board Chair, provided update on Dec. 12 Governance Board meeting. January 19 will be the Eagles' Academy first Project Showcase night. Clifton will now be the School Board Advisor to the Governance Board, replacing Smith who is leaving the School Board.
    - 2) Facilities Committee – Via Zoom, Rob DeMeuse shared results of community and staff survey as coordinated by School Perceptions. Based upon survey results the Board will not move forward with an April referendum. The Facilities Committee will meet on January 5 to discuss survey results.
    - 3) Daycare – Angela MacLellan, Eagles' Nest Director, provided an update on staffing and enrollments going very well. School Board consented to matters affecting day care center closings and staff pay.
    - 4) Policy Committee – A meeting needs to be scheduled.
    - 5) Spring Election – Two seats are up for election, including Ryan Smith's and Ben Kidder's (who was appointed to fill a vacant term that expires in April 2023)
    - 6) Health Related Matters – Student and staff illnesses have been minimal.
    - 7) WASB – Brad Hunter is planning on attending. Helquist may also be attending.
    - 8) Others as Appropriate – Dave Zosel is working with CESA 12 on a technology expansion grant, with the District being responsible for 10% of expenditures, if the grant is awarded.
- XIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Resilience Project – Motion by Kidder and second by Smith to approve \$3,000 contract with MuGrid to develop and submit OEI grants in January. Motion carried 5-0.
  - B. Policy – Motion by Smith and second by Kidder to approve the WASB reimbursement rate for meals and incidental travel expenses. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Erosion Project – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve the Cost-Share Contract with the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program. Motion carried 5-0
- XV. **CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith at 9:23 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters including update on employee request, discussing consulting contract and staffing updates. Motion carried 5-0,
- XVI. **REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 10:20 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder not to approve additional coaching compensation request. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to pursue a contract for Superintendent search services. Motion carried 5-0.
- XVII. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Smith and second by Kidder at 10:21 pm to Adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.



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MINUTES

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: IMC



- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Nordskog called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All members were present including Brad Hunter, Jason Clifton, and Ben Kidder. Others present – John Swanberg, Brittany Hager, Nathan Ahlberg, Holly Jones, LeeAnn Garay and Frank Helquist.
- II. **REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** – Agenda was published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Consider moving meeting from February 20 to February 27 at 6:00 pm. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to move the Regular Meeting from February 20 to February 27. Motion carried 4-0.
- IV. **AGENDA** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. **FILLING OF BOARD MEMBER VACANCY** – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to appoint John Swanberg to fill remaining months of vacant term (due to resignation of Ryan Smith on December 20). Motion carried 4-0. Clerk Jason Clifton administered the Oath of Office to John Swanberg who was thus seated.
- VI. **COMMITTEES** – Motion by Clifton and second by Hunter to appoint Nordskog and Swanberg to Policy Committee, to appoint Nordskog and Hunter to Extra-Curricular Committee, and to appoint Jason Clifton as CESA 12 Representative. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. **MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve the December 19 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. **EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve Expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.
- IX. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Ben Kidder presented the Treasurer's Report that will be filed for the Auditors.
- X. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – 2021-22 Audit is available and will be considered in February. DPI has approved some ESSER fund uses.
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- XII. **REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
  - A. Board President – Nordskog welcomed John Swanberg to the Board and announced that no referendum would be pursued for the Spring.
  - B. Student Council - None
  - C. Athletic Director – Ahlberg reviewed all current sports competitions, with teams doing very well and need to approve continuation of Cross Country Coop with Northwood. Discussion on possible need for Assistant Coach for Middle School Volleyball. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve continuation of Cross Country Coop with Northwood. Motion carried 5-0.
  - D. Principal Report – Holly Jones updated Board on school activities including work on District Newsletter and work towards submitting an grant After School Community Learning Center grant application. Motion by Clifton and second by Hunter to approve the Community Learning Center grant application. Motion carried 5-0. A new District newsletter will be sent out to the public in February.
  - E. Superintendent Report:
    - 1) GED Boot Camp – Solon Springs is hosting a Northwood Tech HSED Boot Camp at the Solon Springs Community Center.
    - 2) Charter School – Brittany Hager reported on Eagles' Academy first Presentation Night during which students make formal presentations on projects they have completed.
    - 3) CESA 12 – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approved Resolution to Authorize CESA 12 to Purchase Real Property. Motion carried 5-0.
    - 4) Wall of Honor – Public relations materials have been distributed throughout the community and school regarding Feb. 15 as a deadline for submitting nominations.
    - 5) Foundation – Staff have until February 15 to submit funding proposals.
    - 6) Resilience Project – Mark Dahlberg and Frank Helquist met with MuGrid regarding submitting a grant to expand solar power and to have greater resilience.
    - 7) Spring Election – Kidder and Swanberg have filed paperwork for the positions in which they are completing a term.
    - 8) Facilities Committee – Recommendation is to not conduct an April 2023 referendum with future study being needed as well as work on Maintenance Plan.
    - 9) Health Related Matters – There are no health-related matters affecting school
    - 10) WASB – Hunter, Swanberg and Helquist will be attending. Board reviewed WASB legislative proposals.
    - 11) Policy – A Policy Committee needs to be scheduled.
    - 12) Others as Appropriate – Newly elected Senator Romaine Quinn will be visiting school on January 23.
- XIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Maintenance Agreement - Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve Maintenance contract for erosion control project. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Personnel – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to accept resignation of Tracey Duffrin, Janitor. Motion carried 5-0.
  - B. Student Activity Account – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve new Student Activity Account for FCA. Motion carried 5-0.
- XV. **CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg at 8:10 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of discussing Personnel including Superintendent Search. Motion carried 5-0.
- XVI. **REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg @ 9:21 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 5-0.
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**SECOND HARVEST  
MOBILE FOOD  
PANTRY**

The Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry comes to Solon Springs on the last Wednesday of the month. Second Harvest works to provide a solution to hunger or where access is limited.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy, baked goods, and shelf stable items arrive on a refrigerated truck where volunteers help give out the resources to anyone who may need it.

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or use these services, please visit [northernlakesfoodbank.org](http://northernlakesfoodbank.org).

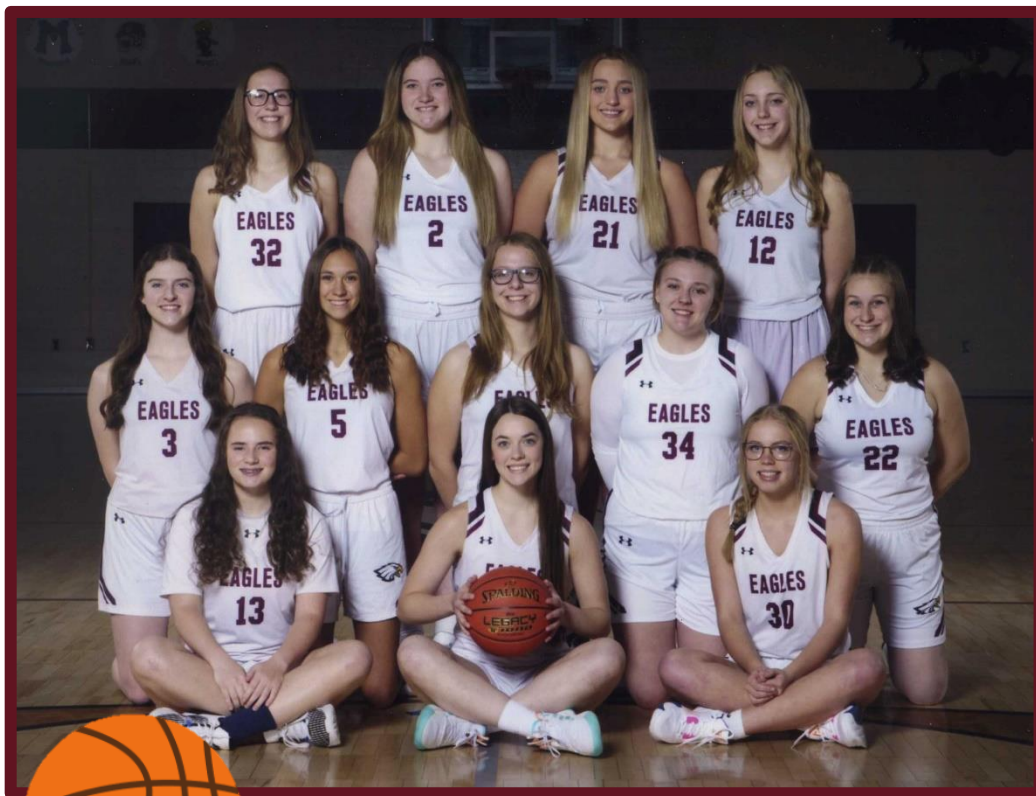
**The mobile food pantry visits:**

**LAST WEDNESDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**

**Time:** Starts at 10:00 am

**Location:** Community Center





## 2023 GIRLS BASKETBALL:

BACK ROW (L TO R):  
Hannah Polkoski, Ava Burger, Claire Holmstrom, and Ella Postl

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R):  
Bailey Monson, Isabel Molina, Lydia Polkoski, Gretchen Hammond, and Kaya Evans.

FRONT ROW (L TO R):  
Paetyn Simenson, Kyra Latvala, and Audrey Swanson



## 2023 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

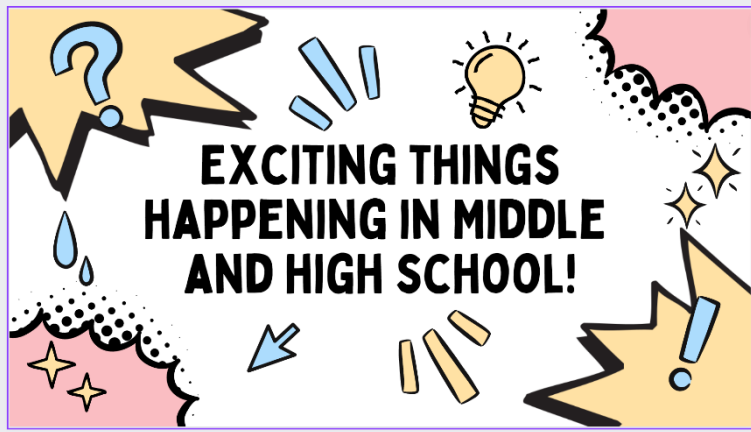
BACK ROW (L TO R): Tarver Sellwood, Kaden Corlett, Cade Lisson, Isaiah Kastern, Jaxson Kastern, Brandt Larson, Carson Kaunonen, and Owen Smith.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): Isaiah Ahlberg, Cash Kastern, Logan Smith, Alex Slivensky, Jonah Smith, Emmett Patel, and Dylan Taggart

FRONT ROW (L TO R): Nickolas Roatch, Isaac Dickenson, and Abe Ahlberg

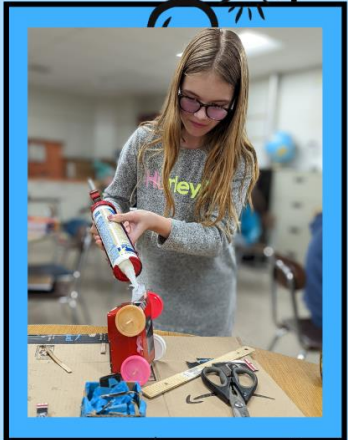
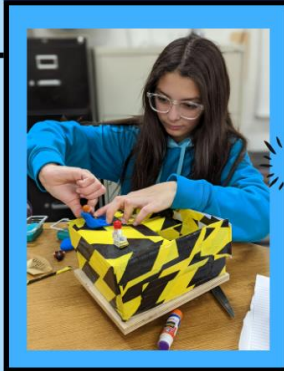


***CONGRATS  
ON A  
GREAT SEASON!***



## GRADE 7 BUMPER CARS

7th grade students were busy studying forces and motion in science class with Mr. Ahlberg. Students were asked to design and build a bumper car model using materials from home. The groups had to understand and apply Newton's Laws of Motion to their design and include safety measures for the riders.



## CHECK THIS OUT!

8th graders Jacob Taggart and Nolan Patel have developed a youtube channel about two buddies that enjoy the sport of fishing and like to share their adventures:



Enter the address below or use the QR code!  
<https://www.youtube.com/@headwatersangling/featured>

# HS PHYSICS CLASS



Mrs. Zosel's Physics students visited the Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Classrooms to teach the children about pressure. Students will talk about the fact that there is air pressure all around us (13.7 lbs/in squared)! They will talk about the differences in pressure when a storm comes in (tornadoes, etc.), going deeper into a body of water, and differences between oceanic water and lake water. They will also show experiments involving implosion and a few "magic tricks" (it's just physics).



Physics and Chemistry students demonstrate why these upper level science classes are considered "honors" level classes! Students are required to perform 2 labs per quarter for other students in the school with the hope that younger students will grow enthralled with science and will want to take higher-level science courses (and upper-level mathematics classes because you can't have one without the other).



***"Physics students learn the subject matter better by teaching it to the younger students. Let's not discount how these older kids are looked up to by the younger students! It is so great to see how the students are looked up to not only for their musical and athletic prowess, but also for their ability to present interesting science topics. If my students do go into a science-related field they must know how to present their findings."* - Mrs. Zosel**

In order to do the labs for elementary or middle school, students must practice what they will say and do. Most of the time they do the labs as part of their classroom work so they already have practice. This is such a great way for students to share their learning with the younger students!

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD:  
FEBRUARY 7TH AND 9TH - 5 TO 8 PM  
NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 2/10!!!**



The girls basketball team welcomed everyone to school on "Fist Bump Friday!" Different clubs, teams, or community groups show up to start the day awesome!!!



**What Does Math Look Like at Eagles Academy?**



Eagles Academy is the District's newest school for students in grades 6-12 who want to learn through hands-on projects. Student-led and teacher-designed projects encompass core subject areas such as English, math, social studies, and science in addition to electives such as shop, graphic arts, and more. Students in Eagles Academy learn all of the same state standards as Legacy students, they just learn them through different methods and a different order!

Students at Eagles Academy learn math using multiple methods including an online math program (ALEKS) as well as practical math applications and problem solving integrated throughout ongoing projects. ALEKS math as well as math through projects is guided by Eagles Academy Advisors and Ms. Timm, **one of the District math teachers**. On any given day, math might look different at Eagles Academy!



Blake uses his chromebook to work using an online program, ALEKS math.



Students use measurement of irregular shapes to find the area of the rain garden site.



Students bring their measurements back to school to "crunch" numbers and calculate area.





# Solon Springs School District PK/K FALL REGISTRATION

The Montessori and Legacy PK/K are both located within the Solon Springs School PK-12 building.

AGENDA:  
5:30 pm Info Session  
6-7 pm Classroom Tours

APRIL 3, 2023 - 5:30-7 pm

Eagles' Wings  
Public Charter School

## MONTESSORI PK/K

In the Montessori classroom, it is believed that play is a child's work. It is child-directed, emphasizing active, self-paced, individualized learning using the curriculum developed by Maria Montessori. Children choose activities based on their interests and work for uninterrupted blocks of time using age appropriate educational manipulatives. Teachers present lessons, observe to track student's progress, and facilitate the use of materials. Through this approach, children become confident, independent, self-regulated and self-disciplined. This classroom is a combination 4K & 5K.



## Solon Springs Public Elementary LEGACY PK/K

This is a traditional education classroom. It is based on the belief that kids learn through play and discovery. Teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. Children have an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. This classroom uses Math Expressions, Wonders, and Literacy Footprints curriculum along with interactive math and ELA lessons. Children develop their problem-solving skills, conflict resolution, and social skills. This classroom is a combination 4K & 5K.



**EAGLES' NEST**  
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE:

Hello from the daycare!

I'm Angela MacLellan, the Director of the Solon Springs School District Childcare Center - The Eagles' Nest. The Childcare Center is located at 9243 Evergreen Avenue. The center can serve 33 children and is open to the public. We serve children in the Solon Springs School District as well as children from surrounding areas. We have three classrooms; Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool. The center serves children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old with before and after school care for school-aged children.

We are dedicated to a creative, happy, and healthy educational environment for children. We are

staffed with ten exceptional teachers and assistants.

For more information contact Angela: (715) 718-6141

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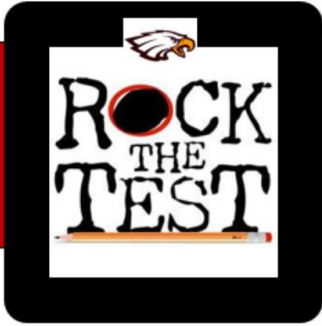
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If so, please contact Christine Nordness: [cnordness@solonk12.net](mailto:cnordness@solonk12.net)



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# ACT PREP 2023

## PRACTICE TEST DAY FOR ALL JUNIORS!!!!

All 11<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the practice test on:  
**February 21, 2023.**

It will take place at school and during the school day. This practice will look and feel like the real test and will give students a realistic understanding of time management, the materials, and what it will be like to take the official test in March. Students will also discover what materials or skills they need to study or expand on. Attendance this day is VERY IMPORTANT!

## Week of February 27<sup>th</sup> during Eagle Hour for ALL Juniors!

- Monday: MATH PREP with Mrs. Zosel
  - Tuesday: SCIENCE PREP with Mrs. Makela
  - Wednesday: ENGLISH PREP with Mrs. Tuura
  - Thursday: READING & WRITING STRATEGIES with Mr. Adams
  - Friday: Additional Support where needed with Mrs. Makela
- All juniors will attend the above eagle hour schedule for the week!



**PIZZA and STUDY Party!!!**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5-8 pm**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**TEST DATE:**  
**Tuesday**  
**MARCH 7th**



## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

**Monday, March 27nd**  
**Monday, May 22th**  
**Noon - 5 pm**  
Location: Solon Springs School

For those wanting to donate blood, please visit the Memorial Blood Center Website at:





# MUSIC News



In the late fall, the High School Choir traveled to Orlando, Florida! There, the choir attended a Disney vocal workshop and performed for an audience at Disney Springs' Waterside Stage. They also enjoyed all four Disney parks and even spent an afternoon swimming at Cocoa Beach. It was such a fun trip!!

In December, 50 choir students from grades 6 through 12 put on an amazing production of the Broadway musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. All of the shows were very well attended and students truly enjoyed sharing the performances with their families and the community! Mrs. Molina is so proud of all of her students for putting in so much time and effort to create such a meaningful and memorable production for everyone to enjoy. Bravo!!

The band and choir students are working to prepare for their spring events.

Here are some upcoming music events:

- February 14th: Tenor and Bass Choral Clinic at Northwestern High School
- March 25th: District Solo and Ensemble Contest at Northwestern High School
- April TBD: Middle and High School Music Dept. Field Trip to *Singin' in the Rain* at UMD
- April: TBD Middle and High school Band and Choir Concert.
- May 3rd: High School Choir trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
- May 6th: State Solo and Ensemble Contest at UW-Eau Claire
- May 19th at 1:30: Elementary Spring Concert
- May 20th: Wisconsin Youth Harmony Festival (Barbershop Quartet Contest) in Stevens Point
- May 27th: Graduation



On January 10, five students from Solon Springs were selected to attend the Northwestern Wisconsin Music Association Middle School All-Conference Band. These students demonstrated dedication to practicing and proficiency on their instruments: (left to right) Penelope Burfield, Sabrina Glassmaker, Makayla Geiger, Sabrina Glassmaker, and Zoey Harden. Along with students from eight other participating districts, band members worked on three different pieces with Dr. Steven Siegel, trumpet professor and Director of Band at University of Wisconsin. It was a long, but fun and instructive day of rehearsals and clinics, followed by a late afternoon concert in the Northwestern High School auditorium. It was a unique honor and privilege for these students to participate and we are grateful to Northwestern High School Band Director Michael Hintzmann for organizing this event. Congrats to these MS musicians!

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