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School District of Solon Springs

Eagle Flyer

Nov/Dec/Jan 2025-2026

Veterans Day

On November 11th, we celebrated Veterans Day to express our sincere gratitude to all the brave men and women who have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, in wartime or peacetime. Thank you for attending our Veterans Day event. It was an honor to recognize your dedication and the sacrifices you've made for our country.



★ Thank you ★
— FOR —
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SERVICE



Solon Springs Lions Club

The Solon Springs Lions Club purchases gift cards from Franny K's to give away during the Holiday Season to those in need. To nominate someone, please text or call 218-341-9470, to get on our list of potential recipients for this year



Superintendent Column:



Peter Hopke
Superintendent

Greetings families and friends:

Special Dates & Board Presentations

- **District and School Report Cards:** The annual **School and District Report Cards** from the state were open to Districts for review in September. However they have been embargoed from public release. They will be released on **November 11**. These results will be formally presented to the School Board at the meeting on **December 3**. These report cards provide a snapshot of the District's academic growth and achievement as well as participation in other career planning activities with students. The publicly released report cards will be posted on the District website after the presentation to the Board on December 3.
- **Veterans Day Program:** The District invited the community to join our annual Veterans Day Program on **Tuesday, November 11, at 10:00 AM**. It was a great event to show our support and appreciation for all veterans who have served our country. Veterans and family members of veterans were recognized for their commitment and sacrifice for our country. The Band, Choir, and presenters did an excellent job with performing.
- **Family Math and Reading Day:** Last year, the District hosted a Family Math and Reading Day that coincided with Dr. Suess Week and Read Across America Week, which is the first week in March. We are planning to host this event again with a tentative date of March 6. There will be learning stations to focus on math and reading skills, facilitated by community members, businesses, staff members and students. More information will be sent out as we get closer to this date.

Facilities & Building Planning

- **Facility Study Update:** The results of the comprehensive **Facility Study** were presented to the School Board on Monday, October 27 at the regular Board meeting. The Board is currently reviewing the data to inform long-range capital improvement decisions.
- **Building Needs Assessment:** The next phase of facility planning will begin shortly with a detailed **Building Needs Assessment**. We are partnering with **Market & Johnson** and **River Valley Architects (RVA)** for this crucial stage of planning. We will have the opportunity for community members to provide feedback on the building needs assessment to determine the facility and space priorities for the District in the years to come. Board members and District leadership met with Market & Johnson and RVA on the evening of November 20 to provide input on facility needs. Teachers and staff met with them on November 21 to gather their input on facility needs. More information and confirmation of the date for a community meeting on this process will be provided in the near future.

Curriculum & Standards

Significant progress has been made in reviewing and aligning District instructional materials with state standards in core areas.

- **ELA/Reading Essential Standards:** Last year, the District focused on identifying the essential standards for ELA/Reading. We are continuing the work of finalizing the scope and sequence of instruction to maximize learning and gain efficiencies with instruction.
- **Math Essential Standards:** This year, our team has begun the process of identifying the **essential standards** for mathematics across the district. This identification provides a focused framework to guide instruction, assessment, and resource allocation to ensure all students master the most critical mathematical concepts. This should also make our instruction more efficient for accelerating student learning.

Thank you for your continued support of the School District of Solon Springs. We are proud to serve this community and are excited about the progress we are making together. As always, GO EAGLES!

Peter M. Hopke
Superintendent
School District of Solon Springs



Do you have community news, information, or ideas
that could be shared in our newsletter?

If so, please contact Christine Nordness: cnordness@solonk12.net

Childhood Vision

We would like to send a THANK YOU to the Solon Springs Lion's Club Members who provided vision screening to all of our elementary students on October 16th and 17th. This is such a valuable asset to our community and students.

Thank you for taking time to make sure our students are seeing the best they can in order to soar like eagles academically! If your child did not pass the vision screening a letter was sent home. A follow up appointment with an optometrist or ophthalmologist is recommended.

If you have questions on where to take your child or have a financial hardship please reach out as the Lion's Club works with local doctors to assist with getting the correct glasses for your child. There is also another program in Wisconsin called Prevent Blindness Wisconsin that can help.

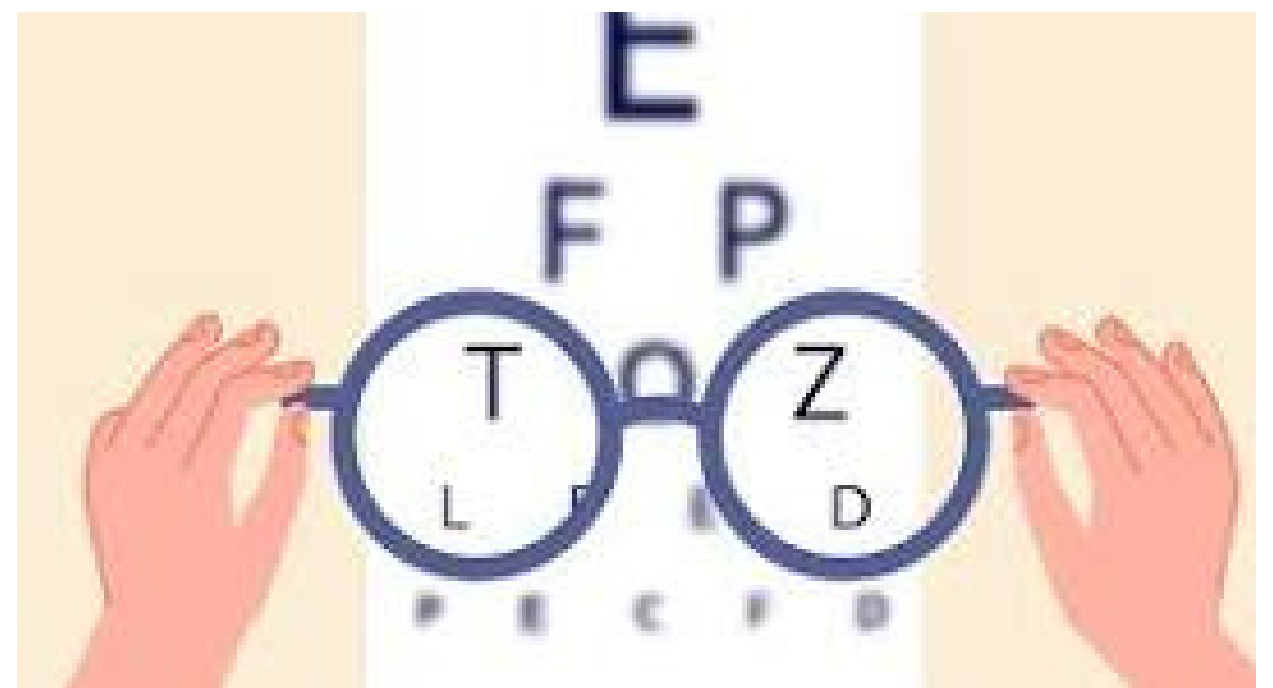
Information taken from Vision 101 For School-Based OT Practitioners By Jaime Spencer and Robert Constatine

Childhood vision facts:

- 1 in 4 school-aged children have a vision problem that can affect learning, behavior and development
- 79% of school-aged children have not visited an eye care provider in the past year
- 35% of school-aged children have never seen an eye care professional
- 40% of school-aged children who fail an initial vision screening do not receive the appropriate follow up care.

Signs of vision difficulties:

- Tilting head when reading
- Watery eye
- Poorly spaced letters when writing
- Rubbing eyes
- Headaches
- Poor attention
- Difficulty reading
- Squinting
- Covers one eye when reading
- May complain of words moving on the page or blurry vision



Vision difficulties can lead to academic problems:

- Poor reading skills
- Poor handwriting
- Difficulty with copying from a book or the board
- Visual motor integration difficulties
- Avoidance of near vision tasks such as writing and reading

Recommended eye exam frequency:

- First exam at 6 months
- Then at 3 years old
- **Annually ages 6-18 months**

If your child has received a prescription for glasses, please notify the classroom teacher and assist in encouraging your child to wear their glasses during the day at school. This will help set your child up for academic success, reduce fatigue as well as build confidence in your child's skills.

Each year the Lion's Club performs vision screenings at the school. If you receive a notification that your child failed a screen, please follow up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist. If you have questions on where to take your child or have a financial hardship please reach out as the Lion's Club works with local doctors to assist with getting the correct glasses for your child. There is also another program in Wisconsin called Prevent Blindness Wisconsin that can help.

If you have further questions please reach out to Katie Ahlberg, OTR/L CPRCS kahlberg@solonk12.net or Christine Nordness cnordness@solonk12.net

Eagles Academy Students Work to Revitalize our Local Rain Garden

This past quarter, Eagles Academy students took on an exciting project-based learning experience centered around the question: “How can we revitalize the rain garden?” Working with community partners and local experts—including conservationists, environmental organizations, and local government—students explored how rain gardens help manage stormwater, support native plants, and strengthen the health of our local watershed. Throughout the project, students applied core subjects in meaningful ways—using math for measurements and design, science to study ecosystems, and literacy skills to research, write, and present their ideas. Their creative restoration plans will not only enhance the rain garden’s function and beauty, but also will allow students to make a real environmental impact while practicing collaboration, problem-solving, and civic responsibility.

To learn more about this project, visit our website!
<https://www.solonk12.net/schools/academy/>



Chemistry out of the Classroom

On Friday, October 3rd, Mrs. Zosel’s Chemistry students performed a lab about the differences between chemical and physical change.

Great job working together to create a fun and educating lab for our students!





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Eagles' Nest



Eagles’ Nest currently has:
(2) Infant Openings

To get added to the Toddler Room wait list, please contact:
Angela Maclellan
(715) 718-6141



Principal Report



Anne Kriskovich
Principal

Dear Solon Springs School District Families,

As we settle into the new school year, we appreciate the continuous positive support and feedback from our families and community. It is hard to believe that winter is almost amongst us and as we move into the next season, we want to share a few items and reminders with you:

- We are incredibly excited about the upcoming series of school-sponsored programs and winter concerts. We encourage all families to attend if able. These events and programs are a great way to celebrate our students' talents that come from countless hours of dedication and hard work put in beforehand by our students, teachers, and staff.
- Mark your calendars! The ACT test for all Junior students will be administered on Thursday, March 26th. More specific details regarding test preparation and logistics will be sent directly to junior families.
- As the school year progresses, we want to emphasize the importance of being in school every day, and on time - this is crucial for your student's learning and overall progress. When a student is absent, they miss vital instruction and classroom interaction that can be difficult to make up. Missing even a few days can significantly disrupt a student's learning momentum and negatively impact their overall academic performance, leading to learning gaps. Regular attendance also teaches students life skills such as responsibility, discipline, and commitment. Please partner with us by scheduling appointments outside of school hours whenever possible and communicating all absences and early dismissals with the front office.

The School District of Solon Springs thanks you for your continued support and working together for the well-being of our students, staff, and community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 715-378-2263 x203 or send an email, akriskovich@solonk12.net and I will be happy to assist the best that I can.

Sincerely,

Anne Kriskovich

Anne Kriskovich
4K-12 Principal



Fire Safety Day

Thank you Solon Springs Fire Dept and CN Railroad for educating our kids on fire safety and prevention. The kids all had a great time and can't wait to learn again next year!

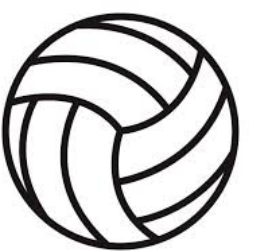




Volleyball



The High School Volleyball Team ended their season with a 6-3 conference record, and placed 4th in the conference. These two records are the highest recorded for the program in many years. We were seeded #5 in our regional which got us a first round bye. Audrey Swanson was selected for First Team All Conference, Kendall Nelson was selected for Second Team All Conference, and Addison McCuskey was selected for Honorable Mention. Thank you to all of you who supported this team this year! We appreciate you!



Cross Country

The Cross Country season was very successful! Jake Taggart, the top runner in the conference.

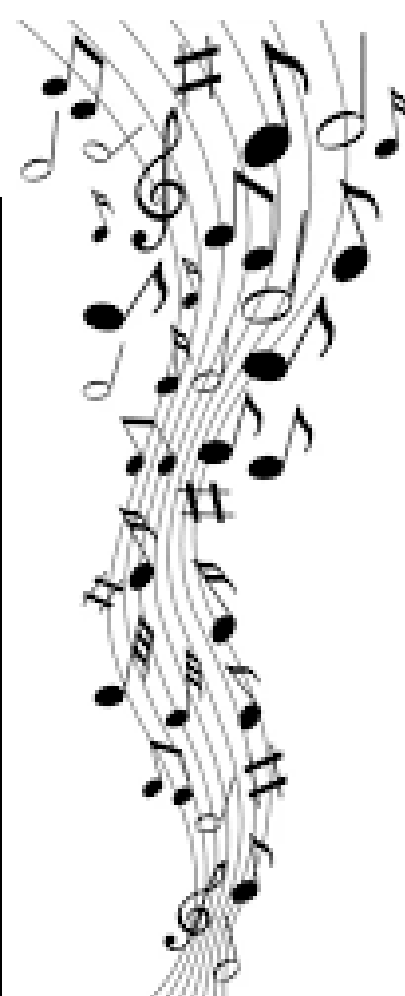
The Girls' Team won the conference. Penelope Burfield was the top conference runner. Other All-Conference girls on the team were Alyssa Fossum and Annika Guttormson. The girls team also placed 3rd overall in the sectional.

Penelope Burfield and Alyssa Fossum both qualified for state individually.



NWMA 2025 High School All-Conference Band

On Nov. 4, ten select students participated in the regional All-Conference Band at Northwestern High School. They spent the day learning and rehearsing with acclaimed director and composer Christine Hullmer alongside their musical peers from various schools across Northwestern Wisconsin and ended the day with a stunning public performance. We are so proud of these students for their hard work and dedication!



Big Top Field Experience

On Sep. 10, students attended an exciting and memorable performance by The Pack Drumline at Big Top Chautaugua. The high level of skill and showmanship demonstrated by these performers inspired some of our students to start their own drumline!



ART

Where every piece tells a story



In our 10th grade Art Class, we have been looking at the work of the Abstract Expressionists: Jackson Pollock, Willem De Kooning, Lee Krasner and Mark Rothko.

In our 9th Grade Art Class, we are working on portrait drawing and studying the work of Pablo Picasso and George Braque through their work with Cubism.

Fun in F.A.C.E

Family and Consumer Education



Mrs Guttormson's Child Development Class has been learning about how to care for infants. We are doing a simulation for a week where they will have to care for their baby or babies. We have been preparing for a while and now it is time to practice. Thank you to The Little Gift House for providing us with carriers for the babies.



Mrs. Guttormson's Culinary Classes are doing a gourmet ramen challenge where they need to have at least 3 extra ingredients and one cooking method! 1st class did amazing! Look at these chefs!!!!

- Alyssa made Orange Chicken Ramen
- Claire made a Chicken Veggie Ramen
- Mazzy made a Vegan Ramen

Middle School Girls Basketball

The 2025 MSGBB Season wrapped up their season with both the JV and Varsity teams remaining undefeated. The varsity ended with a record of 11-0. This group of 6th, 7th and a single 8th grader play exceptionally well together. They play fast, fierce, and full of passion and grit. The Eagles have a promising future and are so fun to watch.



Northwood/Solon Football

The N/SS Football Team had another successful season. Ten Solon Springs athletes participated on this year's team, a considerable increase from previous years. They finished the regular season with a 5-3 record and earned a #6 seed for the playoffs. Their playoff game at Clayton was close throughout much of the contest before Clayton pulled away at the end, winning 38-12. Seniors Sam Fromm, Will Holmstrom, and Brody Kaunonen played their last snaps in that game.



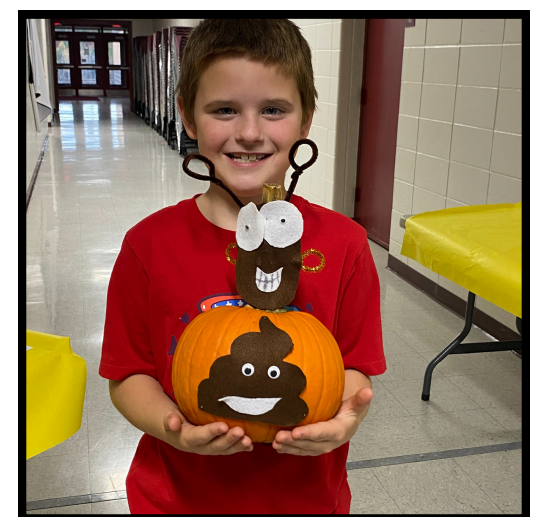
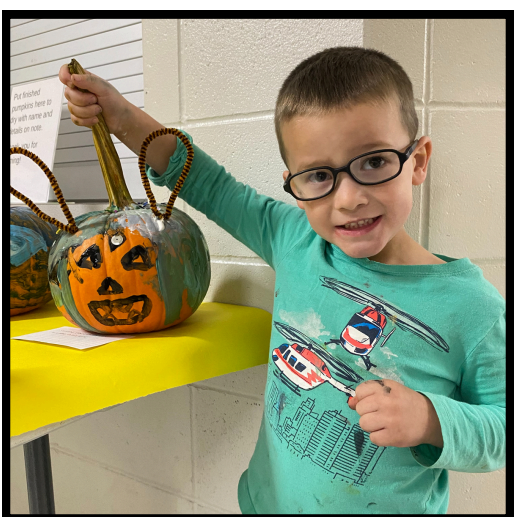


Eagle's League After School Program has an average of 60 students attending daily. Activities include; STEM, SEL (Social & Emotional Learning), Easy DIY Snacks, Computer Night with Moby Max, and many different club options.
Eagle's League runs Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm



Pumpkin Painting Event

On Thursday, October 23rd, our Eagle's League After School Program hosted a family fun night painting pumpkins based off of their favorite book. Families came together to enjoy some quality time while creating masterpieces. Fun was had by all!



Sportsmanship Summit

These 7 student athletes attended the CESA 12 Northern Wisconsin Sportsmanship Summit on November 13th. Through out the event, they collaborated with other district student athletes on how to implement strategies to strengthen sportsmanship and belongingness on a team, in a school, and in the community.

Their day was filled with learning, reflection, and planning action steps to further the success of leadership and sportsmanship within the District of Solon Springs.



Career Day at Northwood Technical College

A group of juniors had the opportunity to explore different career pathways at the Northwood Tech Career Fair! Students engaged in hands on learning activities and got to hear from local experts among a variety of career fields.

These students had a great time exploring the many different career opportunities.



E1 Heads to the Farm

E1 Montessori classes got to visit Wilderness Experience in Duluth to learned about the parts of an apple and it's life cycle. Students were able to press apples and make some homemade apple cider.

E1 Students were also able to feed chickens, sheep and bunnies. To finish off their adventure at Wilderness Experience, they enjoyed a beautiful hike around the farm's wooded area.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Ballard for hosting us at the farm.

