

December 13, 2018



December 24 - January 1 - Christmas Break

January 18 - End of First Semester

January 21 - No school for students - Teacher Workday

Apparel from the Business Department fundraiser is in!! Please pick up your order from Mrs. Kwakkel in room 205. If you need to arrange pick up outside the school day please contact Mrs. Kwakkel at kwakbet@rbsd.k12.wi.us. Thank you for your support!

Monday, December 17, 2018 - Bridging Brighter Smiles dental clinic at Laconia High School. **It is not too late to enroll! Sign up online at:** <http://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>. Professional Dental Services Provided Right at School Include: Oral Screenings, Cleanings, Fluoride Varnish Applications, Dental Sealants, Dental Health Education, Referral Assistance. Forward Health (BadgerCare) Card Accepted! *Other Private Dental Insurances Not Accepted.* Not sure if your child is enrolled, or due for care? Simply call Bridging Brighter Smiles at 262-896-9891, or email coordinator@bbsmiles.org.

Culver's Share Night - Wednesday, December 19 - 4 to 7 pm - The Laconia FFA and Culver's is raising money for **AgrAbility of Wisconsin**. See attached flyer for more information.

LHS Student Council is sponsoring a Giving Tree - The tree is located in the redbrick area at Laconia High School. We'll be collecting donations December 1 to December 20 with Bluemkes Food Mart for Domestic Abuse Services in Oshkosh and their Adopt-the-Shelter Holiday Program. See attached flyer for needs list.

Attention Senior Parents - Yearbook Senior Ads are available to purchase. See attached letter for more information.

Laconia Spartan Sock Sale - The L-Club just received some exciting green socks and white socks that are for sale for \$12. The green socks only come in youth sizes 5-9 and the white socks are available in sizes small (5-9), medium (7-11), large (10-13) and x-large (13-15). Attached is a flyer for more information. If interested please stop in the high school office.

Employment Opportunities at the Rosendale-Brandon School District - see attached list.

Active Intruder Drills to Take Place in December

The safety and welfare of our staff and students are our highest priorities. Because of this importance, we practice drills in response to a variety of scenarios throughout the year. Based on experience and input from outside agencies, including law enforcement, the FBI, and the Office of Homeland Security, we make adjustments to our responses as deemed necessary. That is why the District has adopted a different strategy to respond to an active intruder on school grounds. We have adopted a response known as Avoid, Deny, Defend. Staff received training on this response last spring.

We are doing a number of things to train and prepare our students to implement this new strategy. A few weeks ago, our elementary teachers read a book called *I'M NOT SCARED...I'M PREPARED!* with their students and discussed plans of what to do if there is a "dangerous someone" in the building. Our 6-12 students are discussing the same concepts with designated building staff, and we will be completing announced drills at each school building beginning on December 13. As we continue to practice these drills throughout the year, staff may practice different strategies that lead to the safest outcome for their students. Therefore, it is very important for students to listen to the directions given by their teacher as the course of action during these drills will not always be the same.

We want our students and staff to feel safe at school. By practicing these types of drills, our students gain confidence in how to respond to a crisis. Our students benefit from reminders of safe practices in order for them to make good decisions regarding their

personal safety. Parents can prepare their children by helping them understand the following objectives:

- While most people are good, there are people of all ages, color, and types that can be mean and may wish to harm them
- Self-confidence comes from trying things that are hard and getting better each time
- There are many solutions and options when faced with a problem
- When we are prepared for difficult situations, we can make informed decisions and will have more self-control
- Have your child explain the different safety drills we practice and how they respond to each drill
- Discuss the importance of following the teacher's directions without hesitation

Thank you for your help in making your child feel confident and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal at your child's school.