

**December 6, 2018**



### **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.

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**December 7** - Early Release - 1:30 pm

**December 10** - Laconia Vocal Concert - 7:30 pm - Laconia Auditorium

**December 24 - January 1** - Christmas Break

**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.

**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.

**Yearbooks are available for purchase.** Good news! Though the price of yearbooks is going up soon, the yearbook staff has decided to extend the deadline to Dec 10. Just purchase your yearbook at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) with a credit card, or purchase at the

school by sending cash or a check payable to Laconia High School. Mrs. O will take the order in room 406. Each yearbook is only \$45 until December 10, after which the price goes up to \$50. Order yours soon as we almost sold out last year and did sell out the year before!

**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.