

Superintendent's Notes

Cathleen Shimon,
District Superintendent

First Semester Complete

With the completion of the first semester on January 17th, we find ourselves a little more than half way through the current school year. We have had a very productive and excellent school year to date. On behalf of the staff I want to extend our appreciation for the support and involvement that parents and members of the community have provided during the semester. So much can be accomplished that benefits the children of our community when we work together! Thanks to all.

2019-2020 Open Enrollment Application Window

The open enrollment application process for the 2019-2020 school year begins on February 4 and continues through April 30, 2019. Anyone who may be aware of someone wishing to enroll their children in our school district through the open enrollment process for the next school year should contact the school for information and application materials. Online (to page 3)

Last Friday night, January 25th, was beyond just a girls basketball game at Clear Lake. It was a display of what small towns are all about; two communities and two teams proved that working together with one goal in mind can actually happen and make a difference. That goal was to help a family in need.....

Tom McHugh was diagnosed with stage IV metastatic prostate cancer seven years ago. Tom has gone through eight different treatments, fifteen radiation treatments, two surgeries and over forty rounds of chemotherapy. The cancer is still progressing, spreading to his spine, ribcage, organs, and sadly, as of last week, his brain. Tom has tried his best to continue working as a chef, but the disease has progressed to the point where he is unable to work. This has left his wife, Candy, to be the sole provider for the family. Tom's conventional cancer treatment is no longer keeping the cancer at bay. They are seeking alternative treatments, but the costs are



not covered by his insurance. In addition to dealing with all of this, their furnace went out two days before Christmas. Candy is a special education teacher at Clear Lake Elementary School and was a substitute teacher at Clayton prior to that. Their son, Parker, is a graduate of Clayton H.S. and now a sophomore at Ripon College.

As someone in attendance at the benefit put so well, "We take care of our



own." We certainly succeeded at doing just that. Many thanks to both schools' staff/administration, girls basketball teams, businesses, and community members of Clayton and Clear Lake for raising \$12,116.72! This amount includes prize/monetary donations, player pledges, supper and bake sale proceeds. What a tremendous outpouring of generosity, kindness, and caring from our hearts for the McHugh family!!

The family is absolutely "blown away" by all of this assistance and is very humbled by the whole experience. They want to be sure that everyone knows how much they truly appreciate everything, especially the peace of mind this gift brings to all of them at this difficult and challenging time.

Well done Clayton and Clear Lake communities! We may rival on the court or the playing field, but we know when unity is necessary. The end result is much more important and meaningful than any victory or trophy could ever be.

McHugh Family Benefit ~ A Huge Success

Clayton Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2018

President, Rebecca Mumm, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Rebecca Mumm, took the roll call. Present were Rebecca Mumm, Roger Olson, Alisha Anderson, Tom Cuper, Jeff Young, and District Administrator, Cathy Shimon. Also present were Ed Cerney, Paul Falb, Leslie Seeger, Tammy Polta, Joan Meyer, Dillan Olson, Aidan Olson, Terri Olson, and Mike Schradle.

During the Board Forum and Student Recognition, Tom Cuper noted that the community tree lighting went well and discussion concluded that this was the largest turn out so far. It was also noted that the Girls basketball game went well.

Clayton High School December Student of the month, Dillan Olson, appeared and was recognized by the Board, receiving his certificate.

A motion was made by Tom Cuper, second by Alisha Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. 5-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

During District Resident Participation, Tammy Polta thanked Paul for his years of service and fish fry. Joan Meyer initiated a discussion over the dedication of the gymnastics club. It was noted that the clubs are not affiliated with the school and are for-profit organizations. There was further discussion of other for-profit clubs that have participation from Clayton students.

A motion was made by Tom Cuper, second by Rebecca Mumm, to approve the resignation of Sadie Schra-

From The Board of Education



CLAYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Rebecca Mumm

Vice-President: Alisha Anderson

Treasurer: Tom Cuper

Clerk: Roger Olson

Member: Jeff Young

Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month starting at 6:00 pm in the Library/MediaCenter.

dle from the Varsity Head Volleyball Coach position. 5-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Jeff Young, to approve Bailey Monson as the Junior High Volleyball Coach. 5-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Young, second by Alisha Anderson, to approve the Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services contract with Tim Moriak. A change to Addendum A, Section M, regarding Retirement was included, changing the years of service requirement from 10 to 7. 5-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Due to an emergency at her place of employment, Alisha Anderson had to leave the meeting at 6:30.

A motion was made by Tom Cuper, second by Jeff Young, to approve the Clayton School District Safety Plan.

4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Cuper, second by Rebecca Mumm, to approve the review of the School Violence Drill. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Tom Cuper, to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried. Discussion Items were as follows:

- A. Enrollment Report
 - B. Athletic Update.
- Mike Schradle appeared and provided an overview of Fall and Winter Sports participation.

Administrator Reports: Superintendent Report was as follows:

- A. School Board Elections. Only Alisha Anderson is up for re-election. Deadline for filing is J a n u a r y 2nd, 2019.
- B. Professional Development Initiatives were reviewed.

Principal's Report was as follows:

Summary was given of the volleyball expenses, student events including 6th grade trip to Orchestra Hall, 8th grade to Courage Retreat, MS Choir singing at the Community Tree Lighting, Honor Society Inductions, Family Math Night workshop, and E-Sports activity.

A motion was made by Tom Cuper, second by Jeff Young, to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk

Junior Kindergarten Registration and Early Childhood Screening

The Clayton School District will be hosting a Junior Kindergarten Registration and Early Childhood Screening Day on Monday, March 11th from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. We are inviting all children, ages birth to four years old, to participate with their families. Registration letters are being mailed this week. If you do not receive a letter for your child or know of someone new to the Clayton School District, please contact

Tammy Lien in the school office at 715-948-2163 x209 to register.





**District Administrator
Cathleen Shimon**

Superintendent, from p. 1:

applications may be found on the DPI website <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Additional information regarding open enrollment can also be found on the Clayton School District website.

Clayton's Open Enrollment Data

According to Wis. Stats. 118.5, Wisconsin's full-time inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they reside. Some may ask how this program affects our District. To date, there are 85 students who open enroll into the Clayton School District and 49 students who open enroll out. The basic open enrollment transfer amount for the 2018-19 school year will be \$7,379 per student participating in this option. This calculates to approximately \$627,215 additional revenue for students enrolling into our District and \$361,571 additional expenditures for those enrolling out, with a net gain of \$265,644. Though this additional revenue is difficult to budget due

From The District Administrator

to the flexibility of the program allowing students to come and go throughout the year, it plays a critical role in the District's operational budget.

Clayton School District Continues to Offer Virtual Education

You might be asking yourself "What is Virtual Education"? Virtual Education is an instructional delivery model that does not require the student to be physically present in the same location as a teacher. It also requires special techniques of course design, special instructional techniques, special methods of communication by electronic and other technology, as well as organizational and administrative arrangements.

The focus of the virtual-learning initiative focuses on the needs of the individual student. It provides an opportunity for students to participate in curriculum that will assist them in obtaining

their Clayton High School diploma.

By offering this alternative approach to learning, the school district has been able to retain students who may have otherwise open enrolled out of the district to schools that offer it. We are pleased with those students and families who have chosen this option and have appreciated their patience as we travel together on this virtual journey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Elaine Molls, our District's Local Educational Guide for Virtual Education at 948-2163.

What is RtI?

Response to Intervention (RtI) is a process for achieving higher levels of academic and behavioral success for all students through high quality instructional practices, continuous review of student progress, and collaboration. The staff of the Clayton School District views RtI

not only as a system to ensure success for all students but also as a framework for school improvement that embraces a systemic approach, which is used to understand how effectively a student learns when exposed to instruction. RtI allows for more timely response to all students when they fail to learn adequately. This system applies to all students regardless of subgroup or label.

Every day, every student (K-12) attending the Clayton Schools receives an additional 30-40 minutes of high quality, intensive instruction, which focuses on the individual student's learning needs in the areas of reading and math. Student assessments are conducted on a regular basis to ensure that students are progressing and meeting their established goals.

The RtI leadership team has been committed to this systematic process of improving student achievement. At Clayton, we **truly believe that ALL students can learn!**

Cathy Shimon Announces Retirement as District Administrator

It is with a heavy heart that I am ending my educational career after 40 years, however, it's time to move on to the next chapter in my life. It has been a fantastic career and to have the opportunity of spending the last 13 of it here at Clayton has been quite special!

My career has been a rewarding one and I have been so blessed to be part of the Clayton "family". It's been an honor to be part of such an amazing group of colleagues, who truly put the

needs of students first and go above and beyond to do so!

For me, it's all about my "dash"! The "dash" between the year I began working for the Clayton School District (2006) and the year that I retire (2019) has been filled with many accomplishments

and fond memories that I will always cherish. I am really looking forward to whatever lies ahead of me and to be able to add new adventures to my "dash"!

Once again, I thank the Board of Education for entrusting me with their students, parents, staff and community for the past 13 years! The Clayton School District will always have a special place in my heart and I will always be proud to call myself a Clayton Bear!

WE ARE CLAYTON!





**MS/HS Principal,
Ed Cerney**

**From the Principal's
Desk**

With Parent teacher conferences scheduled for the evening of February 7th and the morning of February 8th, it is important for all our parents to discuss with their child's teacher the middle of the year assessment scores to see whether or not the students are showing growth. Our school district is scored by the state education department on how well we get students to improve their knowledge and skills (growth), regardless of where they start out. At conferences, be sure to talk with the teachers about your child's academic growth.

In the middle school you can discuss with the teachers choices made by the students regarding electives, which include band or choir for all of next year's grades and some elective choices for next year's 7th and 8th grade.

Parents of the high school students can have conversations with their child's teachers about classes for next year. The students are in the process of making requests for classes, and following a plan is often helpful to avoid missing any

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opportunity that would have been beneficial.

While your conversation with your child's adviser will be very specific, here are some general pieces of information that can be discussed at the conferences.

Main courses for freshmen and sophomores are required so their choices are fairly limited. Students however can be strategic when choosing electives. Band and choir are scheduled separately so that students can take both. Also, some of the elective areas have required beginning courses such as Art Survey and Ag Survey. Students interested in those areas may want to get these

courses out of the way in the first couple years. Many elective courses are available every year, while a few alternate years, so planning is important. Most students only take two or three years of a foreign language. Waiting until the sophomore or junior year may be a good choice.

In addition to the courses taught by our teachers, we also offer a wide variety of courses, for 10th -12th grade students, through our three Interactive Television Labs. These courses include some Tech School and University classes, which are weighted with regard to credits and GPA. If you have questions about how the weighting

works ask your child's adviser, Mrs. Arneberg, or Mr. Cerney.

Another option for juniors, seniors and eligible sophomores is online courseware. A wide variety of enrichment courses and credit recovery courses are available for students to work on independently. The can also access the courses at home through the Internet.

We are also working on offering, for the first time, a WITC Business Academy providing a course to juniors and seniors for dual credit by WITC, at our school. The course includes a business Certification through WITC at no cost.

We are proud of our diverse offerings and our ability as a small district to tailor our students' school days to their specific needs.



**Clayton Bears Club
Wants You
TO JOIN US!**

The Bears Club has openings for Children 2 years to 4 years old
Open from 6am to 6pm
Monday -Friday
Visit our website for details www.claytonsd.k12.wi.us



The 8th Grade, 1st Grade, and Native American Stories



The 8th Grade shared their Native American stories with the 1st Graders.

The 8th graders were lucky enough to get to listen to the first graders read, too! It was lots of fun spending time together!



January Student of the Month



Alexandra Markuson

Alexandra Markuson Named January Student of the Month

Our Clayton High School student chosen as the January Student of the Month is senior, high honors student, Alexandra Markuson. Ally is the daughter of Joel and Vicky Markuson.

Members of the high school teaching staff, nominate the students, and include a short description of the positive character traits of the students. Consideration is given to students that have positive personal

skills as well as interpersonal skills. The pride the student displays in the school and community is also evaluated.

In Alexandra's nominations, teachers said, "Ally is a well-rounded young lady and a very determined individual that wants to be successful while still experiencing a variety of activities. She participates in choir, band, FFA, and forensics as well as being in the Honor Society, on the football & wrestling cheerleading squads, the dance team and the art team. On the art team her outstanding leadership in and out of

the art room is amazing! She has been to state every single year for printmaking and crushes the competition. She was a captain already in her junior year which does not happen very often. When art team competes, Ally is the one to take charge and get the job done so that the team is successful! She is a great leader not only on the Art team, but in everything she does. She is an excellent flyer and leader on the cheer-leading squad. She is also a tremendous leader in her classes, providing an example for others to follow, and maintaining high honors status among the top students in her class. Ally has taken many college level classes in the past, including the WITC Construction Academy. She is currently enrolled in multiple college courses this year. Ally is a GREAT selection for the Clayton High School Student of the Month."

Congratulations Ally on being named Clayton High School, January 2019, Student of the Month!

Youth Apprenticeship Program

Experiencing The Real World While Still In High School With Youth Apprenticeship

Through a collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Instruction the Clayton High School has students participating in the state sanctioned Youth Appren-

ticeship program. With this program students have the opportunity to gain real world work experience while earning an industry recognized certification and a credit toward graduation.

In a nutshell, local employers agree to mentor student employees while they are earning a wage. Apprenticeships are aligned to specific careers and industries. Each apprenticeship requires different training to be completed and passed by the student.

This school year we have students in Manufacturing, Health Care, and the Hospitality and Tourism industries participating. There are requirements to earn the certification and credit so students are held accountable while earning experience that is normally not an option until after graduation.

A big shout out to the local employers participating in this years apprenticeship programs.

Berghammer Builders
- Clayton

Brickfire Pizza
- Turtle Lake

Courtesy Corporation
(McDonalds)
- Turtle Lake

Dairy Queen
- Turtle Lake

Golden Age Manor
- Amery

Markus Concrete &
Construction
- Amery

PUSH, Inc.
- Rice Lake

SMC, Ltd
- Amery

Sen. Schachtner Visits Clayton

"This morning was spent at the Clayton School District. What a gem in school daycare, community fitness center. Great new programs in cooking for careers, construction and a fantastic athletic program. Another example of a great and dedicated staff who's main focus is doing what's right for kids." (Sen. Patty Schachtner)



February Athletic Schedule

Important Upcoming Athletic Events:

February 2nd = Conference Wrestling Tournament
February 9th = Regional Wrestling Tournament
February 16th = Sectional Wrestling Tournament

February 12th – 15th Regional Hockey Tournament
February 19th – 23rd Sectional Hockey Tournament

February 19th - 23rd = Girls Basketball Regionals
February 21st – 23rd = Individual Wrestling State Tournament

February 26th – March 2nd = Boys Basketball Regionals
February 28th – March 2nd = Girls Basketball Sectionals

February 28th – March 2nd = State Hockey Tournament
March 1st – March 2nd = Wrestling Team State Tournament
March 7th – March 9th = Boys Basketball Sectionals

March 7th – March 9th = Girls State Basketball Tournament
March 14th – March 16th = Boys State Basketball Tournament

First Graders On A Chilly Day

The first graders are all dressed and ready to head out to enjoy recess on this chilly day!



The Fifth Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band had their first concert on Friday December 14th at the Elementary Holiday Concert. Congratulations to all of them for sharing such a wonderful performance with us!



9th Grade Physical Science

9th Grade Physical Science students having some fun with dry ice as part of their thermal energy unit!



The Problem With e-cigs

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued a public health advisory the week of January 6th, on youth e-cigarette use. The advisory was issued in response to new findings from the 2018 Youth Tobacco Sur-

vey (YTS). The YTS reports e-cigarette use increased 154% among Wisconsin high school students between 2014-2018, and 272% among Wisconsin middle school students. According to the YTS, 1 in 9 middle school students have tried e-cigarettes, and

The Problem with e-cigs

1 in 5 high school students currently use them. 20.1% of Wisconsin high school students and 4.1% of Wisconsin middle school students currently use e-cigarettes. The DHS Public Health Advisory details trends in youth use, dangers of youth e-cigarette

use, and provides recommendations for groups such as parents, teachers, health professionals, and community and state leaders.

You can find the advisory document, as well as links to the middle and high school YTS fact sheets at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobacco.



The Clayton School District!

The Clayton School District is nestled in the supportive community of Clayton, Wisconsin. Clayton itself is located in western Wisconsin about 1 hour northeast of Minneapolis. It is comprised of a 4K-12 school building with approximately 400 students school wide and 47 certified staff members. The Clayton School District has an excellent professional staff that cares a great deal about student's intellectual, emotional, and physical development. The primary mission of the staff members of Clayton Schools is to help students to develop the necessary skills and strategies to be confident life long learners and to be able to be productive in a global world. Students are our greatest assets and we will do whatever it takes to help them succeed. Students, staff, and administration are dedicated to creating a school environment that is conducive to learning and helps our students develop character traits exhibited by good citizens. We look forward to working with you in providing a quality education!

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District.

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student program and activities.

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