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SUPERINTENDENT

Republic School District Patrons-

As we enter the month of December, I'd like to give thanks to the community, staff, and students who have helped make it possible for us to have students in our school buildings. We are committed to remaining open for school with an in person option as long as we can provide that safely.

We are exploring options to provide an after school program starting in January. The logistics and capacity are still in the planning phase, but please be on the lookout for information in the coming weeks.

We continue to look at options to upgrade our facilities. Our recent bond vote received a majority (57%) of yes votes, but unfortunately didn't meet the needed (60%) to pass. Our buildings are in need of repair and we will continue to try to find ways to make improvements. We did receive an emergency grant to replace the shower areas in both the boys and girls locker rooms in the high school. This project is just finishing up and is quite an improvement.

Once again, I'd like to thank the staff, parents, and students for being flexible in these uncertain times. We are doing the best we can and look forward to things getting back to normal.



Kevin

PRINCIPAL

December 1, 2020

Happy December! It has been a great first quarter of school, and we are so appreciative to have students in school. As we finish up the 2020 year, we have a few activities in December that we want you to be aware of. Our regular Christmas events have been changed this year and instead of concerts, Mrs. Cromwell's music and band students will be performing virtually. All videos will be posted on our school's website. Thank you to Mr. Spencer's Media class for recording, videoing and editing the work. It has been a learning curve for all of us as we move to this new online experience. Students however, are learning a great deal and we appreciate all of the positive feedback we have received.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar had to be cancelled unfortunately. We hopefully will be able to have a Spring Bazaar later in the year. In addition, the Republic Senior Citizens' holiday meal has been cancelled as well. We are however working on offering some sort of winter or spring event for our wonderful senior citizens, we will keep you posted on upcoming events in the New Year.

Students last day for 2020 is Friday, December 18. Students will be released at 11:30 a.m.

I want to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season, and a joyous and prosperous NEW YEAR! I know this year has been extremely challenging for many of you. Please know we continue to be committed to offering the best education possible for your child and we thank you for your continued support of our great school!

We are:

**TIGER PRIDE,
REPUBLIC STRONG**

and most importantly,
Success for All!

Most Sincerely,

Ms. G.

Principal

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ASK THE SUPERINTENDENT

Question:

Are we going to have sports games?

ANSWER:

ATHLETICS ARE GOVERNED BY THE WASHINGTON INTERSCHOOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (WIAA). THEY HAVE RECENTLY MADE CHANGES TO THE ATHLETIC SEASONS WITH TRADITIONAL WINTER SPORTS (BASKETBALL, WRESTLING, CHEER) STARTING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021. THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO HAVE SHORTENED SEASONS THAT LAST SIX TO SEVEN WEEKS EACH. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE WIAA WEBSITE.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL - GIRLS
HS OR ELEMENTARY GYM
Coach Dan Graham
Monday 5:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday 3:00-5:00 PM



**CANCELLED DUE TO NEW MANDATES
FROM GOVERNOR INSLEE**



CHEER
HS STAGE AREA
Coach Sarah VanSlyke
Monday 3:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday 3:00-5:00 PM

Monday 3:15-5:00 PM
Wednesday 3:15-5:00 PM

ELEMENTARY BUZZ

MONDAY



POPCORN

WRISTBAND



WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

HOT COCOA HAPPINESS



WITH THE

KITCHEN STAFF

Honoring Veterans



Mrs. Bremner's 6th grade honor our veterans by hanging a garland strung with giant poppies. L-R Emera Giddings, Kerrington Johansen. Mrs. Bremner, and Nathan Donner. Photo courtesy Amy Sharbono

In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

 BREAKFAST		<h1>DECEMBER 2020</h1> <p>Republic School District</p>					<small>All Breakfast & Lunch are FREE for all students. Adults - Breakfast- \$2.50 Lunch- \$4.00 Menu May Change due to unavailability</small>	
 LUNCH		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
		French Toast 1 Fruit Chicken drumstick Veggies & fruit	Bagel 2 Fruit BBQ Rib Sandwich Veggies & fruit	Mini Tiger Tails 3 Fruit Pizza Veggies & fruit	Muffin & Yogurt 4 Fruit Chicken Burger Veggies & fruit			
		Cinnis & bagels 7 Fruit Mac & Cheese Veggies & fruit	Oatmeal Bars 8 Fruit Nachos Veggies & fruit	Pop Tarts 9 Fruit Chicken Nuggets Veggies & fruit	Pumpkin Bread 10 Fruit Chicken & Rice Veggies & fruit	Granola & Yogurt 11 Fruit Taco Burrito Veggies & fruit		
		French Toast 14 Fruit Mini Corndogs Veggies & fruit	Soft Filled Bars 15 Fruit Beef Dippers Veggies & fruit	Scone 16 Fruit BBQ Chicken Veggies & fruit	Muffin & Yogurt 17 Fruit Burrito Veggies & fruit	Donut 18 Fruit Sub Sandwich Veggies & fruit		
		Winter Break 21	Winter Break 22	Winter Break 23	Winter Break 24	Winter Break 25		
		Winter Break 28	Winter Break 29	Winter Break 30	Winter Break 31			

Milk is offered at every meal. Cereal is offered as an option at breakfast.
 Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:00 AM
 Grab & Go Breakfast is available from 8:00-8:30 AM

2020-2021 School Year

Republic School District Breakfast after the Bell

Research confirms that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children’s health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. Lack of breakfast can be contributed to busy morning schedules, transportation schedules, or just not being hungry first thing in the morning.

How can the cafeteria in your child’s school help your child to reach higher levels of achievement in math and reading, concentrate better, be more alert, retain more of what they learn, and participate in class? Provide a balanced breakfast that is at no cost to your students each morning.

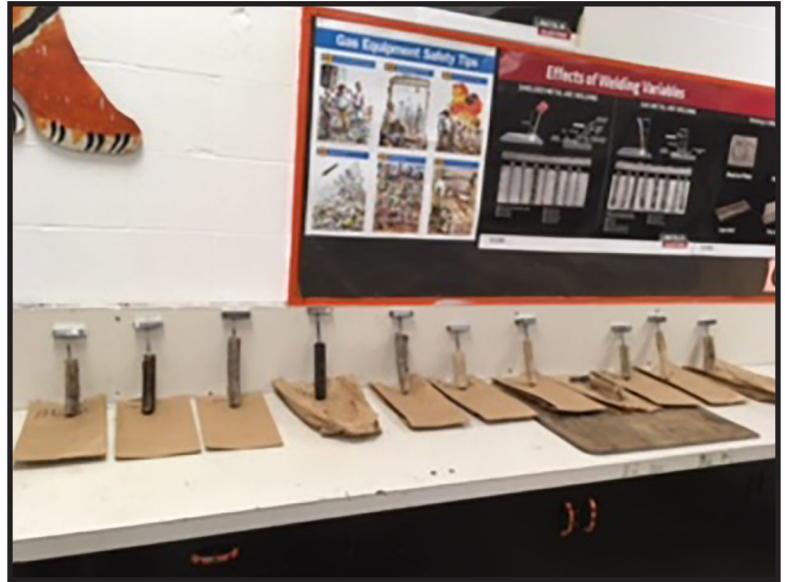
Each day Republic School District offers breakfast before school. Each meal contains whole grain items, fresh fruit, and milk. For students that don’t make it to school before the bell, Republic Elementary, Republic Middle School, and Republic High School are offering a “Grab and Go” menu after the bell in the morning. All students may eat breakfast for FREE. If your child eats prior to coming to school, they are still eligible to participate in the “Grab and Go” breakfast for FREE and eat the items as a mid-morning snack, which will help them concentrate until lunch.

If you struggle to provide snacks, or find your child struggles to make it from breakfast to lunch, this “Grab and Go” breakfast provides the convenience you need. Grab & Go will be served from 8:00-8:30 AM.

HAMMERING THINGS OUT IN THE SHOP

submitted by Dave Heinen

Last month our Junior High shop students worked hard making very unique tack hammers. This was quite a process. They had to cut a piece of square metal bar (with a hacksaw), shape it with a file, polish it with sand paper and that was just for the head of the hammer. The students were encouraged to come up with their own design for their hammer head as well as the handle. As you can see in the picture students made really great hammers. This was a challenging project and all of the Junior Highers rose to the challenge and did an amazing job!



Our Advanced Metal's students took a piece of round bar and fashioned it into their own personal chipping hammer. Once again this was a challenging project with multiple steps needed to produce the final product. They started by cutting the round bar to length and then proceeded to heat the round bar and hammer it into the shape that they wanted for their hammer. Once they got the hammer into the desired shape we heated the hammer head up and let it cool overnight to soften the metal. With the metal soft the students were able to refine the hammer's shape. The next step was to make the metal hard again so we heated it up and quenched it in oil. Once the hammer was hard we were able to polish the hammer. The



the hammer head. Once polished the last colors that you see in the pictures is how we determine how hard the steel will be. The colors represent a specific temperature which will give us the hardness that we desire. Again this was a challenging project, most of the students had never even done anything like this before and it was great to see them all rise to the challenge and make amazing chipping hammers!



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BUS SAFETY

Reminder no overnight parking.

Please remember to drive slowly and to be cautious of the cones that are placed in the school parking lot.

Students are in and out of the lot at all times of the day, and it is especially congested during arrival and departure times with buses.



Upcoming Events

School Board Meetings

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

New Board Room Location: 'Old' High School Library

Work Session starts at 6 PM

Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Counselor Corner



November and December 2020
Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

submitted by Bonnie Grumbach, Republic
& Curlew Counselor

Now open for seniors through February:

Students should complete the FAFSA® form to apply for financial aid. They must provide a screenshot of their FAFSA confirmation email if selected for the scholarship.

With the College Board Opportunity Scholarships, students who fill out the FAFSA® will earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship. If you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA®, you can still earn a chance at the scholarship on your My Action Plan page.

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Class of 2021 students, complete five of the six actions (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.

1. Build Your College List: \$500
2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000
3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000
4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500
5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000
6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

For more detailed information go to: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Graduation Requirements

High School & Beyond Plan

Seniors are encouraged to begin the process of preparing for their senior presentation. Documents were given to each senior either

in person or through email. If parents would like to see



what is required, they are encouraged to go to our website and look under Student Resources, Student Documents, and High School & Beyond Information. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to call the school and setup an appointment.

You may direct
ASK THE SUPERINTENDENT
questions to Media instructor Christian Spencer at cspencer@republicsd.org

Free School Meals through 2020/2021 school year

Why should your family take advantage of this??

- They are FREE & help you stretch your household food budget!
- They save you time & are available in school and even to virtual learners!
- You are helping to create/sustain jobs & the local economy!
- They are delicious, nutritious, fun & convenient!
- They are FREE for ALL kids ages 1-18 years old, all through the school year 2020/2021

If you would like to do a Breakfast/Lunch pick-up please contact the school kitchen at 509-207-7370.



UPDATED COVID-19 High School Sports Season Schedule

	START	END
Basketball:	Feb. 1, 2021	Mar. 21, 2021
Wrestling:	Feb. 1, 2021	Mar. 21, 2021
Football:	Mar. 8, 2021	May 9, 2021
Volleyball:	Mar. 15, 2021	May 2, 2021
Baseball:	Apr. 26, 2021	Jun. 13, 2021
Softball:	Apr. 26, 2021	Jun. 13, 2021
Track:	Apr. 26, 2021	Jun. 26, 2021
Crosscountry:	Mar. 15, 2021	May 2, 2021



VETERANS' THANK YOU

L-R Trace Fletcher, Vincent Carrillo, and Cailey Lott working on the display board to Veterans. Photo courtesy Dena Fletcher.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT
OUR WEBSITE FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Check website for updated news and information.

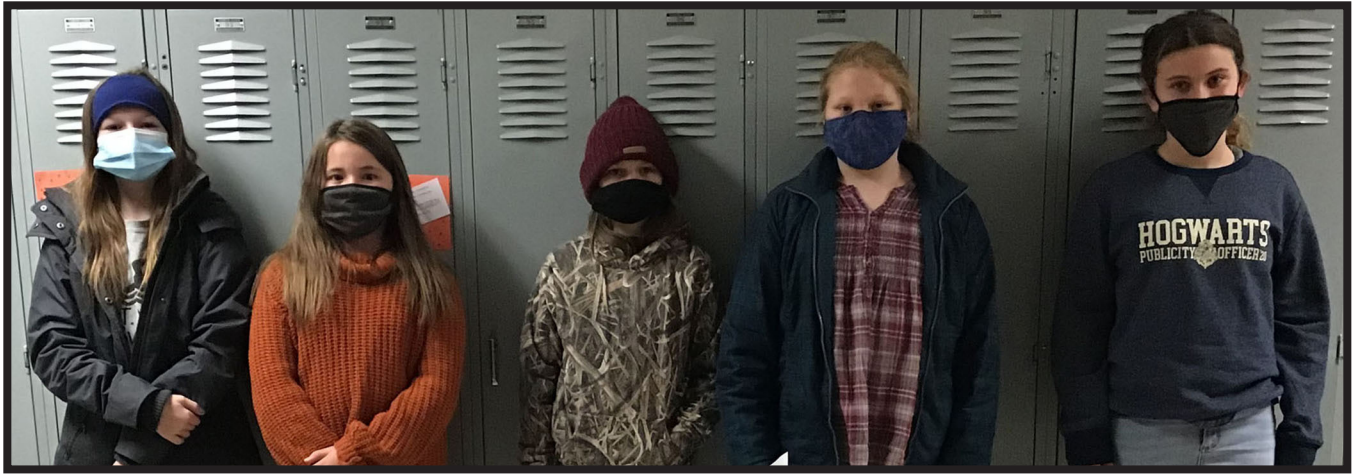
You will find many resources including an up-to-date calendar of school activities and sports events, parent, student, and district information - just to name a few.



DONATES MASKS TO REPUBLIC

Thank you River Warrior Society for donating the beautifully hand-sewn mask to the school district. The River Warrior Society is an Indigenous led non-profit organization. These were delivered to Dena Fletcher.

SPECIAL THANKS TO FAITH ZACHERLE



JUNIOR ASB ATTEND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Junior ASB from L-R President Kerrington Johansen, Vice-President Saige Schooley, Publicity Officer Zoe Parker, Secretary Tristen Bennett, and Treasurer Zerenety Lytle. Advisor Sara Cromwell attended the meeting with these young ladies. Chairperson Travis Fletcher thanked these young ladies for attending the meeting.



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REMINDER!

DECEMBER 18 - EARLY RELEASE AT 11:30 AM

NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1, 2021

RETURN: JANUARY 4, 2021