

Administrator's Report

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School Delays and Cancellations

Winter will soon be upon us, and along with it we can expect some weather that will make for difficult travel conditions. When the weather situation becomes challenging, three possible options can exist: school can be cancelled completely, school can be two hours late, or school may be dismissed early. If school is cancelled completely or starts late, we will make every effort to have the announcement on the radio or TV by 6:30 a.m. If school is going to start late, and then we need to cancel it, we will make every effort to have that change announced by 8:30 a.m. When we let school out early, we will try to give parents 2 hours of advanced notice whenever possible.

Please have a plan in advance for possible early school closures or delays. Parents or guardians may want to advise their child's teacher of any alternate plans, in case of early dismissal due to weather challenges.

Weather related announcements will be put on the following media outlets:

Text Messages: Sign up for the school app; for more info see below.

Website: School website at www.seneca.k12.wi.us

Radio: WQPC, Prairie du Chien, 94.3 FM. WVRQ, Viroqua, 102.3 FM.

TV: WKBT, LaCrosse, Channel 8. WXOW, LaCrosse, Channel 19.

The most accurate source of information for school announcements is text messages and our school website.

Please do not call the school or radio stations in anticipation of announcements, this only delays the procedure and makes it more difficult to get the message out. If you do find it necessary to call the school, dial extension 2 for school related announcements, as school cancellations will also be posted there.

Please Note: The TV stations have informed us that if less than 3 schools have announcements on a particular day, they will not run the "scrolling" announcements along the bottom of the television screen, thereby making text messages, the school website, or radio your best bet for accurate information.

You can download the school app for free on both Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Download for Android: <http://bit.ly/2UDC2jb>

Download for iPhone: <https://apple.co/2Uv3YWq>

Any questions, please contact us at school.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held at the conclusion of the first quarter of school. On Thursday, November 14, conferences will run from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Teachers will take their supper break from 4:00-5:00 p.m. On Friday, November 15, conferences will run from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Conference times will be scheduled in the elementary building. In the high school and middle school, teachers will be available

to see parents on a first-come, first-serve basis. We look forward to visiting with many of you about the progress of your child on the 14th and 15th of November.

School Receives Donations

The District recently received a number of significant donations to our school, including the following:

- \$4,110 from the Seneca Educational Foundation, which included: \$1800 for a set of Ozobots (small robots which can be coded by the students); \$1455 to the band program for 3 trumpets; \$400 for a classroom rug; and \$450 to SHARE for their holiday gift baskets.

The most recent donations from the Foundation brings the total amount they have donated to the school since 2006 being \$165,293

- \$6,160 in school office supplies from 3M.
- \$1900 from the Seneca Sportsman's Club to the Trap Team.

Thanks to all of our generous donors, for the opportunities you make available for our students! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

School Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing Held

The school Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing was held October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. The annual budget and the tax levy were passed unanimously by those in attendance.

At the school board meeting on Monday, October 21, the Board gave approval to the school budget and tax levy for the 2019-20 school year. The Board approved a final budget with revenue of \$4,380,248 and expenditures of \$4,380,248, meaning a balanced budget. The Board also approved a total tax levy of \$1,662,011, which is 1.86 % lower than last year. The mill rate is expected to be 9.77, which is lower than last year. The impact on your taxes as an individual will vary according to your local municipality, and your individual situation.

Parent/Teacher Program Sponsors Scrip Program

Since 2011 the Seneca Parent/Teacher Program has participated in the Great Lakes Scrip Program (GLSP) and since that time they have donated over \$9100 to elementary playground improvements. Participation in this program is easy and does not cost you any additional money. You can purchase gift cards to any participating business (Johnson's One Stop, Walmart, Cabela's, Culvers, Target, Amazon, iTunes, Old Navy, Kohl's, JcPenney, etc.). The Seneca Parent/Teacher Program then orders the gift cards from GLSP at a discounted price and the difference goes to our school. Each business has selected a different discounted percentage which varies from 1.5% to 18%. Order forms can be picked up in the district office or printed from the school district website (under the Information tab). Orders are placed on the 7th of each month throughout the school year with an additional order placed on November 22 for the holiday season. It takes about 2 weeks to receive your order after it has been placed.

Since we all buy groceries, clothes, and gas, why not buy with gift cards instead of using cash, checks, or credit cards? If you are looking for a last minute gift for someone, we have a limited number of gift cards available on hand, please feel free to stop in the office and see if we have something you are looking for. Thank you to Johnson's One Stop for taking the extra time and effort to participate in this program.

Calendar Reminders

- Early release on **Thursday, November 14** for parent teacher conferences. Conferences from 1:30- 8:00 p.m..
- No school, **Friday, November 15**. Parent teacher conferences from 8:00-10:00 a.m., teacher inservice from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- Next regular School Board Meeting, **Monday, November 18**, 7:00 p.m.
- No school, Thanksgiving break, Wednesday, **November 27** thru **Friday, November 29**.

WIAA Student Eligibility

As members of the WIAA in grades 9-12, our school follows all rules and regulations set down by that organization. In the past, we have had isolated incidents in which the pictures or images of our student-athletes were used in advertisements for businesses. This practice is not consistent with WIAA rules, and students can lose their eligibility if this happens, even if they do not give permission for such usage. If you have questions about these or any other WIAA rule, check out their website at www.wiaawi.org or contact our athletic director, Erika Clark.

Sportsmanship: Keep It About Kids

As the winter sports seasons begin, it is important to keep in mind why we have school events: they are for the students. We as a school community have always been proud of the way our teams have represented us. As parents, guardians, friends, and community supporters, we need to support our students in a fashion that makes them proud of us in return. When you leave an event, ask yourself: "Would my team (or my child) be proud of the way I acted at the event tonight?". Kids participate in school sponsored events to have fun and enjoy what they are doing. They will remember these school sponsored events for a lifetime. We should not let the actions of spectators take away from the joy of participating in an event.



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