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School News

School Choice opens December 1st! Here is the link to complete School Choice.
6th and 7th grade families do not have to complete school choice. They will continue at Starbuck through 8th grade. School choice must be done by 8th grade families who would like their student to continue with the IB Programme at Case High School. School choice must be done by families of 5th grade IB Students that attend Jefferson or West Ridge.
RUSD is hosting a virtual School Choice Fair on December 2nd. Click here to register.

The Winter Choir and Musical Theater Concert is coming up, Thursday, December 9th at 7:00. Call for students is 6:20 in the cafeteria and the auditorium will open at 6:30 for families.

Auditions for *The Lion King* will be December 14th-16th. Tuesday the 14th will be for singing and paperwork. Wednesday is for dancing auditions and Thursday will be for callbacks for lead roles. Rehearsals will begin right after Winter Break and the Performances will be in mid-March.

Winter Band and Orchestra Concert is December 16th at 7pm.
Students are asked to arrive by 6:45pm. This is a summative assessment (final exam) for the first semester, so concert participation is expected and graded.
What do we wear for concerts?
All black. I like to keep it as easy, simple, and inexpensive as possible for families. If you'd like to wear dressy black clothing and shoes, you can. If you'd rather wear black joggers, a black t-shirt or hoodie, and black gym shoes - that's fine too. If you'd like, feel free to add some (silent) festive accessories.
Volunteers Needed! WINGS approval required - https://rusd.org/community/get-involved

1. If you are available to help with concert set-up (moving chairs, stands, and percussion instruments) I could use help after school on Friday, December 10th.
2. If you are available to help with tuning instruments and/or supervising students, I could use help during the following times and dates:
   December 13th @ 2-3pm
   December 15th @ 2-3pm
   December 16th @ 6:30pm-End of Concert
3. If you are available to help return chairs, stands, and percussion instruments to the band/orchestra room after the concert, I would love a few volunteers then as well.

Please email me at dawn.pachniak@rusd.org if you can help or have any questions.

Racine Unified School District is participating in the federally funded COVID-19 testing program for K-12 schools to add another layer of protection for our students, staff and families, identify cases early and prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is optional and your child will only be tested if parent/guardian consent has been given. Click here for more information.

What's going on in the classroom?

7th grade science students are beginning to work on our learning standard for Photosynthesis. Using the 5E learning model of Engagement, Exploration, Explanation, Elaboration and Evaluation, students will be able to identify and describe* evidence (e.g., from students' own investigations, observations, reading material, archived data) necessary to constructing the explanations and design solutions for the Photosynthesis flow of energy and the cycling of matter. Students will be extending their learning to explain how gases move in and out of a leaf, how water moves through a plant and where chlorophyll is located in the leaf. We are excited to relate our new knowledge of Photosynthesis with our producers in our energy pyramid, food webs and food chains.

PTSA Updates

Thank you to all for making our book fair amazing! We were able to raise over $1,000 for future events for students, families, and teachers!

Upcoming dates:

- December 4th, "Shop and Donate" at Menagerie Games (4525 Sheridan Road) 12:00-4:00 pm
- December 6th-17th, silent auction...be on the lookout for the bidding link!
- December 14th, 7:00pm PTSA virtual meeting...join us by using this link: meet.google.com/gxe-kuip-zxe
- December 15th, last day for early registration for Math Kangaroo! Email us at starbuckptsaracine@gmail.com with any questions.

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Starbuck Middle an IB World School

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IB Learner Profile Trait: KNOWLEDGABLE

- Play age-appropriate trivia games
- Read to your child at a reading level a bit higher than their reading level, from a broad range of topics
- Visit the local museums, zoos, parks, etc

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8th Grade ACP School Choice Night 6- 7PM	**2** RUSD Virtual School Choice Fair	**3**	**4** Shop & Donate @ Menagerie Games
5	**6** PTSA Silent Auction	**7**	**8** 8th Grade ACP School Choice Night 6- 7PM	**9** Winter Choir Concert 7PM	**10**	**11**
12	**13**	**14** Lion King Auditions Begin PTSA Meeting	**15**	**16** Winter Band & Orchestra Concert 7PM	**17**	**18**
19	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23** Holiday Recess Begins	**24** 	**25**
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8th Grade Students and Families

ACP & School Choice Info Night

Join us for an Academic & Career Planning (ACP) and School Choice Information night and receive a Wendy's coupon for a FREE 4 for $4 meal. Mr. Ponte will be present to support Spanish speaking families.

WHAT:

- A *general* ACP presentation will be shared
  (for an individualized ACP Conference, please schedule with Mrs. Kennedy)
- Help completing School Choice

WHERE:

Starbuck Middle, an IB World School.
Join us in the theater; take a left as you enter the front of the building.

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 1st; 6-7pm

OR

Wednesday, December 8th; 6-7pm

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Do you like Math & Logic Puzzles, and Problem Solving ?

Math Kangaroo is an **international** contest held annually worldwide on the 3rd Thursday in March. **This year we will host a private ONLINE session on March 17th, 2022 from 5:00-6:30 pm!**

Download or pick up the informational handouts to learn more about the **Math Kangaroo Competition** and how to register! [*See Mrs. Grodey*]
(You will need the private registration code for our ONLINE Starbuck IB World School session.)

Register online before December 15th, 2020. (Cost is $21.)

Open to interested Starbuck and JLS Students,
(and their siblings in **Grades 1 – 12**), while space remains

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*Safe Work Environment
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