

Clipper Connection

Sturgeon Bay High School

February 2010

Open Enrollment Information

If you know of parents who would like to send their children to the Sturgeon Bay District but do not currently live within the district boundaries, please pass along this information.

Wisconsin's open enrollment period for the 2010-11 school year

begins February 1 at 12:00 a.m. and closes February 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Additional information about open enrollment and requirements for open enrollment applications are contained in the complete news release available on the Department of Public Instruction

newsroom website at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2010_04.pdf

or from the open enrollment website <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>.

For questions about Sturgeon Bay School District's open enrollment, please contact Mrs. Brunette at 920.746.2807.

Message from Superintendent Stutting

By now the 2009 tax bills have arrived. The largest portion of the increase in the property tax is the result of the school tax increase. The question being asked by local property owners is, Why?

The fact of the matter is the State of Wisconsin's 2009-2011 budget has caused the Sturgeon Bay School District's tax to increase. The state budget took away from the school district over \$700,000 in state aid. The local district went from having 40 percent to 30 percent of its budget funded by the state. The result of the loss meant the local taxpayer had to make up the difference. To make matters worse, the state did not make this decision until July of 2009. By law, the district's teaching staff was set by May of 2009. The late decision by the state would not allow for any staff reductions before the beginning of the school year.

Over the past three years, the school district has worked hard to control costs. In July, the support staff union, teacher associate union, and non-represented staff changed insurance companies to save over 12 percent on insurance costs. The district has not filled teaching positions at the middle school and high school that were no longer needed because of smaller class sizes. Energy saving projects were completed in the high school, Sunset, and Sunrise and will help lower energy costs. Ink jet printers were eliminated from the district budget. These are just a few of the things the district has done and will continue to do to control costs.

The 2009-2010 school district budget has an increase of 2.9 percent in actual expenditures. The current state school formula causes the district to struggle to make ends meet. The state formula treats the district as if it is land rich and assumes the local taxpayers can afford to pay more for the school. The district also has declining enrollment, so the formula restricts revenue. The school

board did not set up the funding formula for schools, nor did it ask the state to lower the state aid to the school district. The school board can only work within the state funding system.

The school district appreciates the support it gets from the entire Sturgeon Bay community. The school district will continue to look for ways to hold down spending while providing a sound education to all of our students.

A Note from the Principal

We have completed the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. Freshmen now have a very good understanding of the high school routine, and we continue to support them as they make the full-year transition during this next semester. Seniors are now entering their final semester of high school. Parents of seniors, please note that there is specific information for seniors in the Academics section below.

Your student's Semester 1 report card is enclosed with this mailing. If you have questions about a grade, please contact the teacher of that particular course.

Academics

Graduation and commencement ceremony information. With Semester 2 beginning mid-January, it is important for seniors and parents to be aware of the following guidelines surrounding graduation and the commencement ceremony at Sturgeon Bay High School:

1. Students and parents are responsible for verifying completion of total credits required for graduation. If there are any questions regarding credits or requirements, an appointment with the school counselor should be made as soon as pos-

sible. The Class of 2010 counselor is Mr. Grahl (920.746.1827 or ggrahl@sturbay.k12.wi.us).

2. No member of the graduating class shall take part in the commencement ceremony without meeting the credit requirements.
3. A senior who reaches the state definition of truancy (five full or partial days of unexcused absences) in the second semester will not participate in the commencement ceremony.
4. Seniors must be registered as full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of three courses) in the transcribed grading period immediately prior to graduation in order to take part in the commencement ceremony. In cases of extreme family hardships or for educational reasons, a work program may be arranged in the student's best interest.

School Counseling Department

Testing dates. Below are the 2009-10 ACT/SAT testing dates. Even though only one test is required for college admissions, students are encouraged to take either of these tests at least twice, beginning in the junior year. This better ensures the highest possible scores. SBHS offers each ACT test. The closest SAT testing site is Green Bay. Registration deadlines are generally a month in advance to avoid a late fee. Contact your counselor with questions.

ACT

www.act.org

February 6, 2010

April 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

SAT

<http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/>

March 13, 2010

May 1, 2010

June 5, 2010

The UW System website offers free ACT preparation. Go to <http://knowhow2gowisconsin.org/> to take advantage of this opportunity to improve ACT scores.

Technical colleges will accept ACT/SAT tests but may have additional admissions tests. NWTC accepts the Accuplacer test in place of the ACT. The Accuplacer can be given at Sturgeon Bay High School at any time free of charge. Contact a counselor to set up an appointment.

Financial aid important tip. When applying for your PIN number on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website and choose to have your PIN emailed to you, many of the servers seem to be filtering the response into the junk mail box. However, if you add federalstudentaidPIN@cpsemail.ed.gov to your address book, it will fix the problem.

College Goal Sunday. Are you concerned about completing the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) on your own? Each year College Goal Sunday is held to assist students and parents in completing the FAFSA. This year the event will be on Sunday, February 21, at East High School in Green Bay. Experienced volunteers will be on hand to help throughout the afternoon.

Visit www.wicollegegoalsunday.org or call 866.578.GOAL (4625) for more information.

Financial aid meeting. On Monday, February 1, a financial aid meeting for parents of seniors will be held at Sevastopol High School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Multipurpose Room. Jeff Zahn, a financial aid counselor from St. Norbert College, will be the presenter. This meeting is especially important for those parents who have never applied for financial aid. Students are welcome but not required to attend.

Course selection for 2010-11. Students should have received, completed, and returned their course selection sheets for the 2010-11 school year. Computer entry will be done during the first week of February. *We can never stress enough the importance of taking the necessary time to consider course choices for the following year. In today's environment, this thought process is especially important.* We have declining enrollment, and we have to consider which courses and the number of sections of each course we need to offer in the future. This is particularly important in regard to elective courses. We plan the following year's master schedule based on these course selection materials. After course requests are entered, the counselors will meet individually with every student regarding the final schedule.

Please contact Mr. Grahl, Mrs. O'Handley, or Mr. Nickel for questions about the scheduling process.

Scholarships. Seniors are encouraged to apply for scholarships. Most money SBHS students receive comes from a wide array of very generous local donors. An updated monthly list of scholarships will be sent to the home of each senior, or seniors may check with Mrs. Rankin in the High School Office for an updated list. There are some national-level scholarships that students can check into for qualifications. For more information, visit www.meritaid.com, www.axa-achievement.com, or www.fastweb.com. While these websites are reputable, beware of any scholarship/award solicitations that require an up-front fee. These are generally moneymaking deals for an organization and provide little to no student benefits.

College tuition reduction. Midwest Student Exchange program is a tuition reduction program that makes attending participating out-of-state colleges more affordable for non-resident students. Check out <http://msepmhcc.org> for more details.

Parents of juniors. Mrs. O'Handley spoke with all juniors about preparing for post-secondary plans, which includes college admission. A meeting will be held this spring/summer to provide this information to parents. Feel free to contact Mrs. O'Handley (920.746.3867 or johandley@sturbay.k12.wi.us) to schedule a time to discuss post-secondary plans with your son/daughter.

Transcripts. Students/parents are encouraged to check transcripts to ensure that there are no mistakes. The

counselors do their best to check the transcripts each year; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student/parent to make sure the transcript is correct. For questions, contact the counselors.

“Senior slide.” The second semester of senior year is traditionally known as “senior slide” time. This phenomenon can be harmless enough, or it can be extremely detrimental to a student’s success in college and technical college. Many students feel that once they have met their requirements for high school graduation and college admission, it does not matter what they do. *This is not true.* Each year, college admissions officers report to us that “senior slide” is one of their biggest frustrations. Education and knowledge may be thought of as a continuous line. The farther along the line a student goes, the better off that student will be the next time a course in that subject area is taken.

In addition, when a student requests a course during course scheduling, a space is saved in the course. When a student drops a course, he/she creates an imbalance in the master schedule, e.g., overcrowded classrooms, wasted resources, cancelled courses. Please keep this in mind when your son/daughter asks you to sign a request to change courses.

As always, if you have any questions, contact your child’s counselor.

Student Activities

High school musical: *Bye Bye Birdie.* Sturgeon Bay High School’s production of *Bye Bye Birdie* opens Friday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Auditorium. Additional performances will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, with the final performance on Monday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. General admission tickets are available at the door. (There are no advance sales.) Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

Bye Bye Birdie is set in 1960. The small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, is thrown into frenzy when rock star Conrad Birdie arrives to deliver “One Last Kiss” to Kim McAfee before going to join the Army. What’s even more exciting, “the kiss” will be broadcast live on the Ed Sullivan show. Meanwhile, the romance between Conrad’s manager, Albert, and Rosie, Albert’s able assistant, has nearly fizzled out, and the success or failure of the TV show will determine their future together – that’s if Albert’s mother doesn’t ruin everything. *Bye Bye Birdie*’s exuberant “kids” and their frazzled parents hilariously prove that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

In a cast of more than 40, *Bye Bye Birdie* features Gretchen Hathaway as Rosie Alvarez, Greg Grohman as Albert Peterson, Andrea Malek as Kim MacAfee, and Brent Coisman as Conrad Birdie. SBHS choral director, David Robertson, who also serves as music director, coordinates the production. Renée Bauernfeind is drama director, and her husband, Bill, is the assistant director. Celeste Munson and Sarah Chayer are providing choreography and dance instruction. A pit orchestra led by Robert Nickel, high school principal, and comprised of SBHS

teachers and students provides live music for the show. The set construction was completed under the direction of SBHS Tech. Ed. teacher, Brian Pahl.

Dance Team news. Congratulations to the Sturgeon Bay High School Dance Team! They earned first place in the Small Varsity Pom Division and first place in the Large Varsity Hip Hop Division at Appleton North High School Dance Competition held Saturday, January 16. The team also received the biggest award as Grand Champions by earning the highest score of the day over all divisions with their pom performance. The team has secured their bid to compete at the UPA Americup National Dance Competition held February 19 through 21 at the Minneapolis Hilton Convention Center in the Pom, Hip Hop, and Jazz Dance categories.



Bottom row (l-r): Kelsey Medlen, Emily Friese, Jackie Tuttle, Emily Newbern. Middle row (l-r): Sarah Chayer, Rebecca Conoley, Jamaica Schroedl, Leah Babin, Mariah Vandertie, Andrea Innes. Top row (l-r): Shana Burke, Sam Collins, Alex Ford, Betsy Bader, Noel Dubuque. Head Coach: Nicole Herbst, Assistant Coach: Samantha Nielson

Math Team news. The Math Team is well on the way to its ninth straight Packerland championship. In the first Conference Math Meet held at Oconto on January 11, Sturgeon Bay finished first beating Oconto by 46 points. Sturgeon Bay’s second team finished first among nine total second and third teams and would have finished only behind Sturgeon Bay’s first team if competing against the other conference first teams. The third team finished third among the nine JV teams. Individually, Michael Wolfe was the highest scoring freshman, Paige Nelson was the fifth-highest scoring sophomore, Michaela Rabas was the fourth-highest scoring junior, and the seniors nearly swept the medals with Erin Pomeroy fifth, Brent Coisman third, Danny Stawicki second, and Nick Winkel first with a perfect score.

In the second Conference Math Meet held at Algoma on January 25, Sturgeon Bay finished first beating Oconto by 33 points. Sturgeon Bay’s second team again dominated and only lost to the first team by eight points. Sturgeon Bay’s third team again finished third among 12 second and third teams from the conference. Individually, Maddie Hauser was second among all freshmen;

Michaela Rabas was fourth and Jonathan Anthony was third among all juniors; Jake Vander Velden was third, Erin Pomeroy second, and Danny Stawicki was first among all seniors.

Sadie Hawkins Dance costumes. On Saturday, February 6, SBHS will hold its annual Sadie Hawkins Dance. Traditionally, this is a themed dance with students dressing in costume. In the past, some costumes have been questionable and inappropriate for a school activity. Parents, please monitor your student's choice of costume. Students who arrive at the dance wearing inappropriate costumes will be sent home to change.

Senior Night Committee Meeting. A meeting for any Class of 2010 parent interested in helping with Senior Night will be Monday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Library. For questions, please contact Cheryl Bournville at 920.743.2916 or bourny@itol.com.

Service Club news. The Service Club will hold its annual Valentine carnation sale February 1 through 11. All proceeds this year will be sent to the Red Cross Haitian Relief Fund. Flowers will be sold before school and during lunch at the cost of \$2.50 each. A piece of candy will be attached to every flower. Flowers will be handed out on Friday, February 12, during Block 4. Please support this Service Club fundraiser. Order forms will be available in the High School Office for parents.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) report. Throughout the first year of Sturgeon Bay's FBLA program, we have undergone many character-building endeavors. Our fundraising has been successful for our limited group. We have made obvious profit from early morning sales of coffee and cocoa, after-school food marketing, and mainly through Seroogy's chocolate sales. With our retained funds, we plan to travel to Chicago's business district for a weekend and tour the main enterprises of the region. This has been our paramount goal and will undoubtedly benefit the organization through a first-hand experience of seeing the internal operations of large metropolitan corporations.

Previously, select members of FBLA have travelled to Milwaukee to compete in Marquette University's annual business case competition. The program was successful, and not only were the benefits intrinsic and educational, we actually had the opportunity to see a Marquette basketball game completely free of charge. We will soon be traveling to Milwaukee again, this time to see a Bucks game (from nearly front-row seats) and then to take a tour of the area and speak with leading business executives.

Whoever claims business isn't fun is terribly wrong! FBLA is the perfect example of an organization which combines education and leisure. Not only are we setting the basis of American business idealism within the minds of prominent youth, we are actually making money, getting out of town, and learning hands-on college- and professional-level business knowledge.

As president of the Sturgeon Bay chapter, I recommend all students looking for a co-curricular that teaches independence, common knowledge, Americanism, and profit-making to join FBLA. I guarantee that you will see vast intellectual benefits, have the opportunity to network with other students and business professionals, and gain values of respect and confidence you may not have realized was within you.

We appreciate all of the community support we have received as we continue to learn and experience business life. (Written by Brandon Jubelirer.)

Attention Parents of Class of 2010: Pictures needed. We would like to create a slide show featuring pictures of the grads. Please send a baby, toddler, or elementary school picture of your grad to the address below. Clearly write the name of your grad on the back of the picture. All pictures will be returned. If you would rather email the picture, please send it to Mystico5@charter.net and include your grad's name and the words "Senior Picture" in the subject line. We could also use full-class elementary school pictures.

Sturgeon Bay High School
Attention: Senior Night
1230 Michigan Street
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Sturgeon Bay Shootout 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The Booster Club will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, February 27, in the high school and middle school. The club is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- scorekeepers
- referees (with experience)
- concession help
- provide baked goods
- clean-up crew

Both boys and girls divisions in Grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate in the tournament. The cost is \$80 per four-person team, and T-shirts are given to each participant. Entry forms and rules are available on the district website at www.sturbay.k12.wi.us.

Anyone willing to volunteer for a shift should contact Pam Seiler at rico4@charter.net or call 920.743.5851.

News from the Instrumental Music Department. The following students participated in the Bay Area Music Association Conference Honor Band which took place January 9 in Gibraltar: Erin Pomeroy, Casey Hutton, Maya Woods, Michael Webber, Ian Wulf, Erik Elliott, Amelia Campbell, and Abbey Pomeroy. This is an annual event sponsored by area band directors and students from Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Sturgeon Bay, Southern Door, Algoma, Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, Denmark, and NEW Lutheran. The students are selected by their band directors for their outstanding musicianship. They are given music ahead of time to practice and come together for a day of rehearsal and to perform a concert at the end of that day. This year's guest conductor was Dr. Andrew Mast, band director at Lawrence University Conservatory

of Music. The students had a great time learning music of a very high caliber. Congratulations to these outstanding Sturgeon Bay High School band students on an outstanding concert and the outstanding way they represented our SBHS music program.

Our annual Hansen's Pizza band fundraiser is being delivered on February 10 and will be ready for pick up at 3:15 p.m. All items should be picked up by 6:00 p.m. All money should be turned in by Friday, February 12.

Final Florida trip payments are due March 1. A final balance will be sent to each person after the Hanson's pizza sale is complete in mid-February. Please refer to the band website at www.classhomework.com/sbhsband for the trip rehearsal schedule.

The annual Pops Concert is scheduled for March 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. Tickets go on sale March 1. Our theme is "Disney: It's A Small World" and will again include the Chinese raffle. If you would like to make a donation to the Instrumental Music Department for the Chinese raffle, please contact Mrs. Hintz (920.746.3874 or hhintz@sturbay.k12.wi.us) or Mrs. Rosenthal (920.746.5766 or lrosenthal@sturbay.k12.wi.us). Donations may be dropped off at school. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. If you are a band parent who would like to help with this event, please feel free to contact one of the band directors. All help is greatly appreciated.

P.A.T.H. Information

P.A.T.H. (Providing Access to Help for Families with Special Needs). Visit the following address for up-to-date information on P.A.T.H. activities: <http://www.sturgeonbaymoravian.org/path>.

The P.A.T.H. office is located at 323 South Fifth Avenue in Sturgeon Bay (in the basement of Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church). Call 920.559.6217 for more information.

Other Information

The 2010 Census is coming in March!

- It's important!
 - To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations at all geographic levels in the nation, the Census Bureau needs you or someone in your household to respond to the census questionnaire.
 - Census affects funding in your community, including school funding.
 - Census affects your voice in Congress.

- Census affects your representation in state and local government.
- Census informs your community's decisions.
- It's easy!
 - The census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to answer and return by mail.
 - It will be a short-form only census.
- It's confidential!
 - Your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9).
 - All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine – or both – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.
- It's required by law!
 - The information provides summary statistical data that are used by various local, state, and federal agencies.

Open computer lab. Room 199 will be open every school day from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. for those students who need computer lab access. This room may also be used for those students who need a quiet place to study before the school day.

Test make-up room. Room 199 will be open every school day from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. for those students who need to make up tests due to absence from school. To schedule a make-up test, students should first see the appropriate classroom teacher. The teacher will ensure the make-up test is given to the staff member supervising Room 199.

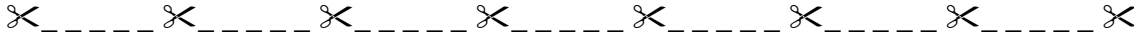
Yearbook candids. Parents and students who have favorite candids for use in the 2009-10 edition of *Flashes* should email them to Mrs. Herbst at nherbst@sturbay.k12.wi.us. These should be high-resolution digital images. For questions, please contact Mrs. Herbst at the same email address or by phone at 920.746.5763.

Yearbook parent/student contact information.

- For questions on yearbook bills, please call 1.866.282.1516.
- Send yearbook payments to Jostens Yearbook Service Center, P. O. Box 172328, Denver, CO 80217.
- To order or pay online, visit www.jostensyearbooks.com.



Target REDcards. Did you know there's an easy way to help raise money for our school – for classroom materials, co-curricular equipment, computers, etc.? It's called *Take Charge of Education*. Here's how it works: Visit target.com/tcoe or call 1.800.316.6142 to designate Sturgeon Bay High School, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. (REDcards include Target VISA credit card, Target credit card, or Target check card.) When you use your REDcard, Target will donate up to 1 percent of your purchases to our school. If you don't have a REDcard, you can apply for one at any Target store or online at Target.com/redcard. If you're already participating, thank you.



Dates to Remember

All district calendars are available online at this link:
http://www.sturgeonbayschools.org/Calendars/calendar_top.htm.

Sadie Hawkins Dance	February 6, 2010 – 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Early Release Day	February 10, 2010 – 11:55 a.m.
<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i> (High School Musical)	Friday, February 12 – 7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, February 13 – 2:00 p.m.
	Monday, February 15 – 7:00 p.m.
Term 3 Progress Reports Mailed	February 25, 2010
Term 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences	March 1, 2010 – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Early Release Day	March 9, 2010 – 11:55 a.m.
NEW Convention / No Classes	March 12, 2010
Term 3 Exams	March 25 – 26, 2010
March 25: Classes for Blocks 1 – 4 in a.m. Exams for Blocks 3 – 4 in p.m.	
March 26: Exams for Blocks 1 – 2 in a.m. Students released at 12:00 p.m.	
<i>Buses will run at noon on March 26.</i>	
Spring Break	March 27 – April 4, 2010
Classes Resume	April 5, 2010

Clipper Connection is a communications tool for the parents/guardians of students attending Sturgeon Bay High School. Any questions or comments may be addressed to the following:

Joseph Stutting, Superintendent	920.746.2801	jstutting@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Robert Nickel, Principal	920.746.2802	rnickel@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Gary Rabach, Athletic Director	920.746.1830	grabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us
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