

Denmark Middle School

December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Holidays! This December will be a quick run to winter break. We are quickly approaching mid-term of 2nd Quarter this month. Our students are dialed in and working hard, we are very proud of them.

We look forward to loads of Holiday Spirit this month with concerts, celebrations and events galore. Keep an eye on our calendar for all the upcoming festivities.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support and partnership this year. DMS is a special place, I'm thrilled to continue to be part of it. I wish all DMS families a joyous, safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2022!

All my best,
Amy T. Gleeson
DMS Principal

December Happenings

Wednesday, December 1 - Art Club meeting 3:15-4:15

Thursday, December 2 - Chess Club 3:15-4:00

Monday, December 6 - Choir Concert 7:30

Thursday, December 9 - Chess Club 3:15-4:00

Thursday, December 9 - Band Concert
6th Grade 5:30, 7th Grade 6:30, 8th Grade 7:30

Saturday, December 11 - FFA Fruit and Pizza Pick-up

Tuesday, December 14 - Midterm

Wednesday, December 15 - Art Club meeting 3:15-4:15

Thursday, December 16 - Chess Club 3:15-4:00

Wednesday, December 22 - PDT Early Release 11:30

December 23 - January 2 - Winter Break

Monday, January 3 - School back in session

"Dates and times are subject to change"

HOLIDAY SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, December 17: Ugly Sweater Day

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place



Monday, December 20: Pajama Day

Wear your favorite holiday pajamas or just your favorite pajamas

Tuesday, December 21: Christmas Vacation Day

Get creative and mash up the beach and Christmas



Wednesday, December 22: Christmas Character Day or Everything Holiday

Show off your holiday spirit with an anything goes spirit day

November: Preparedness



6th Grade

Lucy Swetlik is the daughter of Renee and John Swetlik. Lucy represents the quality of preparedness by being mentally and physically prepared in and out of the classroom setting. She is always ready, willing, and able to answer questions and provide assistance to classmates. Lucy participates in the school musical, basketball, chorus and band. In addition, she likes to cook and play piano!

Zach Wendt is the son of Debra and Wayne Wendt. Zach represents the quality of preparedness by taking care of his academic business. He is always ready for class with everything he needs. Zach enjoys hunting, fishing, his dog, riding his four-wheeler, and spending time with his family. One food he can't live without is popcorn. In addition, he plays the clarinet in the school band. Way to go Zach!

7th Grade

Lincoln Arneson is the son of Molly and Aaron Arneson. Lincoln impresses his teachers regularly with his readiness to learn and preparation for class. He turns in quality work and uses his time wisely. Lincoln enjoys playing outside, especially on his trampoline and with his dog, Kida. He participates in cross country, track, and plays the trombone in the middle school band.

Riley Guns is the daughter of Eric and Michelle Guns. Riley is a great student in many ways, including her preparedness for class, work quality, and thoughtfulness in answers. She is always focused and organized. Riley participates in volleyball, is a member of the FFA, and plays the clarinet. In her free time she likes reading and swimming.

8th Grade

David Cervantes is the son of Rosemary and David Cervantes. David is a role model for his peers when it comes to being ready for class. He comes to class each day with all the supplies he needs. School work completion is something that David takes seriously and strives to do his best in all aspects. David participates in band, jazz band and football.

Emma Calewarts is the daughter of Ken and Aprille Calewarts. Emma has proven to be exceptionally proactive about staying up on assignments and class materials. She makes sure all assignments are turned in on time and well done. Emma's desire to do well keeps her on top of her work and she is always ready for the next step. Emma is a member of the DMS soccer team.

Encore

Autumn LaPalm is the daughter of Doug and Christina. She comes to class prepared and ready to learn (and with a smile) every day. She works diligently during class and is willing to help others as needed. She is also involved in the Archery Club and FFA. She continues to be a positive influence on those around her.

Kase Bradley is the son of Brian and Jolene. Kase makes sure he is prepared and ready to learn each class. He constantly adds to class discussion and participates in class. He makes sure his homework is done in a timely manner. Kase is an active athlete in the school.

Holiday Health and Safety Tips

1 Wash your hands often.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product.



2 Stay warm.

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing. Check on children, the elderly and pets.



3 Manage stress.

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health. Keep a check on over-commitment and over-spending. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Get enough sleep.



4 Travel safely.

Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age. Get vaccinations if traveling out of the country.



The holidays are a time to celebrate, give thanks, and reflect. They are also a time to pay special attention to your health. Give the gift of health and safety to yourself and others by following these holiday tips.



5 Be smoke-free.

Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today! Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or talk to your health care provider for help.



6 Get check-ups and vaccinations.

Exams and screenings can help find problems early or before they start. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.



7 Watch the kids.

Children are at high risk for injuries. Keep a watchful eye on your kids. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn how to provide early treatment for children who are choking. Develop and reinforce rules about acceptable and safe behaviors for all electronic media.



8 Prevent injuries.

Injuries from falls and fireworks often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning devices



inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Test and change the batteries regularly.

9 Handle and prepare food safely.

As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.



10 Eat healthy, and be active.

With balance and moderation, you can enjoy the holidays the healthy way. Choose more vegetables and fruit. Select just one or two of your favorites from the host of tempting foods. Find fun ways to stay active, such as dancing to your favorite holiday music. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.



To learn more, including the holiday song *The 12 Ways to Health*, visit www.cdc.gov/family/holiday



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Office of Women's Health

Medication Administration in School

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Our school has a written policy to assure the safe administration of medication to students. If your child requires administration of medication during school hours, including prescription and over the counter medications, you have the following choices:

- 1) You may come to school and give the medication to your child at the appropriate time(s).
- 2) You may obtain a copy of the medication form from the school nurse or school office staff. This form can also be printed from the Denmark School District Website and is found under Health and Wellness.
 - a) If your child has a **prescription medication**, please note the following:
 - The medication form must be completed by his/her physician yearly (new form needs to be completed each school year).
 - The medication form must be signed by both the physician and parent.
 - Prescription medications must be brought to school in the pharmacy-labeled bottle, which contains instructions on how and when medication is to be given. Most pharmacies are able to provide an extra labeled container for school use.
 - b) **Over the counter medications** (Tylenol/Ibuprofen) still require a medication form to be filled out. In this case, the form only needs to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. These medications must also be brought in the original containers.
- 3) **Self medication:** Students requiring medication for asthma, anaphylactic reactions, and diabetes may self-medicate with physician authorization and parent permission. This is not allowed at the Elementary level. Students must demonstrate the necessary knowledge and developmental maturity to safely assume responsibility for self carry medications.

Asthma Diagnosis:

- If your child has an asthma diagnosis please make sure that we have the appropriate paperwork and inhalers available at school. This may require you to contact your physician and obtain another prescription. Asthma can be a life threatening condition and we have found that many students diagnosed with asthma do not have the appropriate medications here at school. If your child does not have an inhaler or no longer has an asthma diagnosis, please contact one of the school nurses so we can remove that from their record.

We look forward to helping your student have a safe and healthy educational experience this year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the school nurses.

Amber Kapinos, RN
kapinosa@denmark.k12.wi.us
920-863-4032

Stormy Gale, RN
gales@denmark.k12.wi.us
920-863-4253

Sting Cancer

Sting Cancer members have been busy making more fleece blankets for cancer patients at their meeting on Monday, November 15th.



Sting Cancer



Denmark Sting Cancer

Chemo-Bag

Christmas Wish-List Collection:

- Stretch gloves - one size fits most
- Purse/pocket Kleenex packets
- Puzzle/Activity books
- Hard Candies or Mints (prefer sugar-free)
- Packs of gum (sugar-free)
- Travel size hand-cream
- Chapstick
- Facemasks



Please drop these items off inside any of the Denmark School main entrances during the month of December.

Viking Sports Corner

By: Heather Woyak, DMS Athletic Director

Upcoming Practice Start Times/Dates:

Girls Basketball: 3:15-5:00pm/January 3rd

Wrestling: 3:15-5:00pm/January 3rd

Upcoming Home Games for Boys Basketball:

December 2nd: 7th and 8th grade boys basketball at 4pm and 5pm

December 6th: 7th and 8th grade boys basketball at 4pm and 5pm

December 9th: 7th and 8th grade boys basketball at 4pm and 5pm

Standout Athletes:

Noah Thompson: Noah was chosen by Coach Miller as a standout student athlete for boys basketball. Noah is a great listener during practices and games and he always gives his best effort in any context.

Jacob Bohn: Jacob was nominated by Coach Lemmens as a standout student athlete for boys basketball. Jacob has a great work ethic both on and off the court. He is a leader on the team and strives to get all his teammates involved.

Vance Rockey: Coach Delarwelle and Coach Wojta nominated Vance as a standout student athlete for the 8th grade boys basketball team. They noted that he has shown great determination this year both on and off the basketball court. On the court he is striving to be a leader by working hard, being a great teammate, and perhaps his greatest attribute is his listening skills.

Nolan Hurst: Nolan was nominated by Coach Diny as a standout student athlete for boys basketball. Nolan has shown a positive attitude in practice. He has been coachable and supportive of his teammates.



Veterans Day Program

"Honoring All Who Served"

The Denmark Middle School Veterans Day Program was held on Friday, November 5th. Students from the Denmark Middle School FFA, NJHS, 8th Grade Band and 7th & 8th Grade Chorus spoke and performed in the program. Denmark Scouts of America help present the colors. Our guest speaker, Major General Daniel Ammerman, was interviewed by John Maino. A luncheon was provided at Gathering 43 by the Denmark FFA Alumni.





NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICE

Happy Holidays!

Thank You ALL for your participation in the School Meal Program.

Updates:

- ◇ Visit our menu website - denmark.nutrislice.com
- ◇ Free breakfast & lunch is offered daily for the operating school days per USDA funding
- ◇ Breakfast is available from 7:30 - 8:00 am
- ◇ ANY EXTRA FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE CHARGED ALA CARTE PRICES.
- ◇ Student ID's are REQUIRED to purchase food/beverage.
- ◇ Free and Reduced Applications are available all year, please contact Kristi Buhr or see school website. Please fill out regardless if free meals are offered.
- ◇ If you change your email address or move, please notify the school secretary so changes can be made.

PLEASE KEEP FAMILY ACCOUNT BALANCES IN THE POSITIVE

- Any payments for food service should be turned in by 8:30 so it will be credited for that day.
- Payments can be made thru the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus.
- Payments should be in an envelope marked with the head of household and student name. Checks payable to Denmark School District.

Please contact Jody Behringer FSD, 863-4220 for any questions.

DENMARK VARSITY DANCE TEAM PRESENTS

“SHOPPING WITH SANTA KIDS CLINIC!”

Hello Denmark Parents!

This year the Denmark Varsity Dance Team would love to invite your little ones for a **Christmas Dance Clinic!**

As a team, we would love to spread some Christmas Cheer and give parents time to shop for Christmas presents while holding a fun and interactive day for children to learn a fun and exciting Christmas dance to preform for you and your loved ones at a Varsity Basketball Game at Halftime!

When: Saturday December 11th 2021 & Friday December 17th 2021

Where: Denmark High School (Purple Gym)

Time: Registration Check-In: 8:45 a.m. Clinic: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m

Who: Students 4K - 8th grade from ANY school district!

*Registration will be capped at 100 participants

During the Saturday event we will learn a Christmas routine and do Christmas arts and crafts

We will also have t-shirts for our participants made to wear for our performance along with any Christmas gear they would like to wear!

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to the Denmark High School Main office!

Thank you!

Mackenzie Koehler

Denmark Dance Team Head Coach (920)-946-6613

Mackoehler890@gmail.com



DENMARK VARSITY DANCE TEAM PRESENTS

"SHOPPING WITH SANTA KIDS CLINIC!"

\$30 fee includes:

T-Shirt

Learn a Christmas dance routine

Fun Christmas games

Snacks!

Payments Due Friday December 3rd!

Walk ins are welcome, shirts will not be guaranteed.

Checks payable to the Denmark Dance Team

Participant Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Email Address _____

Grade Level _____ T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Does your child have a food allergy? YES NO





6th Grade Cadette Troop #4161 Fund Raiser Day

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
11a.m.–8p.m.

Here is an easy way for you to help raise money for the 6th Grade Cadette Troop #4161. Wednesday, December 15 dine in, call us or order on-line for carry out or delivery order * food from Happy Joe's Pizza and mention the fundraiser, present this flyer or put in comment box if you order on-line and Happy Joe's will donate 20% of the sale.** Let your friends, neighbors, relatives know as the more that go, they'll make more dough. Mark your calendar and help raise money for 6th Grade Cadette Troop #4161.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Limited delivery area. Large delivery orders, please give 24 hour notice. Distribution or promotion of event on Happy Joe's premises not permitted. Green Bay Script certificates are not valid with fundraisers.

1675 E. Mason Street

920-465-0690

Middle School FFA



Congratulations to the FFA members. This year the FFA had a record breaking year for their fundraiser. Monies earned during the fundraiser help sponsor competitions, conferences, conventions, trips and many community service activities both in the high school and middle school level.

Just a reminder the Pizza making will be Friday, December 10th starting at about 3:30 in the Middle School Cafeteria. The FFA Alumni will be purchasing Subway Party Subs that we will eat before Pizza Making. We have about 2500 pizzas to make so the more friends and family members that can attend, the better!!!



On November 5th, the FFA members participated in the Veterans Day assembly at the Middle School. FFA Officers had speaking parts at various parts of the assembly along with Student Council and NJHS members. After the assembly, FFA members helped the FFA Alumni serve area veterans a meal at Gathering 43.

On Monday, November 29, about 65 middle school FFA members went to Dave and Busters for a fun night. Members were treated to a buffet style meal of pizza, sliders, and chicken bites, macaroni and cheese, fries and soda. They were also given \$20 of Dave and Buster's cash to play games.



Upcoming FFA Activities:

Wednesday, December 1- FFA Meeting in Cafeteria during Homeroom

Friday, December 10- Pizza Making in MS Cafeteria

Saturday, December 11- Fundraiser Pick-up

Denmark Archery Club

The Denmark Archery Club is in full swing with about 80 members between the high school and middle school. Scheduling practices has been a little difficult with this many members, but the members seem to be having a great time and are improving with each practice. Due to space constraints, the team has only been able to practice at the 10 meter distance but we are hoping to be able to start practicing at 15 meters to get the members ready for competition. Also, because of space limitations, practice will just be on Monday nights for the month of December. We are hoping in January we will be able to get back to practicing at two nights per week and be able to practice at both the 10 meter and 15 meter distances.



Scaled Drawings

Students in Mr. Baciak and Mr. Landwehr 8th-grade math classes worked on this group project of a scale drawing. The students had to dilate an 8 x 10 picture and redraw it to create a 24 x 30 picture, which is three times the size of the original drawing. There were a total of 80 squares that had to be cut out, redrawn, and then glued back together. Every student had their own squares to draw. They were not allowed to match up squares of other group members to make the drawing look perfect. They had to estimate on their own. When the groups put the dilated picture back together, the students could not make any adjustments, hoping that their group members had a similar estimation.



Creative Art Corner

Ms. Hirt's 8th grade encore students created large 3-D snack sculptures using large paper, paint, and newspaper. These sculptures were based off of the Sweden artist Claes Oldenburg. The sculptures are now on display in the middle school media center.



Students also worked collaboratively to bring art to the Veterans Day assembly. They made large Armed Forces banners, a collaborative flag, a whiteboard display, and 3-D flags.



ARTSONIA!!

Holiday Special! Custom keepsakes with your child's art! Perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers! Help raise funds for our school art program! Holiday Cards now at discounted prices! Use **Promo Code: HolidayFunds21** Valid through December 14, 2021. Looking for your next Christmas card- look no further!

<https://www.artsonia.com/>



English: If you need this information in your native language, please contact Deb Kralovetz at kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us or 920-863-4034.

Spanish: Si necesita esta información en su idioma materno, póngase en contacto con Deb Kralovetz en kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us o 920-863-4034.

Hmong: Yog tias koj xav tau cov ntaub ntawv no ua koj hom lus, thov hu Deb Kralovetz ntawm kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us los sis 920-863-4034.

Mandarin Chinese: 如果您需要使用母语提供的这些信息，请联系Deb Kralovetz，电子邮件地址为 kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us或920-863-4034.



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