CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Student Spotlight



Jr/Sr High School
Student Spotlight

Keaton Nelsen



Jr/Sr High School
Student Spotlight

Lexy Newbauer

Elementary Student Spotlight





Communication & Respect





This month district wide, students focused on Communication and Respect!

Together, we worked on building skills and learning about what it means to be great listeners, using kind words, and being safe and respectful in all environments towards people, places, and things!

Our common goal is to work toward being our best selves in all environments while using respectful behaviors and different communication skills as our foundation each day!









A Note from Mr. Sturzl

Student Membership Count

The September membership count is used to help determine the school district's rolling three-year student membership average, which in turn is used to determine what the district is able to levy in property taxes for operations. Our membership count based on the Department of Public Instruction's student calculation was down nine students compared to last year. The decrease in membership was anticipated, and the budget was prepared by the school board and the administration with a lower student enrollment in mind. Included in our enrollment but not counted in the Clayton School District membership count is a net loss of eleven students through the Open Enrollment program from other area school districts.

Board Approves Tax Levy

Each year at the October School Board meeting, the Clayton School Board sets the school district's tax levy. The final numbers for state aid are not confirmed until October 15th, so with an early November deadline to set the tax levy, the school board acted on the budget and taxes at the October board meeting. The mill rate for the Clayton School District is slightly lower than last year, primarily due to the increases in local property values. The district's tax levy is up a little this year compared to last year. However, the school district's impact on your property tax bill should be very similar to last year.

Inclement Weather

School may be closed at times due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Even though there are ways to provide off-site learning when we have inclement weather, we will not plan to use virtual learning days when we call a snow day. However, if we have an excessive number of snow days, we will consider that option to allow us to meet the state requirements of school hours.

If a school closing should occur, preventing students from attending in the building, it will be announced over the following radio and TV stations. An announcement will also be sent and will reach you as a text, email, or voice message depending on how you set up receipt of notifications. Please be reminded that every family should also have a plan, which has been practiced, reviewed and communicated with the school, in the event that there is a need to dismiss school early.

WJMC 96.1 FM, WCCO 830 AM, WCCO Channel 4 TV KSTP, Channel 5 TV KMSP, Channel 9 TV, & KARE Channel 11 TV

In addition to local media, be sure to access the Clayton School District website, Facebook, and Instagram for updated school closing information.



A Note from Mr. Schradle

This month's character connections are Mindset and Gratitude. In the month of giving thanks, we challenged the students to truly think about all the things that they are thankful for. We have so many reasons to be thankful in 2026. Here are a few of mine. I am thankful for...
All of the Administrative Assistants - Jolene, Terri, and Kayla do so many amazing things for our students and staff. They are the glue that holds everything together.

All of the Food Service associates - Renee, Amber, Carley, and Beth who do an amazing job preparing breakfast and lunch for students and staff.

All of our staff in the Bears Club - Amy, Cyndi, Dallas, and Deb- who look after our before-school, daycare, and after-school students.

All of our Para-Educators - Courtney, Jamie, Kenzie, Rochelle, Jen, Brittnie, and Angie who support our students in the classroom, at lunch, and at recess.

The entire Custodial team - Mark, Mike, Bryan, Joe, and Sara, keeping our building clean, safe, and running smoothly.

We have a very dedicated staff that works tirelessly to provide the best learning environment for all of our students.

Upcoming Events





Veteran Day Program

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Tuesday,

November 10th

9:45 AM

Program following outdoor ceremony

Veteran's breakfast 8:15- 9:20 AM

If interested in the Veteran's Breakfast contact Danielle Zebro email zebrod@claytonsd.k12.wi.us or call 715-948-2163 Ext 405

Dig Pink Night

Thank You for an Amazing Dig Pink Night

The PFC Lady Bearcats Volleyball program would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make this year's Dig Pink Night such a meaningful event. Nights like these are a reminder of the power of community, generosity, and coming together for a cause, something bigger than us.

From the athletes and coaches to the families, volunteers, donors, and community members who attended, every contribution helped make the evening special. Whether you donated, purchased raffle tickets, helped with setup, baked treats, volunteered your time, or simply showed up to support the event, **you made a difference.**
Together, we donated $ 4,733.33 to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation!

A special thank-you goes to our generous local businesses, **(Watermelon Moonshire, Custom Contracting, Lake Country Dairy, BP Amoco in Clayton, Hive Salon and Suite, The Coffee Barn, 7 Brothers Bar and Grill and Moe Church**) and individuals who donated raffle baskets, gifts, services, and other items. Special thanks to our athletes who collected pledges: **Ruby Balsar, Kristiana Austinson, Addyson King, Mya Johnson, Mya Buckley, Maddie Rudeen, Clarissa Buhr, Emily Segebrecht, Kassie Shelton, Alayna Hutchinson, Zanna Young, Kiera Buckley, Emma Pickard, Jazzi Pederson, Kora Amundsen, Chloe Kahl, Erika Lyste, Izzy Dosch, and Sophia Young.** We are especially grateful to **CB Styles Hair Care** for donating their time and hair tinsel services, helping add something fun to the evening while supporting the cause.

As a program, we are proud of our athletes for embracing the purpose behind this event and grateful to everyone who helped make it possible. The impact of the evening reaches far beyond the volleyball court, and we hope everyone who attended left feeling the same sense of connection, hope, and community that made the night so special.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping make our PFC Dig Pink Night a success.
We are proud to be part of communities that show up, give generously, and remind us what it means to support one another.
Together, we can make a difference—one serve, one act of kindness, and one community at a time.
💗 **Thank you for supporting PFC Dig Pink!** 💗





THE GREAT APPLE CRUNCH



Crunch, crunch, hooray!

Our students and staff joined millions of people across Wisconsin and the Midwest for the 13th Annual Great Apple Crunch!

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District. The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student program and activities.

Board Minutes

Clayton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026

President Jeff Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. .
Pledge of Allegiance.
President Jeff Young took the roll call. Present were Jeff Young, Roger Olson, Jacob Fall (by phone), Jeremy Grosskreutz, Rebecca Mumm. Also present were Pat Sturzl, Ryan Schradle, and Mark Hendrickson.
Board Forum
Internet was out today, it has been repaired. PFC Cheer Squad has been formed.
Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the Consent Agenda. The annual meeting is set for October 6 th at 7:00 pm. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
District Resident Participation:
None.
Action Items:
2026-27 Budget:
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm,second by Jacob Fall to approve the proposed budget. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Academic Career Planning/Education for Employment Plan:
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz, to approve the plan. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Co-Curricular Resignation:
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the resignation of Brook Bates as Softball Coach. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Policy Updates (2 nd reading):
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Jacob Fall to approve the updates. 4- yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy Updates (2 nd Reading):
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Roger Olson to approve the updates. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Technology Policy Updates (2 nd Reading):
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Roger Olson to approve the updates. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Fall Sports Co-ops:
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the co-ops for WIAA. 4-yes. 0- no. Motion carried.
Discussion Items:
Enrollment Report.
District Resident Participation:
None.
Administrator Reports:
Superintendent Report.
Friday is the official membership count.
CESA 11 update.
In-services upcoming.
WASB Regional Meeting
Principal Report.
First three days of school were well attended.
Fall Screenings.
Sports Update.
Homecoming is next week.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz second by Jacob Fall to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk