CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Junior Kindergarten

Kindergarten



Elementary Class Pictures



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade

SPOTLIGHT ON PRODUCE

RED SKIN PLUMS



WHAT AM I?

Red skin plums are juicy stone fruits with smooth red-to-purple skin and sweet, slightly tart flesh. They grow around a hard pit and come in many varieties.

HOW DO I GROW?

Plums grow on trees. They are a self-fertile variety, meaning they do not require additional trees to be planted nearby for pollination.

NUTRITIONAL FACTS

Plums are a good source of fiber and vitamin C and naturally low in calories. They also contain antioxidants that help keep your body healthy!

FUN FACT

Plums are related to peaches, nectarines, and apricots—and dried plums are what we call prunes!

LFD Nutrition Services

YUM!







Homecoming Court 2026



Back Row: Brody Curtis, Jeremy Meyer, Cain Casarez, Owen Anderson
Cooper Flanigan, Timothy Becker, Jr., Addyson King, Evelyn Fall
Front Row: Carsyn Yeske, Willa Gitzen, Luise Brilke, Sam Anderson
Brycen King, Sophia Young, Josie Tanner
Junior Royalty: Avery Beck & Brooks LaBlanc

Homecoming 2026





King and Queen

Brody Curtis and Josie Tanner

Jr. Royalty

Brooks LaBlanc and Avery Beck



Congratulations Bearcats on a Win!

A Note from Mr. Sturzl

This is the beginning of my fourth year as the district administrator for the Clayton School District, and each day I arrive at work, I'm reminded that I made the right decision to choose Clayton. Clayton is a great community, with wonderful students and an exceptional staff. Experiencing "Clayton Pride" is truly rewarding. As I continue in this role, I remain committed to meeting the needs of our students, strengthening our academic and co-curricular programs, and bringing "Clayton Pride" to school every day! #We Are Clayton!

Welcome Back, Students!

We officially welcomed back students to school on Thursday, August 27th, with a 3-day summer school session. It has become very common for school districts in Wisconsin to start school the last week of August. At Clayton, during these first days of school, students engaged to reorient themselves to the school day, teachers present review lessons, and team-building activities occur at all levels of school. We stress the importance of building relationships with each other and with the staff as a way to produce positive behaviors among the students. Even though the state does not look at the school days in August as official days of school, many districts are choosing to include them as we do. Since the three days in August are not allowed to be a part of the state-required school year, we count them as summer school days. While that may naturally seem like attendance is completely optional, we strongly encourage all students to attend, adjust their routines for school, and build those relationships that will be an asset as the year goes on. Looking ahead to next August, it is likely there will be summer school days the last week of August.

The three days are also financially valuable to our district. For all the district resident students who attend any summer school session, we are able to add up the hours as additional students on our membership report. The summer school student count increases our state revenues, which in turn reduces the tax amount needed from our district residents. Last year the District gained about 4 additional students for membership purposes during the Kick Off days!

Annual Meeting

The school district Annual Meeting will be held October 12th, 2026 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Watch for Annual Meeting information coming out in a separate newsletter to all district residents around mid to late September.

Social Media

Be sure to visit the District's Website and Facebook Page for the latest news and updates. We are regularly adding new information with important information for families to have throughout the year. School board agendas and minutes, athletic and co-curricular event schedules, scholarship applications, and much more are posted on the website for all to access.

State/District Budget

The communities that make up the Clayton School District passed a recurring referendum in the fall of 2022. This additional funding assists the district greatly in providing outstanding educational opportunities for Clayton students. The Clayton School Board thanks you for the great community support.

The 2025-2027 state budget provides an increase of $325 per pupil in funding for school districts for this school year. Primarily with the 2022 referendum and the moderate increases in funding from the state, the Clayton School District is able to provide a quality education to meet the diverse needs of our students for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Please attend the annual meeting on October 12th at 7 PM to learn more about the district's education plan for our students and the state of the district budget.

A Note from Mr. Schradle

The leaves are changing with the seasons, and we are in the middle of the first quarter of the school year. It has been a busy but exciting start to the school year! We were excited to welcome parents in for Parent-Teacher Conferences in early October. This allowed us to show off the progress that has been made so far by our students.

The week of September 21st, we celebrated Homecoming. From our 4-year-olds to our seniors, the school was full of pride and spirit all week. Dress-up days, hallway decorations, a pep fest, and a parade were some of the highlights of the week. It was a great way to celebrate our new sports co-op, PFC Bearcats!

Our middle school and high school volleyball, football, cross-country, and golf teams are competing with toughness and grit this fall. WIAA Playoffs will start in mid to late October.
Keep an eye on our Facebook page or school events calendar for upcoming games. We love seeing everyone out cheering loud and supporting our athletes. Go Bearcats!

Upcoming Events



Tuesday,
November 10th
9:45 AM
Program following outdoor ceremony

The Clayton National Honor Society will be hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast for all local veterans and a guest on Tuesday, November 10, prior to the Clayton School District's Veterans Day program.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15 a.m.-9:20 a.m. in the large gymnasium. It will include scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, fruit, coffee, juice, or milk.

If you would like to attend, please make your reservations by Monday, November 3. Reservations can be made by contacting:

Mrs. Danielle Zebro
Clayton National Honor Society Advisor
phone (715) 948-2163 x405 or
email zebrod@claytonsd.k12.wi.us.

Board Minutes

Clayton Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026
President Jeff Young called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance.
President Jeff Young took the roll call. Present were Roger Olson, Jacob Fall, Jeremy Grosskreutz, and Rebecca Mumm.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to move to closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of an employee. All yes. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to move to open session. All yes. Motion carried at 6:00 pm.
Board Forum and Consent Agenda
Discussion included information about the Fitness Center plumbing issues, Swimming Lessons. All Star Games review.
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the Consent Agenda, with changes to policy update, page 21, line 9 to change the listed age from 16 to 18. . 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
District Resident Participation.
None.
ACTION ITEMS:
New support Staff Positions.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Roger Olson to approve Jennifer Krohn, Rochelle Glynn, and Brittnie Schmidtbauer for these positions. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Support Staff Resignation
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to accept the resignation of Bethany Harper from the Bears Club Staff. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried
9 Month Support Staff Assignments:
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jacob Fall to approve The staff assignments.. 4-yes. 0-no. Motion carried.
Teacher Contracts:
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall, to approve the teacher contracts. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Co-Curricular Contracts:
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to approve the master list with corrections. 3-yes, 0-no. Rebecca Mumm abstained. Motion carried.
Spanish 66.03 Agreememt with Prairie Farm.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Roger Olson to approve the agreement. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
District Property and Liability Insurance:
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jacob Fall to approve the CIC Insurance Proposal. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
PFC Coaching Handbook Revision.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Roger Olson to approve the 26-27 hand book with noted revision for meal guidelines. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
PFC Student-Athlete Self-Transportation Permission Form.
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the form. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
PFC Coaching Longevity Revision.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to approve the revision. 3-yes, 0-no, Rebecca Mumm abstained. Motion carried.
Snow Removal Contract for 2026-27.
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the contract with Right Turn Lawn Care. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Act 89 Policies
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to approve the policies. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
Discussion Items:
Enrollment Report.
Board Policy Updates
AI Policy Updates.
Tech Policies
Athletic Field Maintenance Agreement.
District Resident Participation:
None.
Facilities Report:
Sports Field update
Vehicle update.
Kitchen update.
Fitness Center update.
Principal's Report
New Staff orientation
Tuesday meet the teacher
1st PFC Volleyball.
Sports Update.
1st Day of school is Thursday.
Superintendent Report
Summer Cleaning is almost finished, will be ready for start of school.
Insurance-health update.
Legal summit at CESA.
New Staff is in.
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to move to closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of an employee. All yes. Motion carried at 7:27 pm.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to move to open session. All yes. Motion carried at 8:13. No action taken.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried at 8;13 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk