# CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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# Student Spotlight

## High School Student Spotlight

### Jeremy Meyer




## Middle School Student Spotlight

### Jayden Fall



# 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 four students through the Open Enrollment program from other area school districts.

**Board Approves Tax Levy**

Each year at the October School Board meeting, the Tax Levy for the school district is set by the school board. 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 trend is downward for the Clayton School District again this year. The reason for this year's mill rate for Clayton is the increase 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 amount 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 for an emergency.

**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 and Facebook 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 2025. Here are a few of mine. I am thankful for...

All of the Administrative Assistants - Jolene, Terri, and Mel 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, Stephanie, Amber, and Carley who do an amazing job preparing breakfast and lunch for students and staff.

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

All of our Para-Educators - Kayla, Courtney, Jamie, Jonell, Carley, Kenzie and Val who support our students in the classroom, at lunch, and at recess.

The entire Custodial Team - Mark, Mike, Bryan, Joe, and Sara, for 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.

## NHS/NJHS




Clayton NJHS New Inductees:
Bailey Curtis, Anna Robinson




Clayton NHS Officer Team:
Brody Curtis, Emily Zemke, Michaela Polta, Isabelle Schradle




Clayton NHS New Inductees:
Alex Young, Josie Tanner, Nathan Peterson




Clayton NJHS
Front Row L to R: Anna Robinson, Bailey Curtis, Emma Pickard, Bennett Schradle
Back Row L to R: Mason Peetz, Isabella Dosch, Aidan Schradle, Keaton Nelsen




Clayton NHS
Front Row L to R: Josie Tanner, Michaela Polta, Macy Grosskreutz, Emily Zemke, Evelyn Fall
Back Row L to R: Nathan Peterson, Alex Young, Brody Curtis, Jeremy Meyer, Addyson King, Isabelle Schradle

# Notice School Board Election

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Clayton School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026.

| Office | Incumbent |
|---|---|
| School Board Member, three-year term | Jeff Young Jr. |
| School Board Member, three-year term | Roger Olson |

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the school district administration office. (If nomination papers are required, the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2025 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the school district administration office.)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Clayton
on 11/19/2025.

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Roger C. Olson, Clerk

Type A Notice – School District | Rev 2016-10 | Wisconsin Elections Commission, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984 |

608-261-2028 | web: gab.wi.gov | email: gab@wi.gov

# Veterans Day Program






















# Spotlight Produce






## Golden Kiwis







## 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
October 16, 2025

President Jeff Young called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Sturzl and all Board members present.

Closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1) (c)(g) of the Wisconsin Statures for the evaluation of the District Administrator. Motion for closed session by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz. All Yes. Motion carried.
By Motion of Rebecca Mumm, Second by Jeremy Grosskreutz, return to open session at 5:26. All yes.

President Jeff Young took the roll call. Present were Roger Olson, Jacob Fall, Jeremy Grosskreutz, Rebecca Mumm, Superintendent Patrick Sturzl, Principal Ryan Schradle. Also present were Ben Stuivenga, Reese Stuivenga, Amanda Marlowe, Hudson Strivenga, Tammy Polta, Michaela Polta,Alexandra Borzova, Kyra Gomez, Meribeth Harland, and Terri Magnuson.

Board Forum, Student recognition:

Students of the Month were Reese Stuivenga for MS, and Kyra Gomez in HS. They both were recognized by the Board.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to approve the Consent Agenda. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

District Resident Participation:

None. Rebecca Mumm did add that all Clayton Board Members were present for the WASB Regional Meeting and as a result, recognized by WASB and awarded a book for the school.

Action Items:
Tax Levy Pursuant to WI Statute 120.12(3)(a).
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz, to approve the 2025-26 Fund 10 tax levy of $2,065,722, with an additional Fund 80 of $130,000 for a Total Levy of $2,195,722 for the District. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Finalize 2025-26 Budget Pursuant to WI Statute 65-90 (5)(a).
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jacob Fall to finalize the budget. 4-yes, 0-no.
Motion carried.

Short-Term Borrowing.
A motion was made by Jacob Fall, second by Roger Olson to approve short term borrowing. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried

Co-curricular Resignation.
A motion was made by Jacob Fall, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz, to approve the resignation of Make Schradle as MS Basketball coach. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Athletic Field Maintenance Agreement.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the Athletic Field Maintenance Agreement. 4- yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

School Resource Officer Contract
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the School Resource Officer Contract. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Snow Plow Bid.
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Rebecca Mumm to approve the snow plow bid with Right Turn Lawn care for 2025-2026. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Middle School and High School Wrestling Co-op.
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Roger Olson to approve the Co-op with Clear Lake. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Enrollment Report
Sports Co-op Update

District Resident Participation:

None.

Administrator Reports

Principal's Report.
Sport Co-op update,
Archery Club potential,
Community Football is wrapped up,
Cross country went well, golf had a successful season.
Robotics Club.
Mascot ideas.
Very good attendance at Parent/Teacher,
Semester concludes on Halloween,
Fire prevention week
Conference Champ in Football three times in a row.
Monday is Fall Concert.

Superintendent Report
WASB
Report cards-November,
Annual Meeting
Thank you card from St. Croix Central.
Thanks to the Cheers Committee.

A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk