CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Student Spotlight



High School Student Spotlight

Kyra Gomez

Middle School Student Spotlight

Reese Stuivenga



Elementary Student Spotlight







Community Building & Cooperation

This month district wide, students focused on Cooperation and Community Building! They worked on developing skills that help them work effectively with others and create a positive, supportive environment. Students practiced sharing ideas, respecting different perspectives, and working and contributing to a sense of belonging and teamwork within our classrooms and community!











A Note from Mr. Sturzl

The school year is nearly through the month of October. Time has gone by very quickly and it is hard to believe the first quarter ends on October 31 st . I am very proud to share that both the students and staff are flourishing. Their hard work and dedication maintain a wonderful school environment for learning. The district continues to celebrate academic and athletic achievements, creative projects, and community involvement. I would like to thank the community for your ongoing support of our students as we work together to make another great school year in Clayton! #WE ARE CLAYTON!

2025-26 School Enrollment

The membership count on the third Friday in September is 240 students, which is 11 students less than last school year. The September membership count is the most important factor that assists every Board of Education in determining the total available revenues to operate the school district for the current school year. Included in the official membership count will be the summer school membership. The summer school membership count was 17 students. Encouraging students to participate in summer school has provided us with additional membership numbers each year. These additional students provide extra revenue in state aids reducing the amount of tax revenue we need to get from local taxpayers and helps with the declining enrollment.

2025-26 Budget

The Board of Education finalized decisions on the most recent 2025-26 budget this month. The Department of Public Instruction provides the district with the certified equalization in mid-October. Updated equalized land values are also received from the Department of Administration so we can finalize the budget at the October board meeting.

The largest portion of revenue the district receives comes from state equalization aids. The level of aid is determined by the enrollment from the 2024-25 school year, the expenditures from the 2024-25 school year that qualify to be aided through the equalization aid formula and the equalized land values of the property within the school district boundaries.

The second most important source of school district revenues comes from local taxpayers. Those amounts are divided between two categories. Property tax revenues to operate the school district, which are controlled by the state's revenue cap limit. This complicated formula uses the school district's three-year average membership; a state-authorized increase per member and the level of state equalization aids determines the level of property taxes the Board of Education can levy for operating the school. Property taxes are also levied through referendums. In 2022, the district voters approved a referendum to exceed the revenue limit on a recurring basis to secure funds to maintain the district's operational budget. This additional revenue has been used for a variety of maintenance projects and for curriculum and instructional purposes. The board is very grateful for the supportive community in Clayton.

Veterans Day Celebration

On Monday, November 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., the Clayton School District will be conducting a Veterans Day celebration. At this all school event (JK-12), representatives from the American Legion and VFW will present the colors and assist us in honoring our veterans as well as those who are currently enlisted. This event will provide us with the opportunity to acknowledge those individuals that have and are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces. Our celebration is open to the public and we hope to see our gym full of honored guests. More detailed information about this celebration will be provided on the district's website and social media pages.

A Note from Mr. Schradle

As October comes to a close, we mark two major milestones in our year: the end of the first academic quarter and the conclusion of an exciting fall sports season.

Academic Highlights
The first quarter brought fresh beginnings, new friendships, and lots of learning. Whether it was diving into challenging subjects, discovering new interests, or adjusting to routines, students have laid a strong foundation for the rest of the year. Report cards will be distributed the second week of November, and we encourage families to take this opportunity to reflect, celebrate growth, and set goals for the next quarter.

Fall Sports Recap
From the first whistle in mid August to the final play in October, our fall sports teams showed tremendous heart, hustle, and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our student-athletes in football, volleyball, cross country, cheer, and golf for their hard work and dedication. All of the teams represented our community with pride. A huge thank-you goes to our coaches, athletic staff, and families for their unwavering support throughout the season.

Looking Ahead
As we enter November, we transition into the winter season — with new sports, colder days, and holiday excitement on the horizon. Let's carry the momentum from a successful first quarter and fall season into the next chapter!

Here's to continued growth, teamwork, and achievement!

FFA Fruit sales have started! Please contact an FFA member today to place your order. Sales will end on November 17. Thank you for supporting our local FFA Chapter this year!

If you have any questions or would like to order online, please contact an FFA member or Ms. Meyer (meyers@claytonsd.k12.wi.us).

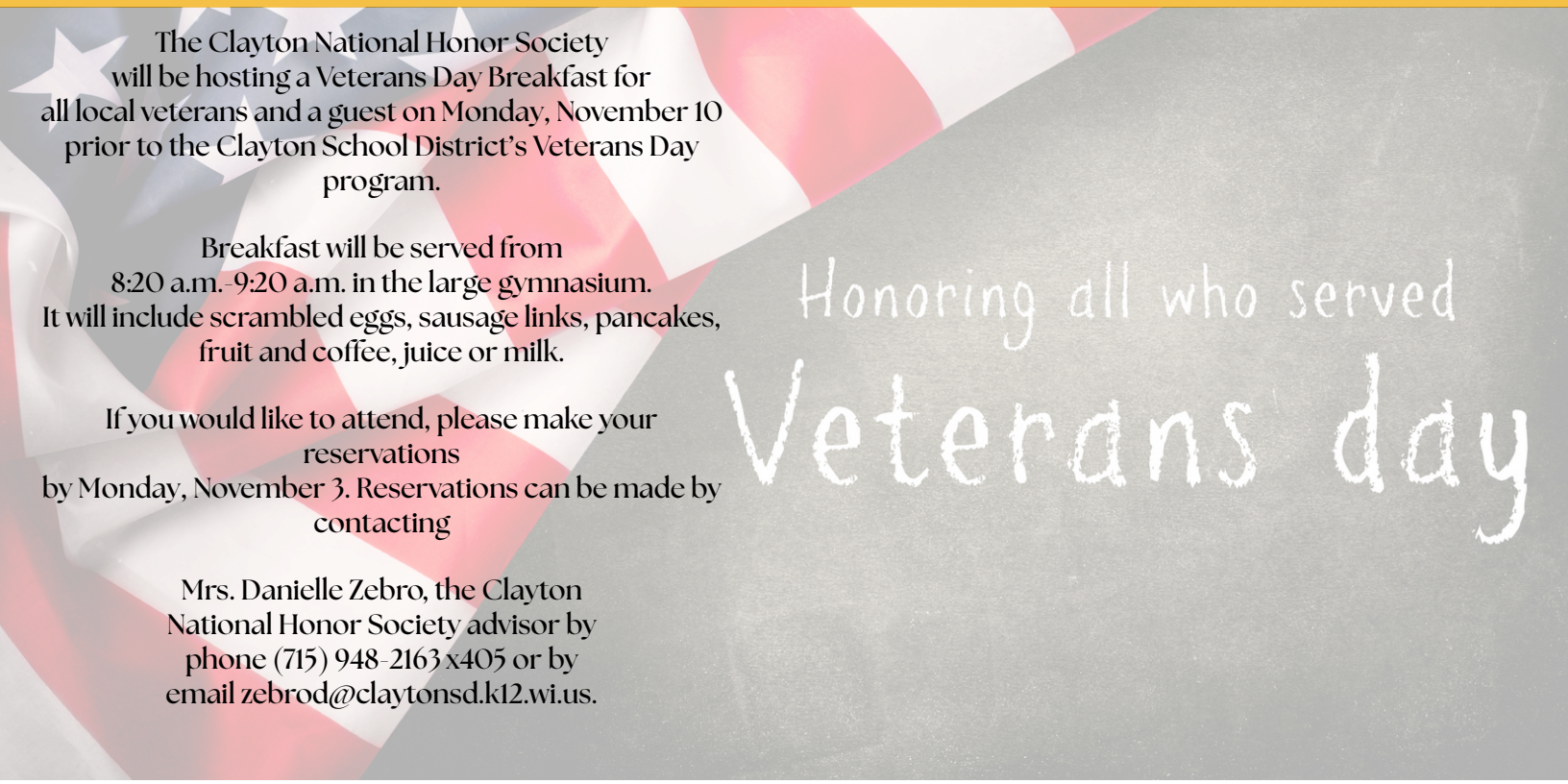
Upcoming Events

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

Breakfast will be served from 8:20 a.m.-9:20 a.m. in the large gymnasium. It will include scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, fruit and 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, the Clayton National Honor Society advisor by phone (715) 948-2163 x405 or by email zebrod@claytonsd.k12.wi.us.





Clayton Music Department

Balsam Wreath, Garland, Swag and Cross Sales

Purpose: A Clayton Music Boosters Fundraiser to assist with the future educational needs of the Music Department.
Sale Dates: Wednesday, October 22 thru Sunday, November 2. (Orders with payment are due to Mrs. Zebro no later than Monday, November 3 by 3:30 p.m.) Items will be sold by the Middle School and High School Band and Choir students.

Delivery Date: The student seller must pick up all orders from Bergmann's Greenhouse on Monday, November 24 between 3:40 p.m.-5:00 p.m. They will be delivered to the buyer thereafter.

Description of Wreaths and Garland:
Bergmann's Greenhouses will make all the wreaths and garland. They will be made of balsam fir. All the wreaths will come decorated with pinecones and a red velvet bow.
Cost:
- 24" Balsam Wreath, red velvet bow - $25.00
- 36" Balsam Wreath, red velvet bow - $50.00
- 48" Balsam Wreath, red velvet bow - $60.00
- 60" Balsam Wreath, red velvet bow - $85.00
- 25' Balsam Garland - $45.00
- Swag, red velvet bow - $22.00
- Cross, red velvet bow - $40.00

* All orders must be prepaid either with cash or check made payable to Clayton Music Boosters.
* Please contact Mrs. Zebro with any questions or to place an order: (715) 948-2163 X405, zebrod@claytonsd.k12.wi.us

Spanish Trip Information

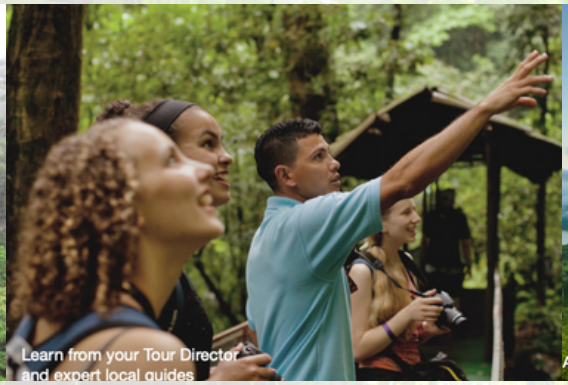
🌎The World is Waiting for YOU. Come Explore with Us!🌎

The TC Travel Club is headed to Costa Rica again in 2027 with EF Tours, our trusted travel agency. With well-protected national reserves and an unparalleled diversity of wildlife, Costa Rica is the jewel of Central America. The Arenal region showcases a volcano 🌋, hot springs, and a broad range of flora 🌺 and fauna 🦜🦋. In Monteverde, we will tour the greenery of the Santa Elena Cloud Forest 🌴. Then, in Manuel Antonio National Park, keep your eyes open for sloths 🦥, toucans, and howler monkeys 🐿️. Next, we will fly through the forest canopy as we zip-line and experience the rush of the air flowing through your hair and take in all the amazing sights. And you won't want to miss the delicious meals prepared for you each day!

EF Tours offers flexible payment options as well as a digital donation page to help students raise funds for this trip. With the holidays right around the corner, why not ask friends and family for a donation to support your student as they travel to discover a new country and culture!

Costa Rica will awaken your sense of adventure and create an opportunity for personal growth as you step outside of your comfort zone. Students in grades 8-11 are encouraged to join us in 2027. Please email Mrs. Weber, weberh@claytonsd.k12.wi.us, for further details on how to take advantage of this opportunity!







Your experience includes

Airfare & transportation	Hotels	Regional-style meals	Guided sightseeing	Entrances
Full-time Tour Director	Expert Local Guides	Personalized Learning Support	Continuous Support	Worldwide Presence

The Great Apple Crunch

The Great Apple Crunch encourages healthy eating and supports farm to school and other local food purchasing initiatives throughout the state. It's also a fun way to connect food and agriculture to classroom curricula – from science to art & more!





Join Wisconsin in celebrating National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at NOON on the second Thursday in October. Of course, if you are unable to participate at the exact date and time, we still encourage you to plan an Apple Crunch event anytime during October's National Farm to School Month.





Participants of all ages are invited to crunch!

For more information about the Great Apple Crunch visit the Apple Crunch website at health.extension.wisc.edu/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 17, 2025

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, Jeremy Grosskreutz, Rebecca Mumm. Also present were Pat Sturzl, Ryan Schradle, Jeremy Schradle, Mark Hendrickson, Terri Magnuson and Tammy Polta.

Board Forum

Short discussion about the sports field.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the Consent Agenda. The annual meeting is set for October 13th at 7:00 pm. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

District Resident Participation.
None.

Action Items:

Update Title IX Discrimination Policies 2264 and 2266.
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to adopt policy 2266 with edits. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz, second by Jacob Fall to retire policy 2264. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

2025-26 Budget:

A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm,second by Jacob Fall to approve the proposed budget. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Enrollment Report.
Sports Co-op update.

District Resident Participation:

There were sports discussions and the mascot/logo survey.

Administrator Reports:

Buildings and Grounds:
Developing a long term plan for vehicles.
Building wrap project has been completed.
Roof review.

Principal's Report:
Great start of the year.
Fall sports update.
Mechatronics update.

Superintendent Report.
Friday is the official membership count.
Insurance update.
CESA 11 update.
SRO Agreement.
Emergency system test.
WASB Regional Meeting Oct 15th .

A motion was made by Jeremy Grosskreutz second by Jacob Fall to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk