



December 13, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

I am sure everyone is looking forward to our upcoming winter break, which begins on Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1. I have included a [LINK](#) to the school year calendar to keep you updated on upcoming important dates in our District.

Winter and the holiday season can bring with it challenges and stress. I came across this flyer, [Holiday Stress & Solutions For Parents](#), and found it to be an excellent resource for tips and solutions for managing the holidays with less stress.

Special Update for High School Seniors:

Hendricks CareerTek and Stateline Scholarship Program

Hendricks CareerTek and Stateline Community Foundation co-host a virtual scholarship informational meeting on Tuesday, December 15 from, 6:00 to 7:00 pm. There are hundreds of scholarships available to local high school students. Register at [Hendricks CareerTek](#) or call for more information, (608) 312-4770.

Virtual Class Photo

Beloit Memorial High School is hosting a virtual senior class picture for the Yearbook. This will occur on Wednesday, December 16, from 8 am to 3 pm (30-minute time slots). Have your senior fill out the following [Doodle Poll](#) selecting their preferred time slot. Seniors may only choose **one time slot**, and there are only 49 seats per slot. Please make sure your senior fills out the survey by Monday, **December 14 at 4:00 pm**. Please contact [Ms. Sellen](#) or [Ms. Fink](#) for any follow-up questions.

Todos Unidos:

Todos Unidos' vision is to reach, strengthen, and engage the families of the School District of Beloit. Their primary focus is on the continual progress and forward momentum of each student's educational experience. Monthly meetings highlight events, community outreach, mentoring, and support services and resources in our District and our community-at-large. They understand the importance of a family's participation in the academic, social, and emotional success of each child(ren)'s education. They help to connect the dots between our schools, the community and, our city.

I encourage you to participate in their upcoming event on Thursday, December 17, at 5:00 pm. The topic is Blackhawk Technical College – Admission, Financial Aid, and other available Resources. You can register by clicking on this **Zoom Link. (need link)**

Winter STEAM Challenge:

This month, our STEAM Design Challenge will focus on the Arts. We invite and encourage all students to create a winter or holiday-themed decoration or compose a song that, in some way, represents them, your family, or your culture. Please don't buy anything special to complete the Challenge. Use items from around your home. Be sure to have fun with this STEAM Challenge. We are looking forward to seeing the final project.



Students can access the video link to help give them ideas. Please have your child/teen record themselves telling us about the decoration or sharing of a song. There is a three-minute limit to the videos. Students must log-in to their School District of Beloit email to view the [VIDEO LINK](#) and to participate.

Grab and Go Meals: Important Update

Grab and Go Meals are available from 11 am until 1:30 pm at all Elementary Schools on Thursday, December 10; Monday, December 14; and Thursday, December 17.

On Monday, December 21, seven days of breakfast and lunch meals will be provided. This will be the last day of meal distribution for December. Delivery will be offered to families if needed. Please call (608) 361-3136 to arrange for delivery. Grab and Go Meals will begin again on Monday, January 4.

We have communicated with Caritas, the Salvation Army, and People's Church that our families will need meals the week of December 28. They have provided us with the following information:

Caritas: 2840 Prairie Avenue, Beloit, WI

Food Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 am to 2:15 pm and on Thursdays from 10 am to 12:15 pm.

The Salvation Army: 809 Broad Street, Beloit, WI

Provides Grab and Go lunch from 11 am to 1 pm.
Food Pantry is open Monday and Wednesday from 12 pm to 3 pm.

People's Church: 340 West Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI

Second Harvest Food Bank offers food on Tuesdays from 10 am to 11 am.
Please visit the People's Church [WEBSITE](#) to complete a form before showing-up.

State Park Badge: A Contest for our High School Artists!

High school students can enter artwork in the 2022 Wisconsin State Park Sticker Design Contest. Wisconsin high school students can now submit entries for the 2022 Wisconsin state park sticker design contest. The contest will run through Friday, April 30, 2021. The contest is open to all high school age students (9th through 12th grades). The winning design will be displayed on hundreds of thousands of vehicles. For more details, check out the [DNR website](#).

My next letter to families will be on Sunday, December 20.

Kind regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
Interim Superintendent
School District of Beloit