



# SOLON SPRINGS

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School District of Solon Springs

Eagle Flyer

Aug/Sept/Oct. 2024



## Band Instruments Needed!

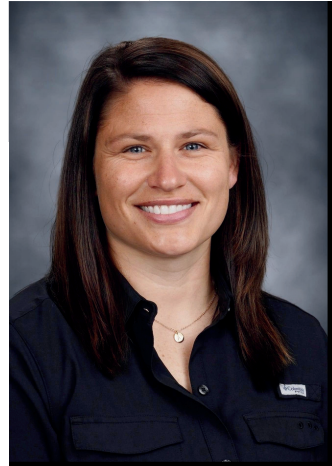
Have any old instruments laying around needing a new home? Contact Charlotte Sanborn:  
csanborn@solonk12.net  
to set up a time!



## Solon Springs Back to School Community Dinner

Wednesday, August 28th  
4pm - 6pm

*Come meet your teachers, bring your supplies and have dinner*



Dear Solon Springs School District Families,

First and foremost, I hope everyone had a relaxing summer enjoying time spent with family and friends. The purpose of my letter is to welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you are excited as we are to get the school year rolling. Here are a few things we would like to share with you as we go into the new school year:

- The Open House and Community Dinner will be August 28th from 4-6 PM. Please join us for dinner and bring your school supplies. This is a great time to meet our staff and your teachers!
- The parent drop-off in the mornings and pick-up in the afternoons will be located in front of the bus garage by the playground. PLEASE refrain from driving in the bus lane by the main entrance in the morning and afternoon. This year, all students will enter the building through the main front office doors. These changes are being implemented to keep our students, staff, and families safe.
- You play a key role in supporting your child and preparing them for a successful future. Engaging children in learning so they are equipped and feel empowered for the next steps in life after graduation starts with attending school regularly. If you know your child will be absent, please notify our front office. In Wisconsin, students are allowed 10 excused days and 10 pre-arranged days for the year. If a student reaches 5 unexcused days, they are considered habitually truant. We want to ensure your child is successful and if you have additional questions regarding the attendance policy and state law, please feel free to reach out.
- Lastly, please make sure to complete your annual back-to-school forms. These forms are designed to provide us with the most up-to-date and accurate information. These will be available during our Open House and in our front office. Please contact Linda Parker with any questions you may have, [lparker@solonk12.net](mailto:lparker@solonk12.net).

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer spending time with your loved ones. The Solon Springs School District is looking forward to working together for the well-being of our students, staff, and community. We all miss the students and look forward to seeing their smiling faces on September 3rd. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 715-378-2263 x203 or send an email, [akriskovich@solonk12.net](mailto:akriskovich@solonk12.net) and I will be happy to assist the best that I can. I look forward to a successful 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

Anne Kriskovich  
4K-12 Principal

Welcome new Principal:

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## HOGS FOR HOPE



Backpack school supply giveaway!

August 25th: Noon - 4:00pm  
Solon Springs Community Center  
Kindergarten - 12th grade  
Available to any child in Solon Springs, WI and surrounding areas. No registration required!



PICTURE DAY:  
Wednesday  
September 11th



5th grade Traditional and Montessori parents:

Please attend Ernie Swift Camp informational talk with Bill, director of Ernie Swift on Wednesday, August 28th @ 5pm in Mrs. Dahlberg's room.



# Superintendent Column:



Peter Hopke  
Superintendent

Greetings families, students, and community members:

It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through August and the beginning of the school year is upon us! New staff members will be joining us on August 22 to begin learning more about the District and all staff members return on Monday, August 26. Even though it has been our summer break, there is a lot of great work and preparation completed to make the 2024-25 school year a great success for students and staff.

We are focusing on a reboot of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to build a positive school climate among students and staff. We have developed structured schedules to provide more opportunities for common planning time for our teachers. This will be beneficial for improving instruction, addressing student needs through planning and interventions, and helping each other grow in our practice as educators. Finally, we are providing training for our substitute teachers so they understand how the District operates and are better prepared for supporting students.

On Wednesday, August 28, the District will host an open house for families to come to the building, meet with their students' teachers, and get additional information necessary for the school year to include After School Program, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) events, and additional opportunities during the year. There will be a meal for families as well. The Open House is scheduled for 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you there for our Open House!

## Updates:

Last year, the WI State Legislature passed the Act 20 Early Literacy bill that provided specific guidelines for teacher learning, student assessment, and curriculum practices. During the summer and into the fall, teachers for our students in grades K-3 attended training to meet one of the requirements of Act 20. The information and learning were beneficial to academic achievement and learning. On July 1, the WI Legislature approved aimswebPlus as the early literacy screener that Districts need to use to determine student performance in literacy for grades K-3. This screener will replace FastBridge for literacy and will be implemented in January. Teachers in these grade levels will be learning more about how to assess students using aimswebPlus in the next few months so they are ready for implementation. Unfortunately, we will have to use FastBridge along with aimswebPlus in the Spring as there will be data necessary at the beginning of the school year for establishing learning goals and student success during the year. Next year, we will be able to use aimswebPlus for the entire school year and limit the amount of testing for our students. The more we test, the less time we have for instruction.

As mentioned previously, we have established structured schedules for common planning time for teachers mainly in the elementary. Along with the common planning time, we have added an intervention time that is called WIN, which stands for "what I need". This provides a specific time for teachers to assist students who are struggling with learning content as well as a time for our proficient students to receive some enrichment. This intervention time is necessary for our students' growth and achievement as well as determining if some of our students require more intensive intervention as laid out in our Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Support (EMLSS). This will help ensure that every student receives what they need to succeed.

In March 2024, the Board implemented the Committee of the Whole structure for conducting Board committee meetings. The Committee of the Whole condenses all of the committees into one meeting and all Board members are present. This allows all Board members to hear information and have discussions together on the same topics instead of duplicating some of the same discussions and dialogue. It reduces the number of meetings that Board members, staff and community members could potentially attend to just one meeting that is on a set schedule.

Even though this meeting looks like a regular Board meeting, there are some differences. Staff members and community members can engage openly in the discussion of the agenda items with the Board since it is a committee meeting. Typically Board actions are not taken at these meetings since the focus is to gather information, have dialogue, and ask questions regarding the agenda items. Also, there is no public comment during the Committee of the Whole meetings. Discussion must be focused on the agenda items.

Then, the agenda items that are considered for Board action are placed on the Regular Board meeting agenda, where only Board members can discuss the agenda items. There is a public comment time but Board members have to follow open meeting rules and not engage in open dialogue with community members during the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to take action or delay actions on agenda items. The Board decided to continue with this format and structure for the upcoming months. The Board will revisit this committee and meeting structure later in the year to determine if they will continue or return to the more traditional committee structure and meetings.

In June, a team of educators and administrators attended a Professional Learning Communities at Work conference that was grant funded. This training focused on different strategies, practices, and techniques to improve school culture and climate, increase teacher collaboration and shared learning, and increase student success academically and behaviorally. The most notable changes from the learning are seen in our elementary school schedule. There is common planning time for traditional and Montessori grade bands, there are designated intervention times, and shared lunch times. Another component of this learning is the clarity of our instruction and student learning. This year, we will work on providing clarity on ELA instruction by identifying our priority standards, ensure there is a common understanding of proficiency for these standards, establish a consistent scope and sequence of learning, and develop common formative assessments to guide instruction. Each year after that, we will focus on Math, Social Studies, and Science, respectively. It is a long process but will bear fruit along the way for all of our students.

Respectfully,

*Pete Hopke*

Solon Springs Superintendent - phopke@solonk12.net



Do you have community news, information, or ideas  
that could be shared in our newsletter?

If so, please contact Christine Nordness: cnordness@solonk12.net





## Morning drop off & early pickup changes:

The parent drop-off in the mornings and pick-up in the afternoons will be located in front of the bus garage by the playground. Please refrain from driving in the bus lane by the main entrance from 7:30-8:30 am and 3:00-4:00 pm.

★ BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, & SAFE ★



Annual Board Meeting  
October 28th

## WELCOME NEW HIRES

*Ariana Hauser*  
Elementary SPED

*Jade Amys*  
Elementary Para

*Corinne Castano*  
Montessori EI

*Nathaniel Ballard*  
Legacy 3 & 4

*Richard Welsch*  
MS ELA Teacher

*Jenniffer Groski*  
MS/HS SPED

*Mandy Geary*  
Vocal/Elementary Music

*Dustin Anderson*  
Guidance Counselor

# PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a framework that helps schools create a safe and effective learning environment for all students.

## Solon Springs Students will...

### BE SAFE...

- Think before you act
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Play by the rules

### BE RESPONSIBLE....

- Follow directions the first time
- Make positive choices
- Take responsibility for your actions

### BE RESPECTFUL...

- Be kind and show others you care
- Listen to others
- Respect others and their property

## Volleyball Schedule

09 SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Practice 5:00pm-7:00pm	3 1st Day of School Home vs. Frederic	4 Practice After school until 6:00pm	5 Practice After school until 6:00pm	6 Practice After school until 6:00pm	7
8 SuperOne Fundraiser 10am-4pm	9 Away vs. Siren	10 Home vs. Mercer	11 Practice After school until 6:00pm	12 Practice After school until 6:00pm	13 Practice After school until 6:00pm	14
15 Practice 5:00pm-7:00pm	16 Home vs. Bayfield	17 Practice After school until 6:00pm	18 Practice After school until 6:00pm	19 Practice After school until 6:00pm	20 Away vs. South Shore	21 Mertz Rookey Golf Scramble (Hidden Greens)
22 Practice 5:00pm-7:00pm	23 Home vs. Drummond	24 No Practice	25 Practice After school until 6:00pm	26 Home vs. Washburn	27 Practice After school until 6:00pm	28 Northwestern Invitational (Varsity Only)
29 Practice 5:00pm-7:00pm	30 Away vs. Butternut					

## Cross Country Schedule

Schedule of Meets 2024

Please make sure you check the school website for updates and changes.  
\* 5th grade included

Thurs, Aug. 29-Chequamegon Bay Golf Club, Ashland 10:00AM *
Thurs. Sept. 5-Pattison Park Golf Course *
Thurs. Sept. 12-Cameron HS
Tues, Sept. 17-UW- Barron County Campus, Rice Lake
Thurs, Sept. 19-South Shore-Northern Pines Golf Course, Iron River *
Tues. Sept. 24-Norwood Golf Course, Lk. Nebagamon *
Thurs. Oct. 3-Butternut
Mon. Oct. 7- HS only Hidden Greens, Solon Springs
Thurs. Oct. 17- HS only Conference Championship
Sat. Oct. 26 HS Only-SECTIONALS- Hidden Greens, Solon Springs



Thanks to a grant funded by WI DNR & St. Croix Headwaters Foundation, our summer school students were able to fish Lake St. Croix weekly. A big shoutout to Chase Latvala for guiding the kids around and co-captains Jenna Latvala and Taylor Anderson.





**Meal Prices\***

	Breakfast	Lunch
PK-5	1.95	2.90
6-8	2.05	3.10
9-12	2.05	3.20
Adult	2.75	4.65
Reduced	.30	.40



**À La Carte Prices**

- Milk \$.50
- Juice \$.50

**Food Facts**

- All meals come with 1 milk choice: Chocolate 1%, White Skim, or White 1%.
- All meals come with Fruit Choice
- All breakfasts come with Milk, Fruit and 100% Fruit Juice, daily.
- Whole Grain Rich Item\*

You can apply for free or reduced priced meals at any time during the school year.



**MUSIC IN THE PARK**



**SOLON SPRING ALL STARS**

Students and graduates of Solon Springs Band Program performed the opening act for Music in the Park held at Lucius Woods Park on July 20th.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE SOLON SPRINGS EAGLES ATHLETIC PROGRAM

**THE 8TH ANNUAL MERTZ ROOKEY SOLON SPRINGS EAGLES Scramble**

SEPTEMBER = 21ST =  
Shotgun Start @ 2:00 pm  
9 hole tournament

**HIDDEN GREENS NORTH SOLON SPRINGS**  
\*\*\* RAIN OR SHINE EVENT! \*\*\*

**Mertz Rookey INSURANCE AGENCY**

TOURNAMENT INFO:  
- \$45 PER PLAYER - INCLUDES GOLF, CART & DINNER  
- 4 OR 5 MAN TEAM  
- DINNER ONLY TICKETS \$20 PER PLATE  
- RAFFLE TO FOLLOW DINNER - RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

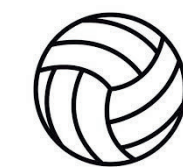
**\$45 PER PLAYER**

PREPAY & SIGN UP AT HIDDEN GREENS : 715-378-2300

**2024-2025 CALENDAR**

August 22	New Staff Inservice Day 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
August 26	All Staff In-Service Day 8:00 am-3:30 pm
August 27	All Staff In-Service Day 8:00 am-3:30 pm
August 28	All Staff In-service Day <b>10:00 am – 6:00 pm</b>
August 28	Community Dinner – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
August 29	Teacher In-Service 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
September 3	First Day of School
September 11	School Picture Day
October 1	Mid Quarter D & F Slips Due (21 days)
October 14	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
October 21	Picture Retake Day
October 31	End of 1st Quarter (42 days)
November 1	NO SCHOOL - All Staff In-Service Day
November 4	Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
November 11	Veterans Day Assembly 10:00am
November 19 & 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences <b>4:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>
November 22	End of Tri 1- Montessori (57 days)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL (25th comp day for P/T conf.)
December 11	Mid Quarter D & F Slips Due (23 days)
December 23-31	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
January 1	New Year's Day NO SCHOOL
January 2	Classes Resume
January 20	NO SCHOOL - All Staff In-Service Day
January 23	Semester 1 Final Exams
January 24	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester (46 days)
January 27	Start of 3rd Quarter
February 11 & 13	Parent-Teacher Conferences <b>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>
February 14	NO SCHOOL (comp day for P/T conf.)
February 26	Mid Quarter D & F Slips due (22 days)
March 7	End of Trimester 2 - Montessori (60 days)
March 17-21	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 26	Spring Picture Day
April 4	End of 3rd Quarter ( 44 days)
April 7	Start of 4th Quarter
April 18-21	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
May 7	Mid Quarter D & F Slips Due (21 days)
May 24	Graduation – <b>11:00 am</b>
May 26	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 6	Last Day for Students, End of 4th Quarter (42 days)
June 9	End of T 3- Montessori (57 days)
June 10	All Staff In-Service 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
June 10	Teacher In-Service 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

\*subject to change\*



**Mertz Rookey INSURANCE AGENCY**

Over the past seven years, the Mertz Rookey Solon Springs Eagles Golf Scramble has raised approximately **\$105,000** to support the Athletic Department at Solon Springs High School.

**This year's event is September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024!**

Ways in which you can support our event:

- Golf in the scramble at Hidden Greens North**
  - o \$45 per person – Includes Golf, Cart and Dinner
  - o 4 or 5 person teams – **Call Hidden Greens to Sign up before 9/14.**
- Come for dinner after the scramble**
  - o Dinner tickets are \$20 per plate – Available at Mertz Rookey Insurance Agency prior to the event. **Advance Dinner Tickets are recommended.**
- Donate items for the Silent Auction**
  - o Please drop off at Mertz Rookey Insurance prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Become a Hole Sponsor**
  - o Signs will be placed on a tee box indicating your \$100 contribution
- Become an Event Sponsor**
  - o Silver Sponsor- \$250
  - o Gold Sponsor- \$500
  - o Platinum Sponsor- \$1,000
  - o Sponsors' names will appear on a large banner during the event.

Please complete the Sponsor or Silent Auction sign up form on the back. Return by September 3rd

**Thank you for your consideration!**

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