



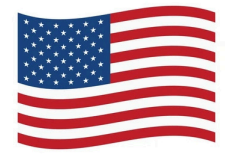
SOLON SPRINGS

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School District of Solon Springs

Eagle Flyer

Nov/Dec/Jan 2024-2025



Veteran's Day

Thank you to all the men and women that have served and are currently serving. Thank you for your sacrifices for our freedom; it was an honor to celebrate this day with you!



5th Grade at Ernie Swift Camp

Fifth Grade students from Solon Springs and Northwood participated in their annual overnight trip to Swift Nature Camp in Wascott, Wisconsin in September of this year. Swift Nature Camp runs throughout the summer but opens for three days and two nights specifically for our students. At camp students learn how to paddle a canoe, outdoor first aid, tree and leaf identification, fur bearing animals of the northwoods, orienteering and more. This annual trip is organized by our volunteer director, Bill Matthias, who is a former superintendent of Northwood School. High school students, who may have attended camp themselves, return as counselors for our younger students.



After School Hours:

Grades PK-12: M-Th: 3:30-5:00pm

Mornings: Grades 6-12 ONLY: 7:00 - 8:00 am Monday - Friday

For after school information,

contact Julie Fromm:

jfromm@solonk12.net

Superintendent Column:



Peter Hopke
Superintendent

Greetings families and community members:

It is hard to believe that we are already past the 1st quarter/trimester of the year! The students and staff have gotten into a good routine with instruction and learning. Staff is getting more engaged with the collaboration process to improve learning, instruction, and student engagement. It is great to walk into classrooms to observe instruction and student engagement.

In September, the Board approved the new 2024-2029 Strategic Plan that included the District Mission, Vision, Values, and Priorities. These statements and priorities will guide our practice in the District. Specifically, these priorities will guide our goals for staff and the District.

The District Priorities are:

1. Strengthen communication avenues (both internal and external)
2. Enhance school climate (for students and staff)
3. Foster academic rigor (and curriculum development)

For Priority 1, we have taken great strides to improve our communication through social media, monthly video updates, and newsletters. We will expand our communication into weekly updates that will be provided through our social media, website, and hard copies. Our goal is to have this established by February 2025. We are implementing this internally first to get a system established before implementation with families and the community. This should help keep families and the community informed on the activities and events occurring in the District.

For Priority 2, we reviewed data from the Hope Survey, which is taken by students and staff in the fall and spring. We are focusing on staff climate with a District goal addressing the statement "This school gives me what I need to be my best." If staff and educators have what they need to be their best, they will provide the best instruction possible for our students. Staff and educators will feel better about the job they are doing, which will impact our student climate as well.

For Priority 3, we are continuing to make progress in identifying our District Priority Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Reading. The objective of identifying our priority standards is to provide instructional focus for teachers and align our instruction across the curriculum to improve student achievement. By the end of the school year, we will have a scope and sequence of instruction for each grade level for all of our schools. We will continue to develop our instructional vocabulary, interventions, and assessments to gain clarity on student learning targets, skill attainment, and to create consistent responses when a skill gap is identified.

One thing that I view as important for the community is the fact that the School District should be the hub of activities for the community. We are taking steps to provide different activities and opportunities for families and community members to be involved and engaged in activities at the District. We have partnered with the PTO to host a number of activities during the school year to provide opportunities for families and community members. We are coordinating community education opportunities through the District utilizing our facilities and spaces. It is our objective to provide ways to engage the community and support continuous, lifelong learning.

At the District Annual meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2024, the 2024-25 District budget and tax levies were discussed and approved. At the moment, our fund balance is healthy, which was the objective of the referendum passed in 2016. Since that time, operational overhead has increased as well as staff wages and benefits, which is impacting our ability to grow our fund balance. Our property tax valuation has increased, which results in lower state general aid coming into the District. We have a balanced budget this year even with the maintenance and repair expenses for sections of the roof, restroom updates, security updates, and handicap accessibility. We are doing our best to maintain our facilities within the constraints of our operating budget and provide great spaces for our students and community.

Lastly, we will continue to provide updates on our facilities and programming. The AD HOC maintenance committee will help develop a 5-year plan to address maintenance concerns and identify maintenance issues that may exceed our operational budget. They will also assist with determining space utilization as we look to add instructional programming in our middle school and high school. We need to provide as many learning opportunities for students as possible but ensure that we have functional spaces to do so. If you would like to participate in these meetings or would like to get more information, please contact me.

Go EAGLES!



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

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

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PBIS

I AM A SOLON SPRINGS EAGLE WHEN I...

	S Safe	O Organized	A Accountable	R Respectful
Hallway Voice Volume: 0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the right side of the hallway Keep your hands and feet to yourself Maintain control of your body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go directly to your destination and return to class when done Be on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep lockers/hooks clean and organized Have a pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a proper voice level Remember learning is happening
Cafeteria Voice Volume: 0-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands before and after eating Stay seated when you are eating Walk politely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a tray and utensils Return your tray when you are done eating Leave no trace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eat your food appropriately Eat your own food Clean up after yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to staff in the cafeteria Stay in your own space Wait patiently Use manners
Playground Voice Volume: 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress for the Weather Keep your body to yourself Use equipment properly Talk with an adult to resolve conflicts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in the boundaries of the playground Gather all balls and other items at the end of recess 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a line before going out or coming in Have all personal items (Coats, hats, mittens) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to adults Accept and respect ability differences Show good sportsmanship in games/activities Include others in games/activities
Restrooms Voice Volume: 0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep area Clean Report wet floors or running water Keep phones in lockers/bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be engaged in class Use restroom during passing time Get a pass from teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands thoroughly Shake off water in sink Phones silenced in lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite Wait to have a conversation Give others privacy
Office/Nurse Voice Volume: 0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go directly to your destination and return to class when done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the office/nurse when you feel ill or need to use the phone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait patiently to get help Use manners

I AM A SOLON SPRINGS EAGLE WHEN I...

	S Safe	O Organized	A Accountable	R Respectful
Classrooms Voice Volume: 0-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow expectations Keep doorways and windows free of clutter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do your own work Try your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared to learn with books, Chromebook, etc. Stay on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Use appropriate language Talk to the teacher for clarification/explanation
Gym/Events Voice Volume: 0-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use your gym shoes in on the court Keep your body to yourself Follow gym expectations Keep door free of clutter Walk on the bleachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an active participant Stay in the gym during class and events Gather all balls and other items at the end of PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a line before going out or coming in for PE class/school events Stay with your class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to staff in the gym Stay in your own space Wait patiently Use manners
Buses Voice Volume: 0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay seated when the bus is moving Keep your hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Keep your belongings in the seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up after yourself Take all personal items with you (Coats, hats, mittens) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to the driver Stay in your own space Wait patiently for people to get off Use manners
Digital World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only communicate with people you know in the school Report suspicious emails and media to teachers/adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand up to others and call out/report bullying Ask questions when needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be purposeful and appropriate with communication Keep Chromebook charged Keep your phone in your locker/bag Stay on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care and protect your Chromebook/device Respect others' work and opinions Use appropriate language

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

Expectations when attending athletic events:

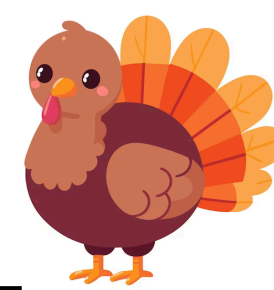
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** BY A PARENT, OR POSSIBLY AN OLDER SIBLING.
- ALL STUDENTS YOUNGER THAN 3RD GRADE **MUST SIT WITH THEIR PARENTS DURING THE GAME**.
- 3-5 GRADE STUDENTS **MUST SIT ON THE PARENT SIDE OF THE GYM**.
- 6-12 GRADE STUDENTS MAY SIT BEHIND THE HOME BENCH.
- WATER IS THE **ONLY BEVERAGE ALLOWED** IN THE GYMS.
- POPCORN AND CANDY ARE THE **ONLY FOODS ALLOWED** IN THE GYMS.
- FANS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY IN THEIR SEATS DURING GAME ACTION.
- CONCESSION STANDS WILL ONLY BE OPEN BEFORE, BETWEEN GAMES AND AT HALFTIME.
- BATHROOM BREAKS NEED TO BE DONE BEFORE/BETWEEN GAMES.
- FANS OF ALL AGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING TO OUR TEAMS.
- FANS WHO ENGAGE IN NEGATIVE BEHAVIORS TOWARDS EITHER TEAM, OFFICIALS, OR OTHER FANS MUST BE ASKED TO STOP. FANS WHO CONTINUE THE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



Medical Equipment Available!
The Solon Springs Lions Club has used medical equipment such as, wheelchairs and crutches to be used free of charge if needed.
Please contact: (218) 341-9470

Solon Springs Free Thanksgiving Dinner



18th Annual Solon Cares
Free Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Thursday, November 28, 2024
Where: Solon Springs Community Center Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Serving: A Buffet Style Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Complete with Dessert!

Don't eat alone! Grab a friend or neighbor and join us for a casual family style dinner!

Dine In or Carry Out
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

Handicapped accessible with assistance available

Volunteers, donations and donated items needed.
For more information call or text 715-816-0773.

Eagles' Nest Childcare Center



National Honor Society

The following students; are part of our National Honor Society, seniors Isaac Dickenson and Silas Kidder, juniors; Ayden Frostman, Vaelena Smith, Audrey Swanson Kendall Nelson and Lilyanne Wright. In order to be a member of NHS students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher and be approved by the Scholarship Committee. As a part of NHS they work on conducting our Memorial Blood Drive as well as being active members of various other groups and athletics in our school.



Student Council heads to Leadership Summit





Anne Kriskovich
Principal

Principal Report

Dear Solon Springs School District Families,

As we settle into the classroom and routines, the school year has been off and running with a great start! We appreciate the positive support and feedback from our families and community. As we move into the fall and winter months, here are a few items and reminders we would like to share with you:

- In the upcoming months we will be having various school sponsored programs and concerts for our community and students. When attending these events, please be mindful of the hard work that goes into these by practicing and displaying appropriate etiquette. We ask that cell phones be silenced, movement is limited during the program/concert, small children are seated and supervised by their guardian(s), and that you remain in your seat for the entirety of the program. This lessens disruptions for our speakers and performers and helps keep the program/concert running smoothly for all.
- Mark your calendars!! ACT Testing for Juniors will be on March 11th.
- As always, 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.

The School District of Solon Springs thanks you for your continued support and working together for the well-being of our students, staff, and community. 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 and I will be happy to assist the best that I can.

Sincerely,

Anne Kriskovich
4K-12 Principal

E2 visits Fort Folie

E2 Montessori students traveled to Fort Folle Avoine in Danbury last month. Here they extended their classroom learning by experiencing a re-enactment of two fur trading posts: XY Company and the Northwest Company. They also learned about Ojibway heritage, logging history, and more. Through this experience, students were able to connect their American history studies to a hands-on experience outside of the classroom.



Educational Influencers!

Traditional 4K/K and 5th grade classes come together once a week to do science, math, art and writing activities. We have spent time working on writing skills, painting and even making applesauce together. We are building wonderful relationships as we continue to grow together.



Physics with 10th Grade

A group of 10th graders in Mrs. Zosel's Physics class performed an experiment for an elementary class. One of the many requirements of this class is to perform two science labs per quarter. This entails picking a lab that Mrs. Zosel has previously taught and demonstrating it to an elementary class. The lab performed showcases chemical reactions. One segment shows what happens when you mix an acidic liquid with a basic tablet. To display this, we will be putting mentos into a coke bottle. We will also be demonstrating temperature change by putting an Alka-Seltzer tablet into water.



After School Program will be visiting Bentleyville, December 10th 2024 (4pm-7pm) Pizza will be provided before leaving. Must be registered with After School Program to attend



Have a talent you would like to share at the After School Program? Contact Julie Fromm, jfromm@solonk12.net to get added to a the schedule.

NSS Football

The Northwood/Solon Springs football team achieved much success this season. After a close, come-from-behind non-conference win against Frederic in week one, N/SS cruised through the conference schedule undefeated. Their average margin of victory was over 37 points in conference games. The only close game was a week 7 victory at Shell Lake that clinched the conference title.



N/SS was one of sixteen 8-player football teams in the state to make the playoffs, earning a #1 seed in their bracket. Wins against Hurley and Clayton gave N/SS a Sectional championship and a trip to the State semi-finals against Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas. The semi-final berth was the first since WIAA started crowning a State champion in 8-player football. N/SS took the lead early in the 2nd quarter on a long touchdown run by state offensive player of the year finalist Jared Schultz. However, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas scored the next 38 points to put the game out of reach and send them to the State championship game. N/SS finished the season with a conference championship, a Sectional championship, and a 10-1 record. Six players on the team are from Solon Springs: Juniors Sam Fromm and Will Holmstrom, Sophomore Tristan Groski, and Freshmen Ezra Ahlberg, Lincoln Coaty, and Nolan Hill-Smith.



Middle School Girls Basketball

Middle School Girls wrapped up their season taking home a championship at the end of the year tournament in Butternut on Oct 19th. The 8th grade team went undefeated this season while 6/7 grade team only racked up one loss. This group of girls play fast paced, high intensity basketball and play well as a team. Keep your eyes on these little Eagles as they continue to grow.



Upcoming HS Girls Basketball Games:

12/3 @ Shell Lake 12/6 @ Mercer 12/10 @ Bayfield
12/13 @ Home vs S. Shore 12/17 @ Washburn
12/20 @ Home vs Butternut

Upcoming HS Boys Basketball Games:

12/3 @ Turtle Lake 12/6 @ Mercer 12/12 @ Bayfield
12/17 @ Home vs S. Shore 12/19 @ Washburn

Solon Springs Volleyball



The team went 4-5 in the conference. We hosted Birchwood for our first round regional game and won in a thrilling and exciting 5 set match. We then traveled to Prentice to play in the second round of regionals. Unfortunately we lost in 3 sets to them, but the girls played their hearts out and we couldn't have been more proud of them! We tied for 6th place in the Conference. This team played at a much higher/more competitive level than last year.



The freshman group of players stepped right in and played with tenacity and determination. The upperclassmen took the freshman under their wings and helped them soar to become an overall better volleyball player. Our motto this year was "It's not WHO is going to take it, it's that I am going to take it."

We worked all season long on instilling confidence in each of our players, and when they let their confidence shine through- WATCH OUT because they were unstoppable. The team made huge gains and strides in their ability to accept and give constructive criticism, to compete at higher levels of competition, and overall court awareness/court knowledge. As a coach, those are improvements that make us proud! To our seniors Paetyn Simenson and Jaelyn Gehl- We wish you the best of luck in the future! We are going to miss your presence on the Volleyball team and court next year. Thank YOU for allowing me to stand by you and watch you grow throughout your highschool volleyball career. It has been a true honor and an experience that I will cherish.

Love,
Coach Simenson and Coach Malone

After School Program

Over 180 students have taken advantage of Solon Springs School District's out-of-school time programming. This includes summer school, before school, and after school activities. Opportunities include academic help, Fab Lab, Chess Club, the new Pokemon Club and TableTop Game Club (D&D/Magic the Gathering), STEM, Weekly Reader magazines, crafts, DIY food, computer night, and outdoor education. We are always looking for volunteers and more ways to enrich student's lives outside of school time.

The middle school Environmental Education class has been working on clearing the school trails. We would like to remind everyone who ventures out behind school to stay on the trail. Going off trail can damage or kill certain plant or animal species, and can hurt the ecosystems that surround the trail. Always practice Leave No Trace principles: Leave rocks, sticks and vegetation where you find them for others to enjoy.



PTO would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship during the Halloween Howler

- Solon Concrete
- Hammond Landscaping and excavating
- JWM
- Sound pro and light
- Priemo construction
- Elementary Art for art work to be displayed



Cross Country Soars their way to State!

Way to go SSN XC Team! We have our first girl in 30 years that qualified for STATE! Penelope Burfield ran 20:30 to place 5th overall and punched her ticket to be the first freshman from our school to qualify individually for XC State! She also broke the school record! Also congrats to Alyssa Fossum placing in the top 10 and Annika Guttormson in the top 20! Way to go lady eagles! Our boys team became the Sectional Champions which qualified them 3 years in a row for the State Championships! Led by Ike who won the sectional two years in a row and broke his own school record running 16 flat! He and his teammates, Jake Taggart, Silas Kidder, Taven Nelson, Isaiah Ahlberg, Blaise Kidder, and Brody Hankins will compete Saturday, November 1st at Ridges Golf Course in WI Rapids in the WIAA State XC Meet. We wish them well at this huge opportunity.



Community Partnerships at Eagles Academy

Community partnerships are essential to the project-based learning process. The partnerships help provide real world connections, build mentorships, and deepen the learning experience.

Eagles Academy students are working on a seminar project that focuses on Phenology and the "Story of their Place". In addition to writing, researching, and exploring ecological concepts, students have had the opportunity to work with Emily Stone from the Cable Natural History Museum and local artists Stella Weeks and Kathy Maas to deepen their learning. Working with Emily Stone, students learned how to uncover a "story" at their phenology spot, be curious and ask questions, and finally research the ecological concept further in order to understand what was happening in that place. Local artists Stella Weeks and Kathy Maas provided instruction and support in watercolor and drawing so that students could further illustrate the story of their place. Students are currently in the writing phase of this seminar project and are excited to share the stories of their place through their narratives.

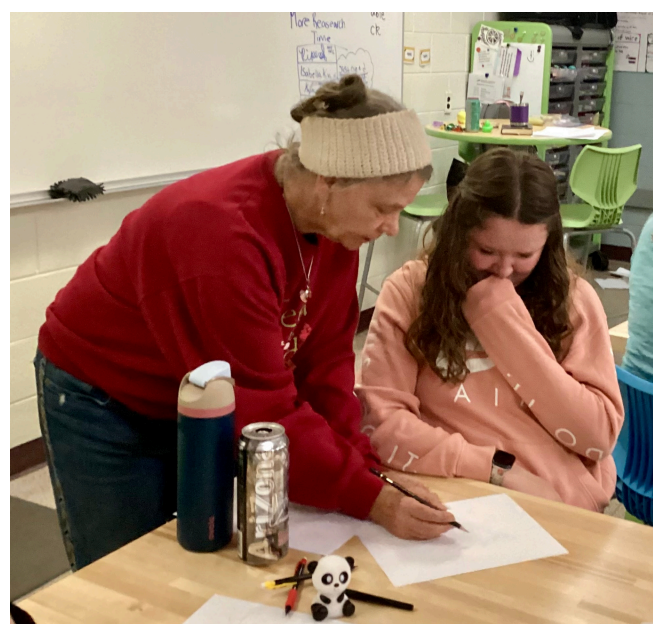


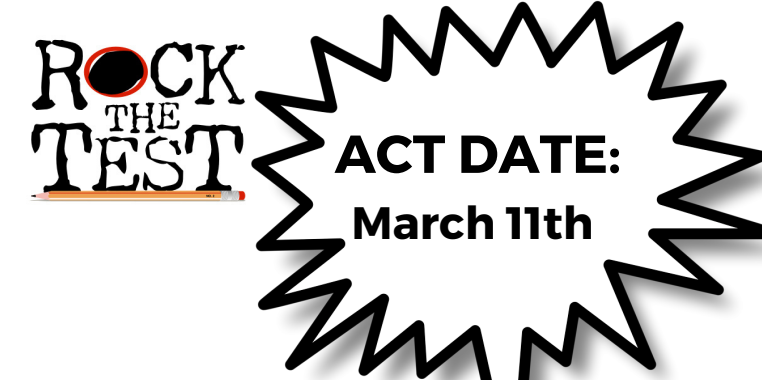
Photo 1 Emily Stone: Students work with Emily Stone from the Cable Natural History to uncover the ecological story of their place.



Photo 2 Artists: Artists Stella Weeks and Kathy Maas helped students create watercolor and drawings to tell the story of their place.



Have Eagle wear you no longer want? Reach out to Solon Springs School to donate your unwanted items to current students



Music Update

Big Top Chautauqua Field Learning Experience

On September 13, a large group of 4th graders and middle and high school students attended a musical performance by Mucca Pazza, a joyful and eclectic Chicago-based band. Students had a great time listening to and learning about the different instruments in the ensemble.



Band Instruments Needed!

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



Upcoming Concerts:

Elementary Winter Concert
December 4th @ 1:30pm

Middle and High School Winter Concert
December 9th @ 6:00pm
(student drop-off at 5pm)

WE ARE HIRING substitutes

JOB POSITIONS:

- FULL DAY TEACHER SUB: \$130.00
- HALF DAY TEACHER SUB: \$65.00
- SUPPORT STAFF SUB: \$13.96/HR
- KITCHEN SUB: \$13.10/HR
- BUS DRIVERS: \$42.86/ROUTE
- CUSTODIAN SUB: \$15.30/HR



CALL US!
715-378-2263

8993 E Baldwin Ave
Solon Springs, WI 54873



No School:
Nov. 25-29
&
Dec. 23 - Jan 1



Italy & Greece Trip 2026

We are offering an amazing educational experience for our students. We will be traveling to Italy/Greece spring break of 2026. If you have a student that will be in high school that year they are eligible for the trip. This trip is open to students and their parents. We will be traveling with the company Explorica who has facilitated school trips here at Solon Springs for many years. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Latvala
jlatvala@solonk12.net



THE WALL OF HONOR

What is The Wall of Honor?
The Wall of Honor at Solon Spring School District was formed for the purpose of providing our current students and community with a vision of the outstanding legacies of the Solon School District and Community. It is hoped that these Wall of Honor nominees will provide role models for our students and community.

To nominate someone or for more information, go to our website:
solonk12.net

Solon Spring's 8th grade class presents:

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

\$50

November 20 - December 7

Monday-Friday:
2:45-5:00 pm

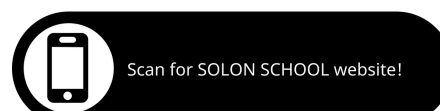
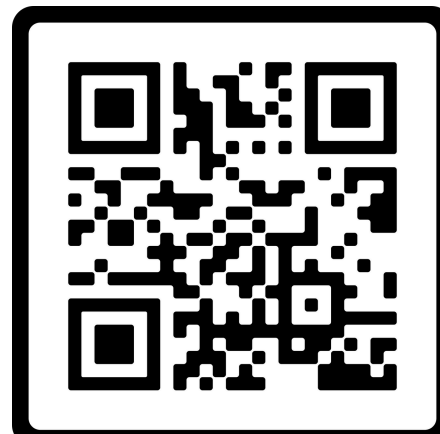
Saturday and Sunday:
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Market Beautiful
11178 S O'Brien Parkway
Solon Springs, WI 54873

Pay at Bake Shoppe during hours, if during off hours, please go to NAPA to pay for tree(s).



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to our election workers!



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