

Red Smith School Newsletter

December, 2022



Together WE... Appreciate Diversity, Dream Big, Value Learning, Inspire Thinking, Celebrate Talent, and Embrace Challenges



Message from the Principals

Hello Raptors Families!

Welcome to December!

We would like to extend our warmest wishes for a safe, healthy and joy-filled winter break and holiday season. Leading up to the winter break, we have chosen again this holiday season to again ask families for voluntary contributions in support of those less fortunate. The Week of Dec. 12 through Dec. 23, items will be collected for the [Winter Wish List](#) at Freedom House. Any contributions can be dropped off in the Student Services Department. Please reference the calendar below for special events this month, including our elementary and middle school instrumental and vocal music performances.

The end of the calendar year is a time of year for reflection & remembrance. We take inventory of where we came from, and have a moment to think about where we are going as we pursue the future with hope and promise. Dream Big! May the new year be sprinkled with kindness, love and friendship and some new learning to boot!

Willie Birkholz, Dave Monfils & Jenna Starry

Winter Reading

Don't forget to READ over your winter holiday. Reading every day is essential to grow and strengthen your reading abilities and knowledge.

Looking for inspiration? Check out the [Middle School](#) (Gr. 6-8) and [Elementary School](#) (Gr 4-6) Battle of the Books list from the state of Wisconsin. There are great current and classic titles on the list and something for everyone!

Important Dates & Times



- **December 8th** - Middle School Band Concert 7:00 pm
- **December 13th** - Middle School Choir/Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
- **December 15th** - Elementary Concert K-2 1pm and 3-5 1:45 pm
- **December 16th** - Early Release
- **December 23rd** - Last school day before Winter Recess
- **December 24-January 2** - Winter Recess No School

Looking Ahead

- **January 3** - First day of girls (7th/8th) basketball practice
- **January 13** - Early Release
- **January 16** - Martin Luther King Junior Day No School
- **January 20** - Teacher work day No School, end of MS 3rd grading period

Attendance Matters

Missed Time Really Adds Up!

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Reminder: If your student will be absent from school, please call the Red Smith Attendance Office, (920) 391- 2425, to excuse your student from school. Encourage students to talk with their teacher the next day regarding activities/assignments discussed during the time of their absence.

Red Smith Winter Concerts

Elementary Vocal Concert

Thursday, December 15

Grades K, 1 & 2—1:00 p.m.

Grades 3, 4, & 5—1:45 p.m .

Middle School Ensemble Concerts

Thursday, December 8—7:00 p.m.

Middle School Bands

Tuesday, December 13—7:00pm.

Middle School Orchestra & Choir



All Concerts are in the Red Smith Gymnasium

Concerts are Open to the General Public

First Nations Monthly Newsletter

Parent/Guardian Resources

- [GBAPS Parent Education Gateway](#)
- [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)
- [Transportation Department](#)
- [Support Center](#)

Yearly Newsletters

- [August/September](#)
- [October](#)
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June

Technology and Library

- Please continue to remind your students to charge their chromebooks nightly

Device Care and Expectations Questions?

Email Amy Kline,
Library Media Specialist
arkline@gbaps.org

Activities & Athletics

- Contact Dave Monfils, Activities Director @ dlmonfils@gbaps.org or Mark DeMuth, Assistant Activities Director @ mpdemuth@gbaps.org

Red Smith PTO

Click above to access the Red Smith PTO page. You can find newsletters, upcoming fundraisers, community involvement activities, along with meeting dates, and volunteer opportunities.

Student Services Team

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Do you Have A Question?



We Want to Help!

Call the Main Office:
920-391-2425
Weekdays: 7:00am-2:20pm or

[CLICK HERE](#)

To view our staff directory.

Administrative Team

Willie Birkholz
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Notes from the School Nurse

Red Smith School Nurse Jill Watzka

If your student becomes ill during the school day, the following general guidelines will be used by school staff to determine if student should be sent home:

MIDDLE SCHOOL Scheduling Update for 2023/2024

- Fever of 100 Degrees F or greater
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- contagious illness such as chickenpox, strep throat impetigo, scabies, etc.
- undiagnosed rash
- injury/accident requiring care of parent/guardian
- General discomfort such that the student cannot participate in class
- Other concerns determined by the school staff. Please keep your student home if they are sick!

View [document](#) for more detailed information.

It is hard to believe we are already at the time of year for students in grades 5-8 to pick their elective classes for the 2023-24 school year. Counselors will be presenting the elective options and having students select their courses during the month of December and January. Additional information will be shared out as well as the student's course selections to families shortly.

GBAPS Food Service

Click above for a complete access to all school meal breakfast and lunch menus.

Students will need their ID card or know their ID number when coming through the line. If your student is in need of an ID card, they can be purchased in the main office for five dollars.

[Parent Portal Application](#)