



### DISTRICT NEWS



#### The Last First Day of School in the Rock Elementary Building!

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 marks the last time there will be a first day of school in the Rock Elementary building. The building will be closed when the new addition at the high school is completed in the fall of 2025.

The Rock has been a part of the Boscobel School District since 1898 and was originally built as a high school. The 1960 BHS class was the last to graduate at the Rock. The building then was used for some Elementary classrooms. In 1989, the district needed more space, and the community decided to renovate the Rock.

It opened as part of the Elementary school in 1990 and has been home to the youngest students in the district since then!

### OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The Monthly Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 14th at 6:30pm.

### BUDGET MEETING

The Budget Meeting will be held in the Middle/High School Cafeteria on Monday, October 28th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Boscobel Area School District will be held in the Middle/High School Cafeteria, 300 Brindley Street, Boscobel, on Monday, October 28th, 2024 following the budget meeting.

October 2nd, 2024



*THANK YOU!*



# School Custodian Appreciation Day!

Nate Copsey-Director of Facilities and Grounds  
Bernie Faulkner-Custodian  
Sue Guernsey-Custodian  
Arnie Burgus- Custodian  
Theresa Pendleton-Custodian  
Emerald Faulkner-Custodian  
Brent Childs-Custodian  
Donald Howell-Custodian  
Jim Trumm-Maintenance



*school lunch*  
October 14-18, 2024

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK



Healthy meals for happy students!

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Mr. Kinney's Summer School Fishing Class concludes with a nice gift for one lucky student. Summer school may be over, but Kasen Meade got the finishing touches from another very successful summer school fishing class. Kasen landed the largest trout this past summer. He was the recipient of a very nice mount compliments of Doug Post Taxidermy. It was another great year for the fishing class. Mr. Kinney filled out a grant for a donation from Cabela's/Bass Pro. Cabela's, Bass Pro and Randy Christianson came through again with many nice donations that were utilized by the class. Brent Drake, Tall Tails, and White-Tails Unlimited donated many nice rods that were used by all the students in Mr. Kinney's class. They also chipped in for the bait and some of the tackle used during the class. AMCOR has been a great sponsor over the years and again provided a donation for fish stocking. Doug Post generously donated the mount again this year to the student with the largest fish. Blackhawk Lake always allows the class a morning of free fishing during the two week class.

The coffee shop at the MS/HS is open for business!



The Class of 2025 is ready to start their senior year showing their Bulldog Pride!!



# Celebrating Our Amazing Coaches Today and Always



**October 6, 2024- National Coaches Day!!**

**Thank you for your incredible dedication and support  
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## National School Bus Safety Week



**OCTOBER 21-25TH**



**Join Us in Thanking our Amazing Drivers!**

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# Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten Build the Habit of Good Attendance

## DID YOU KNOW...

**Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.**

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

**High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!**

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

**Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.**

**Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

**Before the school year starts**

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

**Ready, Set, GO!**

- If you are concerned your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-urgent medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to preschool, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice. Make sure the program is a good fit for your child.



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# Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

## DID YOU KNOW?

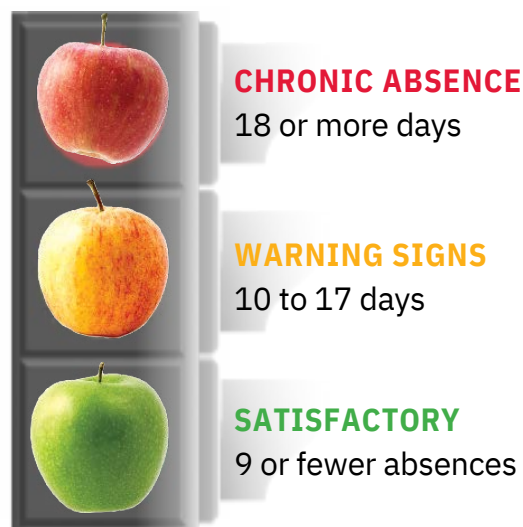
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

## When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



# Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider.

### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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## WSMA Accreditation Award

Boscobel Middle and High School has been awarded the 2023-24 WSMA Accreditation Award. This honor recognizes the outstanding participation in WSMA programming. The award is based on three criteria: Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) membership, WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festivals participation, and WSMA concert group participation from each type of performing group. Boscobel will be recognized on the WSMA website and in the September 2024 issue of Wisconsin School Musician. Congratulations to Mr. Calabria, Mrs. Blackburn, and all Boscobel music students. Your commitment and dedication are appreciated.

## Fall Concert

The Music Department presents its Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gym. The concert will feature the 7/8th Grade Band, 6th grade choir, 7/8th Grade Choir, and the High School Choir. The concert will feature a variety of genres including Folk Songs, Gospel, African music, and contemporary pieces. We hope to see you there!

## Butter Braid Fundraiser

Reminder to all music students: Butter Braid items will be available to pick up Thursday, October 24th (Same night as Parent Teacher Conferences) at 1:00 p.m. in the band room. Please make arrangements now to be able to pick up your items that afternoon or evening.

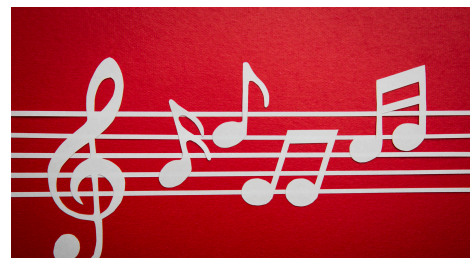
## Upcoming Events

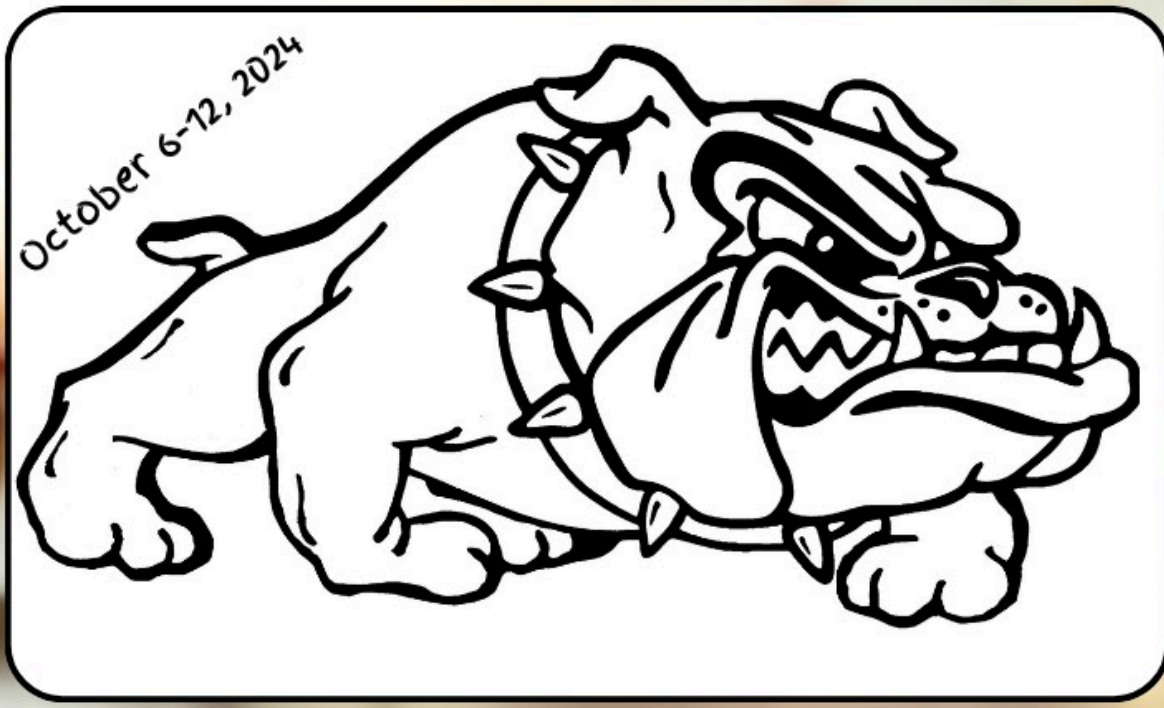
**October 24th:** Butter Braid pick up

**October 29th:** Fall Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

**December 9th:** Band and Choral Winter Concert 6-8 @ 6:00 9-12 @ 7:15

**December 14th:** Madrigal Dinner





**Todd Miller**  
**Wendi Stitzer**  
**Kaye Woodke**  
**Casey Updike**  
**Sarah Roth**  
**Greg Loos**  
**James Kaska**

# Wisconsin School Board Week

Thank You for Your Dedication!

We Appreciate you!

#Boscobel Pride



## October Newsletter Notes from the Nurse

**IMMUNIZATION NON-COMPLIANCE:** If you have received legal notices for immunization non-compliance, please get your child vaccinated and submit the dates to school. You may otherwise sign a personal conviction or religious waiver (on the Student Immunization Record form) and submit that to school. The deadline for immunization compliance is October 14th. **NOTE: Non-compliant students will be excluded from school on October 15th!**

**VACCINATIONS OFFERED AT SCHOOL:** Grant County Health Department will offer FREE Tdap, MCV, and HPV (in addition to influenza) vaccinations to students in grades 7-12 on October 15th at school. If you want your student to receive any of these vaccinations at school, you must complete and return the permission form by Monday, October 14th. If you did not receive a permission form from your student, please contact the school nurse.



FREE flu vaccinations are available to all students and will be provided by Grant County Health Department at school on October 15th. If you want your child to receive the flu vaccine, you must return the permission form to school by Monday, October 14th. If you did not receive a flu consent form from your student, please contact the school nurse.

**OTHER VACCINATION SOURCES:** Boscobel Pharmacy and Center Pharmacy have flu and COVID vaccines available for adults and children. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are appreciated. For more information, use the QR codes.

### PERTUSSIS ON THE RISE:

DHS is monitoring a significant increase in pertussis (whooping cough) and urges vaccination to prevent severe symptoms. Pertussis cases are currently more than ten times higher than last year in Wisconsin and are high nationwide. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is reporting a significant increase in cases of [pertussis](#), also known as whooping cough, across Wisconsin. To prevent the spread and protect against severe symptoms or hospitalization, DHS urges Wisconsinites to make sure they and their children are up to date on their pertussis vaccine and to take other steps to stay healthy. As of September 13, 2024, DHS has received reports of 625 confirmed cases of pertussis, compared to 51 cases reported in 2023. Since January 1, 2024, two-thirds of Wisconsin counties have reported at least one case. While people can get pertussis at any age, Wisconsinites aged 11 to 18 currently make up nearly half of all cases reported so far this year. To protect against pertussis, the CDC recommends DTaP for children under 7 years old and Tdap for older children and adults.



Center Pharmacy Service Menu

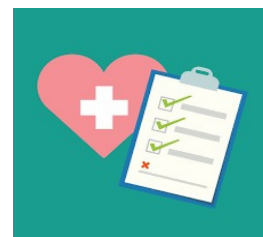


Boscobel Pharmacy Service Menu

**DENTAL CARE AT SCHOOL:** Teeth-For-Life is offering a preventive dental program for ALL children in your district. A dental provider will come to the school to provide the services. The program includes dental cleaning assessment to determine if sealants can be done, sealants if appropriate, a fluoride varnish treatment, and oral health education with a new toothbrush. A follow-up letter will be sent home to describe what was completed and what is recommended for future needs. All procedures will follow recommendations from the American Dental Association and Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for school-based dental sealant programs. Services do NOT include a dental exam or dental x-rays, therefore a visit to a dentist at least once a year is recommended. If you would like a permission form and do not receive one, please contact the school nurse.



**HEALTH SCREENINGS:** Vision & hearing screenings are completed annually for grades K-5th and early childhood students. We will begin screenings in October and will mail referrals to parents/guardians of students as indicated. Please call me if you receive a referral and have any questions, or if you are interested in applying for vision assistance. Screenings are not routinely performed for students at



the middle/high School. However, if you have any concerns & would like your child screened, please contact me. Adequate hearing & vision are essential for your child's academic development!

**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs)** : As part of our desire to make our schools safe for our students, visitors, and employees, Boscobel Area Schools is pleased to advise you that we have three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in our district. A defibrillator delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal heart rhythm during cardiac arrest. Thousands of people die each year as a result of sudden cardiac events, most of them outside of the hospital. We have a LIFEPAK CR Plus AED at the middle/high school and at the elementary school. The defibrillators are in unlocked, alarmed cabinets that are mounted on the walls. The elementary school's AED is located in the lobby area (to your right, near the gym doors) as you enter the front entrance to the main elementary building. The middle/high school's AED is located in the lobby/hallway on your left as you enter the front entrance of the building. When the cabinet doors are opened, a loud alarm will sound to alert everyone that there is a potential emergency. We also have 2 portable AEDs for use on our athletic fields. The AED is a life saving device and is designed to work effectively unless tampered with. Any student who activates the alarm unnecessarily will be subject to disciplinary action. Staff have been trained to assist with an emergency during regular school hours. After school hours, this is a "public access" defibrillator. (Depending upon the activity, trained staff may not be available during after school activities.) If someone experiences a sudden death event, please utilize the equipment if you have had the proper training. Remember to call "9-1-1" to maintain a chain of survival. If the AED is used, contact me so I can replace the materials used in the resuscitation effort, and so that the proper event debriefing can be completed. We encourage all community members to learn CPR and AED use. It can be the difference between life and death!

#### **WHEN SHOULD STUDENTS OR STAFF STAY HOME BECAUSE OF ILLNESS?**

Students and staff should stay home when ill. School is not a place where a student can easily rest, and many illnesses are contagious in the school environment. Please be aware of signs and symptoms of illness and keep your student home from school if any of the following symptoms are present.



- FEVER-defined as having a temperature of 100-100.4 or higher taken orally (students should stay home until fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- VOMITING
- DIARRHEA-runny, watery or bloody stools
- BODY RASH-if suspicious or accompanied by a fever
- SORE THROAT-with a fever
- COUGH-with fever, or if cough is disruptive or causes difficulty breathing or vomiting
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR TROUBLE BREATHING-that is not resolved with treatment
- EYE DISCHARGE-thick mucous or pus draining from the eye or pink eyes
- YELLOWISH SKIN/EYES
- CHICKEN POX-until the lesions are all scabbed over (about 7 days after onset of rash)
- HEAD LICE-until after the treatment is completed and no live bugs remain

Students and staff who exhibit signs of illness at school will be sent home and may return when they are fever free for 24 hours, symptoms are improving, and they feel well enough to attend school. Together we can make our schools a healthy place to learn!





# Home Maintenance Class

Students in Home Maintenance class building a 4' wall and sweat soldering a copper water line.





At the school forest, our second grade classes conducted a fun experiment to see if certain colors attract more insects than others. They also had a blast exploring the forest with a scavenger hunt!



Get Help now! Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, you are not alone.



**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255**

En Espanol: 1-888-628-9454

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 1-800-799-4889

Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741

**Trevor Project LGBTQ+ crisis intervention**

call 1-866-488-7386

or text 678-678

**HOPELINE Text service**

text HOPELINE to 741741

**Veterans Crisis Line**

Call 988 (press 1) or Text 838255

**988 Crisis Line**

People of all ages who need help for themselves or a loved one can access the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by:

- Calling 988 (Multiple Languages available),
- Sending a text message to 988 (English only)
- Chat feature at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). (link is external) (English only, ASL available).
- TTY users can either go through their preferred relay service or by calling 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

**Resources for families**

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is a voluntary recovery oriented mental health program that serves adults and children who are in need of ongoing services due to impairments that interfere with or limit healthy functioning. CCS provides services that are participant-directed, a collaboration between children, their parents, and service providers, emphasizing participant's rights, and respecting each individual's unique path. If you or your family needs assistance, please contact the community resources below. Services are dependent on residency, so please contact the county in which you reside.

**Grant County Residents**  
**Unified Communities Services**  
**(Grant and Iowa Counties- Mental**  
**Health Services)**

608-723-6357

**Grant County Social Services**

608-723-2136

**Emergencies: Dial 911**

**Crawford County Residents**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**Department**

608-326-0248 (Monday-Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm)

**Emergencies: Dial 911**

**Richland County Residents**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**Department**

608-647-8821 (Monday-Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm)

888-552-6642 (nights, weekends,  
and holidays)

**Emergencies: Dial 911**

**Birth to 3 Family Services** - The first three years are the most important building blocks of a child's future. The Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program is an early intervention special education program. It helps children under the age of 3 who have delays or disabilities. "Early intervention" is the term used for the services and support for babies and young children and their families. A team of professionals works with your child and your family. The services your family gets support your child's development and growth, and your family's knowledge, skills, and abilities. The Birth to 3 Program is here to help children grow and learn to their fullest potential. To get more information contact your county Birth to 3 coordinator by calling the number below.

**Grant County Residents**

608-723-6357

**Crawford County Residents**

608-326-0248

**Richland County Residents**

608-647-8821

**The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)** Program helps children with disabilities and their families through support and services that help children grow and live their best lives. It is a home and community-based service waiver. It uses a Medicaid waiver to fund services for kids with disabilities. A waiver lets states use Medicaid to fund additional non-medical services and supports not normally offered. The CLTS Program aims to keep kids at home instead of at an institution. To learn more about the CLTs program or apply for services contact your county below:

**Grant County Residents**

608-723-6357

**Crawford County Residents**

608-326-0255

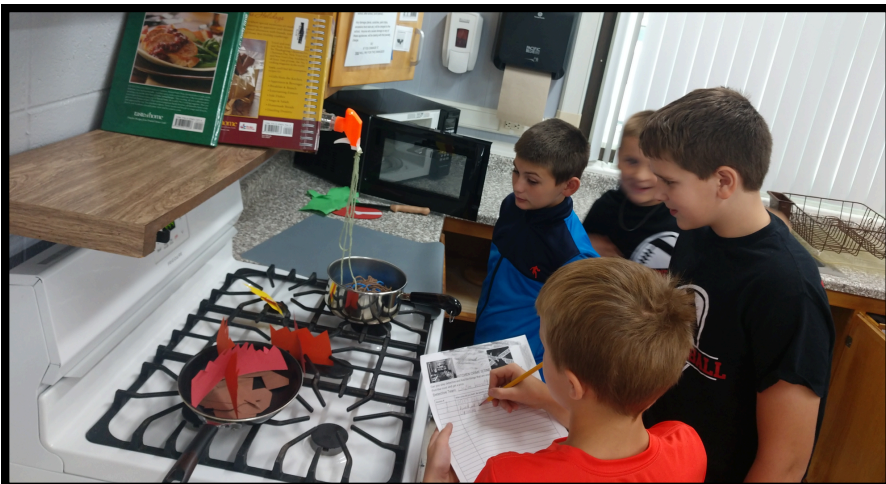
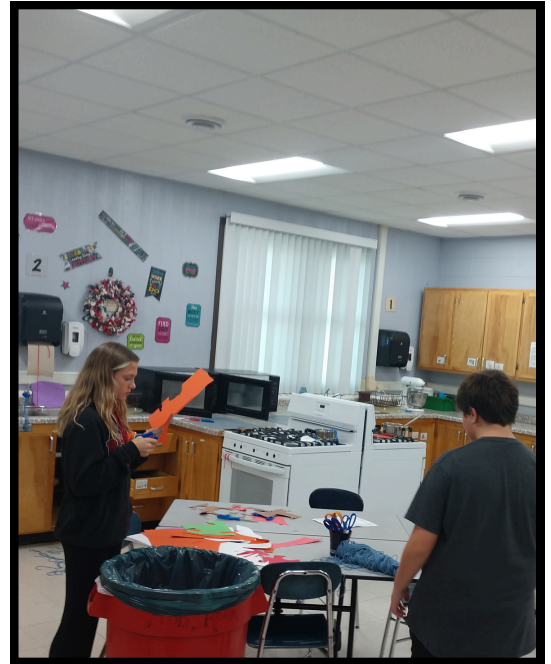
**Richland County Residents**

608-647-8821 ext. 5714



## Kitchen Crime Scene

Boscobel middle schoolers rocked their assessment of kitchen safety and sanitation. This year 7th and 8th graders in Mrs. French's exploratory classes set up the crime scene infractions (100 in total) for the 6th graders to find.



# 2024-2025 Boscobel Area Schools

## School Calendar

### Jul-24

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### July

23-31- Online Registration

### August

1-6 Online Registration

12-15,19, 29 Floating work days

20- New Hire Inservice

27- Open House

### September

2 Labor Day Holiday

3 First Day of School

### October

24 Early Release

1:45-8:00 P/T Conferences

25 Fall Break- NO SCHOOL

### November

1 ER - End of 1st Quarter

27 Early Release

28 Thanksgiving Holiday

29 Fall Break

### December

23-31 Winter Break

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas

31 New Year's Eve

### January

1 New Year's Day

16 End 2nd Qtr

17 No School

### February

20 Early Release

1:45-8:00 P/T Conferences

21-If needed- Snow  
Make-up Day

21 Mid-Winter Break

### March

21 ER - End 3rd Qtr

24-28 Spring Break

### April

18 Good Friday

20 Easter

### May

24 Graduation

26 Memorial Day Holiday

30 Last Day of School

30 -Early Release

### June

### Jan-25

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	Full School Day
	Registration
	No School
	Holiday- No School
	Early Release Day (ES @ 1:15, MS/HS @ 1:25)

ES School Day: 7:55-3:20

MS/HS School Day: 7:50-3:25

Floating Work Days

Teacher Work Day - No School

Teacher PD Day -Inservice