

Calendar

College Recruiter Visits - High School

UW Madison 10/16, 9:00 am

U of Dubuque 10/23, 9:30 am

Loras College 10/17, 1:00 pm

NICC 10/25, 1:00 pm

Contact Angela Bibb, School Counselor, for additional information.

October Events

10/21 PTO Trivia Night @ El Potrillos, 7 pm;
Halloween Party at May's Pumpkin Barn 1-3pm

10/25-10/28 National FFA Convention - Indianapolis, IN

10/25 1st Grade Pumpkin Performances, 8 am & 2 pm

10/26 No School - Teacher Inservice

10/27 No School

November Events

11/3 - End of 1st Quarter

11/6-11/10 Scholastic Book Fair

11/7 Grades 3-8 Heritage Center Trip

11/9 - Early Release; Veteran's Day Program; Parent-Teacher Conferences from 1:30 pm-8:00 pm

11/10 No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

11/13 Grades 4k-1 Heritage Center Trip

11/22 Early Release

11/23 No School

11/24 No School

Three SW students are area leaders

By Trystan Turk

Julia Barnes, Allison Kruser, and Trystan Turk have been recognized as one of the Tri-States area's Top 100 Youth Leaders in 2017 as part of the Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council (DAYLC).



"DAYLC's mission is the development of future leaders among area high school youth. Students apply to be involved in this program and participate in several leadership events throughout the year," said high school counselor Angela Bibb. The students were chosen and given a score based on their school, volunteer, and work activities. They were also scored on their performance at the following events:

Clarke Leadership Day -

Dragon boat 3-peat

By Tasha Pergande

Southwestern's Dragon Boat teams recently competed in Dubuque. Each team improved over last year's results in their divisions. Southwestern won the Jackson O'Connell Spirit Award for the third straight year with this year's award going to the junior team. Results: 8th - rookie division; 9th grade: 411.952 seconds, Div. C; 10th grade: 388.579 seconds, Div. A; 11th grade: Div. B; 12th grade: 375.866 seconds, Div. A

activities and learning that heightened leadership ability, character development, and commitment.

UD Character Workshop - character development activities, discussions, and case studies.

DAYLC Leadership Panel - met with strong leaders in the Dubuque Area; interactive conversation about how they got where they are today, their educational backgrounds, career paths, and community involvement.

Top Five Interviews - top five finalists were interviewed by a panel of judges to determine placement for scholarships.

DAYLC Awards Ceremony

This event was held at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center. This prestigious event recognized all top 100 leaders and announced scholarship recipients.

At the awards ceremony, the top 10 scholarships awarded were between \$100-\$1000.



Historical re-enactments...

Southwestern 4th graders attended a series of historical re-enactments in Platteville on September 8.

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SWHS Band unveils new uniforms

By Jordan Banfield

This year Southwestern High School Marching Band debuted brand new uniforms, just one year after branching off from the middle school band to march separately. The uniforms from previous years were over 30 years old. Southwestern's High School band is the largest in the SWAL with a total of 50 members. The band has consistently been getting larger for the past four years. SW Music Parents are an integral part of the program,

providing things like new instruments, tour buses for long trips, and much more.

The SW Music Department would like to send a special thanks to the SW School Board, John Costello, and Cynthia Lacey, for the purchase of these new uniforms. Special thanks to the PTO for new instruments and the new uniforms. Another special thanks to SW Music Parents for the purchase of new instruments and the new marching trailer.

Amalia's Hope: the tragedy of drug overdose

By Brandon Snyder

On September 20th, Southwestern was honored to have Bridget Henschel come and present to us on a very concerning topic. Drugs. She presented stories of drug users, and a difficult one to present to us was of her own daughter.

Along with this she presented facts about the use of drugs in the US. In 2015, the CDC declared that drugs are an epidemic. The amount of fatal overdoses in the US were more than the number of car accidents. To be exact the number of overdoses was 52,898. That is 145 a day, six an hour, or one every ten minutes. Since the year 2000, over 500,000 people died from an overdose. That is more than the casualties from World War I and World War II combined. Ninety percent of



drug abusers start as a teenager in high school; some even start in middle school. "It's a stigma to fit in. And it's really not!" explained Bridget during the presentation. She had other multiple news cases about other young adults in

Wisconsin that had died from overdoses.

Then, right in front of the audience, she announced that she brought her daughter in the gym. She placed the cremation urn on a table.

Bridget's daughter, Amalia, was a perfect student who played sports and loved being in music. "It all started changing her Junior year in high school. She stopped playing sports and had different friends," said Bridget. Amalia developed more of a love for music,

poems, and photography. She also started college classes in high school to get a jumpstart in college. Amalia wanted to pursue a career in graphic design. "You know that big sports magazine Eastbay? Yeah, she was a sports model. She

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Amalia's Hope

was so nervous,” stated Bridget. After doing the sports modeling career, Amalia went to college full-time.

During her first year, Amalia was having a hard time motivating herself. Her mother started finding marijuana pipes and painkillers in Amalia’s car. Bridget even offered her help, but the response from Amalia was a negative one. “Amalia said she didn’t have a problem,” said Bridget, who decided to have an intervention with her. Amalia agreed treatment at centers in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. “Addiction is a disease and it’s very hard to overcome,” according to Bridget. It was April 2012, the month that Amalia passed away. Amalia was going to hang out with “an old friend.” Bridget called this friend, and the friend actually didn’t get off work until 11pm. The next "friend" Amalia called was a so-called gave her heroin, and they went out to the bars, according to Bridget. Amalia was found about seventy yards away from the bar. “It was the worst day of our lives,” said Bridget.

Next, Bridget presented videos about boosting self-esteem. She told the audience that all of you are great people. The choices start now for life, according to Bridget. She said her main message is “Life is hard. Drugs are not the way to go.” Bridget, on the other hand, is very adamant about getting the word out, especially in Wisconsin, “My goal is to hit every school,” said Bridget. When asked if she thought she opened the eyes of everyone in attendance, she replied, “That’s why I call it Amalia’s HOPE.” “Amalia’s hope will live with you!”



2017 Homecoming Court. Back row: Colin Blackburn, Troy Leibfried, Grant Jochum, Trevor Harrington, King David Brotzman. Front row: Emma Leibfried, Erin Reiff, Hailey Hinman, Mya Runde, Queen Callista Brogley.

2017 Homecoming wrap-up

By Allison Kruser

Homecoming week was here and gone in the blink of an eye. This years theme was games- “Wildcats got their game on!”

Monday: ‘I woke up like this’-High Schoolers dressed like they just woke up in their pajamas and uncombed hair! Tuesday: Tacky Tourist! -High Schoolers dressed in their favorite Hawaiian shirt and showed off their bucket hats! Wednesday: Duo Day- High Schoolers dressed like a twin or a famous dynamic duo with a friend!

Thursday: ‘Merica Day- High Schoolers dressed in their red, white and blue showing their patriotic side! Floats, Fence creations, and window signs came to life!

Friday: Spirit Day- High Schoolers wore their blue and white and showed their #wildcatpride. Powder puff, macho man, and tug of war activities were in the morning

followed the parade in the afternoon at 2:30 and the football game against the Boscobel Bulldogs at 7.

Powderpuff: Juniors beat the Seniors

Macho Man: Seniors beat the Juniors

Tug of War: Sophomore girls and Senior boys won

The Friday Night football game was won by Boscobel 22-13.

Saturday: The homecoming dance was held and the students came and danced the night away.

The overall results for homecoming were:

- 1st: Seniors
- 2nd: Juniors
- 3rd: Sophomores
- 4th: Freshman



MS band plays on

Rain nor sleet nor hail - well, rain at least - couldn’t prevent the middle school band from performing its pre-game show. Rain forced the event into the middle school gym, where the band played music from Indiana Jones movies. They performed "Magnificent Seven," "The Crystal Skull Theme," and "The Raiders March." The band has had a busy fall, marching in parades in Belmont and Kieler (as well as Southwestern’s homecoming parade) and playing the pre-game show for the elementary students as well.

6th grade team building

Every year the Southwestern 6th grade students take a trip to the ropes course at Four Mounds in Dubuque for a team-building event. Activities include a 60 ft. rock-climbing wall, a giant rope swing, a zipline, and more. The field trip allows students to encourage and cheer on their peers. “What’s always great to see is sometimes students that you would never expect are the first to volunteer for certain activities,” said middle school science teacher Steven McGlynn.

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HS & MS Cross Country

By Staci Reynolds

The high school and middle school cross country season is nearly over. During the meets in September, the varsity boys team, which includes Junior Isaac Erschen, won the Clayton Ridge Invitational on September 5th and the Claire Hagg Invitational in Richland Center on September 21st. At Clayton Ridge, the team scored a total of nineteen points, and Erschen finished 8th overall and 5th for the Southwestern/ Cuba City/ Benton cross country team. At Richland Center, the team scored thirty-one points. Erschen finished 9th overall.

The junior varsity boys team also won the Clayton Ridge Invitational with the perfect score of 15. Freshman Ethan Pickel finished thirty-fifth overall in the race and second for the team. Sophomore Ethan Kammerude finished forty-first in the race and third for the team. Freshman Willie O’Neil finished forty-third in the race and fourth for the team.

The high school girls team has a full team for the first time

in three years. Senior Staci Reynolds and Junior Rebecca Kitelinger are the only two Southwestern girls on the team. Coach Paul Reynolds said, “The girls are improving every meet. The girls really need to start getting healthy.”

This has been the first year of having a Southwestern/ Benton middle school team. The boys don’t have a full team, but the girls team does. Seventh grader Justin Reuter finished tenth at River Valley Invitational on September 9th and third at Lancaster Invitational on September 21st.

Upcoming events are the Southwestern Homecoming run on October 6th, which is starting in front of the Catholic Church in Kieler around 4 in the afternoon. A home meet will be held on October 9th at Cole Acres Golf Course. First race starts at 4:30 pm. The conference meet is on October 12th at Iowa Grant High School with the first race starting at 4:30. The sectional meet is on October 21st.

NED teaches determination, encouragement



The NED Show came to the Southwestern Elementary/Middle School on September 19. This character education program centers around a 45 minute assembly called *The NED Show*. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. After the assembly, educators have access to an extensive collection of resources which center upon the NED traits and easily integrate into existing curriculum. The excitement begins with the assembly and continues year round to promote a culture of kindness and excellence.