

Superintendent Rambling

December, 2016



The Holidays and all the fun and stress are upon us! Boys and Girls Basketball programs are in full swing. Our online homepage calendar lists specific activity dates and times on an ongoing basis, Please support our students by attending as many school events as possible during the course of the month ahead and, as an adult, model good sportsmanship. This is appreciated by everyone. Our Facebook page and twitter feeds continue to serve as important sources of information during the course of the school year. Numerous activities and important dates for December include:

December 5th: Education/Finance/Technology Meeting at 6:30 PM

December 14th: Board of Education Meeting at 6 PM.

December 14th: Annual Elementary Christmas Program at 6:30 PM

December 14th: Annual Jr. Sr High Program at 7:30 PM

December 19th-20th : High School Final Exams

December 20th @ 2PM: Christmas Vacation begins

December 20th thru January 2nd: Christmas Vacation

January 3rd 2017: Teacher Institute

January 4th, 2017: Classes Resume

On January our staff will continue to work on aligning all courses to the Illinois Learning Standards to maximize learning. The program will better align instruction and assess teacher needs in terms of professional development over time. Initial work will focus on English Language Arts and Mathematics. We will progress to other subjects during the course of this year and next.

Constructive, civil suggestions regarding district policies, procedures or decisions are always welcome in the conference setting. **Please follow the chain of command in dealing with district personnel concerns. If you have concerns regarding your student or other matters please contact the staff member involved, progressing to administration and/or board of education, in extreme cases.** Do not contact board members as a first result to express concerns. If you have a concern regarding any staff member please contact the respective school office responsible and schedule a private conference. **A reminder that abuse or profanity directed at teachers, coaches, aides, secretaries, sponsors or staff in any form WILL NOT be tolerated in any situation by the administrative team in the classroom or the athletic court.. Please review the handbook for further details.**

A continual reminder that office hours are now posted on the website for your convenience. Phones will not be answered after the times listed on our web page. You are welcome to leave a message on the district answering machine if would like to do so. Every effort will be made to return your call the following school day. The Jr./ Sr. High office is open from 7 AM to 3:30 PM. The Elementary Office is open from 7:30 to 4 PM.

I am as close as a simple phone call daily at 778-2204, 778-2201 or email me at sreynolds@spoonrivervalley.us Our collective ideas, decisions and vision will lead to an improved, vibrant school district in the long term. It takes the entire Spoon River Valley village to raise a child. Be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

Mery Christmas and Happy New Year (2017),

Mr. Reynolds