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The class of 2020!

An end-of-year sendoff to our cherished students

BY ADAM BAIER, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

It's been a year of the unexpected, as well as the newly explored and tested. It's been a year of perseverance and one of inspiration. As I reflect on 2019-2020, I am forever grateful for the opportunity to work with our students and families. Although I sincerely miss the daily, in-person interactions and springtime events typically celebrated alongside parents during this time of year, I have never before experienced a greater sense of

Pioneer pride within our school community.

I am proud of you for completing your school responsibilities in an environment that required even greater innovation and discipline from you, your parents, and your teachers. I have witnessed the compassion, dedication, and knowledge that these relationships bring to your education and the vitality of our school. You are our most valued resource, and seeing you

prepared to achieve your goals and aspirations, is our priority. I am also gratified by the responsible young men and women you have become through this challenge. We have all learned that taking care of our families, and each other, is more important than anything else.

I could not end the year without giving special accolades to our graduating seniors. The Sevastopol Class of 2020 has students pursuing healthcare professions, joining

the armed forces or work force, others who are going into community service professions, as well as education to name a few. In this class there is sure to be heroes as well as leaders who will continue to make us proud. As you go off to study or to follow your passion through other adventures, Sevastopol wishes you the very best. We know that that you are ready and will find success.



Note from the District Administrator

These are certainly unprecedented and challenging times. Our students, parents, and staff have had to amend our lifestyles. It seems like weekly information and directives change. We then need to make further adjustments. I heard this pandemic being compared to building an airplane as we fly it. I am proud of the manner in which our teachers, aides, cooks, custodians and bus drivers have adapted. This has been no easy task and not something anyone anticipated.

The past few months have been disappointing because spring is the time a school takes time to celebrate and recognize accomplishments achieved throughout the year. Activities and events we look forward to have been lost and will not be regained. We feel for our students and these missed opportunities, especially for the Class of 2020.

The school district will spend the remaining spring months and summer planning for the 2020-21 school year. There are many unknowns about the future. Consequently, we will develop multiple plans to deliver the education to our students. As time passes and more information is available, we will move down the path most suited for the situation. We will continue to be flexible and acclimate to the environment.

Throughout this please stay safe, take care of yourself and one another.

Yours in education,

Kyle Luedtke, District Administrator



Building construction update

BY KYLE LUEDTKE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

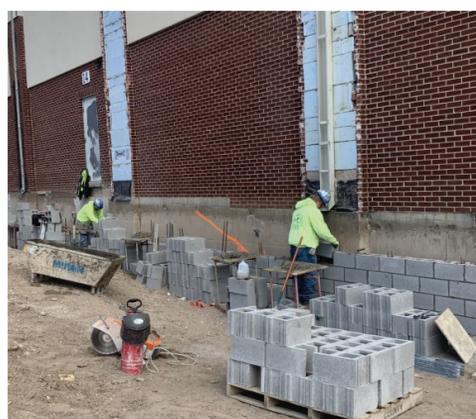
Construction on the new addition has begun! The site has been developed and groundwork is being completed. One of the first steps in the project was demolishing the music departments offices and practice rooms. This was necessary to allow for the space needed to lay the foundation for the new addition. Electrical and sewer work have also commenced.

It has been asked if not having students in the building has allowed the construction progress to proceed more quickly. In some manners, it has made the process easier. The start of construction was more weather dependent and the schedule of the various construction subcontractors. The

project is off to a good start and is set to be complete by the fall of 2021.

At this point the project is trending towards being under budget. We had received initial bids for demolishing the 1924 and 1946 sections of the building in March. Under the advisement of Miron, our construction management firm, we rebid this portion of the project. The new bids received in May resulted in a reduction of cost of over \$300,000.

The next year and a half will be full of progress and changes. Updates on the project will be on our Facebook page. It truly is an exciting time for School District of Sevastopol.



Elementary Education Pioneers

BY AARON HILTS, ELEMENTARY AND ASSISTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

School years have a flow and a pattern to them. There is the excitement in the fall with anticipation of what the year will bring and at this time of the year there is typically eagerness to get to the end of the year and the break that summer brings. This year, as you know, is like no other. We have experienced sudden loss when we needed to leave the building without really getting to say goodbye. Almost immediately, we then started the journey on a new normal with remote learning. We did it so

quickly we had little time to think about the first three quarters of this school year. Much of the credit for this quick turnaround goes to the great teachers we are fortunate to have at Sevastopol. They are resourceful, creative and determined to do what is best for all of their students. And credit goes to our parents who found ways to take teachers' lessons and work with their children at home. Our students too need to be acknowledged for what they did during this time, staying up on their work

and doing their best to learn in new ways. Thank you everyone for how you've each done your best.

This summer will be a good time for all of us to pause and reflect on what we were able to do in such a short time because we all worked together. It should give us comfort in knowing that as a community we can be resilient, creative, and meet challenges head-on. These are skills that are not easily taught or learned but when pressed into action it

is inspiring to see what we are truly capable of doing.

We all want a return to what we knew for the first three quarters of this year. We miss one another and there is no substitute for person-to-person interactions. While we don't know what the fall will bring, I can say with certainty that we will be ready for whatever it will look like, because we will work together, and we will be successful. I am proud to say we are Pioneers.



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The Class of 2024

The class of 2024 would like to thank our parents, school faculty, and community members who supported us throughout our early school experiences. Through our time as Sevastopol we have seen new faces appear in our classrooms both in the form of students and teachers, and these people have added greatly to our happiness and successes. We are a class that is closely knit, each of us knowing one another well and everyone being each other's friends.

Our class has helped Sevastopol Middle School rank top in academic standards in Wisconsin, an achievement of which we are very proud. We also ranked top in Sea-Search, Battle of the Books, and Math Team. Along with this, we have strong athletic skills and amazing art and drama talents. We are writers, mathematicians, readers, artists, scientists, and thinkers. We will keep up these high standards as we proceed forward in our education. We have had many unique experiences throughout our time at Sevastopol and are looking forward to starting our high school years. We know that there are amazing and unique experiences waiting for us.

The Class of 2024



Alexander Andreae



Libby Ash



Rodger Barnard



Jonathan Beiffuss



Faith Blackley



Emily Bley



Franklin deYoung



Beatrix Dramm



Kylee Duesler



Stephanie Felhofer



Andrew Flok



Claudia Garcia-Barahona



Alexander Genske



Joseph Haberli



Samantha Herrell



Kaylee Krishka



Gabriel Kuehn



Reece Lauder



Hannah Lavigne



Inho Lee



Ezra Linnan



Madison Lopez



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A note from the valedictorians

BY SOPHIA LAUTENBACH AND MADISEN DUGINSKI

Determined. Resilient. Strong--these words describe the Sevastopol graduating class of 2020--but so do compassionate, caring, and welcoming. There are so many adjectives to describe our class, but more than anything, we are a family. We all work together as a team and join forces when we know something is not right. Our class is made up of future engineers, doctors, graphic designers, computer programmers, mechanics, firefighters, paramedics, and farmers, who will all continue to be Pioneers together throughout our school careers, we have accomplished so much. In 2016 we had two championships in the Destination Imagination global competition. In 2017 we helped our school earn their Blue Ribbon title. In 2018 our football team won the State Championship. In 2019 one of our own received a perfect score of a 36 on the ACT. Those are just some of the amazing feats that our class has accomplished. All of these amazing accomplishments define our class as determined, resilient, strong, compassionate, caring, welcoming. But the accomplishments won't stop there. We will

continue to do great things for the world and for our futures. From Hawaii Pacific University to Worcester Polytechnic in Massachusetts to the armed forces, our class will leave an indelible mark on the world wherever we go. For the rest of our lives we will be known as the class of 2020 from Sevastopol, and we will perpetually find family bonds and power in each other. As our year comes closer and closer to the end, we hope that we all savor every moment, taking nothing for granted. We hope we remember and cherish where we came from and the peers, teachers, and administrators who helped us grow. We hope that when or if we come back to Door County, we dwell on the amazing individual and shared memories we have created throughout our years at Sevastopol High School and we allow them to guide and inspire us. As Susan Gale said, "Never forget where you've been. Never lose sight of where you're going. And never take for granted the people who travel the journey with you." 

School Lunches

Since school closed we have been providing two meals a day for over 400 of our students. Utilizing our existing bus routes, we have been delivering meals to student homes and two pick up locations at the Nightingale Restaurant and Carlsville. We are proud to say that we served over 17,000 meals in April, making a total of 24,000 with another 16,000 anticipated during the month of May.

Special delivery



On Friday, May 02, 2020, high school staff members delivered yard signs to each of the seniors.



The traditional "Last Day Wave" continues

As the buses roll out of the lot for the last time each school year, the Sevastopol elementary staff sends students off with a wave that has been a tradition for years. The entire Sevastopol staff wishes our students a safe and enjoyable summer!



Landmark employment anniversaries

It is said an organizations most valuable asset is its employees. At Sevastopol our employees are far more than assets and more than a team that works together. They are a team because they respect, trust, and care for each other, and because of that they are not just colleagues, they are friends we can count on. Join us in congratulating these employees on their landmark employment anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of services to Sevastopol students and families.

- 2015 - 5 years**
 Sandy Beauchamp
 Tim Bletcher
 Robert Carey
 Kim Haen
 Diane Jenquin
 Liz Jorgenson
 Klayton Kindt
 Cara Krueger
 Lynn Kotte
 Carissa Mann
 Lisa Morrison
 Allison Neuman
 Randi Petrina
 Andy Symons

- 2010 - 10 years**
 Tina Dvorak
 Tanya Hasenjager

- 2005 - 15 years**
 Jean Cookle

- 2000 - 20 years**
 Tim Newton
 David Wheat

- 1995 - 25 years**
 Heather Spetz
 LeeAnn Leonardson
 JoAnn Surfus

- 1990 - 30 years**
 Deb Dantoin
 Ron Frank

Spring sports reflection

BY JEN WIESNER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Spring 2020 will definitely be one we will never soon forget. However, the memories from this spring will not include the feelings of excitement and eagerness that accompany typical high school athletic seasons. Rather, this time will remind us of a time of uncertainty and disruption, a time when we were

pressed to dig deep and find consolation in the promise of the future. This has definitely been a trying time for our community and parents but even more so for our student athletes who stood helpless as the door to their spring seasons slammed shut. Yet, during this time we have witnessed parents, coaches, teach-

ers, and community members reach out to support for our athletes and remind them how much we care for them both on and off the field. Our hope is that through these uncertain times our athletes have found a greater sense of purpose and determination. Underclassmen, we understand the sting you must feel on

losing your season and seniors many of us are still looking for the words of encouragement to shed some positivity on this lost opportunity. However, we have witnessed your strengths over the past 12 years and we know that your futures are bright. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Ainsley Salisbury



Madisen Duginski



Lizzy Fiscus



Allison Daubner



Kelton Couperus



Lauren Junion



Arthur Hocevar



Kiegen Sargent



Kailee Moe



Brent Haberli



Karoline Jordan



Josh Pflieger



Caleb Malvitz



Tyler Kiehnau



Johnny Jorns



Jacob Pflieger



Mya Ploor



Robby Pollman



Rachel Hietpas



Melissa Lopez

"The thing that matters is never the thing itself; but rather what we make of it. What we do with our patience and our imagination. What we allow to thrive. Nothing is ever beyond repair. We break, we bleed and we begin again. Trust can be mended. Love can be restored. New shoots can flow among the broken stone."

— Author Unknown