

# Saunemin Elementary School

## February 2017 News

### Honor Roll Announced

The Saunemin Jr. High Honor Roll for the second quarter grading period is as follows. Honor Roll: Bailey Dransfeldt, Alyson Kincade, Doralyn Lee, Trent Rork, Trey Duck, Walker Gerdes, Colten Ketcherside, Chase Broerman, Kyerra English, Madelyn Lee, Amelia Logan, Ariel Nichols, Mason Rork, Ed Sarama, and Isaac Telford. Those who earned High Honors are: Paige Heffelfinger, Tyson Cramer, Paige Callahan, Alexis Durham, Paige Olson, and Anna Stevenson. Congratulations to all of these students and keep up the great work!



### PARENT CONFERENCES

We are fast approaching our second round of parent conferences. They will begin on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30. There will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal both days. No student attendance on Friday, Feb. 17. You should be receiving your conference times soon. Of course, parents are always encouraged to call and schedule conferences with teachers at any time during the school year if they

have concerns about their student's progress.

### Dates to Remember

Wed. Feb. 1	7 <sup>th</sup> BBB Sectional
Thurs. Feb. 2	PTHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Registration
Thur. Feb. 2	8 <sup>th</sup> BBB Regional
Thurs. Feb. 2	GVB @ Odell
Feb. 3-11	5/6 BBB @St. Mary
Sat. Feb. 4	PTO Fun Fair, 11-2
Mon. Feb 6	Special Board Meeting
Feb 6-11	Conf. VB Tourney 7 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs. Feb. 9	Sch. Bowl @ Home
Sat. Feb 11	8 <sup>th</sup> State Tourney @ Wesleyan
Feb. 13-20	Conf. VB Tourney 8th
Tues. Feb. 14	Board meets 7:00
Wed. Feb. 15	Spring Pictures
<b>Wed. Feb. 15</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. Dismiss/PT Conferences</b>
<b>Thurs. Feb 16</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. Dismiss/PT Conference</b>
Thurs. Feb. 16	8 <sup>th</sup> State BB Finals
<b>Fri. Feb. 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Mon. Feb 20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/ PRESIDENTS DAY</b>
Tues. Feb 21	VB @ Odell
Tues. Feb. 21	Sch. Bowl @ home
Feb. 25-Mar. 2	VB Regional 7 <sup>th</sup>
Tues. Feb. 28	Book Fair/Reading night

## PTO Fun Fair

Saturday, February 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. is our PTO Fun Fair. There will be many games and prizes for all ages! There will be an inflatable obstacle course and a face painter! Tickets will be 25 cents per activity. The concession stand will also be open. Come one, come all to the Fun Fair!



## Family Reading Night and Book Fair

This year our Family Reading night and Usborn Book Fair will be held on Tuesday evening, February 28, 2017. Come browse the book fair for some great reading for all ages. Join in the reading activities and enjoy a snack. Look for more information to come home soon with times and activities.

## PARCC State Assessment Coming up

We will be coming up on our third year of the State PARCC assessment. The PARCC assessment is designed to measure the Illinois Learning Standards. The assessment will be administered during the weeks of March 6 through April 24,

2017. All students, grades 3-8 will be participating in the Assessment in Reading and Math. Fifth and Eighth graders will also take a Science assessment some time before the end of April. The assessment will be administered completely on-line at Saunemin School. We are using last year's results as a measure to grow and improve upon. For more information about the PARCC assessment, visit [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org). There is a parent resources section that will give you a good idea of what the tests are about and how you can help your student do well. Please take some time to look it over. It will be very important that your student try their best on these assessments, so positive reinforcement from home will be greatly beneficial and appreciated.

## Music News

**Beginning Band:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade band did great on the Christmas program! We will be learning a bunch in the coming months and will be ready to play for everyone at the spring concert! 4<sup>th</sup> grade band has a class on the Remind app! To join the 4<sup>th</sup> grade band group, enter the code @dkac4d in the app and you will be able to receive updates, reminders, and contact Ms. Coan directly.

**5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students:** Our 4 graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders went to Pontiac Township High School on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and participated in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade band festival. They got to rehearse 2 songs with the high school bands, had a

question and answer session with the high school students and had a wonderful morning! Several of our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing for IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest this month. The contest will be held in Dwight on Saturday, April 1, 2017. More information will be available on that later. The solo ensemble participants will perform for the Saunemin Women's Club on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Both the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and junior high bands are working on preparing spring concert music as well. Both the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade bands are on the Remind app! To join the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band group, enter the code @feheef in the app. To join the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade band group, enter the code @68ban in the app.

**6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Students:** Our junior high choir got the opportunity to go to Pontiac Township High School and participate in their junior high choir festival on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We learned a lot and are applying those new skills to our spring concert music. Some students are also preparing solos and ensembles for contest which will take place Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Dwight. More information on that will be out later. 6-8 chorus is on the Remind app! To join our class, enter the code @68chor in the app when prompted. You will receive updates, reminders, and be able to contact Ms. Coan directly.

**Music Website:** Check out our music website for schedules and news about what's happening in the music room!

[www.sauneminmusic.weebly.com](http://www.sauneminmusic.weebly.com)

**Looking ahead:** In March, we will be picking up steam and getting ready for our spring concert as well as IESA Solo and Ensemble contest for those students who are participating. After school rehearsals will begin for those performing at contest with their pianists starting in mid-February. Be on the lookout for a note about scheduling in the next few weeks.

## No School/Early Dismissal

We have several early dismissals and non attendance days this month. There will be no school on Friday, February 17 as a day off after two evenings of conferences. There will be no school on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day. There will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal on Wednesday February 15 and Thursday, Feb. 16 due to parent conferences.



## Scholastic Bowl Season Begins

The 2017 Scholastic Bowl team has been prepping for the new season. Their first match will be at home on Thursday, February 9 against Mazon. The match begins at 4:00 p.m. There are several home matches to attend this year. Come on out and learn something cool!

## Freshman Course Registration

Representatives from PTHS will be here on Thursday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m. to register our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for courses next year. Parents wishing to sit in with their student during this should call the grade school office at 815 832-4421 and make an appointment ahead of time. Thanks.

## Box Tops News

The next competition will end Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The class with the most Box Tops per student will receive an ice cream bar. Additionally, any student in another class who turns in 50 or more Box Tops will also receive an ice cream bar from Mr. Blair. Please turn your box tops in to your teachers. Also talk to relatives and friends to see if they will support you class by giving you their Box Tops. Good Luck!

## Don't Forget....

- ◆ Save those Box Tops for Education from General Mills products. We get cash for each one sent in.
- ◆ If you have a Target Store credit card, make sure you designate Saunemin Elementary School as the school you want them to "Give Back" to. They donate 1% of all purchases made with their credit card to the school of your choice.

## Character Education Words for February:



# Fairness

## Happy Valentines Day

