



Hello Comet Families,

I would like to provide families with a district update before the second semester of the school year, beginning on January 18th. We will continue to follow a blue/orange schedule for grades 10-12 until the end of quarter 2. A separate blue/orange schedule for second semester will be sent out to families after the holiday break.

Information for middle/high school students regarding finals

The week of January 11th, finals are typically scheduled with a special schedule for middle/high school students. This school year, the Board of Education approved the suspension of the district finals policy for high school students at the end of the 1st semester, the week of January 11th. **As a parent of a middle/high school student, what do you need to know?**

- All middle school students will follow their regular schedule the week of January 11-15.
- A regular schedule for high school students will be conducted on Monday-Thursday (January 11-14).
- On Friday, January 15th, high school students who are choosing to take finals will need to attend, and those high school students who have been contacted by teachers who are in danger of failing a semester course. Struggling students will be given more direct assistance from their teacher to provide an opportunity to pass the course.
- Required students' families will be contacted by the school on Friday, January 8th, letting families know that their student is in danger of failure in a specific course.
- The student/family will be contacted again on Wednesday, January 13th, for those students who need to attend school on Friday, January 15th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Nowak or Mr. Trow at 608-862-3225

Virtual Day January 27, 2021 – Students will not physically attend or log-in on this day

Starting Wednesday, January 27th, the district will have one **virtual day** a month built into the schedule. **What does this mean for your student?**

- No student will physically attend school that day unless arrangements have been made ahead of time with a student/family/teacher.
- Students will not log into the classes that day.

- Teachers' focus will be on specific students, providing more one on one attention as the teacher identifies as necessary. This communication will be made directly by the teacher to the family before the virtual day for students who need more direct instruction.
- Teachers will set office hours for families to reach out to teachers to discuss your student.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 608-862-3225 and speak with Mr. Nowak or Mr. Trow.

Virtual Day Schedule - no student in attendance at school

Wednesday, January 27th
 Wednesday, February 24th
 Wednesday, March 17th
 Wednesday, April 21st
 Wednesday, May 12th

| IMPORTANT DATES | |
|------------------------|--|
| January 4 | Classes resume |
| January 6 | CAPP Course Informational Parent & Student Mtg. 6:30pm Virtual |
| January 15 | Semester Exams begin 7:50am for HS Students who choose to take them (normal school period schedule with all 8 hours) End of 2 nd Quarter & 1st Semester |
| January 18 | NO SCHOOL for students except to make-up HS Final Exams/PD for staff |
| January 27 | Students do NOT attend in person or log into regular classes |

January Testing Dates

| | | |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4K-2nd | January 4-15 | HEGGERTY |
| 2nd - 10th | January 11-15 | STAR |
| 4K - 1st | January 11-22 | STAR EARLY LITERACY |
| 2nd - 4th | January 7, 8 | DIBELS DAZE |
| K - 5th | January 4-15 | ELEM. FOUNTAS & PINNELL BENCHMARK |
| 9th - 12th | January 15 | FINAL EXAMS |

ATTENTION PARENTS: REPORT CARDS FOR 1ST SEMESTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO JANUARY 29th.

Parents and guardians are reminded to keep the school informed of any changes in your addresses and/or phone numbers (and those of your emergency contacts). Correct information is essential in case of an emergency. Parents can submit change requests in Infinite Campus and they will be approved by the office in a few days.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Albany

April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Albany, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Office

Board Vice President
Board Member
Board Member

Incumbent

Adam Kopp
Sherri Seitz
Lori Modaff

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in the office of the school district clerk. (If nomination papers are required, the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2020 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in the office of the school district clerk.)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Albany on
November 16, 2020.



Valerie Johnson, School Board Clerk

Counselor's Corner

Junior Academic & Career Planning Meetings—I will be working to set up **individual conferences with students and parents/guardians** to discuss student's future career and educational goals/plans, scheduling classes for next year, and to answer any questions that may be coming up as you are closing in on your final year in high school. Letters were sent electronically in mid-December to students and their parents/guardians, if you did not receive the letter via email, please reach out to me and I can send another.

Financial Aid—As many seniors are completing college applications and determining where they will continue their education next year, the next—**IMPORTANT**—step is for you and your family to complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Parents will use tax information from 2019 to complete the FAFSA. **Please pay attention to college/university financial aid deadlines!!!** The FAFSA opened on October 1st of this year, so some colleges and universities may have priority deadlines to get the applications in by. This application may provide many different options for student aid—grants, loans, or work-study. To fill out the application go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

***You will also need to apply for an FSA ID before you begin the FAFSA application. This can be found at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

***Other helpful websites: www.studentaid.ed.gov and www.studentloans.gov

***Seek college/university specific scholarships, as well. All campuses have financial aid websites that outline additional help provided or available to their students

College Credit and Dual Enrollment Courses Informational Night (CAPP, PIE, CCIHS)—Wednesday January 6th, 2021 -- VIRTUAL

This will be an informational session for College Credit in High School courses that students in grades 11-12 can take. A date of January 6th at 6:00 pm has been set. Please bring questions that you may have about these courses. This will cover CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program – UW Oshkosh), PIE (Partners in Education – UW Whitewater), CCIHS (College Credit in High School – UW Green Bay), and Technical College credit students can earn while in high school. **A link will be sent out the week of the event.**

ACT—**Juniors will all take the ACT test here at school on March 9, 2021.** This ACT is free and can be sent to colleges/universities for admission decisions.

Additional National ACT Test Dates this school year

| Date | Registration Deadline |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| February 6, 2021 | January 8, 2021 |
| April 17, 2021 | March 12, 2021 |
| June 12, 2021 | May 7, 2021 |

Cost for this ACT is \$55.00 (No Writing) and \$70.00 (With Writing)

Go to <https://www.act.org/> to register for a national test date.

Megan Schulz, School Counselor

School District of Albany

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December 1, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We know you are so proud of your teen's accomplishments. Tell them how great they are by purchasing a Senior Tribute Ad in the Albany High School yearbook.

Use a tribute section to congratulate your graduating senior or even acknowledge a special academic or athletic achievement during the school year. A Senior Tribute Ad in the yearbook allows you to recognize your child with photos and words. While the yearbook lets your child remember all the special people and events from the school year, the personal touch of a Senior Tribute Ad will make the book that much more special for them.

Senior Tribute Ads are available in two different sizes and prices. For pricing details and design options, please go to yearbookforever.com, and type/select *Albany High School* for the school name (*be sure to pick Albany, WI*). From there you can select **Get Started** and create your Senior Tribute Ad. **Senior Tribute Ads are due by March 1st, 2021.** Seniors will not see these ads until the yearbook is printed and distributed- even those students in the Yearbook Club!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the yearbook staff at (608)862-3135 weekdays between 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or email Mrs. Nienhaus at: Sarah.Nienhaus@albany.k12.wi.us

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Staff



FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

Albany Schools provide free and reduced lunch for those students whose parents apply and qualify. Albany staff makes every possible effort to protect the identity of every student taking free and reduced lunch.

ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING BASED ON FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS (even if you don't take it).

If you qualify for free or reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program with no additional paperwork.

LUNCH MENU JANUARY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| 4 Pizza Dippers Marinara Peas Cookie | 5 Meatballs Cheesy Potatoes Fruit Roll | 6 Taco Supreme, Tostada Chips Salsa Black Beans Cheese Fruit | 7 Corn Dog Tri-Tater Strawberries | 8 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Fruit |
| 11 Cheeseburger Macaroni Casserole Winter Blend Fruit | 12 Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Breadstick Fruit | 13 Deli Sub Potato & Ham Soup Crackers | 14 Hotdogs Calico Bean Bake Chips Apple | 15 Pizza Blueberry Cake Squares |
| 18 NO SCHOOL | 19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Roll Fruit | 20 Italian Pasta Blake California Blend Garlic Bread Fruit | 21 Quesadillas, Spanish Rice Olives Salsa | 22 Fish Sandwich Noodles Alfredo Peas & Carrots |
| 25 Taco Supreme Black Beans Cheese Sauce Salsa Fruit | 26 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Beans Cinnamon Roll | 27 NO SCHOOL | 28 Ravioli w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli Fruit | 29 Orange Chicken over Rice Fortune Cookie Fruit |
|  | <u>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</u> <i>Veggie & Fruit to be determined daily</i> | | |  |



Veggie Bar, Fruit and Milk served daily with meal

Choice of 1% White or Fat Free Chocolate Milk

****This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider****



BREAKFAST MENU JANUARY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| 4 Cereal Animal Crackers String Cheese Apple Wedges Milk | 5 Blueberry Muffin Cheez-Its Juice Milk | 6 Cereal Animal Crackers String Cheese Apple Wedges Milk | 7 Bacon, Egg Pizza Juice Milk | 8 Yogurt Parfait w/ Diced Peaches Goldfish Milk |
| 11 Cereal Goldfish Juice Milk | 12 Breakfast Pizza Juice Milk | 13 Banana Bread String Cheese Juice Milk | 14 French Toast Sticks Strawberry Cups Milk | 15 Cinn A bon Teddy Grahams Applesauce Milk |
| 18 NO SCHOOL | 19 Colby Cheddar Omelet Sausage Links Juice Milk | 20 Ham & Egg Combo Bar Teddy Grahams String Cheese Milk | 21 Blueberry Muffin Cheez-Its Juice Milk | 22 Cherry Frudels w/ Yogurt String Cheese Milk |
| 25 Trix Cereal Bar w/ Yogurt cup Raisins Milk | 26 Pancakes Applesauce Milk | 27 NO SCHOOL | 28 Cereal String Cheese Cheez-Its Milk | 29 Long John Apples Milk |

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Breakfast will be available at school from 7:30 to 7:50am for all staff and students.

Students may enter the cafeteria for breakfast at 7:30am.

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ALBANY SCHOOL ELECTRONIC MEAL SYSTEM

- > ALL meals must be paid for in advance. No money will be accepted by the Food Service Employee in the line. Money may be placed in the deposit box at serving time but, WILL NOT be available for use until the next morning. Lunch/Breakfast account money or checks should be placed in an envelope and placed in the drop box in the cafeteria. Any money received after 9:30 a.m. will NOT be added into the lunch account that day.
- > When a family account reaches a balance of \$20.00 or less the family will be notified. This notification will come by email, phone or letter. If the account has insufficient funds after 3 meals, you may be notified by the Administration. A detailed statement of account charges, deposits and balance is available by checking your balance on-line using your family ID and PIN. Link is available on the Albany School District website www.albany.k12.wi.us.

BREAKFAST PRICES

K - 12 \$ 1.90 Daily \$ 9.50 Weekly
 ADULT \$ 2.30 Daily \$11.50 Weekly

LUNCH PRICES

K - 5 \$ 2.90 Daily \$14.50 Weekly
 6 - 12 \$ 3.15 Daily \$15.75 Weekly
 Adult \$ 4.00 Daily \$20.00 Weekly
 Reduced \$.40 Daily \$ 2.00 Weekly

JANUARY 2021 EVENTS

Due to Covid restrictions, athletic events listed ARE SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES.

Players are limited to only 2 spectators of their choice per player for HOME games and Six Rivers Conference games. The scheduling of games will be a fluid situation due to the COVID 19 situation.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED. WATCH THE ASD FACEBOOK PAGE AND ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR LINKS.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| 28 No School Holiday Break This Week | 29 No School | 30 No School | 31 | 1 No School Happy New Year! | 2 |
| 4 Classes Resume GBB @ Black Hawk 6:00pm | 5 BBB @ Black Hawk 6:00pm HS Wrestling (H-Parkview) v Dodgeland 7:00pm | 6 CAPP/PIE/CCIHS Parent/Student Mtg. 6:30pm Media Room | 7 GBB @ Juda 7:00pm Varsity Only | 8 BBB (H) v Faith Christian 6:00pm | 9 HS Wrestling @ Polo 9:00am GBB @ Barneveld 1:00pm/2:30pm |
| 11 GBB (H) v Belmont 6:00pm Board of Education Mtg. 6:30pm Virtual FFA Mtg. Ag Room 7:00pm | 12 BBB @ Benton 6:00pm GBB (H) v Williams Bay 6:00pm | 13 | 14 PTO Mtg. 6:00pm Virtual (see Facebook) BBB (H) v Argyle 7:00pm Varsity only HS Wrestling @ Horicon 7:00pm | 15 End of 2nd Qtr & 1st Semester HS SEMESTER EXAMS for Students to Elect to take them GBB (H) v Black Hawk 6:00pm | 16 |
| 18 NO SCHOOL PD for Staff GBB (H) v Johnson Creek 6:00pm | 19 BBB (H) v Monticello 6:00pm HS Wrestling @ Princeton 6:00pm | 20 | 21 GBB (H) v Pecatonica 6:00pm HS Wrestling (H-Parkview) v Deerfield 7:00pm | 22 BBB (H) v Juda 7:00pm Varsity only | 23 GBB @ Belleville 12:00pm/1:45pm |
| 25 BBB (H) v Palmyra-Eagle 6:00pm SENIOR & PARENTS NIGHT | 26 GBB @ Argyle 7:00pm Varsity Only | 27 VIRTUAL DAY Students do NOT attend or log-in Teachers available for contact by parents and students | 28 BBB @ Barneveld 6:00pm | 29 GBB @ Monticello 7:00pm Varsity Only | 30 |

Albany School District Radio Station/TV Information School Closing/Early Release

| RADIO STATION | DIAL/STATION # |
|------------------------|----------------|
| WEKZ - AM (Monroe) | DIAL 1260 |
| WEKZ - FM (Monroe) | DIAL 93.7 |
| WCLO - AM (Janesville) | DIAL 1230 |
| WJVL - FM (Janesville) | DIAL 99.9 |
| WISC-3 (Madison) | CHANNEL 3 |
| WMTV-15 (Madison) | CHANNEL 15 |
| WKOW-27 (Madison) | CHANNEL 27 |



www.facebook.com/27news
www.twitter.com/WKOW
www.twitter.com/27StormTrack

Winter weather is now upon us. The following provides information on school closing procedures during bad weather. The decision to operate or close school is based on weather conditions within the school district boundaries and local road reports. School closing information will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations. Listen between the hours of 6:00a.m. and 7:00a.m.

When school has to be closed in the middle of the day, it will be broadcast by the media providers listed above *as soon as the decision is made*. If possible, students eat lunch with buses leaving right after the lunch hour. When this occurs, morning 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood students are kept through the lunch hour, fed lunch, and sent home on regular bus routes. There will not be an afternoon 4-year old kindergarten/early childhood bus route on such days.

An alternative to canceling classes will be a two (2) hour delay. If a two-hour delay is implemented, school will begin two (2) hours late, **with all students (town and rural) reporting for classes at 9:50a.m. Morning 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood classes will not be held.** Buses will then travel only on roads where conditions permit.

Any cancellations of athletic or extra-curricular events are also announced by the media providers listed above as soon as the school has final word on them. Therefore, it is advisable in inclement weather to **tune to your local TV/radio stations** for information. Although the school appreciates road condition updates, calling to ask if school is closing early only ties up the phones, making necessary calls impossible to complete. ***Please do not call the school, instead we ask that you listen to the radio.***



Looking for a way to support your school?

Would you like to have a voice and be a part of forwarding our school in its proud tradition of excellence? The School District of Albany, Board of Education is looking for candidates to run for the position of school board member. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and reside within the boundaries of the Albany School District. Candidates can pick up Declaration of Candidacy forms in the District Office during the hours of 7:30am-4:00pm Monday - Friday, now through 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 2021 (exception during holiday break only open on December 29th). **Forms must be returned to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2020.** Interested residents can view the notice on Page 2 of this newsletter and may also contact Mr. Steve Elliott, current School Board President, or Mr. William Trow, Superintendent, for details.

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