

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts. Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school district to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment. Information may be obtained at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.

The open enrollment application period for the 2013-14 school year is from **February 4-April 30, 2013**. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2013. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply in one of two ways: On-line (recommended) application form is <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>. Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Dept. of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district. Application may also be picked up at the school offices.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 4-April 30, 2013: Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 7, 2013: Non-resident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 14, 2013: Resident school districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 28, 2013: Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2013-2014 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

Blair-Taylor's 18th Annual Reading Night Accompanies Fantastic
Stories & Poems with Power Points on SMART Boards

Blair-Taylor Elementary held its 18th Annual Reading Night on November 15, 2012. Sixty families attended and listened to fascinating stories and poems read by superb readers. The readers included: Ms. Terry Kling, "Mrs. Fred", Mr. Thomley, Mrs. Sylvia DaCosta, Mrs. Kim Smith, Mrs. Jean Stenberg, Miss Jill Anderson, Mrs. Kathleen Rausch, Mr. Alan Robertson, the Blair Cheese Fest Court: Miss Blair Marissa Tenneson, Attendant Paige Stendahl, Little Miss Blair Paige Clemens, the Taylor Old Fashioned Days Court: Miss Taylor Arryanna Tenneson, Attendant Mikayla Hoem, Little Miss Taylor Ciara Beaman. Nearly every one of the stories were accompanied by Power Point slide shows depicting the illustrations from the books or related graphics viewed on SMART Boards. After three entertaining sessions of stories or poems everyone had water or milk and cookies. Each child attending selected a free book to take home! Reading Night is sponsored by Title I and Early Childhood/Head Start. Thank you to the volunteers that made this successful event possible and to Barb Brueggen for donating money for books.



Alan Robertson read The True Story of the 3 Pigs.



Kim Smith read The Polar Express.



Miss Anderson reads Ralph and the Motorcycle.



Ms. Kling read poetry and used moving graphics.



Jenny Lien, Barb Miller, Capouchs, Johnsons & more. Mrs. Stenberg reads The Barn Dance.





Mr. Thomley read & presented certificates to readers.



Rafael & Shane operate PowerPoint while Sylvia Da Costa reads.



Mrs. Rausch read.



Mikayla Hoem, Marissa Tenneson, Paige Stendahl, Arryanna Tenneson, Paige Clemens, Ciara Beaman.



Mrs. Fred read.

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
(S.120.06(6)(b), Wis. Stats.)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the Blair-Taylor School District that a School Board election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, to elect school board members to the seats currently held by David Smikrud as District I Director and Fern Aleckson and Blaine Koxlien as District 2 Directors, whose 3-year terms expire in April 2013. The incumbents are eligible for re-election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any qualified elector desiring to be a candidate for this position on the school board shall file a Declaration of Candidacy at the Blair-Taylor School District Office, 219 South Main Street, Blair, WI not earlier than Monday, December 3, 2012 and not later than Wednesday, January 2, 2013, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The forms may be delivered or mailed to the address noted above prior to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. District boundary information is available in the district office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2012.

Fern Aleckson, Clerk
Blair-Taylor School District

Curriculum Corner

Standards & Assessments & Evaluations – Oh my! Many changes are taking place in schools in Wisconsin that should have a very positive impact on student learning. Among the changes are new standards the students are expected to learn in the areas of English/language arts and mathematics. In addition, there is a new assessment being developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, which will be given to all students in grades 3-8 and 11. Teacher and administrator evaluations are also changing to incorporate both instructional practices as well as student performance.

With all of these new changes, as well as the usual changes and improvements that teachers always make to improve student learning, the two in-service days that took place in the school district have been very busy. Much of the time during these days was spent by the teachers working in their grade level Professional Learning Communities to incorporate the new standards, called Common Core State Standards, into their teaching and create methods for assessing the students' learning of these standards. Working with the new math standards was done in a slightly different way with our high school math teachers; they worked together with teachers from the Alma Center-Humbird-Merrilan and Melrose-Mindoro school districts to talk about when and how they teach these new rigorous standards. Most people seem to agree that the new standards are stronger than the old standards in that they are more focused and more specific for each grade level. The new standards are challenging and require students to be critical thinkers, being able to verbalize how they compare and contrast two things or make interpretations, for instance.

The Smarter Balanced Consortium is a state-led consortium which is developing assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics which are designed to help prepare all students to graduate high school college- and career-ready. These assessments will be taken on the computer and the questions will adjust for each student based on how he or she answered the previous question, in other words, a correct answer will result in a harder

question next, and an incorrect answer will result in an easier question. One of the things the teachers are doing to help students prepare for this new assessment, which will be piloted as early as next spring, is identify students who are struggling on specific skills and give them the help they need to learn these skills through a process called Response to Intervention. This Response to Intervention is built into the students' day for elementary, middle and high school students. It gives students the chance to better learn the content they are missing and also provides an opportunity for enrichment for students who are ready to move forward in their skill development. Planning to meet the students' needs is a great deal of work for the teachers, but they see the value in being able to help students in need. Part of the in-service days is also spent preparing for Response to Intervention.

While the format for evaluating teachers and administrators is changing to include student performance as well as teacher instruction, teachers will not be dramatically changing what they do now as a result of this evaluation as teachers are already working to improve their students learning. As new strategies, instructional tools and techniques become available, teachers research them and incorporate them when appropriate. A great deal is done by the teachers during in-services and other times to help the teachers "be at the top of their game" when they are working directly with their students.

For questions about information presented in this article, please contact Dana Eide, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, eided@btsd.k12.wi.us.

Thank you!

The Union Bank of Blair recently donated to four organizations at Blair-Taylor High School: Laws of Life, SADD, Forensics, and High Quiz Bowl. Both staff and students greatly appreciate this generosity. The money will be used for various expenses, depending on the organization. Ultimately, this money will benefit many students. Thank you, Union Bank of Blair!



“Believe in Sharing” Handbell Concert & Christmas Night

Featuring the Blair-Taylor High School Handbell Choir

Join us on December 19 at 6:30 pm at the Blair Lutheran Church East Building for a full Handbell Concert and Christmas activities including a reading of the Christmas Story, cookies, and hot chocolate! Everyone is welcome. Admission to this event is a non-perishable food donation OR a hat/mitten/glove donation OR a monetary donation to the Malaria Net Program.



49th Annual Dairyland Honors Concert

On Saturday, November 10, several members of the Blair-Taylor Band and Choir participated in the 49th Annual Dairyland Honors Concert in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Students represent the best musicians from throughout the Dairyland Conference. Directing the choir this year was Paul Gulsvig, former director at Onalaska High School and directing the band was Dr. Janet Heukeshoven, director at St. Mary's University.



Band- Patrick Vehrenkamp, Nevin Nyen, Keegan Eide, Debbie Wogh, Zach Moldenhauer, Landon McNamer, Winston Swartz, Mara Peterson, Kathleen Nordie, Gus McBain, Logan McNamer, Joe Vehrenkamp, Morgan Nehring, Joey Jacobchick, and Kanyon Tenneson.



Choir-Jordan Lien, Heather Johnson, Savannah Lien, Brady Kidd, Kayla Proft, Olivia McDougall-Saxe, and Harlie Vehrenkamp.



Note from the Elementary Principal

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents of Blair-Taylor students. Your continued support of our academic program is motivating. Every morning I see many smiling, happy faces arrive to school eager to learn. Along with our staff I say, "Thank you for all you do parents."

Speaking of our staff, I feel fortunate to have our kids attend a school with a staff who genuinely care about the kids. I feel we are fortunate to have our staff here in the Blair-Taylor School District they are incredible. Thank you for being you.

- Dates to remember
 - Nov. 29 ~ end of the trimester
 - Dec. 10 ~ Report Cards sent home
 - Dec. 14 ~ Elementary Concert 1:30pm (Blue Gym)
 - Dec. 24 – Jan. 1 ~ NO SCHOOL
 - Jan. 25 ~ No School – Inservice
 - Feb. 5 ~ PreK thru 6 P/T Conf. 4:00-7:30
 - Feb. 7 ~ PreK thru 6 P/T Conf. 4:00-7:30
 - Feb. 8 ~ No School
 - Feb. 22 ~ No School – Inservice

Mr. Thomley
Blair-Taylor Elementary Principal



Pictured: Marissa Pehler, Tanner Patzner, Jenna



Ladsten, Loni Howe and Erin Hoff

Blair-Taylor FBLA members attend conference

Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc was the setting for this year's FBLA Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference, held November 12 and 13. Approximately 450 students and advisors throughout the State gathered to expand their leadership experience.

Students participated in various workshops that promoted FBLA involvement, community activities and leadership. Students also had the opportunity to tour several area businesses and colleges such as Leather Rich, Sammy's Taste of Chicago and Waukesha County Technical College.

One highlight of the conference was keynote guest speaker, Amy Gallimore from Tennessee. Ms. Gallimore is a motivational speaker and trainer who lifts your spirits, enlightens your mind and helps groups raise their leadership abilities to new heights. Ms. Gallimore also has a background as a business owner and actively volunteers in her community. All aspects of her presentation involved the FBLA goals of developing, strengthening, creating, and encouraging members to contribute to the improvement of home, business and community. Conference attendees left the event feeling empowered and eager to make a difference.

In its' third year of becoming a Chapter, the Blair-Taylor FBLA has 44 members and is under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Perry, Business & Information Technology Instructor.

Blair-Taylor's High Quiz Bowl Team Has Successful Season

Blair-Taylor High School's quiz bowl team started off strong for this season. In its first matches, against Arcadia on October 22nd, the varsity team was victorious, while the junior varsity team was not. The matches were held over the two-way television system in the distance learning lab. Questions pertained to a variety of topics, including math, science, history, grammar, literature, and current events.

The varsity team was comprised of Grace Curran, Blake Nelson, Kyle Reismann, and Joe Vehrenkamp (captain). During the first round of each match, students try to answer questions individually. If a question is answered correctly, the team has a chance to answer a bonus question together. During this first round, Joe Vehrenkamp was the high scorer, earning 40 points by himself. At the end of the toss-up round, Blair-Taylor had a solid lead, with a score of 100 to Arcadia's 40. The second round consists of a team round, wherein students can help each other to answer questions. Blair-Taylor earned another 70 points during this round, while Arcadia attained 50. Ultimately, Blair-Taylor's varsity team won with a score of 170-90.

The junior varsity consisted of Conner Brekke, Mikayla Hoem, Michelle Sampson (captain), and Will Vehrenkamp. By the end of the first round, the JV team was holding its own with a score of 40 to Arcadia's 50. Conner and Mikayla tied to be the high scorer during the first round, each earning 10 points for the team. Unfortunately, Arcadia steadily pulled ahead during the team round. At the end of the match, BT lost, with a score of 70 to Arcadia's 130.

On October 29th, the teams went up against Eleva-Strum over the two-way system. Grace Curran, Kyle Reismann, and Joe Vehrenkamp (captain) were on the varsity team. At the end of the first round, BT had 60 points, while Eleva-Strum had 70. Joe Vehrenkamp was the high scorer, earning 30 points by himself. BT kept pace with Eleva-Strum through most of the second half, but Eleva-Strum was able to pull ahead with a slight lead. The final score was BT, 130, to Eleva-Strum's 150.

Conner Brekke, Michelle Sampson (captain), and Will Vehrenkamp made up the junior

varsity team. During the first half, Conner Brekke was the high scorer, racking up 30 points for the team by himself. The score was 50-30 at the half, with BT having the advantage. During the second half, BT earned a devastating 60 points to Eleva-Strum's 30. The final score was 110-60, with BT's junior varsity earning their first win of the season.

On Monday, November 5th, Blair-Taylor's varsity high quiz bowl team went up against G-E-T. The team was composed of Conner Brekke, Blake Nelson, Joe Vehrenkamp (captain), and Will Vehrenkamp. During the first half, Joe Vehrenkamp was the high scorer, racking up a stunning 60 points by himself on individual toss-up questions. The team earned another 40 points by answering bonus questions correctly. In contrast, G-E-T attained a total of 60 points during the first half. During the second half, both teams scored an additional 70 points. Blair-Taylor was ultimately victorious, with a final score of 170 to G-E-T's 130.

The junior varsity team had to forfeit due to lack of members present to participate.

On Monday, November 12th, the high quiz bowl team opposed Osseo-Fairchild in a match over the two-way system in the distance learning lab. The team was composed of Grace Curran, Joe Vehrenkamp (captain), and Will Vehrenkamp. The first round was neck-and-neck, with BT scoring 90 to Osseo-Fairchild's 80. Joe Vehrenkamp was the high scorer, raking in 40 points by himself on individual toss-up questions. During the second round, Osseo-Fairchild edged ahead, acquiring 60 points to BT's 40. The final score was 130-140, with BT losing by only one question. "It was a tough loss to take, and it was a pretty frustrating game overall," said Coach Kim Joten. "I'm proud of how our team handled themselves despite some setbacks beyond their control, such as not being able to hear the questions, and I look forward to continued success in future matches."

Neither Blair-Taylor nor Osseo-Fairchild had a junior varsity team.

On Thursday, November 15, the Blair-Taylor high quiz bowl team had a match scheduled against Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan. The other school did not show up for the match, which is treated as a forfeit. The varsity team received credit for the win, while the JV team did not, as ACHM does not have a JV team at all.

On Monday, November 19, BT went up against Independence. The varsity team, comprised of Grace Curran, Blake Nelson, Kyle Reismann,

and Joe Vehrenkamp (captain) scored a mere 40 points during the first half, while Independence racked up 80. Grace Curran was the high scorer during the first round, earning 20 points by herself on individual questions. During the second half, the Wildcats roared back with a vengeance, attaining 110 points, while Independence only earned an additional 70. At the end of the second half, the teams were tied at 150. The game went into a two-minute overtime round, wherein students had to answer as many questions as they could to try to break the tie. Both teams were only able to answer one question correctly during the overtime round, so the teams remained tied at 160. In order to break the tie, the game went into “sudden death” mode—whichever team scored first would win the game. Joe Vehrenkamp led the team to victory, answering a question related to the thirteen colonies.

Conner Brekke and Will Vehrenkamp (captain) composed the JV team. They earned 50 points during the first half, while Independence trailed with 40. Conner Brekke was the high scorer during the first half, earning 20 points by himself on individual toss-up questions. During the second half, BT maintained its lead, earning an additional 60 points to bring their total to 110. Independence kept pace, acquiring another 60 points as well, with a final score of 100.

“Our students kept their cool under extreme pressure tonight,” said Coach Kim Joten. “It was an exciting night for both teams.”

On Tuesday, November 27, Blair-Taylor’s high quiz bowl team opposed Whitehall in its final match of the regular season. The varsity team was composed of Grace Curran, Blake Nelson, Kyle Reismann, and Joe Vehrenkamp (captain). During the first half, BT scored 70 points to Whitehall’s 50. Joe was the high scorer, earning 40 points by himself on individual questions. During the second half, BT racked up an additional 70 points, bringing their total to 140, and Whitehall earned an additional 80 points, bringing their total to 130. The varsity team ended the regular season with a record of 5-2. The JV team did not compete, as Whitehall did not have a JV team. The JV team ended the season with a record of 2-2.

At the time of this printing, the teams were waiting to hear whether they’ve done well enough to earn a place in the championship tournaments in December.



Michelle Sampson, Joe Vehrenkamp, Blake Nelson, Kyle Reismann and Conner Brekke

Blair-Taylor’s High Quiz Bowl Team Does Well at Tournament

The Blair-Taylor High Quiz Bowl team traveled to Independence on Tuesday, November 6, to participate in a quiz bowl tournament with students from nine area high schools. The students participated in five matches. Each match consisted of an individual round, a team round, and a speed round of questions. The questions ranged in topic from science to math, from history to literature, and more.

The Blair-Taylor team battled hard in the matches, winning four of the five. They tied in the win-loss record with Independence and ironically tied with them in total points as well, which put the two teams into a play-off for second place going into the final round. Independence came out ahead on the play-off, sending the Wildcats into a match against Eleva-Strum. The Wildcats beat the Cardinals in the final match, resulting in a third place finish for the tournament. In addition, Joe Vehrenkamp was recognized as one of the top players in the tournament, which garnered him a spot on the tournament Dream Team.



Joe Vehrenkamp, far right, was chosen to represent Blair-Taylor on the Dream Team, due to being a high scorer during the tournament.



Blair-Taylor High School Students Attend Shakespeare Play

“Thrilling” is the word Dillon Zinn used to describe a play that he had the opportunity to see on a recent field trip. Cheyanne Milliman stated, “I loved it. It was a play to watch over and over again. It was very entertaining and absolutely hilarious.”

As part of their English classes, ninth grade students at Blair-Taylor High School attended a Shakespeare play on September 26, 2012. Students went to see *Twelfth Night* performed by the American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

There are several reasons students should see a live dramatic performance of this caliber. For some, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience; for others, it will lead to a lifelong love of theater and the arts in general. Seeing a play performed brings it to life for students; observing the actors’ facial expressions, body language, and actions allow students to more easily understand what is normally considered challenging literature. Students are better equipped to visualize plays they read in the future, which will help them to understand those texts better. Students are also given a pleasant, enjoyable introduction to Shakespeare, which should lead them to appreciate classic authors more in the future. Furthermore, having the experience of seeing a Shakespeare play performed live gives the students background knowledge, which they can tap into later as they read other works by Shakespeare, or literature in general.

Several organizations and individuals played a pivotal role in providing this educational and cultural opportunity for students. American Players Theatre (APT) receives support from various organizations and businesses, including the National Endowment for the Arts and American Family Insurance. This support allows APT to reduce the cost of tickets for students. The Blair-Taylor School District, the Blair Cheese Fest Committee, and the Blair-Taylor Booster Club all contributed toward the expenses for the field trip, including the cost of students’ tickets and transportation.

The parents and guardians of the ninth graders were extremely supportive, providing rides for their children before and after school, as well as contributing toward the cost of their children’s tickets and supplying meals. Dana Eide, the school district’s gifted and talented coordinator and curriculum director, assisted with fundraising and chaperoning. Cindy Hanson, an aide, and Kim Joten, high school English teacher, also chaperoned the field trip.

WRESTLING 2012-13

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov 29	Sparta JV	Home	7:30
Dec 1	Royall	Away	9:30
Dec 6	Arcadia	Away	7:00
Dec 8	E.C. North	Away	8:30
Dec 13	O-F-A-A	Home	7:30
Dec 20	Mondovi	Away	5:00
Dec 28	N. Badger	Away	TBA
Jan 12	Weston	Away	10:00
Jan 17	Conference	Home	6:30
Jan 19	Sparta	Away	9:30
Jan 24	Conference	Luther	6:30
Jan 26	Indee	Away	TBA
Jan 31	Conference	Indee	7:00

Head Start Recruitment for the School Year 2012-2013

Head Start staff will also be available to take **Head Start applications** during Child Development Day Thursday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Blair-Taylor Elementary Early Learning Center. Head Start is one part of the collaborative program that comprises the Early Learning Center in the Blair-Taylor Elementary School. This collaboration includes 4-year-old Kindergarten, Early Childhood Special Education, and Head Start. **Children age three by September 1, 2012 are eligible to apply for Head Start.** The Head Start program is a comprehensive developmental program that serves low-income families with children aged 3-5 years old.

If you have any questions regarding Head Start programming, please feel free to contact Debbie Misch, or Juline Schroeder in the Early Learning Center at 608-989-9860.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL 2012-13

Nov 26	BRF	Home	C-5:50
Nov 30	Onalaska	Home	C-5:50
Dec 7	Eleva-Strum	Home	
Dec 13	Lincoln	Away	
Dec 18	Arcadia	Home	C-5:50
Dec 20	Nekoosa	Away	JV+C 5:50
Dec 21	Indee	Home	
Dec 27	Adams-Fr.	Away	12:00-JV/2:00-Var
Dec 28	Adams-Fr.	Away	TBA
Jan 3	WHTL	Home	
Jan 8	Luther	Away	JV +C 5:50
Jan 11	Gilmanton	Home	
Jan 14	GET	Home	C-5:50
Jan 17	Alma-Pepin	Home	
Jan 22	CFC	Away	
Jan 25	Mel-Min	Home	
Jan 31	Eleva-Strum	Away	
Feb 5	Lincoln	Home	
Feb 12	WHTL	Away	
Feb 15	Immanuel	Away	
Feb 18	Mel-Min	Away	
Feb 23	Conf Play-Off /Alma		
Feb 26	Regional		
March 1	Regional		
March 2	Regional Final		
March 7-9	Sectional		
March 14	State		

Music Calendar



Dec. 10 at 6:00 pm 5-8 Band & Choir Christmas Concert
 Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm High School Christmas Concert
 Dec. 14 at 1:30 pm Elementary Christmas Concert
 Jan. 26 at Whitehall Middle School Solo/Ensemble
 Feb. 20 at Arcadia Piano Contest
 March 11 at 7:30 pm High School Pops Concert
 April 6 at CFC High School Solo/Ensemble Contest
 April 19 at 1:30 pm Elementary Spring Concert
 April 24 Large Group Music Contest
 May 4 State Music Contest
 May 6 at 8:00 High School Spring Concert
 May 14 at 7:30 5-8 Band and Choir Spring Concert

Child Development Day

The Blair-Taylor School District will offer Child Development Day, a free developmental “check up” for all children between the ages of 2 ½ to 3 ½ on February 28, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This event will be held in the Early Learning Center located within the Blair-Taylor Elementary School building in Blair, WI.

Child Development Day is a play experience which provides children an opportunity to demonstrate developmental skills through a relaxed play experience. Children will be encouraged to play and participate in specific developmental tasks designed to measure their overall development. Social skills, communication, motor skills and early learning skills will all be observed and assessed. A hearing and vision screening will also be offered at this time. Afterward, you will have a chance to meet with an interviewer who will discuss the results of the assessment as well as answer any questions you might have regarding your child’s development. County Birth to Three staff will also be available to screen children between the ages of 4 months and 2-1/2 years of age. Parents who have questions about their child’s development are also encouraged to come and meet with this staff.

A letter will be sent out in early February inviting all parents of children in this age range to contact Sue Waldera at 608-989-9835 to set up an appointment. If you do not receive a letter, please call for an appointment.

WILDCATS BASKETBALL 2012-13

Day	Date	Opponent	Bus
Tue	11/12	at Fall Creek/scrimmage	3:30
Thur	11/15	Arcadia	
Tue	11/27	GET	
Thur.	11/29	Whitehall	
Sat	12/ 1	Luther 1:30/3:00	
Tue	12/4	Bangor	
Thur	12/ 6	Mel-Min	
Tue	12/11	at Eleva-Strum	4:35
Fri	12/14	Lincoln	
Thur	12/20	at Independence	4:50
Fri	1/4	at Whitehall	5:10
Tue	1/ 8	Osseo-Fairchild	
Fri	1/11	at Pittsville 5:45/7:30	3:45
Sat	1/12	at Neillsville 1:30/3:00	11:50
Tue	1/15	at Gilmanton	4:20
Fri	1/18	at Alma/Pepin (Pepin)	3:40
Thur	1/24	CFC	
Sat	1/26	Immanuel 1:30/3:00	
Tue	1/29	at Mel-Min	4:35
Fri	2/ 1	Eleva-Strum	
Thur	2/ 7	at Lincoln	4:45
Sat	2/ 9	at Royall 5:50/7:30	3:15
Sat	2/16	Conf. Play-off at E-S	TBA

From the desk of the High School Principal ...

Response to Intervention continued:

We have completed the second year of implementing our Response to Intervention plan, currently known as PAWS (Personal Academics with Support) in the middle school and high school, and it is going very well. With our PAWS structure, students now have the opportunity to connect with the teachers when they need support, and they are taking responsibility and initiative to do so. As a result, overall students' academic success is improving.

We are very excited about the progress and positive feedback through our school climate survey; however, we have just begun the long journey of creating a great Response to Intervention system that supports academic success. If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or you have any suggestions for improvements that could be made, please feel free to give me a call anytime. We appreciate your input. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting our students and staff as we strive to improve academic success in Blair-Taylor.

Scheduling for 2011-2012

First quarter is complete, and we are into the second quarter. Scheduling for both the middle school and the high school students for the 2013-2014 school year is just around the corner. In December and January, Mrs. Hilary Walters, school counselor, will be in the high school classrooms working with your son or daughter to create a class schedule focusing on individual interests and needs. Mrs. Walters will then send your child's potential class schedule home for parent approval. Our middle school students, along with their parent/guardian will schedule classes for the 2013-14 school year during your individual planning conference with Mrs. Walter. If you have any scheduling questions, please feel free to give Mrs. Walters a call.

Viewing Grades On-line

Through "Family Access," parents and students can view grades, attendance and classes. In addition, you can now set up weekly progress report emails. Please contact Pam Nehring or Connie Hansen in the office if you would like your user name and password and information about how to access the program. (608-989-2525)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendar for the 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are trying a different approach this year so parents are able to conference with teachers after the 1st semester and towards the end of 3rd quarter. The dates are Tuesday, January 22nd and Tuesday, March 12th from 4:00-8:00 both evenings. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Middle School Recognition Day

Our 8th Grade Recognition / Honor Day will be on Friday, May 24th. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the 7-12 gym. Family members and friends are invited to come and share in this special event.

Graduation

High school graduation will come sooner than you think! Graduation is on Saturday, May 25th, in the high school gymnasium beginning at 1:00 p.m.

School Board Meetings:

3rd Monday Every Month at 5:00 pm

Booster PTO Meetings:

1st Monday Every Month at 7:00 pm

The 2012-2013 school year calendar, menus and information regarding current district events and activities are available on our district website: <http://www.cms4schools.com/btsd/>.

WEATHER REMINDER from D.F. Dervetski, Superintendent

Student safety is the prime consideration in making a decision relating to school delays or school closings. Normally, one of three decisions is made. The first may be a late start. In this case, a two-hour school delay is our standard procedure. On these 'late start' days there will be **NO** morning Early Childhood, 4-year old kindergarten, or Head Start programs. The second decision we may take is to close school for the day. The third decision is an early release from school, normally at 1:00 p.m.

We realize that parents have to make childcare arrangements for the day. Therefore, we will try to make school delay or closing decisions by 6:00 a.m. if possible.

If a decision is made to close school for the day or to close school early due to inclement weather, ALL after school practices and all evening activities and/or events will be cancelled.

WKBT TV	CH 8	La Crosse	Z93	93.3 FM	La Crosse
WEAU TV	CH 13	Eau Claire	Magic 105	104.9 FM	La Crosse
WQOW	CH 18	Eau Claire	Classic Rock	100.1 FM	La Crosse
WXOW	CH 19	La Crescent	CC106.3	106.3 FM	La Crosse
WWIS	99.7 FM	BRF	WHTL	102.3 FM	Whitehall
WAXX	104.5 FM	Eau Claire	WAYY	11.50 AM	Eau Claire
WECL	92.9 FM	Eau Claire	WEAQ	790 AM	Eau Claire
WBIZ	100.7 FM	Eau Claire	WKTY	580 AM	La Crosse
WTRV	95.7 FM	La Crosse	WIZM	14.10 FM	La Crosse
Eagle	102.7 FM	La Crosse	WCOW	97.1 FM	Sparta

Note: On late start days there will be NO MORNING Early Childhood, Head Start, or 4- year old kindergarten in Blair-Taylor.
**Please make sure your child has the proper clothing and footwear necessary during inclement and/or cold weather. Have a wonderful holiday season and New Year!