



RED HAWK REVIEW

DECEMBER 8, 2023



LOCAL HEROES AND RED HAWKS TEAM UP FOR SPECIAL "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT

The School District of Milton is proud to partner with local heroes from area law enforcement agencies for the annual "Shop with a Cop" event.

For those not familiar with this grant supported program, pairs a local law enforcement officer with a young Red Hawk for a very special "shopping trip" ahead of the winter holiday season. The two will journey through the store aisles to select gifts for the child to give his or her family. Participating students are selected by District social workers.

The event concluded with shared sandwiches and snacks, allowing everyone involved to relax and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the officers, Walmart staff, and, most importantly, the volunteers who make this event possible every year. Your enthusiasm and spirit truly embody the greatest qualities of our District community.

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WINTER CONCERT SEASON IS HERE!

SDM WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULE

TUE DEC 12 6TH-8TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT
7 PM | MHS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WED DEC 13 MILTON WEST WINTER SING (2ND & 3RD GRADE)
5:45 PM | MHS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

THUR DEC 14 MHS CHOIRS WINTER CONCERT
7 PM | MHS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FRI DEC 15 HARMONY WINTER SING (K & 3RD GRADE)
PERFORMANCE FOR HARMONY FAMILIES

MON DEC 18 MHS BAND & 8TH GRADE BAND CONCERT
7 PM | MHS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

TUE DEC 19 6TH & 7TH GRADE BAND CONCERT
7 PM | MHS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Winter sing season is upon us once again. This is one of our favorite times of the school year!

Our Red Hawks have been working hard and are excited to show off their musical talents to their families and friends.

With so many great performances coming up, to help our families plan, we've compiled a list of upcoming performances for you here in this newsletter.

Please note that our elementary school concerts (Grades K-3) are not open to the general public.

K-3 families should look for details and time information from their student's teacher or principal.



Consolidated 3rd graders perform for a full house at their winter sing concert earlier this week.

MHS ROBOTICS CLUB WINS BIG AT WISCOBOTS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our MHS Robotics Club on their very strong showing at the recent Wiscobots Tournament in Platteville.

Team D, "The Krusty Krabs," impressively outmaneuvered 32 teams to clinch 2nd place at the tournament! Congratulations Red Hawks!

Team E, "The Freshmen Phenoms," secured three win points in their very first competition! We're excited to see what the future holds for these rising stars!

Team B, "RHR," secured a commendable 13th place in the tournament with their strategic approach and technical skills on full display.

Congratulations Red Hawks!



CREEPY, CRAWLY, AND INCREDIBLE: SPECIAL GUESTS VISIT MILTON EAST 2ND GRADERS

Local naturalist, Mr. David Stokes, along with his co-teachers—a group of friendly frogs, a curious snake, and adorable turtles—brought the wonders of our local aquatic ecosystems right into our classroom.

The Red Hawks had the unique opportunity to interact up close with these captivating animals. This interaction left a lasting impression on the students, helping them understand the animals' habitats, behaviors, and the crucial roles they play in our environment.

Thank you to Mr. Stokes for this unforgettable experience and to all the educators at Milton East who made this special moment possible.



PICK AN ORNAMENT, MAKE A DIFFERENCE: A SIMPLE GESTURE WITH A BIG IMPACT

During the winter holiday season, the warmth and generosity of our School District of Milton community cannot be matched. We often hear from families, organizations, and local businesses looking for option to help our Red Hawks in need have a special winter holiday.

This year, we are excited to present a special opportunity that allows community members to directly support one of Red Hawk students who is in need.

At Sharla's Coffee Shop, and in other locations around our community, you'll find special trees adorned with unique ornaments.

Each of these ornaments symbolizes a real need of one of our students - ranging from essential winter clothing to vital educational materials. A QR code on the back will connect you with the District's Purposity page or Milton Shares Fund page, fulfill a wish or make a donation.

For those who wish to learn more about this initiative or the broader efforts of the Milton Shares Fund, our dedicated School District of Milton social workers are here to assist. You can reach out to Verlene Orr at orrv@milton.k12.wi.us or Sherry Rautenberg at rautenberg@milton.k12.wi.us for more information.



This ornament tree at Sharla's Coffee Stop, is one of many located at businesses throughout our community.

BE PREPARED: A REMINDER ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Earlier in the school year, we shared important guidelines about inclement weather and how it impacts school operations, including closures, delays, and early releases.

As we delve deeper into December, we want to offer families another opportunity to review this information.

SDM - Inclement Weather Family Letter, 2023-24

As always, if you have any questions or would like any additional information on school closings/delays, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's principal.



WELLNESS MATTERS: SDM HEALTH & WELLNESS UPDATES

INTRODUCING WISCONSIN WAYFINDER: A NEW RESOURCE NETWORK FOR FAMILIES



The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has recently launched an invaluable service, Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network, designed to support families of children with delays, disabilities, special health care needs, or mental health conditions.

This new initiative features a user-friendly website and a toll-free helpline, making it easier for families to connect with dedicated children's resource guides. These guides are committed to assisting families in navigating the many services and supports crucial for their children's development and well-being.

Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge of DHS emphasizes, "This service is a critical step toward improving the way families with special health care needs access and connect with vital resources, especially during crucial moments like after an initial diagnosis." Wisconsin Wayfinder is not just a resource; it's a commitment to inclusivity, support, and accessibility for Wisconsin's children and their families.

Connect with Wisconsin Wayfinder

To explore this resource, families can visit the [Wisconsin Wayfinder website](#) or call the toll-free number, 877-WiscWay (877-947-2929), for direct access to compassionate and knowledgeable guides.

 **Wisconsin Wayfinder**
Children's Resource Network

RED HAWK RALLY: ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS EMMA KLIGORA, WISCONSIN PREP HOCKEY'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to MHS Red Hawk, Emma Kligora! This week, Emma was named Wisconsin Prep Hockey's Player of the Week.

Emma, a forward with the Rock County Fury, has showcased her talent and determination on the ice.

With a total of 10 goals and 4 assists so far this season, Emma has been a driving force for the Rock County Fury, contributing to a significant portion of the team's total goals this season.

Congratulations, Emma, on this well-deserved recognition!

FOLLOW ROCKY THE RED HAWK FOR THE LATEST ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS AT MHS



Stay up to date on the upcoming events at Milton High School by following Rocky The Red Hawk - Milton on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Every Monday, Rocky will post the upcoming activities for the week. The pages will also feature MHS highlights, behind-the-scenes glimpses of student life and so much more.

Run by students, this is a great go-to resource for our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING SDM EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



MECAS SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE Thur, Dec 21, 2023 | 9am - 2pm

448 E. High St, Milton
(District Office, Located next to Milton Public Library)

Students see Ms. Helgestad or sign up [ONLINE HERE](#)

MECAS is on a mission to help save lives by participating in the American Red Cross high school program! Through this program, our students have the chance to take part in a meaningful effort to give hope to hospital patients in need.

MECAS is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on **Thursday, December 21st from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the School District of Milton's Professional Development Center (**Located in the District Office**) and you can help make this blood drive a success! Did you know almost 20% of the millions of blood donations made each year come from high school and college blood drives?

Eligible Milton students, families, and community members have a chance to make a difference for cancer patients, accident and burn victims and many other blood recipients in our area and across the nation. This is a community service project that is both easy and rewarding!

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: MECASMilton.

To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, individuals who do not feel well or who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone their donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Thanks in advance for your support of the MECAS blood drive!

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Swim With The Hawks

December 27-28th

Beginner/Intermediate session: 1-2:30 pm

Skilled/Advanced session: 3-5 pm both days

ATTENTION ALL COMPETITIVE SWIMMERS

Your very own Milton Red Hawks high school swimmers are hosting a swim camp for student athletes on December 27th and 28th. If you're interested in learning more about the four competitive strokes, or if you're interested in improving your technique, **sign up at ONLINE HERE**

The registration fee is \$40 and includes a T-shirt if you register by December 19th. Separate beginner and advanced sessions are available. **Knowledge of the four competitive strokes is required.**



Come swim with the Hawks and learn some new skills! This is an opportunity to learn from current Red Hawk swimmers!

Same day sign up no t- shirt
Register by December 19th

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HOLIDAY NECESSITIES DRIVE

December 11-21, 2023

Donation Drop Off Location- Milton Public Library

430 E. High Street, Milton, WI 53563

Most Needed Items

Feminine Products, Wet Wipes, *Shampoo*,
Conditioner, Body Wash, *Deodorant*, Laundry
Detergent, *Razors*, Bars of Soap, *Diapers*, Paper
Towels, *Cleaning Supplies*, Travel Size Hygiene
Items, *Canned Soups*, Pancake Mix, *Syrup*, *Peanut
Butter*, Jelly/Jam, *Cereal*, Individual Fruit Cups

All items will be
donated to



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Northside Intermediate

STUDENT COUNCIL IS
HOSTING A...

Food Drive

for the
Milton Food Pantry

DECEMBER 11-15

Bring non-perishable food items to help support families in our community.

The classroom with the most non-perishable food items collected earn an extra recess for their homeroom and switch class.



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2023 FREE HOLIDAY Milton Youth Basketball Camp

December 29th

Milton High School Gym

GIRLS & BOYS 3rd-8th GRADE

CAMP OVERVIEW:

- MiltonHighSchoolcoachesandplayerswillrunthecamp.
- BuildingFundamentals:
 - Offensive
 - Defensive
- Fun

CAMP SCHEDULE:

December 29th 1:00pm-3:00pm


COST:

The camp is FREE. The girls basketball program has pledged to complete 100 team community service hours during the season this year for our Community Financial Campaign Drive. PLEASE BRING NON PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE MILTON FOOD PANTRY. The camper in each grade that donates the MOST items will earn a prize.

REGISTRATION:

Sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/mhsfreeholidaycamp23> or submit registration information below by email or snail mail.

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Milton

Child Development Days



**Monday
January
22nd!**

We are encouraging families, childcare providers and/or physicians who have concerns about a child ages 3 to 5 to recommend or refer for screening. Each child will participate in a variety of play-based activities while his/her speech and language, preschool readiness, motor, self-help and social skills are observed by our district early childhood staff.

While your child participates in the screening, district staff and resources will be available to you.




**West Elementary
825 W. Madison Ave**



**Only 20 minutes
to screen!**

**CALL FOR APPOINTMENT !!
(608) 868-9245**



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SPACE AUTASTIC THERE ARE NO LIMITS IN SPACE!

Our specialized play area is open for all Autistic and other special needs individuals and their families to enjoy.

Our play area is available to rent for private birthday parties, local school special education classes, and community group field trips.

We offer educational meetings, resources, and support to all community members.

Our facility is located in downtown Janesville, WI, at 21 South Jackson St, Suite 150. Our private entrance can be entered off Dodge Street.

We are a tax exempt 501(c)3 Public Charitable Nonprofit.



Visit our website SPACEAutastic.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @SPACEAutastic for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!!



The Cornerstone of Hope Spring Daddy Daughter Dance will be Friday, March 1, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville

Join us for a memorable night of dancing, amazing raffle prizes and a keepsake photo!

Tickets Will go on sale January 15th at <https://csohwi.com/event/spring-dance/>



Questions: contact Cornerstone of Hope 608-563-4673 or ddd@csohwi.com