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Robot Club members pose with their robots.



Booster Club and District Have Sights Set on Phase II

BY KYLE LUEDTKE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Last summer we made some improvements to our outdoor athletic field areas. The main reason for the improvements was safety. Our outdoor bleachers had failed inspections on three separate occasions. Our press box was directly connected to the bleachers and therefore needed to be removed. Our track had multiple cracks and trip hazards for our runners. Additionally, we relocated the shot put and discus event areas to behind the bleachers. This is a much safer location for both the student athletes and spectators.

We reowned the athletic field and improved the field drainage system. This will provide a better playing surface for our football and soccer players.

Now that this work is complete, the district is working with our Pioneer Athletic Booster Club on Phase II. Phase II will include a pavilion. The pavilion will house the concession stand and bathrooms. For years, our booster club has prepared food without running water. While they have done a great

job, running water provides a more sanitary environment. The building will also have bathrooms.

Additionally, there will be place for the athletic trainer to work with our student athletes, either to prepare them for competition or to treat an injury. Our game officials will also utilize space within the pavilion to avoid the elements before, at halftime, and after games.

Currently the Pioneer Athletic Booster Club and the school

district are seeking donations to offset the cost of the project. Therma-Tron-X Inc. has graciously donated \$500,000 towards the project. Naming rights to various portions of the athletic complex are available at various donation levels. All donors will be recognized on a donor wall which will be located near the pavilion. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact either Steve Estes, Rob Rankin, Brooke Tanck, Kyle Luedtke or any member of the booster club.



Notes from the District Administrator

I am always amazed and pleased with how many extra opportunities our students have. Our robotics club recently participated in a competition in Peshtigo. Our band and choir students participated in solo & ensemble. Our forensics students are in the middle of their seasons and continue to work on their pieces. Our FFA chapter recently hosted a regional leadership event on February 3. Our drama students continue to refine their roles for the upcoming production of *Shrek the Musical*, which will be the weekend of March 11. At the same time, winter sports seasons are winding down, and our spring sports season will be starting shortly. Truly, there are quite a few opportunities for our students.

The goal of our school, and every public school, is to provide high-quality education and a well-rounded school experience. Our extracurricular offerings allow us to give our students these opportunities. Our advisers, directors, and coaches commit many hours to these activities.

We hope that there is something extra for every student with our wide array of activities. Our staff encourages our students to become involved in an activity, and we hope our parents do the same with their children.

The students involved in these activities do a great job balancing their academic workload and their hours of commitment to their extracurricular activities. Research shows that students engaged in extracurricular activities have better academic success, live healthier lifestyles, and enjoy their school experience more. I applaud the efforts of these students.

As a community member, if you have the opportunity to support these young people, please do so. The best manner is to be present. Attend a ballgame, play, or concert. I am sure you will find it enjoyable, and the kids will appreciate your presence.

Yours in education,

Kyle Luedtke, Superintendent



Renovation of the Family & Consumer Sciences Classroom a Success

BY TARA LECLAIR, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER

To celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) month in February, we highlight the many elective offerings here at Sevastopol. With a new school and renovations came numerous upgrades to CTE program areas such as technology education and agriculture. Another area to receive significant renovations is the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) room.

The announcement came in early December 2020 that the FCS room was going to get more than just a fresh coat of Valspar white paint as part of the school renovation. With construction savings from the addition of the new school, the FCS room, located in the 1960s wing of the school, was able to receive an upgrade with those funds.

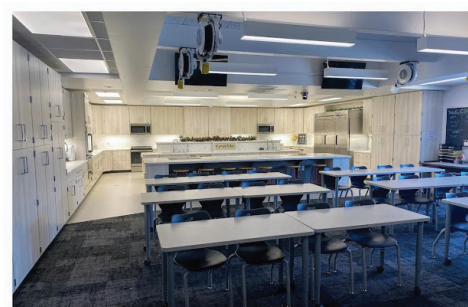
Our team researched various FCS classroom models and toured other regional school district designs. Our FCS room now blends dependable elements of a commercial kitchen with a comfortable, yet modern residential home kitchen in a calming, cohesive, and functional space. The overall design addresses the needs of multiple courses that are taught from child development, cooking, sewing, and life skills for middle and high school students alike.

Highlights of the room include a significant increase in lineal work surfaces equipped with under cabinet LED lighting, new countertops, deep sink basins, ADA compliant appliances, an ice machine, commercial refrigerator, freezer, and two commercial dishwashers that

have the ability to wash dishes in six minutes! A camera system was installed in the kitchen that will make it possible for students and the teacher to perform recipe demonstrations by recording, and then broadcasting them online for students who are absent from class to view.

The old classroom had minimal storage, so adding more spaces to store items was a priority. A large teacher storage closet and a student accessible walk-in closet was included. An exterior door was also installed as an entrance to a future outdoor kitchen and patio area. The vision for this space is to teach students how to be "grill masters" and to safely operate outdoor cooking equipment like charcoal and gas grills, smokers, and pizza ovens while teaching various cooking methods within this dedicated outdoor classroom.

This new space will continue to ensure that a variety of life skills are taught in order for students to become successful teenagers and adults. All courses provide students with the skills that will make them college, career and life ready.



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