SOAR HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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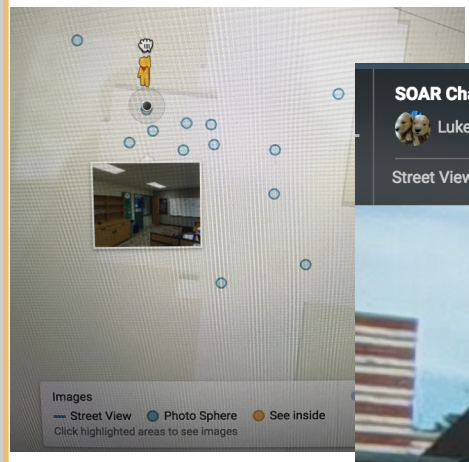
VOLUNTEERING & SERVICE

Students have already had a number of opportunities to earn service hours towards the 80 hour graduation requirement for SOAR HS. On October 10th and 11th, the Northland Pines School District hosted a charity harvest called Log-A-Load. Each day over 450 middle school students experienced various forestry related topic presentations at the school forest. SOAR HS students were assigned to help for one of the two days and the jobs ranged from cooking and serving lunch trays to hosting stations and presentations.

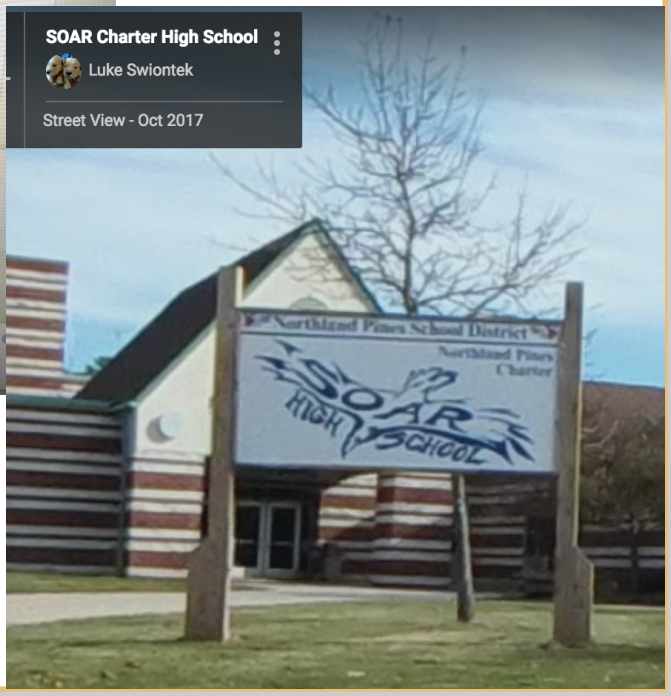
In addition, Mrs. Perry works with the Law Dogs Lair Haunted House in Minocqua and SOAR students had the opportunity to earn service hours by scaring people! Kimberly Beenken, Austin Burmeister, Ylliana Figueroa, Taylor Hollnagel, Maddie Perry, Somerset Seymer, Luke Swiontek, Grace Tienhaara, Olivia Weber and Marian Weirick all participated.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: GOOGLE MAPS - LUKE SWIONTEK

Luke has had a fascination with Google Maps and how they collect images and information for the popular mapping app. This year, he turned this interest into a project. Luke ended up trying out different ways to take the 360 degree photos that Google uses with his phone and he eventually bought a special camera that takes these photos simply, quickly and easily. After asking permission to post publicly, Luke took photographs of all buildings and many rooms at both the Eagle River and Land O Lakes campuses within the Northland Pines School District. The photos have been uploaded to Google Maps and due to his efforts, Google has invited Luke to become a "Local Guide" which entitles him to early releases products and honors and recognizes his contributions to Google. Check out Google Maps street view of SOAR HS and other NPSD buildings by dropping the peg man



icon onto the blue dots that you'll see on the map (picture above). Then you'll be able to virtually visit any of our campuses. Stop by soon!



SEMINAR: FRANKENSTEIN

To celebrate in preparation for the Halloween "holiday", some students elected to participate in a book study with Mr. Strong. The group read Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" and discussed various aspects of science and technology and some of the differences between the movie makeovers of the story with additions of Igor and lightning bolts being used to re-animate the monster. One activity has students developing a recreation of the monster and Kimberly took the task to her father's taxidermy studio to sculpt the head of the creature. The final task for students was choosing a writing prompt regarding society, artificial intelligence or the science of the story.

Sculpting Frankenstein

SEMINAR: BICYCLING

Throughout the month of October, students had the opportunity to earn PE hours while taking a bike ride during school hours. Students learned some basic maintenance and then headed out on the local roads for their rides.

SEMINAR: INVERTEBRATES

The longest running seminar this first quarter was on Invertebrates. Mrs. Perry led this seminar which focused on the differences between simple and advanced invertebrates and included dissection of selected representative organisms as well as a live critter lab. Students used earthworms to investigate the sensory responses of a typical invertebrate and studied the responses to light, texture, moisture levels and light touches.

SEMINAR: BLOOD AND DNA

Also keeping with the Halloween theme, Mrs. Perry led a seminar on Blood and DNA. The seminar covered the components of blood and how blood typing is accomplished as well as how they are inherited between generations. . Blood spatter was the next topic in which students learned how to "read" the signs blood can leave behind in order to recreate a crime scene. Finally, students created their own lab experiments to investigate how different forces and velocities affect blood spatter.

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The Pasty Oven

It's time again for pasties ('pass-tees') - a Cornish tradition. If interested see any SOAR student or contact Ann Perry @ aperry@npsd.k12.wi.us to place your order.

Order forms will be made available to students by early November and orders are due around Thanksgiving.

Loaves 4 Learning

We've registered to participate in a loyalty rewards program offered by the bakers of Country Hearth and Village Hearth breads, allowing us the opportunity to earn as much as $10,000 this year! Start saving UPC Proof-of-Purchases from any Country Hearth or Village Hearth product, each one is worth 5¢. Visit Loaves4Learning.com for more info. UPCs can be dropped at SOAR HS.

Country Hearth NATURAL BREADS

Village Hearth

ITS NOT TOO LATE...

If you'd like to sponsor a student directly for their Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center experience, please contact Ann Perry for details. The cost for one student is $160 dollars which covers lodging, meals and all classes and equipment for 4 days and 3 nights.

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- ACADEMIC DECATHALON

This team of students participates in various levels of academic competition and just completed their first online practice this week. Members of SOAR HS that participate on this team include Cassie Burns, Emily Klopp and Somerset Seymer. The first competition is locals and will be held in two weeks.

- ONE ACT PLAY

The One Act play this year, "The NSA's Guide to Winning Friends and Influence People" has made it to regionals and includes SOAR HS members, Emily Klopp and Somerset Seymer. Congratulations to the cast and crew and good luck.!

- HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Music Man has been selected as this year's musical. Auditions will be held on November 16th and 17th and practices will begin in late November or early December. NPHS's production will be held on February 9th and 10th at 7pm and February 11th at 2pm.

KEY DATES

Nov 3: End of First Project Cycle
Students are in the final days of their first project cycle. They should be thinking about what they'd like to tackle for the second project cycle.

Nov 9: Veteran's Day Program - 9am
MS/HS Fieldhouse - Open to the public.

Nov 9: Evening Parent Teacher Conferences - 4pm to 7pm
The link for parents to sign up for SOAR HS conference times has been shared directly with parents /guardians via email. To sign up for times with a MS/HS teacher, please use this link (also available on the MS/HS website).

Nov 10: Morning Parent Teacher Conferences - 7:30am to Noon
The link for parents to sign up for SOAR HS conference times has been shared directly with parents /guardians via email. To sign up for times with a MS/HS teacher, please use this link (also available on the MS/HS website). ***No school for students this day!***

Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving Break - No school for students.

Nov 28 - Dec 1: Expedition Field Study to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

STAYING CONNECTED

SOAR HS now has it's own Facebook and Twitter accounts! Follow us to keep up with what's happening, check us out, and stay in touch...

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