



## Calendar and capital outlay plan discussed by school

▲ Clark School Board December meeting looks ahead to 2022

The December meeting of the Clark School Board of Education lasted 90 minutes, with the two major areas of discussion being 2022-23 school calendar and capital outlay, both for next year and the five-year plan.

Regarding the calendar for next year, it is very similar to this school term, but various 'tweaks' are being made. Three calendar options have been looked at by the board with superintendent Travis Ahrens making changes to bring back calendar #4 for the January meeting.

Discussion items for the calendar included: start date and week length of August week day session length; inservice dates; vacation lengths; built in snow days and finish date.

Reviewing capital outlay expenditures for fiscal year 2022-23 was the longest discussion of the meeting. These capital outlay items and the costs include:

MS/HS Building: Student locker replacement (\$80,000). Replace building signage (east exterior wall). Update exterior door system (\$23,000 for both buildings). Fieldhouse A.C. install -ESSER (\$100,000). (ESSER funding is federal COVID-19 money. Clark School received over \$600,000 in ESSER funds to be used by 2024, with South Dakota Department of Education approval.)

Elementary Building: Elementary playground surface replacement and/or upgrades (Trust-Agency). Update exterior door system. Voss bathroom upgrade (\$15,000 ESSER). EL Room update w/HVAC (ESSER).

Grounds: Install flag pole track/FB complex (\$9,500). Agri-lime for shot put area (\$4-\$5,000). Lighting along north sidewalk at track (\$7,500-\$8,500).

Vehicles: 15-passenger van (\$30,000).

Technology: \$50,000.

Curriculum: To be determined. (ESSER 3).

Athletics: Boys basketball H/A jerseys, (\$5,000). Cheer. Weight-room upgrades (\$7,800).

The capital outlay levy for next year will be \$425,796. ESSER 3 funds projects will cost \$441,422; for a total of \$871,218.

The biggest price tag of the 2022-23 projects will be the elementary boiler with a \$260,000 price tag. A staff bathroom is also being looked at in the Voss wing of the elementary building.

As the talk turned past next year's capital outlay projects to the five-year capital outlay plan, board member Greg Marx talked about the wrestling room/garages/building trades expansion area, listed in the 2025-26 year plan.

"I think we should move this project to next year rather than four years from now," Marx said, and he gave a little history of this project and rationale why it should be on the short list rather than four years down the road.

With three wrestling club boosters in the audience, Marx spoke of how three years ago this project gained momentum, was on the fast track to becoming a reality and as it went through the channels of possi-

| WEATHER                                 |       |    |     |
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| Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer |       |    |     |
|   | HI    | LO | PR  |
| Dec. 14.....                            | 46    | 23 | 0   |
| Dec. 15.....                            | 45    | 27 | 0   |
| Dec. 16.....                            | 47    | 10 | .09 |
| Dec. 17.....                            | 22    | 9  | 0   |
| Dec. 18.....                            | 18    | 6  | .11 |
| Dec. 19.....                            | 18    | 1  | 0   |
| Dec. 20.....                            | 31    | 13 | 0   |
| 2021 precipitation to date              | 24.53 |    |     |
| 2020 precipitation to date              | 18.23 |    |     |

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## Christmas services celebrate 'The Reason for the Season'

The Christmas holiday is here with many area church services being held to honor the Savior Jesus Christ's birthday.

### Clark

At the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

At St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Jody Peterson will lead 4:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24.

The Assembly of God Church will have a 7:00 candlelight Christmas Eve service on December 24 lead by Pastor Mark Cronauer.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastor Mark Tracy invites all to Christmas Eve worship services at 3:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Catholic Church will hold Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve mass on December 24, lead by Father Dan Smith, at 4:00.

### Willow Lake Area

Pastor Randy Bader invites all to the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. on December 24.

Lake Gospel Church in Willow Lake will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 6:00 p.m. The service will include a short children's program presentation and a couple of songs by the Bell Choir. Pastor Steven Johnson welcomes all to come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Carpenter United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

The Prairie Star Lutheran parish served by Pastor LeRoy Boender and synodically authorized minister Colin Beveridge have scheduled their Christmas Eve services on December 24: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant at 4:00 p.m., Good Hope Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran

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The birth of Jesus is the foundation of Christmas. Christians throughout the world will celebrate December 24 and 25.

Above, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph in

the stable in Bethlehem was part of the live Nativity Scene done by United Methodist Church youth during festivities recently. Aleisha Naze is Mary and Atticus Stiefel is Joseph.

### \* Mrs. Hallberg's first grade students



The first grade classes at Clark Elementary School recently shared with the Clark County Courier their Christmas list for Santa. These students are in Mrs. Aleigha Hallberg's class.

In their classroom, from left to right in the back row are Willow Lenzen, Finley Morehouse, Kamden

Werdel, Ava Meier, Blake Severson, Allie Schmidt and Anakalia Bokinskie.

In the front row, left to right are, Harmon Perez, Carlos Rodriguez Olivera, Ryker Lamb, Noah Woodland, Gracy Tarbox, Abbie Olson and Peyton Hardy. Not pictured is Bayler Hurlbut.

Alice Ringo, daughter of John Ringo and Kristina Hickey: Please bring me some Slime, books and I would really like to have my ears pierced.

Cambria Mears, daughter of Erich and Alisha Salinas: I would like 20 Barbies, two stuffed animal golden retrievers, a white and orange cat and 30 L.O.L. dolls.

Roland Beving, son of CJ and Kelsey Beving: Please bring me Hot Wheels volcano playset, Rees-

es candy Christmas tree and Mega Rex.

# Dear Santa ...

### \* Mrs. Wieseler's first grade students



Mrs. Taylor Wieseler's 1st grade class. In the back row, left to right are, Cambria Mears, Berkley Herr, Erick Arthur, Thomas Dandurand and Roland Beving. From left to right in the middle row

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like you to bring me a motorcycle and a dirt bike.

The following requests are from the first grade students in Mrs. Aleigha Hallberg's room.

**Dear Santa,**  
Anakalia Bokinskie, daughter of Chris and Melody Bokinskie: I would like a small new panda plushy, black leggings and a lamp.

Peyton Hardy, daughter of

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