

# District

# Newsletter



**Dodgeland**  
SCHOOLS

The Road to a Better Tomorrow

February 2026



## Greco's Greetings



Greetings and Happy New Year!

Since arriving in Dodgeland, I continue to be impressed with how amazing our staff works together to provide personalized learning attention that can only be found in a close-knit community, rigorous educational programming which offers academic challenge to all students, robust career and technical education (CTE) programming yielding practical skills students can take right into the workforce upon graduation, and support for the mental well-being of all kids. I know I share your pride in the Dodgeland School District, and look forward to continuing to work with the Board of Education to build upon the strong foundation in place.

Following a couple year pause, the recent results of our survey revealed an overwhelming interest from community members wanting a mailed newsletter. Thank you for your feedback! We were happy to share this content; however, it is just a fraction of all there is to celebrate here in Dodgeland. I encourage you to use the QR Code and connect to the Dodgeland Exchange for all the up-to-date information. For those of you that I haven't met yet, I hope to connect with you at a school or community event.

GO TROJANS!!

Todd Greco  
District Administrator

### Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame



#### Barry Smanz

Dodgeland H.S. Head Boys XC Coach 1974-2019: 2021-2024  
Dodgeland H.S. Head Girls XC Coach 1977-2019: 2021-2024  
St. Mary Central Head Boys XC Coach 1972  
  
9 State Qualifying Teams (5 Girls and 4 Boys)  
2017 WIAA Girls Division 3 State XC Champs  
2017 NFHS Wisconsin Girls XC Coach of the Year  
2017 USATFCCA Wisconsin Girls XC Coach of the Year  
2017 NFHS National Central Sectional Girls XC Coach of the Year



Inducted January 9, 2026

**Congratulations Coach Smanz**

## Survey Results

There were 447 respondents for our community survey regarding our upcoming operational referendum. Highlights include:

A willingness to invest \$700,000 each year for four years

The community values our high quality staff

The community appreciates our website for clear communication

For more survey results, please check out the Dodgeland Exchange on our website.



## Operational Referendum

### Referendum Ballot Question:

Shall the Dodgeland School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$700,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, to maintain class sizes at the elementary school level, sustain elective and advanced courses at the middle and high school levels, and continue middle school athletics?

# Principal Updates

## Elementary School Principal Jenny Huelsman



### Growing Independent, Kind, and Hardworking Kids

We are giving our students a great start in life by trying new things, teaching them to lead, and looking out for one another. Here is what makes us special:

- **Hands-on STEM for All:** Every student participates in Project Lead the Way, engaging with science, technology, engineering, and math throughout the year.
- **Student Leadership:** Our upper elementary students serve as Junior Coaches and produce the school yearbook through the Trojan Press.
- **Future-Ready Skills:** From 3K independence to advanced digital citizenship and complex problem-solving, we prepare students to succeed in the real world.
- **Enriching Experiences:** We go beyond the classroom with grade-level field trips, annual winter concerts, etc.



## Middle / High School Principal Dom Gischia

At Dodgeland Middle and High School, we are more than just a place of learning - we are a launchpad for the next generation of leaders, innovators, and achievers. We believe that every student deserves a rich, diverse educational experience. Despite our small-school charm, we offer opportunities that rival much larger districts.

- **Academic Rigor:** From a robust Advanced Placement (AP) program with multiple course offerings to our Dual Credit partnerships, we ensure students are challenged and prepared for post-secondary success.
- **Cutting-Edge Technology:** As a 1:1 iPad district, our students utilize industry-standard tools to collaborate, create, and solve problems in real-time, mirroring the digital world they will enter after graduation.
- **Career & Technical Education:** Our students aren't just sitting at desks, they are designing and creating in our Fab Lab, producing stellar works in our art department, and exploring careers through our comprehensive Academic and Career Planning (ACP) guides.

Success at Dodgeland isn't limited to test scores. Our students thrive in a variety of co-curricular activities that build character and leadership:

- **Academic Decathlon:** Our teams have a legacy of excellence, consistently qualifying for state-level competitions.
- **Clubs & Organizations:** Whether it's FBLA, FFA, HOSA, or more, there is a place for every student to find their passion.
- **Athletic Pride:** Our Trojan student athletes demonstrate teamwork and discipline across a wide array of sports, fostering a sense of community and school spirit.

We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and the dedicated staff who mentor them every day!

# 3K and 4K ANNUAL SCREENING

Future Dodgeland Stars,  
This is Your Moment!  
Got a 3 or 4-year-old at home?  
We'd love to meet them!

Join us for our Annual Screening Day  
Monday, February 16 from 12:30 - 6:30 PM.

Your child can explore our classrooms and show off their skills while our team does informal check-ins on speech, hearing, and more. It's fast, it's friendly, and it's the best way to get ready for 3K or 4K!

To sign up, please call the Dodgeland Elementary School office, 920-386-4404, option 5.



### ABBY OESTREICH Student Representative to the School Board

As the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester comes to an end, I am incredibly proud of the dedication, hard work, and inspiration that have filled our halls. From academics, extra-curriculars, and leadership in the classroom, our students have truly been doing amazing things and representing Dodgeland with pride. As the student representative, it's inspiring to see the growth and positivity the 1<sup>st</sup> semester has created. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins, we have a new opportunity to continue to work hard and finish the school year strong. I am super excited to see what our students will accomplish and look forward to another semester ahead!



## Dodgeland Exchange

The Dodgeland Exchange is the quick and immediate access to the latest and most accurate district information. Includes community survey results, newsletters, announcements and more!

Scan to Visit  
the Dodgeland Exchange



## Social Media Links

DodgelandSchool  
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 www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us

## PURPLE PURPOSE ROOM

The National Honor Society is dedicated to making a difference through the Purple Purpose Room. This student-led initiative provides a private, welcoming environment where community members can receive essential supplies—including clothing and hygiene items—at no cost. Supporting our families is our top priority. To learn more, donate, or visit the room, please reach out to our Middle/High School Office.



## CHILD FIND

At Dodgeland, we are committed to supporting students of all abilities from age 3-21. We believe every child deserves the tools they need to thrive. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's development, learning needs, or the specific supports they qualify for, we are here to help. Please reach out to Jen Johnson, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services, at 920-386-8293 to start a conversation about your child's unique path to success.



## Dodgeland & Hustisford

Proudly Present



March 13 and 14 @ 7:00 PM  
Dodgeland  
Multi-Purpose Room

Tickets available on GoFan

## FALL ATHLETICS



### TRAILWAYS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

#### FOOTBALL

DYLAN NOBLE

Honorable Mention Offensive Line

NOAH KOHN

Honorable Mention Inside Linebacker  
& Punter

EVAN FALESNIK

Honorable Mention Defensive Line

CHRIS BENITEZ-MEZA

Honorable Mention Special Team

& Sportsmanship Team



#### VOLLEYBALL

HAILEY MUELLER

1<sup>st</sup> Team (unanimous selection)

ISABELLE JUSTMANN

2<sup>nd</sup> Team

ALEXIS BINGEN

Honorable Mention

ALEX NEHLS

Sportsmanship Team



#### STATE

#### CROSS COUNTRY

DELANEY RENNACK

5<sup>th</sup> Place

BROOKLYNN BORCHARDT 20<sup>th</sup> Place



Congratulations!

## Digital Community outreach



If you are not a parent and would like to receive information digitally, you can subscribe by scanning the QR Code, creating an account, and entering your information.

# School Report Card Data

## DISTRICT

Overall Score - 66.5  
Meets Expectations  
3 stars

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Overall Score - 67.4  
Meets Expectations  
3 stars

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Overall Score - 72.4  
Exceeds Expectations  
4 stars

## HIGH SCHOOL

Overall Score - 61.9  
Meets Expectations  
3 stars

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**VOTE APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Operational Referendum

- ✓ Maintain Class Sizes at Elementary School
- ✓ Continue Middle School Athletics
- ✓ Sustain Elective & Advanced Courses in the Middle & High School
- ✓ Operational Expenses

## Information Opportunities

Todd Greco, District Administrator

Every Tuesday until March 31 / 7:45 - 8:45 AM  
Village Garden - Juneau  
and  
February 26 & March 19 / 6:00 PM  
Dodgeland Commons



920-386-4404