



WEST BEND
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WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

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No School on April 18

Important reminder: There is no school for students or staff on Friday, April 18. School resumes on Monday, April 21.

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Grad Grams are for all Graduating Seniors

Grad Grams are a fun and memorable way to recognize and celebrate graduating seniors from East and West High Schools. These **FREE** notes of congratulations for graduates are compiled and made into booklets by the West Bend High Schools' WBSD Way team and presented to each graduating senior on graduation day. The WBSD Way team wants to give at least one Grad Gram to each graduating senior.



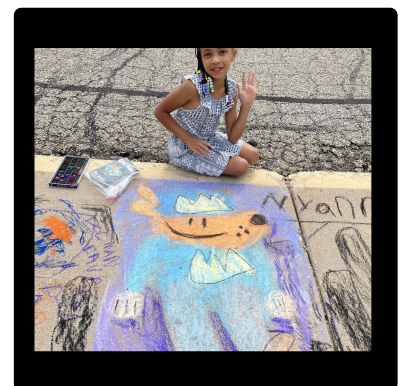
Fill out an electronic form on the [WBSD website](#) or download a Grad Gram from the same webpage to handwrite a note (these can be turned in to any school). All Grad Grams are due by Friday, May 30.

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Summer School Bus Routes and Registration

Check out the [Summer School Website](#) to review the UPDATED bus routes and maps. Families that have not already signed up for busing must contact Linda Dzibinski at 262-335-5418 to request a spot and determine if space exists on the desired route.

While some classes are full, there is still time to register for enrichment and other classes in Summer School. Go to the [website](#) to check out all the details and to register.



Pick Up Lost and Found Items at Riteway until April 25

If your child is a Riteway bus or van rider and has lost or misplaced any items, please stop by the Riteway West Bend Terminal at 1145 Lang St, West Bend, to check out the overflowing lost and found. Anything not claimed by Friday, April 25 will be donated. The terminal is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday except for Friday, April 18.

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Safety Reminder

Please continue to talk to your child about personal safety, especially when it comes to interactions with strangers. While we work hard to ensure a safe environment during the school day, we encourage you to speak with your child about not speaking to or approaching strangers, even if they seem friendly, ask for help, or offer a gift. Please remind your child to:

- Never walk off with someone they don't know.
- Stay with a group whenever possible.
- Immediately report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable to a family member, school staff, or another trusted adult.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us keep our students safe.



School Board News

School Board Meeting Recap

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on April 14. The board recognized the West High School Bowling team, ProStart Culinary Competition team, and high school students who received National ServSafe Food Manager Certification.

The board approved the Consent Agenda with:

- Minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Amended at the Request of Head Start
- Contracts
- Out of State Trip: West Bend High Schools Band
- 2025-2026 Food Service Purchasing Cooperative Agreement
- 2025-2026 Food Distributor Agreement
- Donation of Alignment Machine for the High School Automotive Program
- Disbursements posted to April 11, 2025

The Canvass Report from April 1, 2025 Spring Election and Superintendent's Report were given and there was an update on Bond Issuance for the 2024 referendum.

Updates were given on the 2025-2026 Staffing Plan, Potential Collaboration With County Public School Districts and Shared Use of UW-Washington County building, and County Task Force Representation. Action was taken on Bond Proceeds Management Agent Agreement.

If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, [see this tutorial](#) on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. The [video of the meeting](#) is available.





Student and Staff Achievements

Gold Medal for Talented Artist

East junior Vincent Zirbes received a national Gold Medal in the 2025 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his drawing "Time's Inescapable Grasp." In June, Vincent and his family will be traveling to New York to attend the awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall. He was one of 110,000 teens who entered more than 310,000 original works of art. Previously, he won four Gold Key Art Awards through the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and one of those has now won the national award.



Members of FCCLA Qualify for Nationals

Four members of the East and West High Schools Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club qualified for the national competition taking place in Orlando, Florida this summer. Qualifying are:

Maycie Santoro - Nutrition and Wellness

Ariel Seiler - Leadership
Riley Soman - Fashion Design
Gianna Tamez - Fashion Construction

The club won other awards at the recent state conference, including:

Riley Soman - "Best in Show" for the first statewide fashion show and top score in Fashion Sketch
Ariel Seiler - Top Score in Interior Design Sketch
Amiya Turner - Top Score in Interview



Advisor of Student Council is Best in the Region

Skip Clark, longtime advisor of the East and West High Schools Student Council and science teacher for East, was recently named Region 4 Advisor of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils for his contributions to the cause of student leadership growth in the state of Wisconsin.



Student Council Wins State Awards

The East and West High Schools Student Council won several awards at the recent Wisconsin Association of Student Councils Convention.

The West Bend Student Council took first place among all state student councils for the Spirit of Excellence award. The Spirit of Excellence is a portfolio prepared by student council leaders to highlight the activities that their school offered to the entire student body and community. The East and West council won the Region #4 awards, and then was chosen the best of all 12 regions for demonstrating excellence in leadership development, sportsmanship initiatives, school spirit, and service to school and community.



The East and West council also received a gold level award for Best Project, Scrapbook, Banner, and Creative Marketing and a silver level award for T-shirt Design. The advisors are Skip Clark, Alex Ehlke, and Randy Reysen.

Civics Team Makes History

At the 2025 Wisconsin Civics Games Playoffs recently, three teams from the West Bend High Schools qualified for the state competition taking place on May 2 at the Wisconsin State Capitol. This is the first time in school and competition history that a school has three teams qualify for the state finals.

The teams answered questions about local, state, and national government. At the state finals, they will compete against other high schools and the winning team will earn scholarships to any Wisconsin public or private college. The teams are coached by West Social Studies teacher Mark Drake.



7TH ANNUAL
Autism Awareness
SOUP NIGHT

Monday, April 28 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
West Bend East High School Cafeteria



Buy a bowl, priced from \$5 to \$20, and get a free bowl of soup.
A great variety of soups from several local restaurants are available!

All proceeds are donated to the West Bend School District to support innovative experiences, ideas, and activities that enrich the educational experiences for students with special education needs.

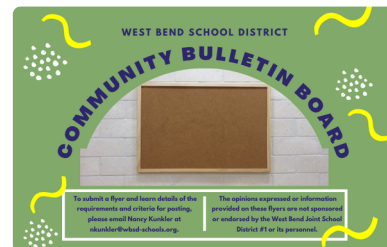
Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

Current:

7th Annual Autism Awareness Soup Night
Dolphins Synchronized Swim Team Performances
West Bend High Schools Comic Con
Chasin' The Chill West Booster Club Fundraiser
Forte Bank Shred Fest
East Dance Team Tryouts
FC Wisconsin Minis Spring Program (soccer)
Raising Resilient Kids Seminar
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
Friend's Inc. 5K Run/Walk
Girl Scouts Meeting/Event for 4K and 5K
Youth and Family Project Christmas in July Event
Friends Inc: Coasters for a Cause
Friends Inc: Denim Painting Event
Friends Inc: What Were You Wearing Exhibit
Menomonee Falls Children's Choir Concert



Summer 2025:

West Volleyball Camp
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
NAMI Washington County Summer Art Therapy Groups
Volunteer Center Camp Superhero and Team Leaders for Camp Superhero
EAA Summer Air Camp for Kids
YMCA Summer Day Camp Registration (now in Jackson too)
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp
Champions at Fair Park Champ Camp
4H Summer Day Camps
YMCA:
Hiring Summer Camp Counselors
Summer Programs Registration
Before and After School Daycare
Free Swim Lessons
Mini Explorers Camp
School's Out Day



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