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Winter Break Approaching

Students will have two weeks off from school over Winter Break, which runs from Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3, 2025. While staff will have professional development days on Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3, 2025, all schools will reopen for students on Monday, January 6, 2025.



Conservation Poster Contest Deadline is in January

January 10, 2025 is the deadline for the 2025 Conservation Poster Contest using the theme "Home is Where the Habitat Is." This contest is open to all K-12 students in Washington County. Entries should be turned in at the County Land Conservation Office of Washington County in West Bend. Contact Stephanie at 262-335-4804 or stephanie.egner@washcowisco.gov for more information. Entry forms are available at https://bit.ly/ConservationPosterContest.



Seniors Can Now Access all Scholarship Materials

Both the East High School and West High School websites now feature the materials for the many local scholarships available to high school seniors for post-secondary education. Students and families can access a guide, checklist, applications, and much

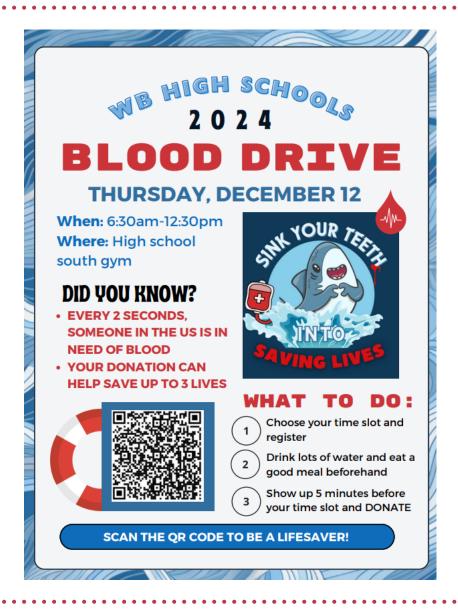


more. Contact Amy Barnes in the Career Readiness Center at 262-306-4637 with questions. Access the applications and more on the <u>East</u> or <u>West</u> website.

In addition, College Goal Wisconsin, which provides free information and assistance to families completing the federal FAFSA form for student loans, is offering both in-person and virtual FAFSA Completion Events starting in January 2025. The West Bend High Schools are hosting a College Goal Wisconsin session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the West cafeteria. To register for a FAFSA Completion Event or to request additional information, please refer to collegegoalwi.org.

Deadline for School Board Candidate Forms Approaching

The Spring Election on April 1, 2025 will include an election for two seats on the West Bend School Board. If a primary is required, it is held on February 18, 2025. If interested in running to be a member of the West Bend School Board, a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2025 in the office of the school district clerk at the Education Service Center, 735 S. Main Street, West Bend. Review the details and access forms on the website.



Referendum Update

Property Tax Bill to Reflect Referendum Approval

The 2024-2025 West Bend School District budget approved by the West Bend School Board in October 2024 included debt in the local property tax levy if the facilities referendum passed. Therefore, all 2025 property tax bills will reflect an increase in the school district's levy after the passage of the referendum in November 2024. Specifically, the mill rate (i.e. property tax dollars levied per \$1,000 of equalized property value) of \$6.14 includes the referendum. If you have any questions, please reach out to the WBSD business office.

Upcoming Events

High School Orchestra and Choir Concerts

Enjoy some beautiful music this holiday season by the high school students. The West Bend High Schools Choir and Orchestra Concert is on Monday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Silver Lining Arts

Center (high school auditorium) and the orchestra will have its own winter concert on Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the Silver Lining Arts Center.

Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's Community Bulletin Board!

Events and Fundraisers:

Volunteer Center Giving Tree Kettle Moraine Symphony Christmas Concert

MOWA Family Fun Events

MOWA Winter Week Dec. 26-29

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sakes

Trails Aglow Evening Hikes at Riveredge

Athletics:

West Bend East Basketball Youth Night West Bend Little League Registration West Bend Swim Club Information Ski/Snowboard Club for West Bend Students Boys & Girls Club 1st and 2nd Grade Basketball East Dance Team Clinic for Kids

YMCA:

YMCA Swim Lessons for WBSD Students YMCA Family Night

YMCA New Year's Eve Bash

Other:

Menomonee Falls Children's Choir Informational Meeting on Girl Scouts Good News Club Afterschool Program





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