



WEST BEND
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WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

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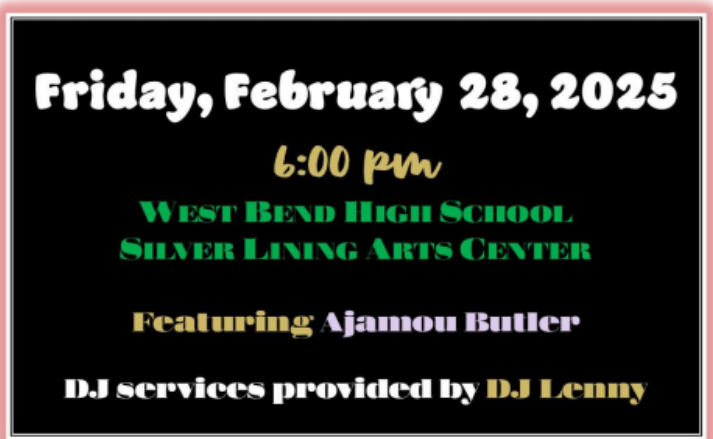
Annual Black History Month Event is this Week

The West Bend High Schools Multicultural Club presents the 8th Annual Black History Month Celebration on Friday, February 28 at 6 p.m. Students and families are invited to the free program that includes refreshments and raffle prizes. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center.

On Wednesday, February 26, TMJ4 interviewed two members of the Multicultural Club about the club and the event that will air during the 6:00 p.m. newscast.

WBHS MULTI-CULTURAL CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS...



Doors OPEN at 5:00 pm. FREE and open to the public!
FREE refreshments. RAFFLE available.



Holocaust Writing and Art Contest

Students in grades 7-12 can enter the 2025 Holocaust Writing and Art Contest, sponsored by the The Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center and the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center. The contest each encourages students to draw lessons from the Holocaust. The deadline is March 14, 2025, and four winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Learn more: <https://holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/education/contest/>.

Volunteer Center Champions of Change Nominations

Nominations for the Volunteer Center of Washington County's Champions of Change event to honor the volunteers changing the community are due by March 21. The Champions of Change event will recognize and honor 11 award winners in various categories for their dedication and commitment to Washington County. To make a nomination, go to [the website](#).

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Job Openings with the West Bend Schools

There are several job openings at various schools within the West Bend School District. Check out WBSDhr.org for details on aide positions available at Badger, Silverbrook, and other schools, as well as coaching and nutrition positions.



School Board News

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First Semester Student Engagement and Behavior Report

The Student Services department provided a progress report on the first semester student engagement and behavior at a recent West Bend School Board meeting.

The focus remains on fostering a positive school culture through clear expectations, consistent reinforcement, and data-driven interventions to support all students. In fact, Jared Kiesow and Dave Riley, assistant principals at the West Bend High Schools, presented at the Wisconsin Associate Principal Conference on the high school's student discipline framework. The session highlighted the process used to develop the disciplinary rubrics and demonstrated how they use the rubric in response to various scenarios.

Key Highlights from First Semester:

- 96% of students across all grade levels have 0-1 major behavior referrals.
- 99% of all students across all grade levels have 0-1 major behavior referral in the Be Safe pillar of the WBSD Way
- 99.9% of students have had no incidents of physical contact or fighting

Our schools continue to prioritize:

- Clear expectations that are communicated regularly.
- Data-driven interventions to support students.
- Consistent behavior responses to ensure fairness and accountability.
- Family engagement to keep parents informed and involved.

A video of the presentation is available [online](#).

Winter Assessment Results Report

The Curriculum and Instruction department presented the winter assessments results to the West Bend School Board at a recent meeting. The assessments help the schools monitor student progress, identify areas for support, and celebrate academic growth.

Winter Assessment Highlights

The results of the winter STAR assessment were the **highest ever recorded** by the West Bend School District since it began using STAR seven years ago.

- Literacy and math growth:
 - All grades increased their scores in literacy between the fall and winter assessments.
 - Grades K-7 increased their math scores between the fall and winter assessments.
- Kindergarten math pilot assessment:
 - A new assessment called Universal Screener for Number Sense (USNS) was given to kindergarteners in fall and winter.
 - Kindergarteners who scored as proficient increased 11% between fall and winter.
- The new aimswebPlus Early Literacy Screener, required by Act 20, was implemented for students in grades 4K-3.

Upcoming Spring Assessments

Students will participate in state assessments over the next few months. Key dates include:

- March 18 – ACT with Writing (Grade 11)
- March 17 - April 25 – Wisconsin Forward Exam (Grades 3-8 & 10)
- April 10 – PreACT Secure (Grades 9-10)
- March 17 - April 25 – Dynamic Learning Maps (Select students, Grades 3-11)

To support students, the high schools offer ACT Prep resources, including online practice tools and school-led study sessions.

A video of the school board meeting with the presentation is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/live/oBvTJOpj1Sw>.

Student and Staff Achievements

Boys Swim and Dive Excel at State Meet

The West Bend Co-op Boys Swimming and Diving team took fifth place out of 37 schools at the WIAA Division 1 State Championships last weekend--the best ever team finish by a West Bend team. A number of the swimmers finished "on the podium," meaning in the top eight. They include:

- 2nd: 200 Medley Relay with Drew Gundrum, Weston Keppert, Dawson Walters, and Wesley Aleithe
- 2nd: 400 Free Relay with Wesley Aleithe, Weston Keppert, Drew Gundrum, and Dawson Walters
- Dawson Walters took 3rd in the 100 Butterfly and 4th in the 200 Freestyle

- Drew Gundrum took 7th in the 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke
- Weston Keppert took 8th in the 100 Backstroke

Other results include Weston Keppert, 11th in the 200 Individual Medley, Wesley Aleithe 22nd in the 100 Freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle Relay with Colton Multerer, Ian Ressler, Jay Paruch, and Wesley Aleithe were 19th. Joel Walters was 20th and Gavin Paruch was 24th in diving.



Two West High School Wrestlers Going to State

Sophomore Jack Lubinski and Senior Ethan Bast of the West High School wrestling team qualified for the WIAA State Boys Wrestling Championships taking place this coming weekend at the Kohl Center in Madison.



Hockey Teams Win Regionals

The Lakeshore Lightning girls hockey team, which includes players from East and West and other high schools in the area, are regional champions, marking the first playoff the team has been a part of in program history. The Lightning beat Arrowhead 3-0 and West student Chloe Katsma scored a goal.

Just like the Lightning, boys from East and West and other high schools are part of the Ice Bears hockey team, who were also regional champions after an exciting 4-3 overtime win against De Pere/De Pere West co-op.



Bauer Has Triple Crown

West senior basketball player Carson Bauer has achieved a "triple crown" this season by becoming the record holder for the most points scored in a game, a season, and a career.



Upcoming Events

**WEST BEND
ROCK 'N' JAZZ FEST IX**

FEB 27 AT 6:30PM

Silverbrook Viking Attack
Badger Jazz Band
PULSE Jazz Band
WB3 Brass Band
w/ special guest,
Andrew Spadafora

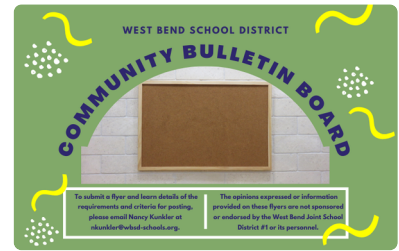
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Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

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

Champions Summer Champ Camp
Host an AFS Exchange Student
The Youth and Family Project Free Parenting Support Groups and
Child Grief Support Group
Wisconsin Shares Childcare Subsidy - New Income Limits
Black History Month Event by WBHS Multicultural Club
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
Moraine Park Lecture Series: And A Healthy New Year
Volunteer Center Nourish + Nurture meal prep
Volunteer Center Camp Superhero and Team Leaders for Camp Superhero
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
NAMI Family to Family Program



YMCA:

Summer Day Camp Registration
Swim Lessons for WBSD Students
Spring Program Registration
Special Events

Athletics:

West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp
Warriors Middle School Rugby Team
Allenton Youth Org. T-Ball and Softball Registration
Richfield Youth Baseball and Softball Registration



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