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Staff Awards Season at the WBSD

It's that time of year again...awards season! Show your appreciation for one or more West Bend School District staff members by <u>nominating them</u> for a Rolfs Educational Foundation Award or Support Employee of the Year Award. Community members, staff, and students can nominate an

employee for an award to recognize their outstanding contributions. The deadline for nominations is March 21.

The Rolfs Educational Foundation gives four awards of \$1,000 each to a teacher in each of the four categories: elementary school, middle/intermediate school, high school, and special services educators. In addition, there will be up to five awards given from the following employee groups: aides, drivers, clerical, custodial/maintenance, professional technical, and school nutrition. Each recipient will receive a \$250 award. Submit nominations online.

High Schools are Holding Charity Week

Several deserving organizations will receive donations through Charity Week at East and West High Schools, held this year Monday, February 24 - Saturday, March 1 and organized by the student council.



This special week encourages students, staff, and families to give

to deserving charitable organizations. In addition, members of the student council recruit local businesses to donate as well. It is a great opportunity for the high school students and staff to not only learn about charitable organizations and how they can make a meaningful impact in the lives of others, but also see how the charitable organizations and the businesses strengthen our community.

The deserving organizations that will be highlighted and receive donations include:

Monday, February 24: Washington County Humane Society

Tuesday, February 25: St. Vincent De Paul

Wednesday, February 26: Big Brothers Big Sisters Washington County

Thursday, February 27: Children's Wisconsin Foundation

Friday, February 28: Wisconsin Guardian Foundation

Saturday, March 1 (Charitable Dance for high school students): Full Shelf Food Pantry

February is Career and Technical Education Month

The Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 1-28, 2025, as Career and Technical Education Month. Career and technical education classes and clubs increase graduation rates and improve academic performance through meaningful experiences.



East and West High Schools offer more Career and Technical classes and clubs than most other high schools.

In February, watch our social media and newsletters for details on the classes offered in Business and Information Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology and

Engineering Education at East and West. We are proud to share how these classes and clubs not only engage students, but also prepare them for careers and postsecondary education.

4K Enrollment for 2025-2026 is Open

Enrollment for the West Bend School District's 4K program for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Please go to <u>WBSD4K.org</u> to enroll a child that will be four years old by September 1, 2025. Get more details about the full Early Learning Program available from the West Bend School District on the <u>website</u>.



Students currently enrolled in the 4K program this school year are automatically enrolled for WBSD kindergarten for 2025-2026. If a

student is not enrolled in the WBSD's 4K, they may be enrolled for kindergarten beginning January 27. <u>Enrollment is completed online</u>.

School-Year Calendar for 2025-2026 Approved

The West Bend School Board approved the West Bend School District 2025-2026 school-year calendar during its January 20 meeting. The calendar (which reflect all grades) is now available on the <u>website</u>.

Student and Staff Achievements

East Dance Team is State Bound

The East High School dance team were Southern Regional Champions in Division 2 Kick, second in Division 2 Jazz, and third in Division 3 Pom last weekend, securing them a spot in the state



competition. The Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches State Championship will take place at the La Crosse Center on January 31 and February 1.

In addition, the following members of the team advanced to the state competition for their solo performances: Marley Andrae, Gia Burgos, Reagan Cunningham, Mikayla Schroeder, and Aubrey Turcotte.

Bauer Breaks Another West Basketball Record

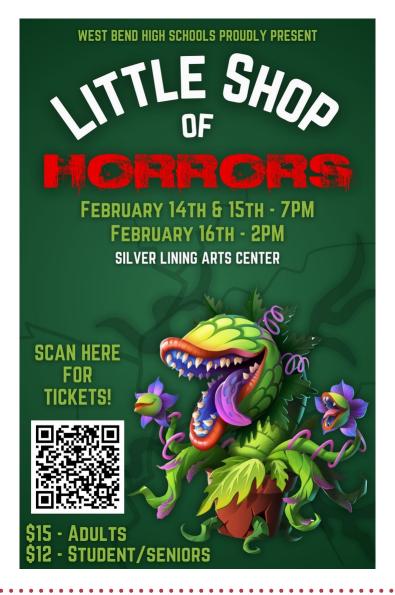
West High School senior Carson Bauer became the all-time leading scorer for the West boys basketball program on January 28. Bauer currently has the record at 1,207 points, with a number of games to play in the season. Bauer broke the record set by 2021 graduate Aaron Tennies.



Upcoming Events

Musical Presented in February

"Feed me Seymour!" West Bend High Schools presents the comedy rock musical "Little Shop of Horrors" on Friday, February 14 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. at the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center (auditorium). Advance tickets are available on GoFan at https://gofan.co/app/school/WI13638?activity=Performing%20Arts.



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

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

Champions Summer Champ Camp Project SEARCH Guided Tour Host an AFS Exchange Student



Events and Fundraisers:

Optimist Club Essay Contest for Kids

Kettle Moraine Geological Society Jr. Rockhounds Earth Science Showcase

East Dance Team Dancing with Our Stars Event

Kettle Moraine Symphony Appalachian Spring Event

MOWA Family Fun Events

Volunteer Center: Kindness Kits prep; Happy Hearts meal prep; Bowls of Goodness fundraiser;

Nourish + Nurture meal prep

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sakes

Trails Aglow Evening Hikes at Riveredge Nature Center

Athletics:

West Bend Little League Registration Allenton Youth Org. T-Ball and Softball Registration Richfield Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

YMCA:

Party with a Purpose with Zack Baun Winter 2 Programs Nature Play Date Swim Lessons for WBSD Students



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