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Summer School Registration Opens Soon

Next Monday, March 10, registration for summer school for current grades 8-12 opens. Following right after, registration for current grades 4K-7 begins on Monday, March 17. All registration is completed in Skyward.

There are many opportunities in Summer School for enrichment, credit recovery, and much more. Go to the Summer School website and review the course guide for all the details. In addition, there is transportation available for students in current grades 4K-7.

Dates:

- Virtual high school classes begin on Tuesday, June 10 and end on August 1.
- Current grades 4K-7 attend beginning Monday, June 16 to Thursday, July 10. Classes run Monday-Thursday.
- Current grades 8-12 attend beginning Monday, June 16 to Thursday, July 17. Classes are Monday-Thursday.

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March 21 Deadline for Staff Award Nominations

The deadline for nominations for the Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards and Support Employee of the Year Awards is March 21.

This is the 54th year of the Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards, which honor exceptional teaching ability in the West Bend School District. Four awards will be given out.

The Support Employee of the Year Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the district from someone in the following employee groups: aides, facility/transportation, clerical, professional technical, and school nutrition.

Community members, staff, and students can nominate an employee for an award to recognize their outstanding contributions. The nomination form is on [our website](#).

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Opportunity for High School Students to Connect with Careers and Employers

The third annual All Around the Bend Business Showcase sponsored by the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce is on April 12. New this year, high school students are invited to explore careers and connect with local businesses through the All Around the Bend Business Bus Tours on April 10 and 11.

This unique initiative, organized in partnership by the West Bend School District and the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce, will give students first hand exposure to careers in marketing, business entrepreneurship, manufacturing, and healthcare through behind-the-scenes, guided and interactive tours. Each day will also include a business luncheon and panel discussion with local industry leaders, where students can ask questions, receive career advice, and build connections.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. To sign up, students should fill out the [Google form](#) and pick up a permission slip from Mrs. O'Brien in Room 2417 of the high schools building.

Don't forget the All Around the Bend Business Showcase from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 12 at the West Bend High Schools Fieldhouse and Cafeteria. This free, public event features 100 local businesses showcasing their products, services, and career opportunities. This fun-filled, family-friendly event will be packed with vendors, raffles, giveaways, live entertainment, and the all-new Taste of the Showcase—where attendees can sample delicious offerings from local restaurants. [More details.](#)

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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/>.

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School Board News

Recap of March 3 Meeting

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on March 3. The board recognized members of the West Bend Boys Swim and Dive team and West Bend Snowboarding team for qualifying for state championships.

The Consent Agenda with Minutes of the February 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session, Minutes of the February 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting, Head Start Community and Self Assessment, Head Start Bus Monitor Waiver, Head Start Basic Grant Refunding Application, Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Plan, Head Start Selection Criteria, weight room booster club signage, and disbursements posted to February 28, 2025.

Several reports, including Compensation Update, Policy Committee, and Superintendent's, were given. The board also discussed Policies for a First Reading and held further discussion regarding Policy 119 High School Configuration Review Process and Policy 830 Use of Facilities. 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.

Policy 119 High School Configuration Review Process

The school board discussed potential changes to Policy 119, which outlines the High School Configuration Review Process. The current policy requires a non-binding referendum question on a November ballot regarding combining East and West High Schools into one school, along with the formation of a task force to study various aspects of consolidation.

The question came up during the facilities process and the school board members expressed their commitment to gathering extensive input from the community, including students. The school board identified several key areas requiring further investigation:

- The primary purposes for consolidation
- Advantages, disadvantages, and trade-offs of combining schools
- Enrollment trends
- Participation in athletics, clubs, and co-curricular activities
- Financial implications
- Possible academic implications

This discussion was regarding the policy and process, it was not to formally call the question of combining to one school. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out to Superintendent Wimmer directly at 262-335-5435.

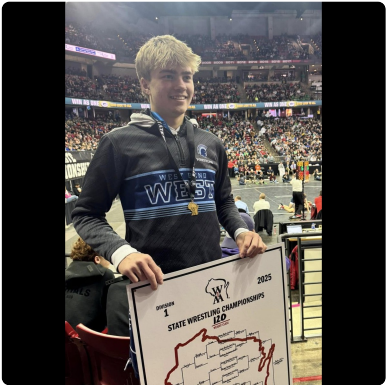
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Student and Staff Achievements

Bast is Two-Time State Wrestling Champion

West senior Ethan Bast won his second WIAA Division 1 State Championship in wrestling at 120 lbs. Ethan’s record was 45-2 this season. Ethan ends his amazing West wrestling career as a state champion and will attend St. Cloud State in Minnesota to wrestle next year.

In addition, West sophomore Jack Lubinski took 5th at 106 pounds in his first trip to state.



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East Gymnastics Qualifies for State

The East gymnastics team took second at the Antigo Sectional, qualifying as a team for the WIAA Division 2 State Gymnastics Championships. The meet will be held on March 7 and 8 at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School.

Senior McKennah Orth took first in floor exercise, and second in vault, uneven bars, and balance beam, qualifying to compete in the all around championships at the state meet. Senior Maddie Rummel also qualified to compete in the all around championships, taking 4th in beam and floor, 8th in vault, and 10th in bars. Sophomore Lucy Merrill qualified to compete at state in the balance beam.



West Gymnast and East and West Bowlers Will Compete at State

West High School sophomore Ella Geniesse qualified for the WIAA Division 2 State Gymnastics Championships in the uneven bars.

Jared Becker from West and Jameson Leibham, Caleb Zoromski, Mauricio Chavez, Seth Hubbard, and Ian Pederson from East will all compete in the state bowling championships this coming weekend in Neenah.

Charity Week Breaks Records

It was another record breaking Charity Week last week as nearly \$80,000 was donated throughout the week. The West Bend High Schools Student Council chose the Washington County Humane Society, St. Vincent DePaul, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children's Wisconsin Foundation, Wisconsin Guardian Foundation, and Full Shelf Food Pantry to receive funds.

All funds made at the Charity Dance will be donated to the Full Shelf Pantry along with a matching donation from Regal Ware. In total, it is a \$34,000 donation.

Charity Dance Court

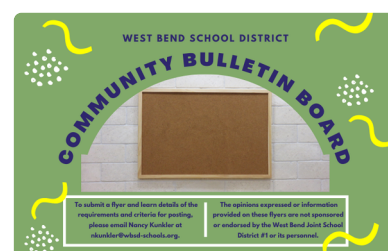
East and West High Schools students voted by their peers to be on the Charity Dance court include, (left to right): Grant Young and Sidney Fletcher (freshmen), Isabella Downs and Zachary Fechter (sophomores), Carson Steinhaus (queen), Christian Emery (king), Lily Inkmann and Luke Fredricks (seniors), and Violet Zier and Jasper Waybright (juniors).



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

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



East Booster Club Bingo Night

All Around the Bend Business Showcase

1st Annual Friends Inc 5K Run/Walk

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

MOWA Summer Programs for Kids

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 (now in Jackson too)

Swim Lessons for WBSD Students
Before and After School Care Registration
Several Special Events

Athletics:
Boys and Girls Club 3rd and 4th Grade Volleyball
Boys and Girls Club 5th and 6th Grade Volleyball
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp
Warriors Middle School Rugby Team



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