

West Salem School District

August 2011



Newsletter

A Tradition of Service

Troy Gunderson, Superintendent

The arrival of August brings with it the anticipation of another school year. The empty hallways and classrooms with their shiny coats of new wax await the hustle and bustle of the soon-to-arrive students and staff. The tradition of children returning to school following a summer break dates back well over 100 years, sparks memories, generates excitement, and provides a reassuring sense of stability. There is just something special about the first day of school.

A related tradition connected to the month of August and the start of another school year is a newsletter bursting with information for students and parents. If you are blessed with children in our school system, please take the time to review the information about staffing, bus routes, calendars, and annual notices. For those community residents without children in our school system, I encourage you to browse through the newsletter to gather just a glimpse of the many wonderful opportunities we afford our children and their families. We thank parents and families for selecting our school district and all other community members for their generous support of public education.

In a bit of an ironic twist, one tradition connected to summer break is the change and improvement made in preparation for the upcoming school year. This summer was no exception. We welcome in nineteen new employees to replace those who have retired or moved away. We used funding from a federal grant to create a new special education suite within our middle school and funds from a state grant to upgrade security in all three buildings. We completely rebuilt our computer network infrastructure to better accommodate the technological needs of students and staff and reconfigured our bus routes to improve efficiency and service.

In keeping with our tradition of taking the necessary time to chart a course of action, we are nearing completion of our quest to develop a new mission and vision for our school district. During the process of discussing the past and future purpose of our organization, the concept of service emerged as a consistent theme. While listing the many ways in which our dedicated employees serve our students and their families, we spoke of how the traditional roles of teacher, student, school, and family continue to evolve. We contemplated the many ways in which the school district can serve the community as a resource and an asset. We were astounded at the many ways our community serves our children and the school district through volunteerism, encouragement, and resources.

West Salem has a long and proud tradition of service to our children, to our community, and to each other. The annual start to another school year provides each one of us with a refreshed opportunity for service and a tangible example of our community's commitment to service. The tradition continues.

West Salem Community Fitness Center Check out what it has to offer...



...like the "Cardio Theater".

Fitness Center Director Annie Labus stands with one of the many machines with a TV and campus view.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

The West Salem School District Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

The West Salem School District Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETINGS

The meetings of the West Salem Board of Education are on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Board meeting agendas are posted at Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, at each school, on the district web site, and at the district office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Participation at Board Meetings, Board Policy # 186. Citizens wishing to address the Board will be asked to register prior to the start of the Public Comments section of the Board meeting. For detailed guidelines, please see the policy which is available on the district's website.

THE NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION PROCESS HAS CHANGED

The District has implemented centralized registration. All students NEW to the West Salem School District will need to register at the District Office prior to attending the elementary, middle or the high school. The District Office is located at 405 Hamlin Street East. Additional information is posted on our website. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click on *New Student Registration*

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608)786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ON-STAGE 2011

Summer Drama Camp for
Kids in Kindergarten-8th grade



August 15-18, 2011

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

9 a.m.-noon Cost: \$30

Includes t-shirt, snacks, script & rehearsal CD

Performance

Thursday, August 18 @ 7:00 pm

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

For more information go to

www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Take a Moment To Nominate a Teacher!

Each year, Senator Herb Kohl generously acknowledges the efforts of 100 of the finest classroom educators in Wisconsin, naming them recipients of a Kohl Teacher Fellowship. The teachers and their schools each receive \$1,000, which they almost always use to improve teaching and learning. One cannot help but be impressed with the depth of the teachers commitment and the breadth of their creativity. Parents and students alike attest to the influence these teachers have not only in the classroom but also in the community.

Before the memory of great teachers can fade in the summer sun, please take a moment to nominate a super teacher for a Kohl Fellowship. The only way a teacher can be considered for this honor is to be nominated. While nomination forms will be sent to all schools in the fall, you can submit a nomination on line at any time during the year. Completing the form takes less than five minutes. To access a Kohl Teacher Fellowship nomination form, go to www.kohleducation.org

Outstanding pre-K through grade 12 Wisconsin teachers may be nominated for the Herb Kohl Fellowship. Send completed public school teacher nomination form postmarked or faxed (608-264-9558) on or before September 30, 2011.

CONTACT INFORMATION



The District Office is located at 405 East Hamlin Street, on the west side of the high school. Please use the entrance on Hamlin Street.

If you have questions regarding--

- something that takes place in the school your child attends, call the principal's office.
- use of facilities, call building secretaries.
- school rules, disciplinary action, special events, etc., call the principal's office.
- Special Education, call Eric Jensen at the District Office.
- Bus transportation, call Monica Quinn at the District Office or Rick Kline at the bus garage.
- Food service, call Michelle Kloser at the District Office.

If you feel the answers you have been given or the action taken is not satisfactory...

- and if you have talked to the principal or another supervisor, but wish to go further with your request, call the District Office-Superintendent, Troy Gunderson.
- if you have talked with the above individuals and wish to go further with your request, call a school board member.

Tom Ward, President.....	397-9873
Errol Kindschy, Vice President	786-1675
Scott Scafe, Treasurer	786-0969
Linda Brown, Clerk	786-3027
Ken Spraetz, Director.....	786-0017
Jason Falck, Director	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson, Director	612-0018

Superintendent

Troy M. Gunderson 786-0700

Superintendent/Board Administrative Assistant

Patrick Bahr 786-0700 x2153

District Receptionist/Transportation Admin. Ass't.

Monica Quinn..... 786-0700 x2306

Business/Accounting

Davita Jo Molling..... 786-0700 x2307

Tracy Christopherson..... 786-0700 x2341

Payroll/Human Resources

Sandie Lund..... 786-0700 x2317

Curriculum Director

Michael St. Pierre 786-0700 x2336

High School Principal

Mark Carlson 786-1220

High School Associate Principal

Barb Buswell 786-1220

High School Activities Director

LeRoy Krall 786-1220 x2353

Middle School Principal

Dean R. Buchanan 786-2090

Middle School Athletic Director

Amanda Beld 786-2090

Elementary School Principal

John Smalley..... 786-1662

Elementary School Associate Principal

Lisa Gerke..... 786-1662

School Psychologist/Special Education

Eric Jensen..... 786-1064

Heidi Horton..... 786-1662

Lori Skaer-Jensen, Administrative Assistant 786-1064

Production Center

Rita Thompson 786-0700 x2175

School Nurse

Connie Troyanek..... 786-1662

Tiffany Lisk, Assistant..... 786-1662

Reading Specialist

Teri Lassig 786-1662

Speech Therapist

Lisa Lajiness 786-1662

Ruby Kerkman..... 786-1662

Jennifer Mick..... 786-1662

District Maintenance/Custodial

Mark Ledman, Supervisor 786-0700

David Rogers

Scott Johnson

Gene Curtis

New

Adaptive Physical Education

Brad Skaer 786-2090

Swimming Pool Director

Sam Ruud 786-0323

Food Service

Michelle Kloser, Director 786-3078

Bridget Peterson 786-0700

Director of Technology

Bill Solsrud..... 786-2090

Outdoor Education Center Consultant

Barbara Thompson 786-1220

Transportation

Richard Kline, Director 786-4356

Roger Auna

High School Information

Principal: Mark Carlson
Administrative Assistant: Deb Tourville
Assoc. Principal: Barb Buswell
Activities Director: LeRoy Krall
Administrative Assistant: Sherry Niebuhr
School Counselor: Lynne Brown
Cathy Tyink
Administrative Assistant: Julie Kamla
Agriculture: Mike Larson
Art: Quentin Brown
Danielle Dunham
At-Risk: Rhonda Andres
Kathy Johnson, Para
Business Education: Kathy Hilby
Instrumental Music: David Kies
Kelli Martin
Commons Supervisor: Bobbi Barbieur
Custodians: Nancy Pradovic
Ron Christopherson
Dan Schroeder
Gary Trudeau
Bob Severson
Resource Teachers: Allison Fisher
Jacqueline Shaw
Ed Sye
Tricia Wilson
Sheri Craig, Para
Sarah Garbers, Para
Jan Liles, Para
Patsy Manke, Para
Deb Kendhammer, Para
Food Service: Wendy Kaiser
Julie Meier
Kelly Hicks
Joanne Wilke
Barb Reynolds
Cindy Schroeder
Family and Consumer Ed: Chris Ruud
LMC: Nicole Ellefson-Johnson, Director
Jean Raymer, Assistant
Computer Technician: Debra Kristapovich
Language Arts: Wendi Hundt
Kim Butterfield
Laura Skemp-Deal
Andrea Armstrong
Kim Volden
Math/Computers: Scott Koepnick
Math/Physics: Chris Milne
Math: Susan Holm
Eric Wiggins
Jonathan Jones
Physical Education/Health: Jamie Olson
Elizabeth Faller
Mike Malott
Chemistry: Toni Key
Biology: Wayne Sackett
Science/Biology: Justin Jehn

Science/Physics: Randy Dammon
Social Studies: Randy Hughes
Jeff Maves
Lindsey Dederich
Justin Glodowski
Alisha Neinfeldt
Spanish: Loretta Zwonitzer
Shelly Helland
Technical Education: Paul Liethen
Matt Huenink
Vocal Music/Theatre: Amy Hanson

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Information is posted on our website.

www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

and click on *New Student Registration*

GENERAL REGISTRATION

In an attempt to prevent long lines during registration, we will be scheduling sessions for each grade level.

August 15

- Seniors—8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Juniors—1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

August 16

- Sophomores—8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Freshmen Registration—1:00-4:00 p.m.

- Make-Up Time (all classes)—4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Individual pictures of ALL students will be taken during registration. These photos will be used for identification cards and for the yearbook. Senior photos are for library identification cards only and will be taken free of charge. The first day of classes will be September 1, graduation is May 27, 2012, and the tentative last day of school will be June 7, 2012.

LinkCrew Freshmen Orientation will be August 26 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

CLASS FEES

Class fees are as follows: Freshmen - \$17.00; Sophomores - \$10.00; Juniors - \$10.00; Seniors - \$20.00. The fees cover locker rental, towel fee, assignment planner and class dues. Classroom fees for edibles and take-home projects are published in the Course Description Booklet.

There will be a \$10 cleaning charge collected at registration for each band uniform and \$10 for choir robe.

Parking Permit:

A sticker will be issued upon request
to all students
with a valid drivers license.

Neshonoc Yearbook Information

ATTENTION: Class of 2012

A yearbook deadline to begin thinking about... Each senior needs photos for the following publications: *The 2012 Neshonoc Yearbook*, *the Coulee News*, *the Times of Our Lives*, and *the Senior Slideshow*.

TAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER—You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff's requirements!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee News (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SIZE- Wallet

*Head shot (head and top of shoulders only)

*Standard wallet size

*MUST be in color

*No full length

*Must be formal, semi-formal

*No background scenery

*No "mistys"

*No hats, props, etc.

*NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook; consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email. Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

PLEASE LABEL ALL PHOTOS for the publication it will be used and PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.) SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TOGETHER. They will not be accepted if you don't have all 4 photos. Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (yearbook advisor's room).

**ALL PHOTOS DUE BY NO LATER THAN:
Friday, November 9, 2011**

Ads For Grads/Friendship Ads

The Neshonoc Yearbook Ads for Grads program is a wonderful way to congratulate seniors on their accomplishments. The size options include anything from a full-page to an 1/8th page ad. The larger options provide more room for multiple photos and longer messages. Remember: The longer your message, the less space available to showcase your grad's picture(s).

Friendship Ads are also an option for seniors. The ads provide an opportunity for seniors to celebrate their friendships with pictures and a message.

If interested please fill out the following form and turn it in to the yearbook staff by Monday, January 9, 2012.

ADS FOR GRADS AND FRIENDSHIP ADS

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Graduate's Name: _____

Ad size: ___ 1/8 (\$40) ___ 1/4 (\$65)

 ___ 1/2 (\$100) ___ Full page (\$185)

Message: _____

If the ad includes photos, please label them clearly, and send them along with this form and payment in full. Please make checks payable to West Salem High School. (Photos will be returned shortly after our final March deadline. If you need them back earlier, please contact the yearbook staff.)

2012 Times of Our Lives Order Form

(Underclassmen Only; Seniors are covered in class fees)

Every underclassman will want to have a Times of Our Lives. This valuable supplement to your yearbook not only showcases the seniors, but also re-caps all the spring events that the yearbook is unable to publish in time for spring delivery. Plus, you get to contribute to and personalize its contents yourself! How? By joining in the tribute to the seniors and sending your own special message(s) to seniors who were important to you. We know you will also enjoy the Seniors' "Wills" to the underclassmen, their "Words of Wisdom," and their "Most Likely" or "Senior Superlatives" showcase section. At only \$3.00, the Times of Our Lives is a true bargain and publication that you will cherish forever.

You may purchase your Times at registration as part of the yearbook sales event or from the yearbook staff later in the school year. The Times will be distributed with the yearbooks in May.

NESHONOC Yearbook

The NESHONOC yearbooks may be purchased during High School Registration, August 15-16. The yearbooks will be sold at a reduced price of \$52 if ordered on or before September 30.

If you decide to pay later, the price will be \$62. Your last chance to pre-purchase a book will be no later than October 31 and very few extras will be ordered for May sales. After that time, there will be NO guarantees. Books bought in May will cost \$65. You must pay in full at the time of purchase. Order forms are available in the high school office if you wish to personalize your NESHONOC.

Athletic Passes

The high school will be offering annual passes for athletic events. The annual pass will admit the bearer to all home contests for any sport, excluding WIAA tournaments. Senior citizens may inquire at the high school office to get an athletic regular season pass. The other prices are as follows:

- Family - \$100.00
- Adults - \$40.00
- Students - \$25.00

Golden Age Club - Free to anyone 60 years or older. Contact the high school office for a pass.

Purchase your pass during registration.

WSHS Fall Sports Athlete/Parent Meeting

The West Salem High School fall pre-season sports information meeting is set for Monday August 1, 2011. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Heider Center auditorium. Because of the significance of understanding and signing-off on some district and WIAA policies, parents and athletes need to be in attendance for the entire meeting. Therefore the auditorium doors will be closed at 7:00 P.M. SHARP, and anyone not present at that time will need to schedule a later appointment time to get this information. All athletes planning to participate in cross country, football, boys' soccer, volleyball, girls' tennis, fall poms and football cheerleading, and their parents, are required to attend this meeting. The meeting will begin with an overview of general information, followed by break-out sessions conducted by the head coaches in each of those fall activities. From 6:30-9:00, there will be stations set up in the lobby of the auditorium to check the necessary paperwork requirement of each athlete. We ask that you arrive early so you have a chance to check physical dates, etc. All paperwork needs to be completed before that athlete is allowed to participate in any practices. If there are any questions, call the West Salem High School athletic office at 786-1220, Ext 2353.

LeRoy Krall
WSHS Athletic Director

West Salem Middle School Band Camp

Meeting before the start of the school year is critical for our group because of two parades and our very first "Band Night" performance with the WSHS Marching Band all happening in the month of September. Please make every effort to attend all of the camp practices listed below. Students who do not attend will be considerably behind when school starts. It is also our only opportunity to have both 7th and 8th grade bands practice together. Students should dress comfortably and wear socks and athletic shoes. Please no sandals or flip-flops. I would also encourage students to bring a bottle of water each day.

All band and color guard students entering 7th and 8th grade are required to attend a 3-day marching camp from August 23-25. The times are as follows:

Tuesday, August 23

Colorguard and Drums 8:30-11:30 A.M.
Brass 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Woodwinds 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Wednesday, August 24

Colorguard and Drums 8:30-11:30 A.M.
Woodwinds 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Brass 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Thursday, August 25

ALL Band and Color Guard 8:30-11:30 A.M.

A detailed fall schedule will be mailed out in early August, along with our new uniform information.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!

Ryan Waldhart
West Salem Middle School Band Director
waldhart.ryan@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Substitutes Needed

For the 2011-2012 School Year
In The Following Areas:

Paraprofessionals
Food Service
Custodians
Bus drivers

If interested, please stop at the District Office at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem **OR** call 608-786-0700

OR go to <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us> for a substitute application.

Elementary Information

Principal: John Smalley
Assistant Principal: Lisa Gerke
Administrative Assistants:New
Kathy Stello
School Counselor: Gayle Lassen
Jennifer Grimsled
Computer Technician: Gretchen Larson
Food Service: Lynn Strong
Jan Rademacher
Patti Sauter
Denise Oliver
Clarice Kolterman
New
Custodians: Jay Clements
Bob Ruud
Linda Levendoski
Ingrid Batzel
Four-Year Old Kindergarten Anna Squires
Early Childhood/Four-Year Old Kindergarten.... Barbara Wettstein
Kindergarten: Megan McConkey
Carrie Andres
Ashley Ranzenberger
Sherri Wizner
Tami Jessesky
Christine Antony
Michelle Powell
Grade 1: Cheryl Kammel
Carrie Johnson
Deelyn Christianson
Dawn Crow
Jennifer Wheeler
Sara Bradley
Grade 2: Mindy Court/Jessica Macha
Stephanie Zais
Jacki Hickey
Rhea Servais
Tracy Hesse
New
Grade 3: Sarah Weber
Sarah Patterson
Rita Schwartz
Dana La Fleur
Erica Mathison
Josh Deml
Grade 4: Heidi Ebert
Richard Martinson
Julie Brudos
Melissa Olson
Alyssa Jarosh
Grade 5: Mary Czajka
Kathy Stachowski
Sara Jeranek
Christy Brodsky
Martha Burdick
Art: Angela Stefferud-Johnson
Danielle Dunham

Music: Kelli Martin
Lisa Jones
Physical Education:Lindy Meyers
Erin Ellerbach
Josh Brewer
Resource Teachers:Christine Knutson
Jan Mattson
Shelly Blaken
Jeremy Hoff
Amber Temp
Amy Marshall
Title I Reading: Pat Allers
Deb Miller
Lead Teachers: Heidi Schiefelbein
Jane Macdonald
Kari Huth
Reading Coordinator/ERE Teacher: Teri Lassig
LMC: Lisa Hugo
Mary Hundt
Alana Olson, Assistant
Jane Bangsberg, Assistant
Paraprofessionals:
Kathy Beshensky
Tina Althoff
Colene Miller
Shelley Addington
Lois Schams
Joanne LeDoux
New
Fay Holey
Tricia Mulholland
Lucy Jacobson
Renee Ziebell
Jill Munson
Sandy Novak

Registration

The 2011-2012 school year will begin with a West Salem Elementary registration for all 4-Year-Old Kindergarten through 5th Grade students. At registration student photos will be taken, a school fee of \$20.00 will be collected, milk and lunch money will be collected, and all necessary school forms will be completed. You will receive a summer mailing in August with teacher assignments and all the pertinent school information for the 2011-2012 school year. For your convenience, elementary school registration will be held on Monday, August 15 and Tuesday, August 16 from Noon-4:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending one of the registration days.

Open House

Open House will be held August 30, 2011, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Come and meet your teacher and drop off your school supplies. In an effort to make parking available, the elementary playground parking lots will be open. Parking will also be available at the middle school and in the parking lot at the high school.

New Student Registration

Information is posted on our website.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us
and click on *New Student Registration*

School Supplies

Grades K-5 School Supply lists were sent home in the July Newsletter and also sent to area stores. You can also find the school supply lists on our website at <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation department is currently in the process of restructuring district bus routes. We are planning to have the new routes approved at the August 8, 2011, Board Meeting. Following Board approval we will have post cards ready with the details on them at registration on August 15 and 16 at the elementary school. Post cards not picked up at registration will be mailed out on August 17. In addition we will have the new routes posted on the school district web site under Transportation.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing all of the students when school starts.

Richard Kline
Transportation Director

Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

WIZM - 1410 A.M.
Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.
WRQT - 95.7 F.M.
WKTY - 580 A.M.
KCLH - 94.7 F.M.
KQEG - 102.7 F.M.
WLXR - 104.9 F.M.
WQCC - 106.3 F.M.

WLFN - 1490 A.M.
WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
WXOW - TV-19
WKBT - TV-8

ALUMINUM FOR ATHLETICS

When cleaning up around the garage, etc., you are encouraged to bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Center parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project.

Also, if you have any *car or truck batteries for recycling*, please drop them off at **West Salem Auto Repair** at 513 Brickl Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.

Warnings!

Please! Parents, talk to your child about bus safety and frequently reinforce these cautions.

- Always go 10-12 feet out in front of the gate of the bus to cross the road!!
- Never cross in front of that bus unless the driver has given permission, and then only upon the driver's directions.
- Tell your children Never to crawl under a bus or to duck under gate in front of the bus. If an item is dropped, talk to the driver. Get his or her attention! Wait for his or her instructions! Please, parents, help us protect your children.

School Policy For Students

Food and beverage shall not be consumed on the regular school bus route. This includes ice cream. On special trips and field trips, eating and drinking shall be left to the discretion of the supervising adult.

****NOTE:** If you live in a coulee or on a road where the bus makes a turn-around at the end and again passes by your home, we will pick-up or drop-off in almost all instances on the side of the road your home is on. The only time this may not occur is for a safety reason. Those types of situations will be looked at and evaluated as they come up.

Co-curricular Transportation Policy

We again would like to call attention to a portion of the school policy. When students are on trips of any nature, parents may pick up only their child for the return trip home. State statutes dictate that transporting vehicles must pass a state inspection periodically in order to be licensed to transport students. We allow parents to take their own child, but due to this statute, we cannot release any other student. Also, we emphasize that only parents or legal guardians may transport students, not friends!

9th Annual West Salem Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, October 29, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

West Salem Elementary School
475 N. Mark Street, West Salem

The Craft Show, sponsored by the Heider Center Arts Board, is FREE and open to the public

A Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the West Salem Lions Club will also take place from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00 Adults

\$2.00 for 12 yrs. and under

Pancakes, sausage, applesauce,
milk, coffee, juice

Annual Notices

At the beginning of each school year, school districts are required to provide certain annual notices. These are as follows:

Student Records

Copies of the Board's student records policy may be obtained from the district administrator's office; parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review student's records, request the amendment of the student's records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy, consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's records except to the extent that federal and state law authorize disclosure without consent; and complaints regarding confidentiality may be filed at the district administrator's office.

Directory information maintained by the district includes student's name, address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities in sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended. This information may be made public unless the student's parent or guardian denies release of the information. Parent or guardian has 14 days after receipt of this newsletter to inform the school that all or any part of the directory data may not be released without the prior consent of the parent/guardian, and allow 14 days for the parent, guardian or guardian ad litem of that student to inform the school that all or any part of the directory data may not be released without the prior consent of the parent, legal guardian or guardian ad litem. (FERPA)

Student Attendance

All students enrolled in the district are provided a copy of the district attendance policy in the student handbook. This policy may also be obtained at the district office.

Section 118.5(1) (d) of the Wisconsin Compulsory School Attendance Statute permits a child's parent or guardian to request the school board to provide the child with program or curriculum modification. This might be requested in the case of repetitive attendance problems.

Audio-visual recording

During the course of the year we have newspaper and TV coverage of student activities. We also use a video camera and still camera for recording music programs, plays, special classroom projects, and other school activities. All students may be included unless a student's parent or guardian notifies the district not to include the student.

School Religious Accommodations

School districts are required to annually provide written notification to all students, the parent or guardian of minor students and instructors of the district's policies providing for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. The notice must also include the process for receiving and resolving complaints.

Drug Free Schools

Students, parents and employees are required to comply with the prohibition of tobacco, alcohol or other drug use in all school buildings, vehicles and on all properties belonging to the School District of West Salem. Sanctions regarding this prohibition are included in School District Policy. The policy is available through the District Administrator's office.

Two-way Communication Devices

See Board Policy #443.3 Use of Two-Way Communication Devices, which is available on the district's website.

Public Notice

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the West Salem School District will screen any child ages 3 to 21 suspected of having a handicapping condition. This will be done upon request. Specific groups of students to be screened include—

1. Children entering the public school for the first time.
2. Transfer students new to the school district.
3. Students currently enrolled in public or private schools within the district.
4. Children below school age (birth-5 population).
5. Children 16 through 21 who are potential dropouts.
6. School age children eligible to attend school but who are not.

To refer a child for screening, please write to the Pupil Services Office, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669, or call a 786-1064

Prohibition of Tobacco

Senate Bill 142, 1989 WI Act 209

Tobacco products are prohibited in all school buildings, vehicles and on all properties belonging to the School District of West Salem effective September 1, 1990.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Compulsory School Attendance Statutes

Compulsory school attendance statutes require: (1) All students to attend school until age 18. (2) Students and parents may request the school board to provide the student with program and curriculum modifications. (3) The responsibilities of school attendance officers are more clearly outlined and include the mandatory notification of parents regarding truancy no later than the end of the next day in which school is in session.

Student Harassment

The District has in effect a Student Harassment policy (#112). The School Board will not tolerate any conduct that fails to comply with the letter and spirit of those guidelines. Disciplinary measures up to and including suspension or expulsion of students from school or up to and including discharge of employees or volunteers may be imposed for a violation of this policy.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the School District that no person be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap as required by section 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, national origin), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability) and PI 9.05 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

The District shall provide appropriate educational services or programs for students who have been identified as having a handicap or disability, regardless of the nature or severity of the handicap or disability. The District shall also provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. Requests for religious accommodations shall be made in writing and approved by the building principal.

The School District encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the student nondiscrimination policy in the School District.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

ERIC JENSEN

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
405 EAST HAMLIN STREET, WEST SALEM, WI 54669

All career and technical education (CTE) courses and programs are offered without discrimination. For a summary of courses, please contact your school counselor.

Asbestos Notification

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is notice that the School District of West Salem has an Asbestos Management Plan in each school administrative office. The plans are available for inspection by the public, parents, and district employees. The district performs six month periodic surveillance of asbestos in April and October and full reinspections every three years. For more information please contact the district office.

The building inspection findings and management plan are available to review during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at the location listed above by appointment only. Appointments must be made with the Asbestos Program Manager at least one working day in advance. Any request to view the plan will be honored within five (5) working days after such a request.

Human Growth and Development Instruction

The Board believes that health education, consistent with state law, should include, but not necessarily be limited to instruction about controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, mental health, sexually transmitted diseases, human growth and development and related health and safety topics. The Board believes that health education increases student knowledge, improves judgments, develops constructive attitudes, and increases the capacity to make wise decisions.

The health education program shall begin during the elementary grades and continue with a planned sequence of instruction throughout the school experience of the student. The program shall be focused on findings of medical and psychiatric research and clinical experiences as well as legal implications. Without basic facts from these professions, no health education program can be effective.

Consistent with state law, health information concerning drug abuse and sexually transmitted diseases shall be a required part of the total health program. These areas of concern shall not represent the total program nor detract from it, but shall be recognized in the broader context of health education.

The health education program shall give particular emphasis to any health problem that is prevalent in the state, community or in a particular school.

The Board shall provide up-to-date materials and resources for effective instructional programming in this important area.

No student may be required to take instruction in these subjects if his/her parent/guardian files a written objection.

Meningococcal Disease

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by a bacteria. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years of age in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of fluid surrounding the brain and the spinal cord. Meningococcal disease also causes blood infections.

Meningococcal disease is often misdiagnosed as something less serious because early symptoms are similar to common viral illnesses. Symptoms of meningococcal disease may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion, and/or a rash.

Meningococcal disease is spread through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from infected persons (for example, kissing or sharing drinking containers.) It can develop and spread quickly throughout the body, so early diagnosis and treatment are very important. Even with immediate treatment, the disease can kill an otherwise healthy young person within hours of first symptoms. Of those who survive, up to 20 percent may endure permanent disabilities, including brain damage, deafness, and limb amputations.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but it is most common in infants less than one year of age and people with certain medical conditions, such as lack of a spleen. College freshmen who live in dormitories have an increased risk of getting meningococcal disease.

A meningococcal vaccine is available for use among persons ages 11 to 55 years, which provides protection against four of the five types of bacteria that cause Meningococcal disease. Many parents are unaware of the dangers the disease poses to their children and that a vaccine is available that may help to prevent up to 83 percent of cases among teens and college students. Immunization is the most effective way to prevent this very serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical organizations recommend routine Meningococcal immunization for adolescents during the preadolescent doctor's visit (11- to 12-year-olds), adolescents at high school entry (15-year-olds), if they have not previously been immunized, and for college freshmen living in dormitories. It is suggested that you contact your child's health care provider to help you decide if your child should receive this vaccination.

For more information regarding this disease and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the disease, please contact the school nurse at 608-786-1662, Ext. 4111, or visit the following websites: www.cdc.gov, www.musa.org, or www.nmaus.org.

Bilingual-Biculture Education Program

The School District of West Salem has established a Bilingual/English as a second language (ELL) program to assist children who are English language learners, with learning English and succeeding academically within the school district. Children who are eligible typically come from families where a language other than English is spoken at home or from other countries via adoption or immigration. The Bilingual/ELL program provides:

1. Instruction in reading, writing, and speaking the English language, and
2. Through the use of the native language of the limited-English proficient pupil, instruction in the subjects necessary to permit the pupil to progress effectively through the educational system. Students are identified for participation in the ELL program through the student's registration card, a Home Language Survey that indicates a language other than English is spoken at home, or a referral to ELL by school staff, parent, or guardian. Students referred for ELL are assessed by ELL certified teachers to determine if the student meets entrance criteria for the program. Written parent permission is required for admission into the ELL program.

Immunizations

The importance of continued immunizations between ages 11 and about 21 years (adolescence) is not always recognized. Adolescents need to continue their immunization series and receive booster shots for continued protection against diseases. These vaccines are commonly recommended for adolescents between 11 and 13 years of age.

Vaccinations given during adolescence usually include:

Meningococcal vaccine. The meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)-also called Menactra-is recommended for all adolescents who are between ages 11 and 12. Teens who have not yet received this vaccine should get it before entering high school or by age 15, whichever comes first. The vaccine is also recommended for all college freshmen living in dormitories, although the other form of the vaccine (meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine) can be given at this time instead of Menactra if it is not available. The older vaccine version, licensed as Menomune, is made for children who are between ages 2 and 10.

Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis booster. A booster immunization known as Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) is usually given between 11 to 12 years of age. It is only given if it has been at least 5 years since the last DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine) dose was received. Two new combination booster vaccines that include pertussis are now available. Until now, combination booster immunizations given after age 6 did not include pertussis-only tetanus and diphtheria. Children entering grades 6, 9 and 12 in 2008 will be required to have a current Tdap booster unless they have had a tetnus booster within the last 5 years.

Chickenpox (varicella). Chickenpox immunization is recommended for teens and adults who are not already immune to the virus (if no history of chickenpox disease). Chickenpox infection can be very serious when it develops after childhood. ACIP now recommends that everyone get two shots at least 4 weeks apart. Children entering grades K, 6 and 12 in 2008 will be required to have 2 varicella shots unless they have had the chickenpox illness. All other students will need one shot unless they have had the chicken pox illness.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine In June 2006, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in females caused by certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine protects against four HPV types, which together cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts. The HPV vaccine is recommended for 11-12 year-old girls, and can be given to girls as young as 9 and women up to age 26.

For the West Salem School
District's 2011-12 school year
calendar and supply list,
please visit our website:
<www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

Health Information

Vision Screening

In the spring, vision screening was done on Grades K-5. If you received a physician's referral letter from the district and you haven't had the appointment for an eye exam, please be reminded that the summer would be a good time to get it done. Please give the referral form to the physician to fill out and return to us.

Student Immunization Law - Age & Grade Requirements 2010 - 2011 School Year

Please note the changes in requirements for next year

2 years through 4 years:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella*

Grade K, 1, 2, 3

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Varicella*

Grades 4-5

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella*

Grades 6, 7, 8, 9

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Varicella*, 1 Tdap

Grades 10, 11

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 1 varicella*, 1 Tdap

Grade 12

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Varicella*, 1 Tdap

*Varicella is the chickenpox vaccine. Chickenpox disease history is also acceptable.

Information for Students with Asthma:

Due to the Rising Number of Students with Asthma, Please Be Aware of the Following Information:

In April of 1998, the Wisconsin legislators enacted Statute 118.291 which reads as follows: ASTHMATIC PUPILS; POSSESSION AND USE OF INHALERS.

- (1) While in school, at a school-sponsored activity or under the supervision of a school authority, an asthmatic pupil may possess a metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler if all of the following are true:
 - (a) The pupil uses the inhaler before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms or uses the inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms.
 - (b) The pupil has the written approval of the pupil's physician and, if the pupil is a minor, the written approval of the pupil's parent or guardian.
 - (c) The pupil has provided the school principal with a copy of the approval or approvals under par. (b)
- (2) No school district, school board or school district employee is civilly liable for damage to a pupil caused by a school district employee who prohibits a pupil from using an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the requirements of sub. (1) had not been satisfied or who allows a pupil to use an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the requirements of sub. (1) had been satisfied.

THIS MEANS THAT YOUR CHILD MAY NOT CARRY AN INHALER IN SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PINK MEDICATION FORM SIGNED BY BOTH YOU AND THE PHYSICIAN.

Please have your physician fill out and sign a pink medication form for your child to be able to use his/her inhaler. You may bring the form with you when you register your child in August. The physician/clinic offices have medication forms on hand to fill out. We need a new prescription/medication form every year.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

State statute and school district policy do not permit any medications to be given at school without a written statement signed by the physician and the parent or guardian. This includes the use of inhalers for students with asthma. (Students may not use or carry an inhaler without written permission from their physician.) Please note the law requires written consent from the physician that goes beyond the normal labeling of a prescription bottle.

If your child requires medication at any time during the school day, either prescription or over the counter, please fill out and return a pink medication form signed by you, and if prescription medication, by your child's physician. (Pink medication forms are available from your school nurse or local clinic.) Medication needs to be in its original container and properly labeled. Please do not send medication in a baggie or an unlabeled bottle, as it cannot be given. A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed, and a new one is needed for each school year. A separate medication form is needed for each medication and for each child.

Due to state law, we will no longer be able to administer any medication to a student that is not supplied by the parent/guardian. If you feel your child may need any over the counter medication during the school year, it must be supplied by the parent/guardian. This means we will no longer be able to contact a parent for permission to administer any over the counter medication. Permission must be given in writing and the medication supplied by the parent/guardian.

Substances that are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a medical practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian. Also, medication may not be administered to a pupil in a dosage other than the recommended therapeutic dose unless the request to do so is accompanied by the written approval of the pupil's practitioners. (Children under age 12 may only receive children's strength medication.)

Parents can bring their child's medication form and medication to registration August 15th and 16th, or on the first day of school.

If you have any questions regarding this new law, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Connie L. Troyanek RN
School Nurse

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 9, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Taylor Gile recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe and Megan Tabbert.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. The eighth graders spent last week in St. Louis for the annual field trip. They are the last 8th grade class to go to St. Louis.
2. The sixth graders took a field trip to the memorial walk in Arcadia last Thursday.
3. Last Tuesday through Thursday, high school students took their final exams.
4. The last day of school was Friday, June 10, 2011.

Correspondence

A letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society regarding the district's continued support of the National History Day program was shared with the Board.

A thank you note from retiring sixth grade Kathy Thompson teacher was read.

A thank you note from retiring sixth grade teacher Chuck Ihle was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that CESA Annual Convention was held on June 1, 2011. Election of officers was held, the annual report was reviewed and the new board of directors meeting was held. Mr. Kindschy was elected as the vice-chair.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that a committee meeting was held and there will be policies for first reading tonight.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed financial matters. Some of the financial matters were dealt with at the Special Board Meeting on June 6 and one is on tonight's agenda.

Administrator reports – Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson's report included the following: health insurance, the retirement event at Fox Hollow, the strategic planning word-smith session, the state budget, WiscNet, and the training sessions that Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Buswell are participating in.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2011; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the donation from Bob Arceo for the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to adopt and approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2,570,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to designate \$20,187 of the remaining funds from the 2010-2011 budget to the COPS Grand program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to offer a contract to Justin Glodowski as a high school social studies teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to offer a contract to Alisha Neinfeldt as a high school social studies teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to offer a contract to Kim Butterfield as a high school English teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

No candidates were submitted for the middle school EBD teacher position for the Board to act on.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the high school student handbook with changes as presented. After some discussion, Mr. Spratz called for the question, seconded by Mrs. Brown. A roll vote was taken on the question: Mr. Falck Nay, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Question carried.

A roll vote was taken on the motion to approve the high school student handbook with changes as presented: Mr. Falck Nay, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Nay, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve a contract for services for the district web page with CESA #6. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spratz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #662.2 Fund Balance as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #370-Rule B High School Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Requirements and Code of Conduct. Motion withdrawn

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to send back to the Policy Committee policy #370-Rule A Middle School Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Requirements and Code of Conduct. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to send back to the Policy Committee policy #370-Rule B High School Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Requirements and Code of Conduct. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignations of elementary school paraprofessional Kimberly Schumacher and high school assistant football coach Mike Malott. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2011

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 23, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Spratz led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Jason Falck recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spratz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, and John Smalley; Student representatives: Megan Tabbert (7:05) and Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling (7:05), Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson, Michael St. Pierre, Lisa Gerke, and Barb Buswell.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Summer school classes have been running for the past few weeks and will continue into July.
2. The summer musical *Peter Pan* kicked off this past weekend. The cast did a great job and had an excellent turnout.

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. The swimming pool opened on June 11 for swimming lessons, open swim and the Sharks swim team.
2. The baseball team has played 16 games so far with 12 wins and 4 losses.

Correspondence

A letter and certificate were read from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, congratulating the West Salem Elementary School on receiving the Healthier US School Challenge, Gold Award of Distinction.

A thank you note from retiring kindergarten teacher Peggy Green was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson's report included information on health insurance, the Act 10 Budget Repair Bill, and the district and superintendent goals.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Emily Stolarick as a middle school special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no candidate for the high school special education teacher position to present to the board, and no action was taken.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Erin Ellerbach as a full-time elementary school physical education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Joshua Brewer as a .48 FTE elementary school physical education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown move, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Alyssa Kammel as a fourth grade teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Sara Bradley as a first grade teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Tamara Jessesky as a kindergarten teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Joshua Deml as a third grade teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Spratz seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Michelle Powell as a kindergarten teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #662.2 Fund Balance. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations or retirements for the Board to take action on.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to approve Tina Thompson, JV volleyball; Tiffany McClintock, freshman volleyball; Rick Martinson, JV football; Ellen Bice, fall dance team; and Nicole Friell, winter dance team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson summarized the strategic planning process and the next steps that need to be taken. Board members are to review the five strategic categories prior to the next meeting in order to give the administration direction.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

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**Checks returned for nonpayment are
subject to a service charge of \$30.
The check writer is liable for all reasonable
costs and expenses in connection with the
collection of the check or draft.
(WI Statute 403.414 & 943.425)**

Policy #680 - RETURNED CHECKS

The Board recognizes that a check can occasionally be returned for insufficient funds. When this occurs the individual will be contacted by mail and phone and payment or a payment plan will need to be developed within 10 business days.

If a second such occurrence happens within a calendar year, the individual's checks will no longer be accepted by the school district. Checks that are not cleared in ten business days will be given to a collection agency and resulting fees additionally owed.

APPROVED: August 25, 2008

School Nutrition

Proper nutrition is essential to learning. Research shows that students who begin their day with a nutritious breakfast do better in school and have fewer absences. Our school district offers both a nutritious breakfast and lunch. A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains are available daily in addition to many entrée choices. We also offer and encourage a school packed lunch for field trips.

Prices for the 2011-2012 school year

ELEMENTARY

Breakfast	\$1.30	Reduced	\$.30
Lunch	\$2.05	Reduced	\$.40
Morning Milk	\$.30	Reduced/Free	Free

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast	\$1.30	Reduced	\$.30
Lunch	\$2.25	Reduced	\$.40

HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast	\$1.50	Reduced	\$.30
Lunch	\$2.50	Reduced	\$.40

All staff, visitor and extra meals - \$3.10

Families will again have one account. Deposits can be made to your account by sending a check with your child, mailing or bringing a payment to the food service office, or by the new on-line payment option. When your account reaches \$5.00 you will be notified by our automated calling system that it is time to make a payment. Middle school and high school students will also be reminded in the lunch line. You can also review your account anytime through Family Access. Please keep your account positive.

Milk break money for elementary will be deducted from your family account; please be aware of this as you make your deposits. If your child does not take milk it will not be deducted.

FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS

A new application must be submitted each school year. Please read and follow instructions carefully to prevent a delay in approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Michelle Kloser, Food Service Director
 West Salem School District
 405 E Hamlin Street,
 West Salem, WI 54669
 608-786-3078
 kloster.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us



August Fitness Center Hours

Monday–Friday mornings 5:30–9:00 a.m.
 Monday–Thursday evenings 2:00–8:00 p.m.
 Fridays 3:00–7:00 p.m.
 Sunday 4:00–7:00 p.m.

School Year Hours Begin September 1, 2011

Clean shoes are required to enter the fitness center and indoor track. Current fitness center hours and class schedules are specified on the school website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Click on the fitness center icon to get the latest information about your community fitness center. You may call 786-1220 ext. 2275.

The West Salem Area Aquatic Center Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, they meet the first and third Thursdays at the Hazel-Brown Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Becky Auna at 608-786-0097.

Mark Your Calendar!

The PTO will be hosting an electronic recycling event at the elementary school on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. The collection will be a free drop off for electronic items. Items include: computers, monitors, TVs, DVD players, cell phones, computer keyboards, scanners.

The West Salem Tour Center is looking for volunteers to work the Tour Center on Hwy 16. If you are interested, please contact Errol Kindschy at 786-1675 or stop at the Tour Center between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

TRY THIS FOR SCHOOL BREAKFAST!

This year, students in middle school can purchase a grab and go breakfast and take back to their classroom. The grab and go will have many choices; muffins, cheese sticks, cereal, and other quick and healthy foods. The regular breakfast menu will also be available to eat in the cafeteria. Any questions, please call Michelle Kloser, School Nutrition Director at 786-3078.

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2011-2012 Mainstage Season

Street Corner Symphony
Sunday, October 23, 2011
7:30 p.m.



Guys & Does
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
7:30 p.m.



White Ghost Shivers
Friday, February 3, 2012
7:30 p.m.



The Water Coolers
Thursday, February 16, 2012
7:30 p.m.



Ricky Nelson Remembered
Monday, April 30, 2012
7:30 p.m.



****Individual show tickets go on sale August 29, 2011.**



**** Box Office - (608)786-2550**

****Summer Hours:**
Mon., Wed., Fri.
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

August 8-10 at the West Salem High School
Sophomores and Freshmen - 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
Juniors and Seniors - 12:30-4:00 p.m.
*Brochures can be picked up at the
West Salem Park and Rec. Office
or the West Salem High School Office.

Visual Arts Series

“Sisterhood”

Jensine Wing, Marylou Ferguson, Kathi Koski
September 1-30, 2011
Reception: September 8, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Photographic Perspectives” / “The Beauty of Wood”

Jack Hill / Ken Critzman
October 1-31, 2011
Reception: October 6, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Earth Art”

Randy Christenson
November 1-30, 2011
Reception: November 10, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Community Art Exhibit”

December 1-31, 2011
Reception: December 13, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Looking Up” / “Pottery For Eveyday Rituals”

Laura Sitari, Watercolors / Darrel Bowman
January 1-31, 2012
Reception: January 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Story Portraits: Time & Space” / “Woven Expressions”

Patricia Hall / Jean Ledman
February 1-29, 2012
Reception: February 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

K-12 District Honors Show

March 1-31, 2011
Reception: March 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

“Art in Bloom”

Floral Artists - Local gardeners and floral artists will design arrangements inspired by artist's work
April 1-30, 2012
Reception: April 21, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

West Salem High School Senior Art Show

May 1-31, 2012
Reception: May 24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Free and Reduced School Meals Information

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. WEST SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs at Elementary and Middle school, \$1.30 and High School, \$1.50; lunch costs :ELEMENTARY-\$2.05, MIDDLE SCHOOL-\$2.25, HIGH SCHOOL- \$2.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is .30 for breakfast and .40 for lunch.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: MICHELLE KLOSER, West Salem School District, 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669, 608-786-3078
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or W-2 Cash Benefits, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call JOHN SMALLEY, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL 608-786-1662 to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, shown on this application.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 608-786-3078 if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to provide written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: TROY GUNDERSON, SUPERINTENDENT, 405 E HAMLIN, WEST SALEM, WI 54669 608-786-0700.
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before s/he was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local county assistance office or call 1-800-362-3002

If you have other questions or need help,
call MICHELLE KLOSER 608-786-3078

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono:
MICHELLE KLOSER 608-786-3078

Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero:
MICHELLE KLOSER 608-786-3078.

Sincerely,
Michelle Kloser, SNS
School Nutrition Director



INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

Part 1: All Household Members (**a household member is any child or adult living with you**): All applicants should complete this part. List the name of each household member, the name of the school each child attends, and the child's grade. If the child is a foster child, check the box for foster child. If a household member has no income, check the box for no income. All household members, including foster children, should be included here. If you need additional space, attach a separate piece of paper.

If anyone in your household receives benefits from **FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**, follow these instructions.

Part 2: List the case number for one household member (adult or child) who receives **FoodShare** or **W-2 Cash Benefits** or **FDPIR** benefits.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. You do **not** need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

Part 6: This question is optional. You can choose whether or not to provide ethnic and racial data.

If you are applying for a child who is **homeless, a migrant or runaway**, follow these instructions.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Check the appropriate category and call **John Smalley, Elementary Principal, 608-786-1662**.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. You do **not** need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

Part 6: This question is optional. You can choose whether or not to provide ethnic and racial data.

If you are applying for *only* **foster child(ren)**, follow these instructions. You do **not** need to fill out a separate application for each foster child in your household. (If there are both foster children and non-foster children in your household, follow the instructions below for All Other Households).

If all children in the household are marked as foster children in Part 1:

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. You do **not** need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

Part 6: This question is optional. You can choose whether or not to provide ethnic and racial data.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households and households with both foster children and non-foster children, follow these instructions:

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call **John Smalley, Elementary Principal, 608-786-1662**. If not, skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from **this month or last month**.

- **Section 1–Name:** List all household members who have income.
- **Section 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** List the income for each household member. Check the box to tell us how often the person receives the income—weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.
 - **Earnings from work:** List the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Net income should *only* be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
 - **Welfare, Child Support, Alimony:** List the amount each person receives, and check the box to tell us how often.
 - **Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits.** List the amount each person receives, and check the box to tell us how often they receive it.
 - **All Other Income:** List Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income received weekly, every other week, twice a month, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Do not include income from FoodShare, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by your family from the placing agency.
 - If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or write "none" if s/he doesn't have one). Writing "none" does **not** prevent your child(ren) from qualifying to receive free or reduced priced meals.

Part 6: This question is optional. You can choose whether or not to provide ethnic and racial data.

Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application

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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

PART 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS				
Names of <u>all</u> people living in your household (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School the child attends, or indicate "NA" if household member is not in school	Grade	Check if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court) If all children listed below are foster children, skip to Part 5 to sign this form.	Check if NO income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 2. BENEFITS
<p>If any member of your household receives FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 Cash Benefits, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits and skip to part 5. If no one receives these benefits, go to Part 3.</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>CASE NUMBER: _____</p>

PART 3. HOMELESS, MIGRANT, RUNAWAY STATUS
<p>If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call John Smalley, Elementary Principal, 608-786-1662</p> <p>HOMELESS <input type="checkbox"/> MIGRANT <input type="checkbox"/> RUNAWAY <input type="checkbox"/></p>

PART 4. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME (before deductions). List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received. Record each income only once. If you provided a case number in Part 2, you do not need to provide income information.																
1. NAME (List only household members with income)	2. GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED															
	Earnings from work before deductions.	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	All Other Income (indicate frequency, such as "weekly" "monthly" "quarterly" "annually")
<i>(Example) Jane Smith</i>	\$200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 / quarterly
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PART 5. SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)
<p>An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form also must list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or write "none" if you do not have a Social Security Number. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)</p> <p><i>I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.</i></p> <p>Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____</p> <p>Last four digits of Social Security Number (Write "None" if you do not have a Social Security Number): * * * - * * - _ _ _ _</p>

PART 6. CHILDREN'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)	
Choose one ethnicity:	Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity):
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: ___ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free ___ Reduced ___ Denied ___

Reason: _____

Temporary: Free ___ Reduced ___ Time Period: _____ (expires after ___ days)

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$388
2	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$524
3	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$660
4	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$796
5	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$932
6	\$55,482	\$4,624	\$1,067
7	\$62,549	\$5,213	\$1,203
8	\$69,616	\$5,802	\$1,339
Each additional person:	\$7,067	\$589	\$136

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 1 Fall Sports Meeting
- 3 Football Practice Begins
- 8 Boys' Soccer Practice Begins
- 9 Girls' Tennis Practice Begins
- 13 FB-V/JV/C (H) WS Scrimmage - 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Cross Country Practice Begins
Volleyball Practice Begins
Tennis-JV/V (H) Mauston - 4:00
SR-JR Registration for 2011-2012 School Year
- 16 SO-FR Registration for 2011-2012 School Year
Soccer-V (H) Richland Center - 7:00
- 17 Tennis-V at Whitewater Multi-Team Dual Meet - 9:00
- 18 Soccer-V at Oshkosh North at Fields for Kids - 5:00
Football-C (H) Onalaska - 5:30
- 19 Football-V (H) Durand - 7:00
Tennis-V at Eau Claire Regis Quad
- 20 Volleyball-V/JV at Eau Claire North/Altoona Scrimmage - 10:00
- 22 Soccer-JV/V (H) Prairie du Chien - 5:00/7:00
Football-JV at Onalaska - 5:30
- 23 Soccer-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 5:00/7:00
Tennis-JV/V at Holmen - 10:00
Volleyball-V at C-FC Scrimmage
- 25 Football-C at Tomah - 5:30
- 26 Cross Country-V/JV (H) WS Early Bird - 4:30
Football-V at Onalaska - 7:00
- 27 Soccer-JV/V (H) River Valley - 11:00/1:00
Volleyball-V (H) WS Invite 10:00
- 29 Football-JV (H) Adams-Friendship - 5:30
- 30 Tennis-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 4:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30

SEPTEMBER

- 1 2011-2012 School Year Begins
Soccer-JV/V (H) Logan - 5:00/7:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V at BRF - 6:00/7:30
- 2 Football-V at Onalaska Luther - 7:00
Tennis-JV/V (H) Reedsburg - 4:00
- 3 Cross Country-V/JV at Marshfield Columbus Invitational - 9:00
- 5 No School - Labor Day**
- 6 Soccer-V/JV at Tomah - 4:30/6:00
Football-JV at Onalaska Luther - 5:30
Tennis-JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 4:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V (H) 6:00/7:30
- 8 Soccer-V/JV at Sparta - 4:00/5:30
Football-C at Onalaska Luther - 5:30
Tennis-JV/V at Mauston - 4:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 9 Football-V (H) Arcadia - 7:00

- 10 Soccer-V at Sauk Prairie Invite - 9:00
Cross Country-V/JV at Gale Johnson Invite at Onalaska - 10:00
Tennis-JV/V (H) WS Triangular (Sparta & Dells) - 10:00
Volleyball-C (H) WS Invite - 9:00
- 12 Football-JV (H) Arcadia - 5:30
Volleyball-C at Mel-Min Tourney - 5:00
- 13 Soccer-JV/V at Central at Fields For Kids - 5:00/7:00
Football-C (H) Arcadia - 5:30
Tennis-V/JV at BRF - 4:00
- 15 Soccer-JV/V (H) Caledonia - 5:00/7:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 16 Football-V (H) GET - 7:00
- 17 Soccer-JV/V at Lodi - 10:30/12:15
Cross Country-V/JV at Bill Smiley Invite at Wausau - 8:30
Tennis-V at Coulee Conference Meet at BRF
Volleyball-V at Iowa-Grant Invite - 10:00
- 19 Football-JV (H) GET - 5:30
Volleyball-JV at Mel-Min Tourney - 5:00
- 20 Soccer-JV/V at holmen - 4:00/5:45
Football-C (H) GET - 5:30
Volleyball-C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30
- 22 Soccer-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 5:00/7:00
Volleyball-C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
- 23 Football-V at Viroqua - 7:00
- 24 Cross Country-V/JV at Fennimore Eagle Relays - 9:00
- 26 Football-JV at Viroqua - 5:30
- 27 Football-C at Viroqua - 5:30
Tennis-JV/V at Viroqua - 4:30
Volleyball-C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
- 29 Soccer-JV/V at La Crescent - 5:00/7:00
Cross Country-JV/V at Dick Mitchell Invite at Central - 3:45
Volleyball-C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
- 30 Football-V at BRF - 7:00

OCTOBER

- 18 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
- 27-28 **No School**

NOVEMBER

- 15 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
- 23-25 **No School**

DECEMBER

- 26-30 **No School - Winter Break**

JANUARY

- 2 **No School - Winter Break**
- 3 School Resumes
- 31 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**

**Last Day Pool Open
Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

**1st Day of School
September 1, 2011**

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