

West Salem School District

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Newsletter

'Tis the Season for a Tax Bill?

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

School District of West Salem Taxpayers will soon be in receipt of their annual property tax bill. Each year the arrival of tax bills generates questions about assessments, mill rates and percentage of change. In hopes of providing some insight into the complexities of the levy process, we offer a brief review of the various categories listed on the tax bill along with some insight as to how each bill is determined. For purposes of this discussion, we will refer to the sample 2010 Property Tax Bill included on the next page.

The **Assessed Value** of a taxpayer's property is determined by the local assessor. The assessed value is used to determine the property owner's share of the municipality's total value and ensures fair taxing within the municipality. The assessed value for the included sample property is listed as item A and totals \$141,200. The **Estimated Fair Market Value** of the property, item B totaling \$143,100, is the amount used by the state to "equalize" property values to ensure a fair property tax system between different municipalities within the same school district and as part of the state equalization aid formula. The **Assessment Ratio**, item C or .9873, is the factor used to adjust local assessments. It is applied as follows: Assessed Value / Assessment Ratio = Fair Market Value. The mathematics for the sample property are $\$141,200 / .9873 = \$143,016.31$. Please note this fair market calculation is fairly close to the state estimated fair market value noted as item B totaling \$143,100.

The **Estimated State Aid Allocated to Tax District** is provided to ensure local property tax payers fully realize the amount of state aid provided to the "taxing jurisdiction" on behalf of the municipality. Item D on the sample tax bill indicates the West Salem School District received \$5,509,790 in state aid on behalf of the Village of West Salem. This amount seems reasonable when you consider the school district received a total of \$12,018,406 in equalized state aid in 2010. The Village makes up about 43% of the school district, and therefore benefits from approximately 43% of the state aid.

The total tax levy owed to the school district for any property is calculated by combining the net tax and the levy credit. The **2010 Net Tax** for the school district on the sample property is labeled as item E and totals \$1,197.75 and the **School Tax Levy Credit** labeled as item F totals \$198.98. Please understand the total levy amount then credited to the school district for this sample property is the sum of these two numbers or \$1,396.73. This amount is not labeled because it does not appear on the tax bill. In other words, the **"total school district tax levy"** for this particular property in 2010 was \$1,396.73. The homeowner contributed \$1,197.75 and the State of Wisconsin paid the other \$198.98 in the form of a "levy credit" as listed on the tax bill.

It is critical all property tax payers understand the above narrative concerning the **Levy Credit**. This is a highly controversial item in state politics and one costing the School District of West Salem taxpayers more than one million dollars. How can this "credit" cost you money? If state funding designated for the credit was placed into the equalized aid formula as designed, the state aid amount of \$5,509,790 credited to the Village of West Salem would be considerably higher and would result in a much lower school tax levy for all village residents. If this is the case, why have a levy credit system? The answer is the influence of "property wealthy" districts. For these taxpayers, the levy credit is a windfall – greatly lowering their tax bills. The levy credit undoes the "Robin Hood" affect of the equalized state aid formula, profits districts who otherwise receive very little state aid, and penalizes school districts like West Salem who receive a higher portion of state aid. Do not be fooled by the word credit. For West Salem, this "credit" is a tax increase.

What about the **School District Mill Rate**? The school district mill rate is the ratio between the total school district levy amount and the total value of all school district property. It does not appear on the tax bill. For the tax year 2010, the school district levy was \$6,760,376 and the total school district value was \$696,853,206 resulting in a mill rate of .009703. The mill rate is often used to formulate an estimated tax levy for individual property – it is just that, an estimate. The **mill rate levy estimate** for the attached sample property: \$141,200 (assessed value) divided by

.9873 (assessment ratio) times .009703 (mill rate) equals an estimated levy of \$1,387.68. In this example, the mill rate levy estimate is slightly less than the actual levy amount of \$1,396.73.

The **First Dollar Credit**, item G at \$66.94 and the **Lottery Credit**, item H at \$84.40 are direct “after tax” credits that lower the tax burden of individual tax payers – all good news. Strangely enough, these two credits are included as part of state education spending in the state budget. Obviously when looking at this tax bill, these two credits reduce total property taxes, not just school taxes. Listing these credits in the budget as contributions to education is misleading at best.

What to look for in 2011: When you get your 2011 tax bill, you will notice a significant drop in state aid for all taxing jurisdictions, especially schools (Item D.) This reduction is part of balancing the state budget. Recalling last month’s annual meeting report, the school district is levying the same amount in 2011 as was levied in 2010. While the total district levy is the same, most taxpayers

will experience a slight decrease or increase depending upon changes to their total municipal value, individual assessment, municipal assessment ratio, or levy credit. Remember, your total school tax levy is the sum of your 2011 Net Tax (Item E) and the Levy Credit (Item F) assigned to your property. To reconcile your total tax amount using the “mill rate levy estimation” method, simply take your assessed value (Item A) divided by the assessment ratio (Item C) and multiply it by the 2011 School District Mill Rate of .0096695. If you have any questions, please call me, Troy Gunderson, at 786-0700.

While I hope this information helps to make your tax bill easier to understand, I fully realize it will not make it easier to pay. Our new school district vision asserts “Business operations are founded upon a commitment to good stewardship of resources and transparent communication with parents and community members.” That said, I offer my humble appreciation for your generous support of public education and my sincere promise that we will make the most of every penny.

Thank you for reading.

Sample Property Tax Bill for 2010

Teresa Schnitzler - Administrator
Village of West Salem
175 LEONARD ST S
WEST SALEM WI 54669

State of Wisconsin
PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR 2010
LA CROSSE COUNTY
Village of West Salem

Real Estate
Bill Number [REDACTED]

Tax Parcel [REDACTED]
Correspondence should refer to tax number.
See reverse side for Important Information.

	Land Value	Improvement	Total Assessed	Woodland	Ave. Assmt. Ratio	
Assessed:	35200	106000	<u>A</u> 141200	0	0.9873	<u>C</u>
Est Fair Mkt:	35700	107400	<u>B</u> 143100	0		
Taxing Jurisdiction	2009 Est. State Aids	2010 Est. State Aids	2009 Net Tax	2010 Net Tax	% Tax Change	Net Property Tax
	Allocated Tax Dist	Allocated Tax Dist				2,465.60
State of Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	24.15	24.43	1.20	
La Crosse County	249,762.00	259,268.00	550.13	571.32	3.90	
Neshonoc LD	0.00	0.00	17.79	18.00	1.20	
Local Municipality	563,729.00	569,053.00	492.53	510.90	3.70	
West Salem School	5,374,636.00	<u>D</u> 5,509,790.00	1,072.66	1,197.75	<u>E</u> 11.70	
WTC	167,010.00	156,239.00	283.06	294.54	4.10	
			Total	2,440.32	2,616.94	7.20
			First Dollar Credit	63.79	66.94 <u>G</u>	4.90
			Lottery Credit	72.78	84.40 <u>H</u>	16.00
			Net Property Tax	2,303.75	2,465.60	7.00
School taxes reduced by school levy tax credit: <u>F</u> 198.98						
			Net Assessed Value Rate (Does NOT reflect credits):		0.018533564	

Important: Be Sure this description covers your property. This description is for property tax bill only and may not be a full legal description.

Total Due For Full Payment
2,465.60
Pay By 01/31/11

Or Pay the Following Installments

1st Installment to local treas 1190.60 by 01/31/11	2nd Installment to county treas 1275.00 by 07/31/11
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WARNING: If not paid by due dates, installment option is lost and total tax is delinquent subject to interest and if applicable, penalty.
Failure to pay on time. See reverse.

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Wachter Labus, Fitness Center Director

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! The fitness center staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Please take advantage of our great holiday specials going on only during the month of December. Receive \$10.00 off the purchase of a yearly membership during the month of December. When you are a yearly member many classes offered during the year are free (yogalates and water aerobics are the main classes offered at this time for free)

Give the gift of a healthier way of life by purchasing a gift certificate for your friends and family. Gift certificates are available at month or year pricing and if you refer a new customer we will add a free month to your membership.

Save \$4.00 off a purchase of a yogalates punch card. Regular price for fitness center members is \$16.00 for 10 classes. We will give you 10 classes for \$12.00 if you're a fitness center member!

The fitness center has so much to offer and affordable prices. Stop in and take a tour of our facility and walking track. Staff is available to assist you with any questions you may have. We hope to see you soon!

CURRENT FITNESS CENTER HOURS:

Monday–Friday mornings 5:00–8:00 a.m., Monday–Thursday evenings 3:00–9:00 p.m., Fridays 3:00–7:00 p.m., Sunday 4:00–7:00 p.m. Yogalates is held on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. All West Salem students and fitness center guests with a year membership may attend classes FREE of charge. Some employers offer a full or partial reimbursement for fitness center memberships. Also check with your insurance provider to see if they offer a reimbursement for your fitness center membership.

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 extension 2275.



November 4, 2011 Walking School Bus participants.

Safe Route To School

»»WALK««



The “WALK” signal or **WHITE PEDESTRIAN** indicates that you may begin to cross the roadway. This may appear for only about 5 to 10 seconds. You may not be able to complete the street crossing with this “WALK” signal illuminated for the entire time.

»»FLASHING ««
DON'T WALK



The **flashing “DON'T WALK”** or **RED HAND** will be displayed after the walk signal and will often stay on long enough for you to finish crossing the roadway.

Please review with your child(ren).



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.

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed— Will Train

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.

For more information,
please call Rick Kline at 786-4356

Homecoming Memories

Have you heard how great Homecoming 2011 was at West Salem High School? Now you have the opportunity to see for yourself what a fantastic week we experienced. The entrepreneurship class created a 25 minute DVD combining video clips, music and hundreds of pictures to showcase highlights of the week. This DVD is available for sale through Mrs. Hilby in the Business Department for only \$4. Those who have seen the DVD rate it as "Excellent!" Don't miss out, purchase one today! It would make a great stocking stuffer!

Mrs. Hilby can be reached by email
(hilby.kathy@wsalem.k12.wi.us)
or phone (786-1220).

Open Enrollment

You may apply for open enrollment from
February 6-24, 2012, on-line at
<https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>

For more information, visit the DPI website:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

FAQ: Can an open enrolled student participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has recently adopted new rules concerning transfer students. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Music Honors

Kaylee Fellom (Flute) and Hannah Piper (Alto Saxophone) were chosen to participate in the UW-Eau Claire Honor Band Festival on November 12. The group was made up of the area's top high school musicians spanning a 100+ mile radius. The day was spent attending master classes as well as sectionals facilitated by university students and professors. The day culminated with an evening concert with performances by the UWEC Wind Symphony along with the Honor Band.

Mandy Uebele (Alto Sax), Vince Bahr and Lauren Gaikowski (Bari Sax), Dominick Sweeney, Athen Viner and Zach Lang (Trumpet), Nick Becker and Alex MacRogers (Trombone), Isaac Craig (Piano) were chosen to participate in the Winona State University Honor Jazz Festival held on November 11 and 12. Over the 2 day period the students rehearsed and performed with the top area high school jazz musicians as well as band members from the "JazzMN Big Band" who also performed at the festival.

Congratulations to all of you!



Thank You! Thank You!

"Thank you for helping us at the school forest. I like the hike the best. I like to learn about the animals at the forest. I liked the woodpecker the best and how they use their tongues to get their food. I'm glad I got to see a real woodpecker tongue. It is neat!!" This is just one of the many thank you notes I get from students at the end of each OEC season. The success of our Outdoor Education Center programs relies on volunteer help from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community volunteers who attend a 2-3 hour training session so they can help lead hikes with elementary students at the OEC each season. This fall we had a record breaking 49 volunteers who were trained to lead hikes, involving 152 hours of training in addition to all the student teachers and new staff that were trained. A very special Thank You from all our

students for helping to make their day at the OEC a great learning experience for all! We couldn't do it without your commitment to our OEC programs!

Angela Adams	Adam Huth
Heather Antony	John Kalas
Doreen Averbeck	Heidi Knudson
Tim Averbeck	Dan Lenselink
Pete Belling	Chad Matheny
Diane Block	Charlie McConkey
Rebecca Byrnes	Phillip Parr
Eileen Carns	Todd Patterson
Nate Christianson	Brien Plunkett
Alana Clements	Jodi Priebe
Carmen Dunnum	Julie Quackenbush
Katie Everson	Dan Roberts
Jason Falck	Kevin Schmidt
Todd Ferguson	Nancy Schmidt
Robin Fitzgerald	Michael Schwarz
Dawn Gerke	Bobbi Sevier
Crystal Gibbons	Mark Slotten
Mike Glassmaker	Pam Stetzer
Julie Gorski	Craig Thompson
Wayne Gorski	Kim Tiber
Christi Gronemus	Alex Vidal
Ruth Hage	Chad Waldenberger
Laura Halverson	Corey Zarecki
Joe Heger	Mark Ziegler
Tanner Holst	

Training programs are offered each fall and spring. Please consider spending a day in the outdoors helping our children learn more about their environment. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Barb at 786-1662 or thompson.barb@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Barb Thompson, OEC Coordinator

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members will begin on Monday, April 23, 2012.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Term</u>
School Board Member	Errol Kindschy	3 years-Expire April 27, 2015
School Board Member	Ken Spraetz	3 years-Expire April 27, 2015

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 3, 2012. These forms must be filed in the District Office, 405 East Hamlin Street, between the hours 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Dated this 7th day of November 2011.

Linda A. Brown, Clerk

The Renovated Outdoor Education Center Is Looking for a Few Donations....

Kitchen supplies
2-12 inch frying pans
1 and 2 quart cooking kettles
kitchen towels and dish cloths

If interested in donating any of the above items, please contact Barb Thompson, OEC Coordinator, at 786-1220 ex. 2125 or thompson.barb@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Your support is appreciated and could be tax deductible.

West Salem School District Honors Veterans



Sharon Fuller, a weekly volunteer for the Famous Friday Walking School Bus, poses here with an elementary student on their Veteran's Day theme walk. Thank you so much for all you do for the community and the children, Sharon!!

Emergency Radio/TV Stations

These are the radio and TV stations we use for school delays and closings. **Please listen to these stations when inclement weather arises or check their websites.** The decision to delay or close school is made as soon as possible and the stations are notified promptly. Please refrain from calling the radio stations and the schools as it ties up the phone for necessary calls.

Please discuss with your children what to do if school is unexpectedly dismissed early. Any preparations made in advance will make a hectic time run a little smoother.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

WIZM - 1410 A.M.

Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.

WRQT - 95.7 F.M.

WKTY - 580 A.M.

KCLH - 94.7 F.M.

KQYB - 98.3 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

WEAU - TV-13

WLAX - TV-25

Students and parents can check school closings and delays on the following websites:

www.wlxr.com

www.lacrosserradiogroup.net

www.cc1063.com

www.1410wizm.com

www.mwfbroadcasting.com

www.classicrock1001.com

www.wkbt.com

www.wxow.com



The West Salem School District has signed up to use Blackboard Connect. With this service, the district will be able to mass communicate with parents by phone, e-mail and text. With this service, you will eventually be able to log in to sign up for how you wish to receive messages from the district.

8th Grade Job Shadow Experience

For the past twenty years the eighth grade students have participated in a job shadow experience. This process provides students with first-hand knowledge of the world of work. The following individuals and businesses participated in this experience on November 3, 2011.

<u>Business</u>	<u>Supervisor/Coordinator</u>
Coulee Region Humane Society	Deb Woerpel & Ashley Eckes
La Crosse Fish Health Center	Eric Leis
Sue Kolve's Salon & Day Spa	Tailea Spangler
Central Animal Hospital	Dr. Douglass Kratt & Mary Klein
Sign Pro.....	Jim Warsinski
Dairy Queen.....	Tom Koster
The Photographer.....	Jim Thiele
TCI Architects	Nate Loeffelholz & Peter Pichotta
UW-La Crosse.....	Kathy Gorman, Donna Anderson Mike Bednarchuk
Dahl Automotive	Bob Dahl
Stepping Stone at FCC.....	Jeanne Meyer
Heim Grimsled Orthodontics.....	Kristen Bradstreet Holly Grimsled
Gentle Dentistry & Cosmetic Dentist	Kerrie Moore
Harry Spence Elementary	Sam Bina
Kaplan Schweser.....	Nicole Briggs
WI Dept. of Transportation	Angela Adams
Webteam Inc	Kris Cvikota
Metropolitan Salon and Day Spa	Alvera Bethke
Western Technical College.....	Joan Pierce
La Crosse County Sheriff's Dept.	Brian Buckmaster
Main Street Law Offices	Donna Clements
Michaels Engineering	Bill Maurer
The Studio.....	Tad Meddaugh
WKBT	Jennifer Livingston
Brandau & Waltz Law Office.....	Ann Brandau
Midwest Family Broadcasting	Jean Taylor
Piggy's Restaurant	Chris Roderique
The Wedding Tree/Ace A'Hears.....	Debra Lash
Clinic Pharmacy of West Salem.....	George Christianson
West Salem Pharmacy.....	Amy Brieske
Brush Talk Signs	Rob Kneifl
West Salem Veterinary Clinic	Paula Harvatine, DVM Amy Weigel
Features-West Salem.....	Don Korstanje
Brenengen Auto	Rich Wylie
Jacobson Dental Clinic	Connie Jacobson
Identity Works	Tom Hanchette
Rolling Acres	Paul Schomberg
Multistack	Rachel Bible, Dennis Manthei
Sparta Pharmacy	Gary Korthals
Mayo Clinic Health System.....	Julie Anderson
Fort McCoy.....	Theresa Fitzgerald, LTC Dennis Klatt Major Myron Davis, Officer Brigson, CW4 Glenn Jensen Mr. Dave Beckmann, LTC Frank Himsl
Bangor Veterinary Clinic	Dr. Jill Kramer, Dr. Cheryl Kraft

Arndt, Buswell & Thorn	Rick Niemeier
Innovations Rehabilitation	Patty Abbott
Gleiss, Locante & Ziegler	Shari Locante Lisa Aldinger Hamblin
Titan Equipment.....	Chuck Schams
Lucky Six Farm.....	Tom Miller
Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center	Randy Hines
West Salem Middle School	Justin Running Terri Martinson, Mike Zwonitzer, Brooke Candahl
West Salem Elementary School	Dana La Fleur, Jackie Hickey, Christy Brodsky, Sarah Weber Shelly Blaken, Rita Schwartz, Erin Ellerbach, Tracy Hesse Deelyn Christianson, Christine Antony, Brad Skaer Megan McConkey, Mary Czajka, Tami Jessessky
Bangor Veterinary Clinic	Dr. Jill Kramer
W.A. Roosevelt	Andy Esser
Rays Seamless Gutters.....	Mr. Oldenburg
Flying Horse Stable.....	Don Korstanje

Thanks to all businesses and individuals for giving their time and expertise to our students. If I have missed anyone, please accept my apology. Often students meet a number of people at each business and I do not have a list of all involved.

Janice Stuntebeck
WSMS Career Education Teacher

The West Salem High School Student Newspaper,
The Panther Prowler, is now online.

<http://www.pantherprowler.com/>

Check out the top stories, the latest news, a slideshow,
take a poll, sports updates, and so much more.

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.

Annual Notices

Teacher Information

Federal law requires that we share with you the qualifications of teachers in the School District of West Salem. There are questions you may ask, including:

- Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?
- Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher?
- What was the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degrees does my child's teacher hold?
- Are there paraprofessionals working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

This notice is to inform you that all of the teachers working in the West Salem schools have at least a bachelor's degree, and 74% have advanced degrees. In addition, all of the teachers in this school are fully licensed for their assignment. If you want to see the state qualification for your child's teacher you may ask us or find it on the DPI website at www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsis/tel/lisearch.html.

In addition, we have 30 instructional para professionals, and they all are considered qualified for this work. If you would like more information about any school district employee, please feel free to contact Troy Gunderson, Superintendent at 786-0700.

For more information on teacher qualifications or the reporting requirement for teachers and paraprofessionals under the No Child Left Behind legislation, contact: Professional Development and Licensing at (608) 266-1788 at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Homeless Children

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
 - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up);
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - abandoned in hospitals; or
 - awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria, the School District of West Salem provides the following assurances to parents of homeless children:

- The local district staff person (liaison) for homeless children is the Elementary School Principal.
- There shall be immediate enrollment and school participation, even if educational and medical records and proof of residency are not available.
- All educational opportunities and related opportunities for homeless students (preschool to age 21), including unaccompanied youth, shall be the same as for the general student population.
- Enrollment and transportation rights, including transportation to the school of origin shall be possible. "School of origin" is defined as the school the child attended when permanently housed or when last enrolled.
- Written explanation of why a homeless child is placed other than in a school of origin or school requested by the parent, with the right to appeal, within the local dispute resolution process.
- Meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in the education of their children. These shall include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conference, newsletters, and access to student records.

Please contact John Smalley, homeless liaison for the School District of West Salem, for additional information about homeless issues. Mr. Smalley can be reached at 608-786-1662.

Directory Data

Schools and school districts receiving funds under any NCLB Title program must, upon request, provide student directory data (names, addresses, telephone numbers) to military recruiters and institutions of higher education. School districts must notify parents of their right to request that this information be withheld from disclosure, and districts must comply with such requests.



District Report Card

The recently reauthorized Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires additional data collection and reporting by both state and local educational agencies. One of the additional reporting requirements is to issue local report cards. State and Local report cards should include:

- Aggregate student achievement data at each proficiency level on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concept Examination (WKCE).
- Disaggregated student achievement data on the WKCE.
- Comparisons between actual achievement levels for the district and the state
- Percentage of students not tested on the WKCE.
- Two-year trend of student achievement in each subject area at each grade level.
- Information regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for each category.
- Information on graduation and attendance rates.
- The number and percentage of Schools Identified For Improvement (SIFI) and how long the schools have been identified for improvement.
- The professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Information on the acquisition of English proficiency by students with limited English Proficiency.

The Department of Public Instruction has data available in many of these areas; however, in a few cases the data collection and management system is being revised to comply with the federal requirements. The Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS) website at the Department of Public Instruction will serve as the official state report card.

To access the School District of West Salem's report card on the WINSS website, you can go to the Department of Public Instruction website. Copy and paste the following URL into your browser: <<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sig/index.html>> and click on "Data Analysis." If you do not have home Web access, visit the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library at 201 Neshonoc Road, West Salem, WI. For further information or assistance, contact Michael St. Pierre, Curriculum Director at 786-1220. For tips on how to use the Data Analysis Section of WINSS go to <www.dpi.state.wi.us/sig/usetips_data.html>.

Limited English Proficient Students

Title III funds sent to eligible school districts must be used to provide language instruction education to students with limited English proficiency (LEP). Schools and school districts receiving Title III funds must notify parents of children identified for participation in an LEP program no more than 30 days after the start of the school year. For a child identified as in need of an LEP program after the start of the school year, parents must be notified within two weeks of placement in a program.

Districts and schools using Title III funds must notify parents of the following:

The reasons for identifying the child as limited English proficient and for placing the child in a language instruction educational program for LEP students.

The child's level of English proficiency, including how the level was assessed and the status of the child's academic achievement.

The instructional methods to be used in the program in which the child is participating or might be assigned to and a description of all language programs that differ in content, use of English, and a native language.

How the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the child.

How the program will help the child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards.

Specific exit requirements of the program, including when the transition will take place. Secondary schools also inform parents of the child's expected date of graduation.

For children with a disability, how the program will meet the objectives of an individualized education program (IEP).

The notification must include written guidance that explains the following:

The parent's right to have his or her child removed, immediately upon request, from the language instructional program.

The other possible programs or methods of instruction available and the parent's option to decline enrolling his or her child.

How parents will receive assistance in selecting another program or method if one is offered by the district.



School districts are also required to notify parents of LEP children participating in a Title III program if the program is failing to help the child make progress on annual measurable achievement objectives. This notice must be provided no later than 30 days after the failure occurs and, as with all notices, must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.

A child may not be admitted to or excluded from any federally assisted education program on the basis of a surname or language minority status.

Student Surveys

School districts receiving funds under any U.S. Department of Education program must notify parents of their right to inspect certain student surveys and to opt their children out of those surveys and other activities that collect, disclose, or use personal information from students, including materials designed to sell or market student information to others. The types of surveys include those created by third parties (outside of the school district) and their subject matter is specified below. Parents must be notified of their rights before the survey is distributed to students.

Schools must involve parents in establishing policies that annually notify parents of this right at the beginning of each school year and when substantive changes are made to related school policies. The notice to parents must state the specific or approximate dates during the school year when activities are scheduled. If a survey asks students for information in any of the following eight categories, schools must give parents the right to inspect the survey:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of students or their family.
- Mental and psychological problems of students or their family.
- Sex behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom students have close family relationships.
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of students or their parents.
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for program participation or financial assistance).

School districts must provide the survey to parents within a reasonable amount of time after the request and before surveys are distributed to students. Districts must also involve parents in developing and adopting policies that establish the right of parents, upon request, to inspect student surveys and opt their children out.



School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~	397-9873
Errol Kindschy ~~~~~	786-1675
Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Linda Brown ~~~~~	786-3027
Jason Falck ~~~~~	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Ken Spraeztz ~~~~~	786-0017

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

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 as well as payment to West Salem High School – Attn: Andrea Armstrong Room 242. Please make checks payable to West Salem High School. Photos will be returned. If you are emailing your photos, please send them to:

armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2011-2012 Mainstage Season

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.



Box Office
(608)786-2550

Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

Visual Arts Series

“Community Art Exhibit”

December 1-31, 2011

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

“Looking Up” / “Pottery For Everyday 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, 2012

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.

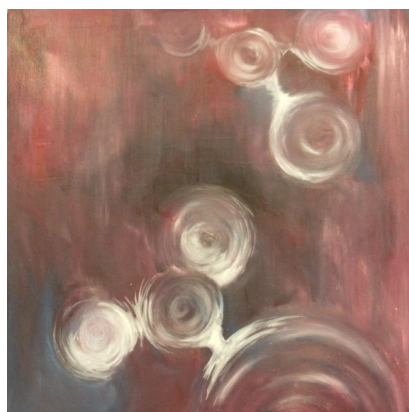
West Salem High School Senior Art Show

May 1-31, 2012

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



The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to announce that Mandy Uebele is November's Art Student of the Month. Miss Uebele is a Senior at West Salem High School. Mandy has been working on portraiture as her primary focus, but has been dabbling in abstraction as of late. Many of Mandy's paintings were done in oil. She has the ability to not only capture the structure of the human face, but also the emotions behind the subject. Her artwork was in the Marie W. Heider Center Gallery throughout the month of November.



The following minutes will be on the November 14 board agenda for approval.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 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 October 20, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Megan Tabbert led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas Helgeson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Steve Doyle and Senator Jennifer Shilling
Representative Steve Doyle and Senator Jennifer Shilling each spoke on legislation being worked on and those bills that have recently passed.

Connection with the Community

Megan Tabbert reported on:

1. Some high school choir and band students will be attending the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre this Wednesday.
2. The high school cross country team competed at sectionals on Saturday.
3. The high school football team won their first play-off game last Friday and have another game this Friday.

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. The high school Spanish 4 class is working on their Day of the Dead art project.

2. There is no school for students this Thursday and Friday.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from Barb Jessen was read.
2. A thank you note from the family of Nick Kendhammer, father of Linda Levendoski, was read.
3. A thank you note from Christy Brodsky was read.
4. A letter from the Jim & Diane Rogala family was read.

Public comments – The following people signed up to speak on the budget and tax levy: Richard Loomis, Lance Jurgensen, John Lautz, Jennifer Grenier, Rich Berghefer, and Eric Hesselberg. The above people were given the opportunity to speak during the agenda item on setting the 2011-0212 budget.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – No meeting was held.

The supervisors' reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2011, Regular Board meeting; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson presented information on the 2011-2012 budget. Richard Loomis was permitted to speak, and the rest of the people who signed up to speak waived their right. Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reducing the Fund 73 contribution by \$100,000 and by reducing a total of \$75,000 from miscellaneous budgets as determined by the administration. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Nay, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to set the 2011-2012 levy at \$6,760,376. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adopt the guiding principles for the process of developing an employee handbook: serve with passion to ignite creativity, innovation and excellence; student achievement; sustainable/affordable/manageable; recruiting, hiring, training, retaining; fair and legal, and community support. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adopt the process for developing an employee handbook: 1) Create a transition team of employees – begin with former negotiators; 2) Review

The “Handbook Roadmap” and policies purchased from Lathrop & Clark; 3) Administrators, supervisors and business staff apply the roadmap to develop a draft/outline of new handbook (red, yellow, green activity); 4) Transition team will begin working through each segment of the draft/outline for the purpose of providing input (red, yellow, green activity); 5) Communicate and allow for general input; and 6) School Board will adopt the 2012-2013 employee handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept donations from Kay and Tom Niemeier for the elementary school art department and from the National Weather Service for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Loretta Zwonitzer, and students Alex Otto, Whitney Lambert and Erin Butzler presented the request for a July 2012 Spanish trip. Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Spanish trip for July 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Brent Servais and Nolan Wahoske presented their Senior Exit Project request to construct a concession stand near the baseball field. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve Brent and Nolan’s SEP project. All work must be approved by the administration with specific attention to be paid to a professional engineered design, use of materials, construction and technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Jensen presented information on the review of pupil nondiscrimination and a link on the district’s website giving the Board and staff an opportunity to review.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the second semester Youth Options request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the administration’s co-curricular recommendations: Amy DuPont, head gymnastics coach; Carrie O’Hearn, assistant gymnastics coach; Kevin Briggs and Josh Brewer, middle school wrestling coach; Kevin Briggs, Josh Brewer and Eric Zinck, high school assistant wrestling coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to make the following resolution: Be It Resolved that the School District of West Salem will borrow on a short-term basis the sum of \$1,500,000 for the operation of the schools of the district from October 27, 2011, until December 6, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Annual Budget Hearing
October 17, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

Convene

President Tom Ward called the annual budget hearing of the School District of West Salem to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on September 19 and October 13, 2011 and posted in schools and district office on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

There were 47 people signed in at the meeting.

Presentation and Explanation of the Budget

Mr. Ward called on Superintendent Troy Gunderson who presented a report on the 2010-11 budget, the proposed 2011-12 budget, tax levy by municipality, annual levy/mill rate, long-term debt, and post retirement trust account, Fund 73. Mr. Gunderson explained various calculations and answered questions.

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2009-10</u>	<u>Proposed 2010-11</u>
General Fund (10)	17,924,673.54	17,589,645.00
Special Revenue Trust (21)	17,860.32	21,000.00
Special Education (27)	2,936,640.40	2,801,820.00
Debt Service (39)	2,029,832.50	4,612,931.00
Food Service (50)	892,553.45	936,566.00
Student Activity (60)	162,543.26	162,000.00
Private Benefit Trust (72)	14,153.69	12,559.00
Post Employment Trust Fund (73)	569,352.44	595,233.00
Community Service (80)	120,346.87	135,468.52
<u>Property Tax Levy</u>		
General Fund	4,622,173.00	4,988,716.00
Debt Service Fund	2,028,703.00	1,871,246.00
Community Service Fund	109,500.00	109,500.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	6,760,376.00	6,969,462.00

Call for Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Linda Brown moved, Thomas Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Annual School District Meeting
October 17, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

President Tom Ward called the annual meeting of the School District of West Salem to order at 8:20 p.m. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News on September 29 and October 13, 2011 and posted in schools and district office on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Tom Ward introduced the board members and administrators that were present.

There were 47 people signed in at the meeting.

Approve Ground Rules for Annual Meeting

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Brown seconded to approve the Ground Rules for Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Election of Permanent Chairperson

Tom Ward called for nominations for a permanent chairperson.

Ken Spraetz moved, Jason Falck seconded to nominate Tom Ward.

Joe Brown moved, Sharon Fuller seconded to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Tom Ward. Motion carried.

Finance Director, Davita Molling presented the Treasurer's Report.

New Business

Auditor's Letter

Tom Ward reviewed the letter from the auditing firm of Vig and Associates.

Electorate Authorizations:

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board, Establish salaries for Board of Education during the 2011-12 school year. (Per State Statute, §120.10(3)) Motion carried.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
President	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Student Representative	Hourly (Min. Wage)	Hourly (Min. Wage)
All others	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Ken Schlimgen moved, Joe Brown seconded to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of board members who travel in the performance of their duties. (Per State Statute, §120.10(4)) Motion carried.

Ken Spraetz moved, Mark Ledman seconded to authorize the School Board to furnish school lunches to district students and appropriate funds for that purpose. (Per State Statute, §120.10(16)) Motion carried.

Paul Degenhardt moved, Barb Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board to furnish textbooks to students under conditions prescribed by the Annual Meeting or school board. (Per State Statute, §120.10(15)) Motion carried.

Anne Loomis moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to authorize the School Board to borrow on a temporary basis to meet operational expenses as may be necessary. (Per State Statute, §67.12(8)) Motion carried.

Joe Brown moved, Lance Jurgensen seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.13(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to lease School District Property located at 475 North Mark Street and 450 North Mark Street, West Salem, Wisconsin, along with equipment therein as appropriate, for lawful purposes, and at a reasonable rental rate, as such real estate and equipment is not needed for school purposes. Motion carried.

Anne Loomis moved, Joe Hesselberg seconded to authorize the School Board, pursuant to §120.13(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to lease School District Property located at 490 North Mark Street and 450 North Mark Street, West Salem, Wisconsin, a portion of school district property included in the district's athletic complex for the purpose of a cellular relay tower, and at a reasonable lease rate. Motion carried.

Thomas Helgeson moved, Joe Brown seconded to authorize a RESOLUTION FOR REVENUE LIMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCIES Be it resolved that the School District of West Salem is exercising its taxing authority under s. 121.91 (4) (o), Wis. Stats., to exceed the revenue limit on a non-recurring basis by an amount the district will spend on new energy efficiency measures and renewable energy products for the 2011-12 school year. The amount to be levied and expended is \$157,457 with any rebates applied to further new energy efficiency measures and renewable energy products. The board has identified the following required performance indicators that will measure the energy savings and/or energy cost avoidance in an amount equal to the exemption request and will include a timeline: • Monthly energy bills will be monitored for changes in energy consumption • Savings will be calculated based upon reduction in energy used • All work will be completed by June 30, 2012 • Monitoring of use and cost savings will begin on July 1, 2012 • Attached as an addendum is listing of projects, costs, and estimated

payback lengths. An evaluation of the performance indicators will be included as an addendum in the required 2012-13 published budget summary document per s.65.90, Wis.Stats., and the published minutes of the school board meeting. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Gunderson reviewed the academic performance report, new district mission statement, the Wisconsin Tax Payers Alliance report by CESA #4 and the School District of West Salem, and items from the district's strategic plan.

Call for Resolution:

(Per State Statute, §120.10(7) (8) (9) (10))

Ken Spraetz moved, Joe Brown seconded to propose the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy up to the full amount, with the intent to be \$167,000 under levy, under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District on or before October 24, 2011. Motion failed: 16 Ayes, 22 Nays.

Ann Loomis moved, Richard Loomis seconded propose the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education be given the authority to establish the tax levy, by reducing the proposed tax levy to last year's tax levy, with an approximate reduction of 1% in expenses, under the State imposed revenue limits as is necessary to support the District on or before October 24, 2011. Motion carried.

Time and Date of 2012 Annual Meeting

Ken Schlimgen moved, Barb Hesselberg seconded to approve the date for the 2012 Annual Budget Hearing at 6:30 and Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2012. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Paul Degenhardt moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk



**5th Grade
Concert
November 8**

West Salem School District Parent Liaison Project

As a part of a Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI), West Salem Public Schools introduces its District-Parent Liaison Project. The purpose of this project is to build positive partnerships between parents and schools on behalf of children and youth with disabilities. Parent Liaisons, who themselves are parents of children with disabilities, know firsthand the many challenges of parenting and educating children with disabilities. Their role is to support parents and educators in working through the special education process. The services provided by the parent liaison are free to parents and educators.

Advocacy and support can be offered in various ways:

- Listening to parent or educator concerns
- Educating and Assisting Parents with the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process
- Transition planning
- Helping Problem-Solve
- Linking Parents and Educators to Community and State resources
- Assisting with the development of a parent/educator advisory group
- Offering workshops, resources, and networking to parents and educators.

Parent Liaison for West Salem: Tiffany Lisk

Call 608-786-1662 **or**

e-mail: lisk.tiffany@wsalem.k12.wi.us

The parent-liaison receives information about workshops and conferences that can be very beneficial to parents of children with special needs. If you wish to learn more about these workshops, please call or email Tiffany and she can forward this information to you.



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 1 5th Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30
Stocking Stuffers-Time TBA in the Heider Center
- 2 Hockey-JV Boys at La Crescent - 7:00
- 3 Hockey-V Girls at Middleton - 3:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Westfield - 12:00/1:30/3:00
Wrestling-JV at Mel-Min Tourney - 10:00
Hockey-V Boys at WS vs. Sauk Prairie - 2:00
- 4 WSHS Holiday Choir Concert - 1:30
- 5 Basketball-Girl JV/V (H) Royall - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 7:00
- 6 7th grade band/choir concert - 7:00
Hockey-V Girls vs. Winona at Omni Center - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Tomah - 5:00
- 8 8th grade band/choir concert - 7:00
Hockey-V Girls vs. Eau Claire North at Omni Center - 7:00
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Central - 6:00/7:30
- 9 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at BRF - 6:00/7:30
- 10 Hockey-V Girls vs. Grantsburg at Omni Center - 12:00
Wrestling-V at WI Dells Dual Tourney - 8:00
Hockey-V Boys at De Forest - 4:00
- 11 WSHS Holiday Concert - 4:00
- 12 Hockey-V Girls vs. BRF at Omni Center - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Mauston - 5:50/7:30
- 13 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at La Crescent - 5:30
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. La Crescent - 7:30
- 15 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Viroqua - 5:30
Hockey-V Boys at Viroqua - 7:30
- 16 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV at Mel-Min Tourney - 5:15
- 17 Wrestling-V at Arcadia Invite - 9:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Reedsburg - 5:00
Hockey-V Boys at Reedsburg - 7:00
- 20 Hockey-V Girls vs. New Richmond at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at Omni Center vs. Aquinas - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Bangor - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Aquinas - 6:30/7:30

- 22 Hockey-V Girls at Chippewa Falls - 5:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Central/Logan - 5:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at La Crescent - 5:45/7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Central/Logan - 7:30
- 26-30 **No School - Winter Break**
- 28-29 Basketball-Girls JV/V (H) West Salem Tourney
- 28-30 Hockey-V Girls at Rochester Rec Center - Invite
- 29-30 Wrestling-V Bi-State at La Crosse Center - 9:30
- 30 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Tomah - 4:00/5:30/7:00
Wrestling-JV at Sparta Tourney - 9:00

JANUARY

- 1 *Happy New Year!*
- 2 **No School - Winter Break**
- 3 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
Hockey-V Girls at Soughton - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Tomah - 5:00
- 5 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V Boys at Tomah
Hockey-JV Boys at Tomah - 5:00
Wrestling-JV/V at BRF - 6:30/7:00
- 6 Hockey-V Girls at Baraboo - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Chippewa Falls - 6:00
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
- 7 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Mosinee - 1:00/2:30
Wrestling-V at Westfield Invite
- 9 Hockey-V Girls at BRF - 7:00
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Aquinas - 6:00/7:30
- 10 Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Onalaska - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Baraboo - 5:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Onalaska - 5:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at GET/Mel-Min - 6:30/7:00
- 12 2nd Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30
Hockey-V Boys at BRF - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 5:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
- 13 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at La Crescent - 5:45/7:30
- 14 Wrestling-V at Mauston Dual Invite - 10:00
- 16 6th grade band/choir concert - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at West Salem vs. La Crescent - 5:00
Basketball-Boys JV/V at Royall - 6:00/7:30
- 17 Hockey-V Girls vs. Hudson-Wisconsin at Omni Center - 7:00
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Viroqua at Bangor - 6:30/7:00
- 19 Hockey-V Girls vs. Baraboo at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Altoona - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 20 Hockey-V Boys at MARC-Smith Center, Merrill - 8:00



Changes At The Middle School

During the summer, the West Salem Middle School went through some changes.



- A new and much smaller office is located near the main entrance to allow for contact with visitors.



- An instructional suite to accommodate children with special needs replaced the former main office in the center of the building.

- The Cafeteria has a new look...new tables, a canopy over the serving area and new padding around the support poles



- 21 Hockey-V Girls (H) vs. WI Rapids
Hockey-V Boys at MARC-Smith Center, Merrill - TBA
- 24 Hockey-V Girls vs. Viroqua at Omni Center - 7:00
Hockey-V Boys at La Crescent - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at La Crescent - 5:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Arcadia - 6:30/7:00
- 26 1st Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30
Hockey-V Girls at Winona - 7:30
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Viroqua - 7:30
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Viroqua - 5:30
- 27 Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. University School of Milwaukee - 7:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV (H) Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 28 Hockey-V Girls vs. University School of Milwaukee at Omni Center - 1:00
Basketball-Boys V vs. Onalaska Luther at La Crosse Center - 12:00
Basketball-Girls V vs. Onalaska Luther at La Crosse Center - 1:30
Wrestling-V (H) WS Team Tourney- 9:30
- 30 WSHS District Jazz Concert - 7:00
- 31 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
Hockey-V Boys at Sparta vs. Aquinas - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Sparta vs. Aquinas - 5:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Onalaska - 5:50/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Westby - 6:30/7:00

FEBRUARY

- 2 Hockey-V Boys at Central/Logan - 7:30
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
- 3 Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 4:00
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Adams-Friendship - 6:00/7:30
- 4 Hockey-V Boys at Chippewa Falls - 7:00
Hockey-JV Boys at Baraboo - 8:00 a.m.
Hockey-JV Boys at Chippewa Falls - 5:00
Wrestling-JV/V conference at Westby

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From The District Office

The West Salem School District Office, located in the northwest end of the high school, will be closed December 26, 27, 30, for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The district office will be open on January 3 until 5:00 p.m. to receive candidacy papers for the April school board election.

ONE Night Only!

The WSHS Introduction to Theatre Class presents



Stocking Stuffers



Thursday, December 1, Time TBA
Heider Center

Admission: non-perishable food item
or cash donation

*Six wonderful holiday scenes use satire and comedy
to reveal the true meaning of Christmas. A perfect
evening for the entire family!*



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