

West Salem School District

June 2012



Newsletter

What's the Score?

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Whenever a person arrives or tunes in late to an athletic event, invariably the first question asked is, "What's the score?" This universal question cuts directly to the immediate status of the competition and the answer often provides the quickest update possible. In our sports-crazed society, we all understand the importance of the score. The conversation quickly moves to questions regarding play-by play specifics seeking details not reflected in the score. It is through these more specific questions that the late-comer hopes to gain a better sense of what has transpired – a true assessment of the game.

In the world of education we often apply the word "score" to the evaluation of student work, as in, "How did our kids score on the state test?" Or, "What score did you get on your paper?" In this case the score offers insight as to the achievement of a student, a group of students, or even an entire school district. While the process of assessing student achievement and school district performance is substantially more complex than a basketball score, the requirement to offer the "quickest update possible" still remains. Like fans attending a great game, school district residents have the same question, "What's the score?" Too often in education the discussion stops with the score. We either lack the time or the ability to dig into the finer points not often revealed within the score.

Recent changes in federal law now require more substantial reporting or "scoring" of school district progress by each state. The aim of this new legislation is to provide a consistent reporting method to better inform citizens and to allow for intra-state comparisons. For the past decade the State of Wisconsin employed the Wisconsin Knowledge and

Concepts Exam or WKCE to measure and report academic achievement. The WKCE assessment, unique to Wisconsin, is limited in scope and therefore fails to meet the new federal regulations.

In response to the federal changes, the State of Wisconsin developed an entirely new reporting system making its debut in the fall of 2012. The new reporting system is more comprehensive and informative than the WKCE. Among other changes, it converts current WKCE achievement scores to a national assessment scale. The new scores will bear little resemblance to the old scores and result in every school district in Wisconsin being reported as scoring considerably lower than past years. I liken this to reporting your weight first in pounds and then in kilograms – a 175 pound person "only" weighs 75 kilograms. The numbers on the new scale are a great deal different but mean the same thing. The new report also contains a number of other interesting indicators – finer points including achievement gaps, absenteeism and student growth. It will be much improved over the previous method. A sample copy of the state's new score card for individual school buildings is printed on the back of this page.

As with any new scoring method, it will take some time for everyone to adjust. Public reporting and accountability is good for all of us – going without it is like playing football without a scoreboard. It is fundamental to the game. That said, our national obsession with testing can easily cause all of us to lose sight of our true purpose and focus only on the score. Our mission statement proclaims we will "Serve with Passion," not "Test with Passion." I simply ask you view the new reports with a careful eye. Appreciate the good scores, question any poor scores and always, always, ask for more than just the score.

Accountability Determination



Rating Category
(Long Names, Long Names)

Significantly Exceeding Expectations	###-400 and no red flags
Exceeding Expectations	###-### and no red flags
Meeting Expectations	###-###
Meeting Some Expectations	###-###
Meeting Few Expectations	###-###
Persistently Failing to Meet Expectations	1-###

Recent Performance

WSAS Percent Proficient

Year	Reading	Mathematics
2011-12	000%	000%
2010-11	000%	000%
2009-10	000%	000%
2008-09	000%	000%
2007-08	000%	000%

School Information

Enrollment	000
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	000%
Asian or Pacific Islander	000%
Black	000%
Hispanic	000%
White	000%
<i>Student Groups</i>	
Students with Disabilities	000%
Economically Disadvantaged	000%
Limited English Proficient	000%

Accountability Index

Student Achievement	000 / 400
Reading Achievement	000 / 200
Mathematics Achievement	000 / 200

Student Growth	000 / 400
Reading Growth	000 / 200
Mathematics Growth	000 / 200

Closing Achievement Gaps	000 / 400
Achievement Gaps - Reading	000 / 100
Achievement Gaps - Mathematics	000 / 100
Growth Gaps - Reading	000 / 100
Growth Gaps - Mathematics	000 / 100
Graduation Rate Gaps - Four Year	N/A
Graduation Rate Gaps - Six Year	N/A

On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness	000 / 400
Graduation (when available)	N/A
Attendance (when graduation not available)	000 / 320
3 rd Grade Reading Achievement	000 / 40
8 th Grade Mathematics Achievement	000 / 40
ACT Participation	N/A
ACT Performance	N/A

OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE **000 / 400**

Accountability Red Flags

Test Participation	Minimum Rate	95.0%	
	Lowest Group Rate	0.0%	
Dropout Rate	Maximum Rate	6.0%	
	School Rate	0.0%	
Absenteeism	Maximum Rate	13.0%	
	School Rate	0.0%	

Accountability Determination

Overall School Score	000	➔	Rating Category (Long Names, Long Names)
Number of Red Flags	1		

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction | dpi.wi.gov
Public schools and private schools participating in a Parental Choice Program operate under different structures. These different types of schools should not be directly compared.

West Salem Community Fitness Center
Annie Labus, Fitness Director

STAYING MOTIVATED DURING THE SUMMER

The summer is a fun time full of vacations, BBQs, graduation parties and hot weather, so trying to stay focused on staying fit and motivated can be challenging. Take advantage of cool weather in the morning. Getting your workout in first thing in the morning will help give you more energy throughout the day. It will also keep you from skipping your workout later when family or work is demanding your time.

Having a workout buddy is a great way to schedule and keep your workout appointments. You will be less likely to back out if you have a friend waiting on you!

Add family fun exercising to your week. Riding bike, playing volleyball, swimming, golfing, hiking, all fun ways your family can add exercise to their routine. Sometimes it can be hard to fit a workout into your already busy week, but when you schedule a day at the park with the kids or on the bike trail you won't feel like you're missing out on your workout or time with your family.

Join a fitness class. The summer is a great time to try water aerobics, lap swimming, and running club. You can also try sports like volleyball league, softball, golf and horse shoes. All are fun ways to make a commitment to living a healthier life.

Summer Walking Track and Fitness Center

Hours Begin June 11th

Monday-Friday: 5:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday: 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.

Are you Transferring to a Different College or Do You Need a Copy of Your High School Transcript?

WSHS graduates needing a transcript can print out an official transcript request form by going to the student services page on the district website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Cost is \$3 per copy.

Mark Your Calendar...

West Salem High School Summer Musical presents



Thursday, June 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24 - 2:00 p.m.

Reserved Seating Tickets - \$7.00
Are available online at www.showtix4u.com
Tickets will also be available at the door beginning 1 hour before showtime.

2012 READY Camp

(Responding to Emergencies And Disasters with Youth)

June 25-29, 2012

A summer camp for youth.

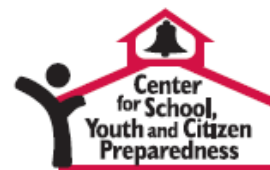
For ages 13-18.

For more information:

www.citizenpreparedness.org

(608) 592-5200

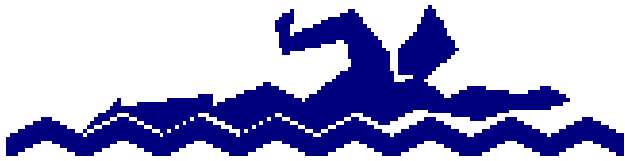
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School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~ 397-9873
Scott Scafe ~~~~~ 786-0969
Jason Falck ~~~~~ 786-0935
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~ 612-0018
Syl Clements ~~~~~ 786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382

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



The pool will open with regular hours on
Saturday, June 9.

Pre-summer hours of 3:30-6:30 p.m. begin June 4.

Monday-Friday	1:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday	1:30-5:45 p.m.
Sunday	2:00-5:45 p.m.
Family Swim	Sun. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim	Mon. - Sat. 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Adult Early Risers	Mon. - Fri. 6:00-8:00 a.m.
Swim Team	Monday-Friday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Times may vary due to weather, number of swimmers, mechanical problems, and emergency situations.

Private parties by reservation only, Saturday and Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m. E-mail Sam Ruud (ruud.sam@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call the pool at 786-0323 with questions. School use forms are available in the district office. Proof of insurance will be required.

Cost is dependent on the number of swimmers. Base cost is \$85.

Swimming Lessons

Students must pre-register with the middle school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I	June 11 - June 22
Session II	June 25 - July 6 (No lessons on July 4)
Session III	July 9- July 20

Membership	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	65.00	95.00
Single High School/Adult	40.00	50.00
Through 8th Grade	35.00	50.00

Daily Admission Fees

Through 8th Grade	1.00
High School (9-12)	1.50
Adult	1.50
Waders (Accompanied by Parent)	.50

**Refunds cannot be given due to changes in weather or equipment problems.

2012 Swimming Pool Information

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL STARTING JUNE 4.

*Skippers (Preschool age 3-5) July 23-27
Classes offered at 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, and 11:00 a.m.

*This is a preschool class that works at two different levels, water adjustment skills and beginner swim skills.

This class is not part of the summer school program and costs \$25. Registration for Skippers begins Tuesday, June 12th at the pool. Payment is due at time of registration. Please come to the pool to register your swimmer.

West Salem Sharks Swim Team

There will be an informational meeting for swimmers and their parents for the summer season on Monday, June 11th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 12th from 5:00-6:30 p.m for the 11-18 year olds. The registration cost for the swim team is \$30, which includes swim meet fees, coaching, and a t-shirt. Please bring the registration fee to the meeting, along with your child's t-shirt size. Practices for 8 and unders and 9-10 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and 11-12 year olds and 13 and ups practice Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, weather permitting. Swimmers ages 8-18 are welcome. We hope to give the swimmers six opportunities to swim in meets this summer, including both home and away meets. This is a fun way to meet friends, learn and improve swimming skills, and have a good time. Contact Coach Sarah Niebuhr with any questions at niebuhr.sara@uwlax.edu.



WSHS band and color guard students prepare for the June Dairy Days Parade.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2012

Please note: If your child is missing a class in either term it is because the options that were chosen were either full or cut due to lack of enrollment. Please call Janel the summer school coordinator at 786-2090 to find out what classes are available.

If siblings were noted on the registration form, we try to coordinate the siblings' schedules. If there was an oversight, please let us know. Janel will be available for phone calls (786-2090 ext. 4102) during school days after 9:00 a.m. or you can e-mail her at Lochen.Janel@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Please do not call the elementary school regarding any summer school questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOW TO READ YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER SCHOOL TIMETABLE:

Term 1 is June 11 – June 22; Term 2 is June 25 – July 6; Term 3 is July 9 – July 20; Term 4 August 6-9 and August 13-16. In term 3 the only class that is offered is swimming lessons and there are no busses for term 3. If riding a bus, students that swim at 9:00 or 9:45 should get off the bus at the pool. All other students should report to the elementary school's gym the first two days of Term 1 and Term 2 at 9:00 and again at 10:30. If riding a bus, students that swim at 10:30 or 11:15 should get on the bus at the pool.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE BAND STUDENTS: Your band lesson will be on your final schedule. See Mr. Waldhart if you have any questions.

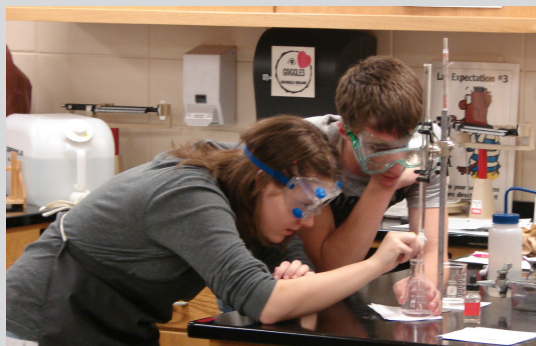
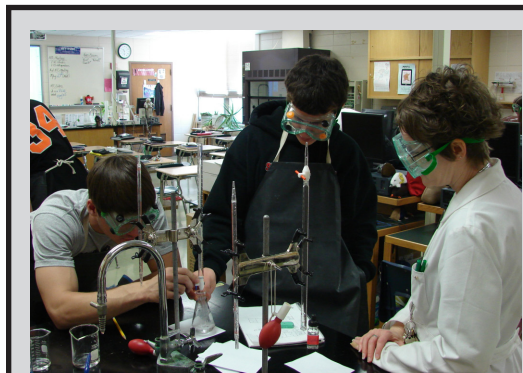
SUMMER SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE: The bus schedule for summer school is as follows. Buses run between 8:00-8:50 AM and 12:05-1:00 PM on main roads only.

Route one – Lorna Wehrs 8:00 A.M. Barre Lane, St. John's Church (Barre Patch), south on "M" to "I" -- East on "I" to Hwy 33, east on Hwy 33 to Hwy 162 turnaround -- West on Hwy 33 to "OA", Birchwood Subdivision will be picked up on Hwy 33 -- North on "OA" to "O", east on "O" to "M" -- North on "M" to Bostwick Trailer Park continuing North on "M" Hwy 16 and in to school .

Route two – Kathy Ganyo 8:00 A.M. – South on "M" to "O" (Hayfield corner)—West on "O" to CTH "B", west on "B" to Wolf Ridge Court turn-around -- East on "O" to "M", North on "M" to Hwy 16, west on Hwy 16 to Lusk Addition (go into addition and turn around), Nathan Hill/Moos Road -- North on Moos Road to Gills Coulee Road, east on Gills Coulee Road to "M" -- North on "M" to top of Holmen hill (to top if riders), South on "M" and in to school.

Route three – Kathy Morgan 8:00 A.M. –, "M" to CTH "C" east on "C" to Buol Road - go under the interstate -- West on "B" past Coulee Region RV Center, through town to Hwy 16 -- East on Hwy 16 to Old 16, west on Old 16 to "C", North on "C" to Olson Rd-turn around, South on "C" to Walker Road -- West on Walker Road to 108 -- North on 108 to Scotch Coulee, South on 108 to Hwy 16 to Brickl and E. Boundry Dr; E. Boundry Dr. and Frontier; Branding Iron and Lee; and Brickl and Lee; to Waterloo Addition- pick up students on corner of Waterloo Avenue and Greenfield Lane to Jefferson and Rhyme and into school.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Quinn at 786-0700. *Summer school bussing travels on main roads only, unless turning around. It is your responsibility to transport your child to the designated stops.



Mrs. Key's first year chemistry students learning how to titrate.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 1 OEC - Grade 6
- 1-2 Track State Meet at UWL
- 2 June Dairy Days - WSHS Bands perform
Soccer Regional Final
- 4 OEC - Grade 1 - Rain Date
OEC - Grade 2 - Rain Date
- 4-5 Golf State at University Ridge (Madison)
- 5 Softball Sectional Semi-Finals
Baseball Sectional
OEC - Grade 3 - Rain Date
OEC - Grade 5 - Rain Date
- 7 Last day of 2011-2012 School Year - 12:30
dismissal and buses leave at 12:40
Soccer Sectional Semi-Final
- 8 Softball Sectional Finals
- 9 Soccer Sectional Final
- 12-14 Baseball State
- 14-16 Softball State
- 14-16 Soccer State at Uihlein Park
- 21-24 Summer Musical - Joseph & the Amazing Technicol-
or Dreamcoat

JULY

- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST

- 13-14 Student Registration

Thank you to the West Salem PTO and to the local businesses listed below for your support during Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Hansen's IGA
- Linda's Bakery
- Linda's Cafe
- Family Tree
- Le Coulee Cheese Castle
- Salem Floral & Gifts
- Brushtalk Signs
- River Valley Chiropractic
- High Springs Farm
- Watkins/Michelle Giblin
- Clinic Pharmacy Gifts & More
- Nikki Vidal/Tastefully Simple/Pampered Chef
- The Root Note
- All Glazed Up
- Kwik Trip of West Salem

Open Enrollment

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

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732
Email: DPIopenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Important open enrollment dates

June 8, 2012 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 15, 2012 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 29, 2012 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2012-13 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

Happy Retirement

Janice Stuntebeck, Cheryl Kammel, Ellen Bice, Ed Sye, Sandie Lund, Rita Thompson, and Gretchen Larson. Thank your years of dedication to the School District of West Salem.

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts



Season Tickets are on sale now through July 13, 2012. Individual tickets will go on sale to the general public on August 27, 2012. For more information on Heider Center Events, check out their website.

www.heidercenter.org

ATTENTION: Class of 2013

A yearbook deadline to begin thinking about... Each senior needs photos for the following publications: *The 2013 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. <armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us> 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, 2012**



**2012 Neshonoc Yearbook Dedicatee
Mrs. Kathy Thompson**



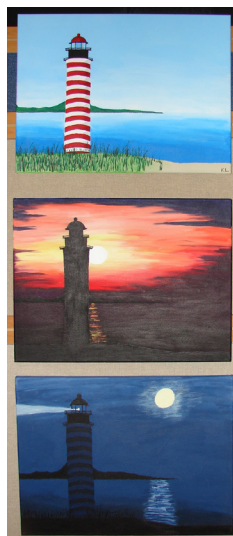
Family, friends, co-workers, former yearbook staff and dedicatees attended the May 18 Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication. Congratulations to all the students and Ms. Armstrong for a great book.

Check out the school newspaper at www.pantherprowler.com!



The West Salem High School Art Department is proud to present the 2012 Senior Art Show.

This show ran the month of May in the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts Gallery. The following seniors that exhibited work:



- Bailee Schmidt
- Cameo Zietlow
- Jessica Welch
- Taylor Gile
- Alec Otto
- Ryan Ostrem
- Zoe Ault-Brinker
- Harlee Maule
- Megan Tabbert
- Emily Ender
- Mike Reedy
- Joe Faella
- Julia Schomberg
- Calista Donohoe
- Caley Springborn
- Makenna Helgeson
- Kendra Roberts
- Bethany Devine
- Kelsey Lee
- Ashley Nelson
- Allison Kelsey
- Ethan Sells
- Nick Becker
- Julie Phillips
- Erin Butzler
- Kiele Modawell
- Angeline Meyer
- Taylor Jenks
- Alicia Powers
- Lee Schwier
- Tyler Gorniak
- Jazmine Capes
- Boston Goodenough
- Bridget Young
- Shane Horstman
- Hannah Piper



A wide variety of tractors, old and new, showed up at school on May 23 as part of **“drive your tractor to school day 2012.”** The students were excited to show off their tractors and proud of the farming heritage that they represent.



WSHS State Solo/Ensemble Results

Alexa Langreck’s soprano solo The Singer AND Bryar Hansen’s Music Theatre solo Music of the Night from Phantom both earned a 1 rating and EXEMPLARY AWARDS!!! It is the highest honor you can earn at State Solo & Ensemble.

Other 1st Ratings

Bryar Hansen’s Baritone solo,
 Alex Linse Baritone solo,
 Connor Waldhart’s Trombone Solo,
 Kathleen Thorn’s Music Theatre solo
 Tanner Zimmerman’s vocal solo
 Hannah Munger’s Flute Solo
 Hannah Piper’s Alto Sax Solo
 Clarinet Choir
 Tanner Zimmerman, Kianna Brown, Mikaela Hunter,
 Nushoua Xiong, Alyson Pederson, Marissa Massoth,
 Kathleen Thorn, Rachael Jahnke
 Jessica Rabbitt Soprano Solo
 Flute Quartet
 Hannah Munger, Kaitlin Brueggen, Laura Helstad,
 Kaylee Fellom
 Saxophone Choir
 Hannah Piper, Julia Schomberg, Cooper Addington, Vince
 Bahr, Isaac Craig, Alyssa Noll, Lauren Gaikowski
 Katie Loomis Soprano Solo
 Isaac Craig Piano Solo
 Julia Schomberg Soprano Solo
 Nicole Neuerth Alto Solo
 Alex Burch Soprano Solo

2nd Ratings

Kaitlin Brueggen’s Flute Solo
 French Horn Quartet
 Kyle Lang, Whitney Lambert, Katie Kaiser, Kara Blumer
 Abby Bahr & Brittany Dummer vocal duet
 Flute Quartet
 Ellie Schwartz, Taylor Novak, Lindsey Buehler, Hailey
 Hudzinski
 Chad Seitz Snare Drum Solo
 Dominick Sweeney Trumpet Solo
 Athen Viner Trumpet Solo
 Jazz Ensemble
 Cooper Addington, Hannah Piper, Ethan Kiesling, Jordan
 Kendhammer, Vince Bahr, Dominick Sweeney, Zach Lang,
 Michael Uebele, Athen Viner, Ethan Sells
 Nick Becker, Dan Stoehr, Alex MacRogers, Isaac Craig, Dan
 Hessler, Lauren Gaikowski, Eric Burdick, Gralyn Stiehl
 Kaylee Fellom Flute Solo
 Katie Loomis Music Theatre Solo
 Brass Ensemble
 Athen Viner, Zachary Lang, Dominick Sweeney, Michael
 Uebele, Michelle Meinking, Whitney Lambert

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

2012-2013 School Calendar
Go to the school district web site:
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us
On left side click on District Calendar
The current 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school calendar will be displayed.

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.

Keep Informed by the WSPD!

The West Salem Police Department has partnered with Nixle to keep you instantly informed about important community alerts! There are two easy ways to join. **First**, go to www.Nixle.com to register your email and cellphone number to receive alerts and advisories. This method allows the message to be sent via email as well, which can contain more information than a text message. The **second** way to join is by simply texting one of the keywords (WSPOLICE or WSSD) to 888777. A follow up text message with West Salem's zip code, 54669, ensures you'll get messages related to our community.



Pictured above: Nancy Burns, Jenny Morgan and Nancy Baldwin Lesh, the State Regent for the WI DAR.

Congratulations Ms. Morgan!

West Sale Middle School Social Studies Teacher Jenny Morgan is the winner of the Wisconsin Society Daughters of The American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. This award is presented annually to a teacher in Wisconsin, with the winner going forward into the National Competition. Ms. Morgan was recommended by a member of the La Crosse-Rebecca Myrick Chapter. The state committee consisting of two non DAR members and one DAR member met in December to select a winner. At the spring convention held in Brookfield, Wisconsin, on April 28, State Historian Nancy Finch Burns, presented Jenny with a traveling trophy, pin, two certificates, and a check.

The 2012-2013 School Year Student Calendar is available on the District's website. The Early Release dates have been set.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Boys and Girls Basketball Camps

July 23-26, 2012

Grades K-3 (fall 2012) 10:30 a.m. - noon

Grades 4-6 (fall 2012) 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Camps will be at WSES

Contact Scott Koepnick: 786-1220 ext 2014, or 783-1136, or koepnick.scott@wsalem.k12.wi.us

The following minutes have not been approved by the school board.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2012
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 May 10, 2012.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck (7:57), Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (7:52), Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Eric Jensen.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the agenda with one change, moving item C. SEP presentations to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. The high school FFA was stationed at farms around the area and fourth graders went on a field trip to learn where their food came from as part of Food for America Day.
2. At the recent conference track meet, the boys' placed second and the girls placed fifth.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. Thirty entries consisting of band and choir students competed at the state solo and ensemble competition on May 5.
2. The junior prom was held on May 5.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from the family of Reed Stone was read. Reed is the brother of Heidi Schiefelbein.
2. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers proclaimed May 7-11 as School Nutrition Employee Week.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Professional Staff Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met last week with members from the West Salem Education Association and discussed the new rules and regulations with negotiations.

Finance Committee – Mr. Helgeson reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school year budgets.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Ward reported that there were a couple retirements at CESA #4, there are many changes with state CESA administrators, and the next meeting will be the Annual CESA Convention on May 6, 2012.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on his meeting with the health insurance consultant, the distribution of new technology, professional staff negotiations, the Crisis Drill on May 4, and his participation in the Spring Superintendents Conference.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the donation from the Salvation Army for the food service Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Long Range Facilities Committee members Steve Zeman and Pastor Jason Schockman presented the committee's report. The report included the process used, the findings, recommendations and the conclusion of the committee.

Eric Wiggins, a member of the Faith Evangelical Free Church of Sparta, presented a request to use the Outdoor Education Center at a reduced board policy rate. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to deny the exception to the board policy. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mr. Carlson and Mr. Gunderson reviewed the situation with the high school gymnastics program. Coaches Amy DuPont and Carrie O'Hearn express their thoughts and concerns about the gymnastics program for the 2012-2013 school year. High School Athletic Director, LeRoy Krall, was also available to answer questions. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to suspend the gymnastics program for one year and to revisit if more members. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck joined the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the 2012 summer school classes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Board Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

The summer board retreat will be June 18, 2012, from 5:30-9:30. The location will be determined.

Mr. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the Elementary School Librarian, Lisa Hugo, request for a leave of absence for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to hire Deb Tourville as the district office Business Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to offer a contract for the 2012-2013 school year to School Psychologist Heidi Horton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendations for high school co-curricular coaches: Darcy Sawyer and Tina Thompson, co-head volleyball coach; Jamie Holst, JV volleyball coach; Becki Murphy, freshman volleyball coach; Dave Halverson, head boys soccer coach; Cole Andres, JV boys' soccer coach; Nicole Friell, fall dance team coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignations from Brooke Candahl, middle school physical education teacher; Tammy Niemer, middle school library assistant; and the retirement of Rita Thompson, district production center assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Seniors Adam Christianson, Zachary Crogan and Alexander Maas presented their SEPs (Senior Exit Projects) to the school board and answered questions.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations" regarding the completion of Senior Exit Project[s] (SEP).

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson, and Mr. Schlingen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to return to open session at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Ward announced to the students who presented their SEP that they may contact Mr. Carlson for their presentation scores.

Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2012
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 May 17, 2012. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patrick Bahr led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Ward recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck (6:17), Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson and Dean Buchanan; Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1)(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; and pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 120.13(1)(c) to discuss, consider and take action, if appropriate, regarding recommendation(s) for pupil expulsion(s) and to review and discuss confidential pupil records under 118.125.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:04 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

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**West Salem High School
Volleyball Camp**

(for girls entering grades 9-12)

July 23-26 at the West Salem Elementary School
Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Freshmen - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

July 27th - ****Central Tournament****

*Brochures can be picked up at the West Salem Park and Rec. Office or the West Salem High School Office.

West Salem Volleyball Camp

FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4-8

July 25-28 at the West Salem High School
Grades 4, 5, 6 - 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Grades 7, 8 - 2:15-4:15 p.m.

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School Closings

Attention Parents:

We've had great response to BLACKBOARD CONNECT.

Get signed up! Parents should have received detailed information at the end of April on how to sign up.

More information will be mailed out with your child(ren)'s registration packets in August!

Updates

Reminders

Announcements

Apps, Apps and More Apps

Need some educational Apps for your Android tablet or phone, iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad? Vocab/spelling builders could include Chicktionary, Mini Word, Boggle Free, word search, and Lingo. Productivity apps could include OneNote, Evernote, Notability, and Sticky Notes. StarTracker HD lets you check out constellations depending on where your iPad or iPhone is pointing. WonderMap will let you check the weather with realtime maps, radar and forecasts. Minds of Math is a look at mathematicians and their work throughout history, and RealPiano allows you to play as the name implies.

B-A-O-AB?
Donate Blood
*It takes all blood types,
 all generations...Especially Yours*

West Salem Blood Drive
 Monday, June 25, 2012
 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
 625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

Blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID required at check-in.

American Red Cross



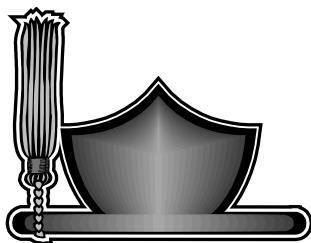
Appointments call 786-0684. Walk-ins are Welcome.

Last Day of the 2011-2012 School Year
 Thursday, June 7, 2012
 12:30 Dismissal - 12:40 Buses Leave

- From the Superintendent
- Ms. Morgan Honored
- Senior Art Exhibit
- Summer Musical - JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
- Summer School Bus Routes
- Neshonoc Dedicattee
- Neshonoc Yearbook Photos
- High School Transcripts
- Summer Camps
- Swimming Pool
- State Solo & Ensemble Results
- Calendar of Events
- School Board Minutes
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