

# West Salem School District

March 2012



Newsletter

## A Celebration of our Daily Commitment

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Somewhere along life's journey I encountered the phrase "plan for the future, learn from the past, live in the present." I find these words of advice helpful when I occasionally wallow in limbo between "tomorrow never comes" and "crying over spilt milk." Sometimes it is necessary to take stock of your current surroundings, enjoy the present, and simply be.

The aforementioned credo came to mind again this week as I reviewed my past few newsletter articles. Recently I discussed the big changes ahead in technology and the process of strategic planning for the future along with past lessons learned regarding budgets, annual meetings, and property taxes. Therefore, in a hopeful attempt to savor the present, I offer the March newsletter as a celebration of our daily commitment to "**Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity, Innovation, and Excellence.**"

On February 16, our middle school held their annual Winter Wellness Day. The event provided opportunities for middle school students to go skiing, tubing, bowling, swimming or roller-skating. Students and staff alike enjoy this annual day for memories and fun.

Our high school is once again home to a National Merit Scholar finalist. This prestigious accomplishment belongs to senior Chris Stockus. Chris is one of approximately 14,000 national finalists from which 8,400 winners will be selected. Best wishes on the final selection process.

Adjustments in scheduling at all three buildings during the past year allow our students access to regularly scheduled "Panther Time" or intervention blocks as termed by educators. This adjustment is paying big dividends in expanded learning opportunities and remediation tailored for "each" student.

Our elementary school is using a "paws-itive" approach to behavioral awareness by recognizing the many good things that happen every day. This program is part of a school-wide behavior intervention program used to better coordinate our approach to behavioral development.

Michelle Kloser, our School Nutritionist, is making her second trip to Washington DC this year. The first was her appearance at a White House reception for nationally recognized food service programs. The second trip will be to serve on a panel for the Kid's Safe and Healthful Food Project. It appears our food service programming is an example for the nation to follow!

As you may or may not know, Lisa Hugo, our elementary librarian, is on leave from her position as a result of her battle with a serious illness. In response, our elementary school hallways are adorned with a spectacular array of "Hearts for Hugo." The students have taken a few extra minutes to share kind words and thoughts for Mrs. Hugo. It is heartwarming to know our staff and students are part of such a caring and compassionate community.

Our drama department branched out with a new and innovative production of "Clue." The audience experience included a meal and actual participation in the play. The entire event, including the meal, was held on the Heider Center stage amidst the set of the play.

It seems as though we are bringing our new mission statement to life. We **Serve with Passion** by taking care of each other and by reaching each one of our students. We **Ignite Creativity and Innovation** with drama productions, wellness days, intervention schedules and "paws-itive" attitudes. We demonstrate **Excellence** by our gains in student achievement, our national merit finalist and as a national leader in school nutrition. The School District of West Salem is a great place for kids. Thank you for your continued support of public education.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
§120.06(8)(C), Wis. Stats.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the West Salem School District that on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Spring election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the school board are as follows:

Ken Schlimgen  
Catherine Griffin  
Fred Perri  
Jane Halverson  
Diana Zwart  
Sylvester Clements

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open and time may be obtained by contacting appropriate town and village clerks.

**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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) and click on New Student Registration

**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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)

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.

**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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)> for a substitute application.

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

**Substitute  
Custodians**

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](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)> for a substitute application.

**West Salem Athletic Booster Club Fun Night  
Saturday, March 31, 2012  
Fox Hollow Banquet Hall**

6:30 Door opens for beverages and games  
7:30 Hot sandwich meal  
8:30 DJ music  
9:30 Live Auction - Brian Craig, auctioneer

Auction items include: 2011 Panthers signed baseball and bat, 2011 Panther signed football and helmet, Panthers Quilt, Packers' football, gas grill, patio heater, portable fire pit, and many more items.

Raffle for Fox Hollow Golf Membership and Wisconsin Badgers football tickets (Get your square at most athletic events)

Cost: \$15.00-by March 15  
\$20.00-at the door.

Contact Brian Babiash at 792-9330 or Terri Martinson, [martinson.terri@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:martinson.terri@wsalem.k12.wi.us), or any booster club member for tickets by March 15.

Members: Jeanne Babiash, Ken Schmidt, Adam Kennedy, Michelle Hansen, Mary Lewis, Mike Glassmaker, Melody Schmitz

# Open Enrollment

## February 6-April 30, 2012

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: [DPIopenenrollment@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:DPIopenenrollment@dpi.wi.gov)

### Important open enrollment dates

- February 6-April 30, 2012 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.
- 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.

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

*Mark Your Calendar*  
*March 1-31, 2012*  
**K-12 District Honors Art Show**  
*There will be a reception on*  
*Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

### School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~	397-9873
Errol Kindschy ~~~~~	786-1675
Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Connie Dutton-Snell ~~~~~	786-1507
Ken Spraetz ~~~~~	786-0017
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Jason Falck ~~~~~	786-0935

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



**The CESA #4 Regional Spelling Bee was held in the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts on February 14, 2012.**



**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.

# Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

## 2011-2012 Heider Center Events

**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

**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.

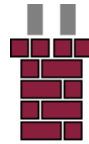
## 7th Annual Mayfair Arts Festival

Sunday, May 6, 2012 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The 7th annual Mayfair Arts Festival, a major Heider Center Arts Board fundraiser, will take place on Sunday May 6 from 10AM-3PM at the West High School. Activities will include a Fine Arts and Fine Crafts Fair, Chicken-Q., Silent Auction of donations by local Businesses and Artists, Free Children's Art Activities, Entertainment by local youth, and Concessions. Chicken-Q Tickets will go on sale in March.

Artists interested in participating in the art fair can call Jane at 786-2388 or e-mail [mayfairart@hotmail.com](mailto:mayfairart@hotmail.com). Applications are also available at the Heider Center Box Office.

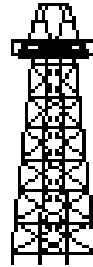
## Looking for Legos and Other Building Blocks



The Middle School Library is asking for donations of used or new building toys. If you are cleaning out the toy box, please consider donating those Legos and Duplo blocks, Lincoln Logs, Erector sets or other building toys. We would appreciate the platforms/bases to build on as well. The library will be collecting the items throughout the school year and the summer.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Ms. Treu at [treu.gwen@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:treu.gwen@wsalem.k12.wi.us).

Gwen Treu  
WSMS LMC Director



## Adirondack Chairs

*Made from solid white oak and then 2 coats of lacquer finish is applied. 2 engraving choices are available.*

\$90 - No Engraving  
\$100 - Engraving on back



For more information contact:  
Mr. Huenink

Technology Education Instructor  
786-1220 ext. 2312  
[huenink.matthew@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:huenink.matthew@wsalem.k12.wi.us)  
[mhuenink@gmail.com](mailto:mhuenink@gmail.com)

## Engraving Options



OR



## West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, Fitness Center Director

### What to wear when exercising

Many people who are beginning an exercise routine may wonder what kind of shoes to wear and what clothing will be most comfortable. These few tips will help you stay comfortable, safe and motivated.

- Comfort is key! Wear what feels best. T-shirts, sweat pants, shorts, tights all are great apparel for exercising. Make sure they fit right and aren't riding up, chafing or showing more skin than you are comfortable with. If you are constantly adjusting your shorts and shirt because you are uncomfortable you won't be able to focus on your workout.
- Make sure you are wearing the right shoes for the activity you are doing. A cross training shoe is great for low impact and weight lifting, Running shoes should have plenty of support and fit comfortably, basketball, football, tennis and many other sports require a specific shoe with more ankle support.
- Dress for the weather. Protect yourself on sunny days with sun screen and a proper hat. Some clothes offer a special wicking material that keeps you cool and dry during hot weather. Dress in layers during cold weather so you can pull off clothing as you get warmer. Also when exercising during darker hours (outside) make sure you wear reflective gear so cars can see you.

The West Salem community fitness center is affordable and has all you need to stay in shape. Come check us out today!

### 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.

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](http://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.

**For a full-color version of this and past newsletters, check out the West Salem School District Website at <[www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)>**

*Celebrate*

## West Salem Business EXPO

Sunday, March 18, 2012

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Salem High School



- Free Admission
- Musical Entertainment
- Food

Over 70 Booths  
--Businesses  
--Civic Organizations  
--Churches

Door Prizes  
&  
West Salem  
Gift Certificates

For more information go to <[westsalemwi.org](http://westsalemwi.org)>  
or contact Eric Bauer at 786-0890 or  
Dr. Dan Eoriatti at 786-3304.

## American Cancer Society



Relay for Life

2012



Friday, April 20, 2012

6:30 p.m.

at West Salem High School

## Looking For Used Cell Phones

The Knights of Columbus is collecting used cell phones. There is a box located in the District office to drop off any used cell phones. Proceeds from the collection of the phones will be used for Special Olympics. Thank You.

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2012  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 January 19, 2012.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Scott Scafe, Connie Dutton-Snell, and Thomas Helgeson (7:48). Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Errol Kindschy, Barb Buswell and Eric Jensen.

*Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the agenda as amended by moving the technology presentation and the middle school scheduling options to after board committee assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Taylor Gile reported on:*

1. The high school had semester finals last week.
2. The first day of the second semester begins tomorrow, January 24.

Mr. Ward presented Taylor Gile with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for his service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools and wished him well in the future.

*Correspondence*

A resignation letter from Business Assistant Tracy Christopherson was read.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

Professional Staff Committee – The meeting was cancelled.

WASB Convention – Mr. Ward, Mr. Spraetz, Mr. Scafe, and Mr. Falck summarized the Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) Convention sessions attended.

Delegate Resolutions – Mr. Falck summarized the resolutions discussed and voted on during the delegate assembly.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on his WASB convention experience, his meeting with the insurance consultant, HSR will be ready to bid out the energy project, and possible energy exemptions for the district.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the conation from the La Crosse County Dairy Promotions for the High School Finance and Consumer Education program and from the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school baseball program. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Lendosky of Vig and Associates presented the 2010-2011 district audit report. She also informed the board of the firm's merger with Johnson Block and Company of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Carlson presented the 2012-2013 high school course offerings that included a few additional changes to classes. Mrs. Dutton-Snell moved, and Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2012-2013 high school course offerings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a summary of the middle school's budget, location 200.

Mr. Helgeson arrived at 7:48.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve Ann Garrity as a 3.5 hours, 4 days/week paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #111 Harassment and Bullying. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #223 Administrator Development Opportunities. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Dutton-Snell moved, Mr. Spraez seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #224 Board-Administrator Relations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #832 Weapons on School Premises. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraez moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation, and policy #141 School Board Officer Duties as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the revised committee assignments:  
Mr. Falck to replace Mr. Ward on Professional Staff, Mrs. Dutton-Snell to replace Mr. Ward and alternate Mr. Scafe on Policy, Mrs. Dutton-Snell to replace Mr. Helgeson on Transportation, and Mr. Ward to replace Mr. Kindschy when his term on the board ends on the CESA #4 Board of Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. St. Pierre, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of the technology committee and presented information. Board members expressed their thoughts and concerns on technology.

Mr. Buchanan and Amanda Beld, sixth grade teacher, gave an overview of a proposed middle school scheduling structure.

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) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” regarding compensation for the administrators for 2012-2013, and nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators under Wis. States §118.24.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:40 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraez Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, and Mr. Ward Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Falck, Clerk

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

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2012  
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

## **Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Errol Kindschy. 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 February 9, 2012.

## *Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

## *Roll Call*

Present: Jason Falck, Tom Ward (via teleconference), Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Connie Dutton-Snell, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Megan Tabbert. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ken Spraez and Davita Molling.

## *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Scafe moved, Ms. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Connection with the Community**

*Megan Tabbert reported on:*

1. This Friday the conference gymnastics meet will be held at West Salem.
2. After wrestling regionals this past weekend, five wrestlers will advance to compete at sectionals.

### *Correspondence*

1. A thank you note from the family of Walter Balmer was read.
2. A letter from Trees for Tomorrow was read on a recent student visit.

*Public comments* – None.

### *Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mr. Helgeson and Mr. Kindschy reported that the committee met to review the 2012-2013 budget.

Professional and Support Staff Committees – Mr. Kindschy reported that progress is being made on the employee handbook.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that everyone at CESA #4 received nonrenewals, a program of service for each school was available, approved a contract with School Perceptions, and discussion state testing, and educator effectiveness.

Administrator reports were reviewed.

Presentation of HSED Diploma - Mrs. Buswell introduced Kodi Tart and Quentin Wilczynski, who are the first two students to complete the program under the recently revised and approved Graduation Board Policy. Mr. Kindschy presented the diplomas to the students.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2012; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept donations from Dan, Terri and Emma Linselink, and Wayne, Julie and Adam Gorski for the elementary school LMC; from Pat and Judy Moran for the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship; and from the Elementary PTO to the district for education grants. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dutton-Snell moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignations from Business Assistant Tracy Christopherson, volleyball coach Darcy Sawyer and paraprofessional Mary Servais. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson and Mr. St. Pierre gave an update on technology for the district and answered questions. Tom Hanchette asked questions and is willing to provide input on technology.

Mr. LeRoy Krall gave an update on the boys' hockey program regarding the formation of a conference, tournament participation and the possibility of a co-op with Bangor.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the middle school block schedule restructuring. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed a budget summary in the following funds: Fund 21, Fund 27, Fund 50, and Fund 80.

Mr. Scafe moved, Ms. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #111 Harassment and Bullying, #223 Administrator Development Opportunities, #224 Board-Administrator Relations, #832 Weapons on School Premises. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to delete policy #411.1 Harassment and/or Bullying of Students, #112 Harassment, #111-Rule Sexual Harassment Guidelines and Procedures. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dutton-Snell moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendations: Andrew Pustina, JV girls' soccer coach; Anthony Braun and Adam Miller, assistant track coach. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Check out the West Salem Art Department**

<http://westsalemart.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.wix.com/westsalemart/visualarts>



Mr. Kindschy welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding compensation for athletic director and district/non-union personnel, and issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal for the purpose of staff reduction, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:32 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Ms. Dutton-Snell Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward exited the teleconference at this time.

#### *Closed Session*

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:01. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *Open Session*

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve Barb Buswell as the Business Assistant in the district office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Ms. Dutton-Snell seconded to approve Michael Malott as the Interim High School Associate Principal. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Falck, Clerk

### ***Spring Band Extravaganza***

Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Heider Center

The WSMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Concert Bands will be performing in the annual ***Spring Band Extravaganza***. Also performing will be the Woodwind and Brass Choirs as well as the Percussion Ensemble. This fun-filled evening features a wide range of music styles and is always a hit in our community. Seating will be at a premium, so arrive early to get a great seat.

## **Booster Club Fun Night Boosting**

### **West Salem Athletics**

by Erin Faella, Student Journalist

From batting cages to camcorders, scoreboards to soccer lights, the West Salem Booster club is funding projects to help out the athletics. Supporting high school athletics is in their mission statement, and since 1969 they have been doing just that. This March, they are holding an annual Fun Night to raise money for next year's budget.

"The West Salem High School Booster Club is here especially in these days of dwindling budgets when

athletic teams really don't have the money to do some of the things they want to do. We're here to help our teams, our athletics," says Terri Martinson, Booster Club member.

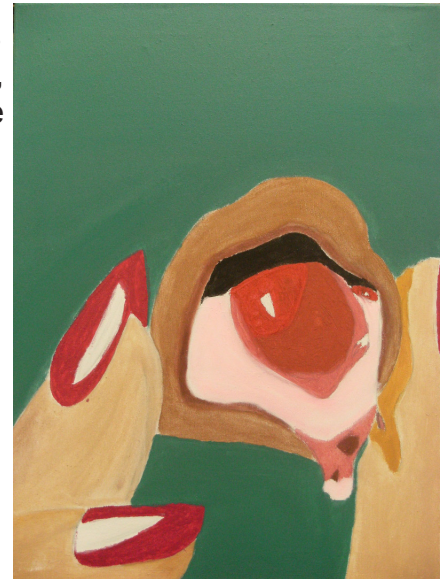
The spring fun night, which will take place on March 31, 2012, is a great way for community members to get involved in West Salem's athletics. The Fun Night includes casino games, a hot sandwich meal, DJ music, and a live auction. The live auction has tons of goodies, such as: a Packer football, Milwaukee Bucks tickets, a gas grill, jewelry from local artists, and more. "It's really a fun night, that's why it's called Fun Night," Martinson says.

The money from the Fun Night fundraiser will go to helping the West Salem Athletics teams in need. Teams in need of new equipment, but don't have the money in their budgets, can go to the Booster Club meetings and ask for the funding. "We really try to have all our athletic teams represented," Martinson says. Projects in the past have included a tent for the track team, a mat for gymnastics, and many other contributions.

Students, parents, and community members alike should attend this Fun Night to support West Salem teams. The current economy means less funding for teams, and more need for new equipment. The Booster Club is a great program lead by local people to help local people. Make a contribution this March by attending the Booster Club Fun Night.

<b>WHO:</b> West Salem Booster Club
<b>WHAT:</b> Fun Night
<b>WHEN:</b> March 31, 2012.
<b>WHERE:</b> Fox Hollow Golf Course
<b>WHY:</b> To Raise money for West Salem High School Athletics

WSHS Painting I final: students were asked to paint without using oil or acrylic paint. The artists came up with materials like juice, wax, nail polish, frosting, and melted chocolate to paint with. Here are some samples of these 'paintings'.



The Wingra Woodwind Quintet, comprised of UW-Madison music faculty, performed for the high school Wind Symphony on Thursday, February 9th. After the Quintet's performance Wind Symphony played a piece they have been working on and were given tips on how to make themselves better musicians as well as how to blend better as an ensemble.



<p><b>environmental explorers</b></p> <p>grades 4-6 june 19-20</p>	<p><b>girls in science</b></p> <p>grades 6-8 june 23-24</p>	<p><b>boys Science Exploration Camp</b></p> <p>grades 6-8 june 23-24</p>	<p><b>young scholars</b></p> <p>grades 5-9 july 9-13</p>	<p><b>KIDS Culinary ACADEMY</b></p> <p>Level I: The Basics grades 6-8 july 16-18</p> <p>Level II: Baking grades 6-9 july 19-20</p>	<p><b>SPANISH EXPLORATION CAMP</b></p> <p>grades 6-8 august 6-9</p>
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# Nine West Salem Students Have Artwork Going To State Capitol

The West Salem Art Department is proud to announce that nine students in the school district will have the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents at our State Capitol building in March.

This past weekend, at the Regional Youth Art Month celebration in La Crosse, student artwork was on display at the Main Library. The purpose of this event was to showcase art from schools in the La Crosse area, as well other schools in the CESA 4 and CESA 10 districts. Each teacher in these districts could select a maximum of 3 student art pieces for this exhibit. In total, there were roughly one hundred pieces on display.

Of these 100 works of art, all of were eligible for a chance to have their art displayed at the State Capitol Rotunda, as part of the March Youth Art Month showcase. Nine students from the West Salem school district will have work displayed at the Capitol Rotunda from March 17th-March 30th. They are also invited to take part in the Youth art Month celebration at the Capitol Rotunda at noon on March 30th.



Here is a list of the state-qualifying artists representing Youth Art Month at the Capitol in March. Congratulations to these artists! Photos of the work are attached.

West Salem Elementary School  
Lily Berg  
Ava MacPhetridge  
Alex Osterlie  
Kate Holm



West Salem Middle School  
Savannah Steiger  
Abby Tower

West Salem High School  
Taylor Gile  
Hayden Gullickson  
Julia Schomberg



# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

- 1 3rd Grade PE Night - 6:30-7:30  
Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
- 2 Basketball-Boys Regional Semi Finals
- 2-3 Wrestling-Team State
- 2-3 WSHS winter play - 7:00
- 2-3 Hockey-Girls State at Kohl Center, Madison
- 3 Basketball-Boys Regional Finals
- 6 1st grade music concert (6:15) **EIEI Oops!**  
3rd grade music concert (7:15) **This is the Life for Me!**  
Basketball-Girls Regional Quarter Finals
- 8 Kindergarten music concert (6:15) **A Day on the Farm**  
2nd grade music concert (7:15) **Go Fish!**  
Basketball-Boys Sectional Semi Finals at Osseo-Fairchild
- 9 Basketball-Girls Regional Semi Finals
- 10 Basketball-Boys Sectional Final at River Falls  
Basketball-Girls Regional Finals
- 14 Piano Solo/Ensemble contest
- 15 Anniversary Band/Choir Concert - 7:00  
Basketball-Girls Sectional Semi Final at Osseo
- 15-17 Basketball-Boys State at Madison
- 16 **No School or Snow Make-up**
- 17 Basketball-Girls Sectional Finals at Chippewa Falls
- 22 WSMS Spring Band Extravaganza - 7:00
- 22-24 Basketball-Girls State at Madison
- 23 Track-JV/V at GET Indoor at St. Mary's - 3:30
- 24 District Solo/Ensemble contest  
Softball-JV/V (H) Bangor-Scrimmage - 2:00  
Soccer-JV/V WS Scrimmage (H) 10:00
- 26 4th Grade and 5th Grade Rhythms Program - 6:30-7:00
- 27 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**  
Baseball-JV/V at Tomah - 4:30
- 29 Soccer-V/JV at Mauston - 4:30/5:50  
Softball-JV/V at Sparta - 4:30  
Baseball-JV/V (H) De Soto - 5:00
- 31 Baseball-JV/V at Bangor - 1:00

## APRIL

- 3 Baseball-JV/V at GET - 5:00  
Soccer-JV/V (H) WI Rapids Assumption - 5:00/7:00
- 4-9 **No School**
- 5 Soccer-JV/V at Baraboo - 5:00/7:00  
Baseball-JV/V at BRF - 5:00  
Track-JV/V (H) WS Early Bird Meet - 4:00
- 9 Baseball-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:00  
Golf-Varsity at Viroqua - 3:30  
Golf-Varsity vs. Westby (at Viroqua) 1:00

- 10 **No School or Snow Make-up**  
Track-JV at Bangor Early Bird Meet  
Track-V at Holmen Invite- 3:30  
Soccer-JV/V (H) Sparta - 5:00/7:00  
Softball-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 5:00  
Golf-JV Conference (at Fox Hollow) - 4:30
- 12 WSMS Jazz Band & Show Choir Concert - 7:00
- 26 Kindergarten and 1st Grade Rhythm Program - 6:30-7:00

Need some educational Apps for your Android tablet or phone, iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad?

Check out iTunes or Android Market place for Apps on Reading, Writing, Math, Music, Art, Organization, or Communication.

Take a look at the Cozi Family Organizer App. It is a free app and has some neat features...the calendar, a grocery list, it will email you your weekly schedule, and then you can "share" or get "shared calendars" from other people. [www.cozi.com](http://www.cozi.com) It can be accessed from any computer or your mobile device!

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## New Scholarship Information

*This scholarship to be awarded to a student who graduated from West Salem High School and has completed their sophomore or junior year of coursework at a university.*

### MANTHEI SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given by Dennis and Barbara Manthei. The students major may be in a technical field such as engineering or food science or the health professions such as pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy or premed.

Application deadline is June 1.

#### Application Information

Name  
Present Address  
Phone Number  
E-mail Address  
West Salem High School Graduation Year  
University or College  
Address  
Department of School  
Department Chair

A short summary (no more than 500 words) about yourself, your career goals and why you should be awarded this scholarship.

By June 1, please submit the application information to:  
Dennis and Barbara Manthei

527 West Garland Street, West Salem, WI 54669

**Include a transcript of your course work to date.**

# 2012 REGIONAL MATHCOUNTS NEWS!

The regional Mathcounts competition was held on Friday, February 3, in La Crosse. There were 24 competitors representing three different schools.

The team results were as follows: 3rd place – Viroqua Middle School, 2nd place – Holmen Middle School, and 1st place – West Salem Middle School. West Salem's team consisted of Noah Reedy, Tim Schauf, Jackson Kalas and Sydney Dunham.

The individual results were as follows: 10th place – Raeann Rich (West Salem), 9th place – Kody Sloane (Viroqua), 8th place – Alex Galbraith (West Salem), 7th place – Courtney Koepp (West Salem), 6th place – Tim Schauf (West Salem), 5th place – Jackson Kalas (West Salem), 4th place – Noah Reedy (West Salem), 3rd place – Brandon Schran (West Salem), 2nd place – Nick Schultz (West Salem), and 1st place – Will Post (Holmen). Sydney Dunham finished in 14th place. Also competing for West Salem was Ben Sharp in 15th place.



Mathcounts is a national program designed to promote excellence in math and science in grades 6-8. Mathcounts allows students to improve their problem solving skills as individuals, as well as, in teams of four. West Salem's coaches are Tammy Bentzen and Rick Dobbs.

West Salem's Reedy, Schauf, Kalas, Dunham, Schran, Koepp, and Schultz now advance to the State competition in Madison on Saturday, March 3.

The following students were selected to represent the West Salem School District at the Regional Youth Art Month Exhibit that was recently held at the La Crosse Public Library.

Ava MacPhetridge  
Alex Osterlie  
Kate Holm  
Taylor Gile  
Julia Schomberg  
Erica Rich  
Hayden Gullickson  
Lily Berg  
Addie Schwarz  
Jon Allen  
Savannah Steiger  
Abby Tower



The Open House Awards Recognition ceremony was Saturday, February 18, 2012.

## What do to with your used portable CD player....

Now that everyone is getting into the MP3, iPod, iPad, etc. craze to listen to music, you might have a portable CD player around your house that you don't need anymore. If that is the case, would you be willing to donate it to the middle school? The reading and music classes are looking for working CD players to set up individual listening stations for the students. If you don't want yours anymore, we'll be happy to take it off your hands. Please drop it off at the middle school office or contact a reading or music teacher at 786-2090. Thank you.

Mardeana Glasel  
WSMS Music Educator

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Out

From the Superintendent  
Open Enrollment  
Mathcounts  
Relay For Life - 4/20/12  
Celebrate West Salem - 3/18/12  
New Scholarship  
Student Article  
Mayfair - 5/6/12  
Heider Center Events & Gallery Display  
Calendar of Events  
School Board Minutes  
Community Fitness Center  
Used Cell Phones Being Collected  
School Board Election Notice  
Booster Club Fun Night  
Tech. Ed. Class Selling Adirondack Chairs  
Spring Band Extravaganza  
Youth Art On Display

## K-12 DISTRICT HONORS ART SHOW

*When:* March 1-31st, 2012  
*Reception:* Tuesday, March 20  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*Featuring approximately 100 pieces  
of kindergarten-12th grade student  
art work.*

**COME AND CHECK OUT  
THE SHOW!**

**For information on Summer School, please go to the website  
[www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us) and click on Summer School or see  
page 2 of your February 2012 District Newsletter.**

**March Is  
Youth Art Month**

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