

West Salem School District

May 2014



Newsletter

Serve with Passion To Ignite Creativity, Innovation and Excellence!

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Recent accomplishments by our students and staff reminded me of how our mission statement is fostering success in the areas of creativity and innovation. Page three of this newsletter includes the art work of Erica Rich. Erica won the prestigious State Sax Arts and Crafts Award. Erica is the second Sax award winner from West Salem High School in the past three years – outstanding! Scanning to the bottom of page three you will notice two of our Odyssey of the Mind or “OM” teams placed first at the state meet. This is the second year in a row West Salem has enjoyed a first place finish at the state OM meet in Madison. Continuing on to page six of the newsletter you will see our newly-formed high school robotics team was named the “Rookie All-Star” team at the regional meet in Minneapolis, MN and was therefore afforded the opportunity to participate at the national meet in St. Louis, MO. This nationally broadcast event took place in the Edward Jones Dome (where the Rams play) and featured robotics teams from all over the world! Continuing on to page seven you will note both the high school Quiz Bowl team and members of the high school DECA team will compete at the national level after winning their respective state-level competitions. This is the second recent trip to nationals for both groups. Interestingly enough, our Quiz Bowl team features two National Merit Scholars! Page seven also contains a list of our state competitors at the VAC (Visual Arts Classic) and Skills Fair competitions. Of note, Taylor Varichak is the two-time defending state champion in Power Equipment Technology going for an unprecedented third straight title while Harley Lang is the defending state champion in Cabinet Making looking to repeat.

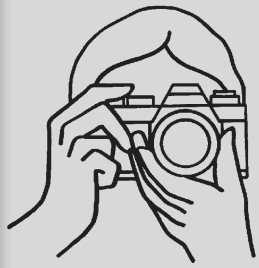
As was stated many times during the process of developing our unique mission statement, we are fully intent on fostering a next generation of thinkers who can create jobs rather than find jobs. We therefore increased our emphasis and our investment in the areas related to creative problem solving and innovation. The unprecedented results noted above stand as testament to the work of our students and staff. Our students and staff are making it happen!

Balancing the tension between the standardized instruction required to raise test scores with flexible instruction needed to foster creativity and innovation can be a daunting task. The continued improvement in our student performance on state and national assessments coupled with the exciting accomplishments listed above indicate our team is up to the task. As another school year nears the end, I offer that we make it a point to thank those who serve our children every day. So, next time you meet up with a school district employee take a moment to express your appreciation for their tireless work. Creativity, innovation and excellence are only possible when our team serves with passion. Thank you!

April Election Follow Up

Thank you to the 2,700 district residents who took the time to cast their vote in the recent election. Thank you for approving of the necessary funding for security upgrades at our elementary school. Congratulations to Catherine Griffin on her election to the school board. The school board is actively enlisting feedback from the voters as to the reasons why the larger question of constructing a new middle/intermediate school was defeated. The board and administration welcome your input. Please send us an e-mail, phone call, card or letter – whatever it takes to let us know what you think.

Teacher Appreciation Week 2014- May 5-9



District Photo Contest

The School District of West Salem will be holding a photo contest for the 2013-2014 school year. The district is looking for photos to be displayed in the district office for the 2014-15 school year. **Photos should highlight the best the district has to offer.** Contest information can be found under "Announcements" on the district's web site. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

American Red Cross Blood Drive

West Salem Blood Drive

Monday, May 5, 2014

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church Gym

500 Park Street, West Salem, WI

Appointments call Ruth at 786-1665 or Joann at 786-0465.

Walk-ins are Welcome.

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



American Red Cross

B-A-O-AB?

Donate Blood

**It takes all blood types,
all generations...Especially Yours**

West Salem Blood Drive

Monday, June 9, 2014

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.

School Board Members

Scott Scafe ~~~~~	786-0969
Jason Falck ~~~~~	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~	612-0018
Syl Clements ~~~~~	786-1491
Jane Halverson ~~~~~	786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~	786-4382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~	769-1714

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

NESHONOC YEARBOOK DEDICATION MAY 16

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL'S 2014

NESHONOC YEARBOOK DEDICATION CEREMONY

IS SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, AT 7:00 P.M.

AT THE MARIE W. HEIDER CENTER FOR THE ARTS.

** Please Note **

June 5 - full day of school

June 6 - classes will be dismissed at 12:20

**Check out the school district's
Facebook page, listed as,**

"SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM"

Season Tickets go on sale Monday, May 5 at noon until Friday, July 11, 2014.



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

West Salem High School Senior Art Show

Heider Center Gallery

May 1-31, 2014

Reception: May 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Great News!



Great News!

West Salem High School student Erica Rich has received the Sax Arts And Crafts Award for her multi-media piece, entitled "Alligator Skull". Erica's work was one of six selected in the state to earn this honor! If you see Erica, congratulate her on this HUGE accomplishment!

Open Enrollment

For More Information

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Web site: http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

Important open enrollment dates

June 6, 2014 – 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 13, 2014 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 27, 2014 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2014-15 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

Postal Food Drive

Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun!
The Postal Food Drive is May 10, 2014. The food pantry board is looking for volunteers to help mark and sort the large quantity of food that arrives. Last year we were able to process all of the food with an amazing group of volunteers. In 2013, the community donated 5200 pounds of food! Any amount of time between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. would be appreciated. We will be working in the basement of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 359 N. Leonard St. All ages welcome. Please call Lynette Ender 786-0723 to sign up or just stop by on May 10. Please check expiration dates. They will dispose of expired items.

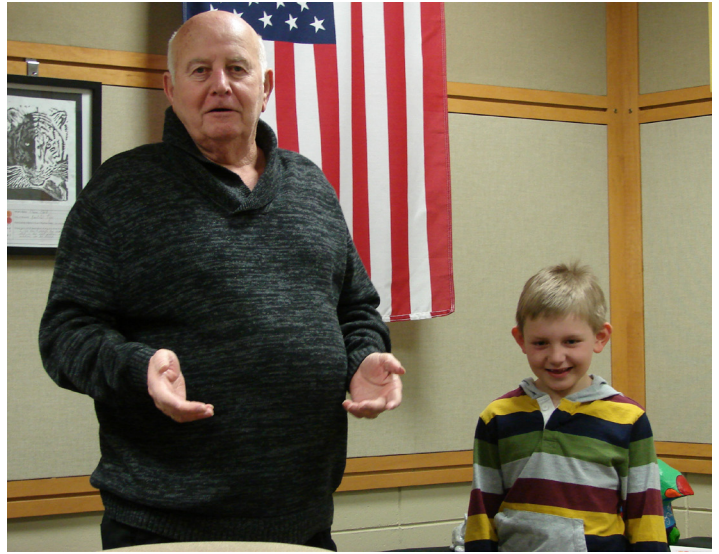


OM Teams - Place 1st at State



School Board Meeting

There was a full house at the April 14 school board meeting. Student artwork was honored and will be on display in the Heider Meeting Room for one year. This was the last board meeting for student board representatives Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang.



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WSHS Graduation, May 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.
8th Grade Promotion, May 29, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The 2014-2015 School Year Student Calendar is available on the District's website. The Early Release dates have been set.
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.

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.

West Salem High School Scholarship Awards Night
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
7:00 Heider Center

The Wisconsin School District Performance Report has been updated with data from the 2012-13 school year. The information can be viewed at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/>.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended Taco Nacho Night. The annual event is sponsored by the Village People of West Salem and benefits the Boys and Girls Club. This year over 600 meals were served, and hundreds of kids enjoyed the Boys and Girls Club games and bounce house in the gym.



The Village People would also like to thank those that made donations and sponsored the event. All of the proceeds benefit the West Salem Boys and Girls Club and go to fund some of the operational expense of the West Salem location.





Robotics Team Earns Honors at Regional Competition
 “Rookie All-Star” & “Highest Seeded Rookie Team”

Mark Your Calendar...

West Salem High School Summer Musical
 presents

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Lyrics by Charles Hart and Richard Stilgoe

Thursday, June 19 - 7:00 p.m.

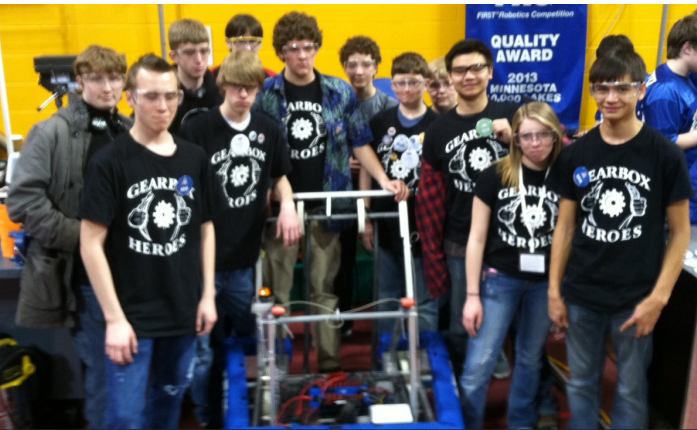
Friday, June 20 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 22 - 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations Robotics Team on your trip to the First Robotics National Competition - April 23-25 in St. Louis!

Jeff Severeid	Justin Severeid	Matt Schams
Tyler Riemer	Tyren Lincoln	Duncan Thorn
Michael Anderson	Nick Oldenburg	Janna Seeger
Drew Lassig	Ted Tiber	Erick Moen
Coaches: Ryan Tracy & Trenton Harger		



Kindergarten students complete their very first
 experience in clay. This is Mrs. Wizner’s class
 with their clay birds.



A Helping Hand

We would like to introduce ourselves as a non-profit organization which started out in Sparta, WI in October 2013. We distribute clothing, household items, appliances, and toiletries to those around the area in need. Communications are done by Facebook, a website, e-mail, and telephone, 608-633-6125. We have helped over 100 families between Tomah, Sparta, and La Crosse, WI. Our organization consists of three women who have children and have been in hard situations before.

Crystal Anderson, Laura Larson, and Heather Welker

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ahelpinghand4u>

Website: <http://www.ahelpinghand4spartawi.com/>

Quiz Bowl Team Heads to Nationals

The Quiz Bowl A team will be going to Nationals in Chicago, IL on May 30-June 1. This is our second time going to Nationals in three years (two years ago we went to Atlanta). We've participated in four tournaments this year and earned our first qualification on December 7 in Madison by tying for fourth place. We took first place at our own tournament on February 1 and earned 9th place at Logan High School tournament on March 1. On April 5 we traveled back to Madison and took 2nd place overall with three individuals placing in the top 15: Avery Strangstalien took 1st overall, Christian Schran took 7th, and Kyrsten Stockus took 15th.

Students attending Nationals are Cameron Robaczewski, Kyle Lang, Zachary Lang, Avery Strangstalien, Christian Schran, Chad Seitz, Terrill Anderson, Kyrsten Stockus, Brigitte Baker, Connor Givens, and Jacob Noren.

Coach Laura Deal

VAC State Results

Congratulations to the West Salem Visual Arts Classic team, who competed at State on Friday, April 11. The 12 member team competed for best overall score against the winners of the 7 other regionals across the state. Team members: Courtney Garrels, Anessa Holej, Paige Brenengen, Nora Meyer, Mitch Krein, Amber Holcomb, Hannah Reedy, Riana Herbold, Ivy King, Erica Rich, Abby Johnson, and Brigitte Baker.

While the team did not place at state, individually the team members earned 10 gold medals in 24 categories. Great job team!

Quenten Brown, Advisor



DECA International Conference

Competitors

May 5-7 in Atlanta, GA

Erin Faella

Brennan Bahr

Jinal Patel

Jason Holter, Advisor

State Skills Fair Competitors

April 29-30

Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Taylor Varichak - Power Equipment Technology
Harley Lang - Cabinetmaking
Joe Andrade - Motorcycle Repair
CO2 Dragster - Cody Greene
CO2 Dragster - Hunter Young
Welding - Richie Schams
ROBO Rescue - Zack Randall
ROBO Rescue - Jake Hutchenreiter
Team Problem Solving (Team 1) - Jake Webber
Team Problem Solving (Team 1) - Garrett Carlson
Team Problem Solving (Team 1) - Devin Rhyme
Team Problem Solving (Team 2) - Jared Novak
Team Problem Solving (Team 2) - Matt Karr
Team Problem Solving (Team 2) - Jake Adams
Voting Delegate - Keegan McGowen

Paul Liethen, Advisor



1st Graders Learning About Radial Design in art class;
Create a 3-Dimensional Sun

For a full-color version of this and past newsletters, check out the West Salem School District Website at <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

2014 Swimming Pool Information

Pre-summer hours will start Wednesday, June 4, 3:30-6:30

The pool will open with regular hours on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

****Because of evening swim lessons, the pool will not be open evenings for open swim from 6:30-8:20 p.m. until Monday, June 23.**

Early Risers will begin Monday, June 9.

Monday-Friday	1:30-4:50 p.m. & **6:30-8:20 p.m.
Saturday	1:30-5:20 p.m.
Sunday	2:00-5:20 p.m.
*Family Swim	Sun. 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim	Mon. - Sat. 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Adult Early Risers	Mon. - Fri. 6:00-8:00 a.m.

*children must be accompanied by an adult

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 Brenna McGuire (mcguire.brenna@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 elementary school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I June 9 - June 20

Mornings-8:00-12:45 & Evenings-6:45-8:20 p.m.

Session II June 23 - July 3

Session III July 7 - July 18

*Skippers July 21-25 (ages 2-5)

*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 Saturday, June 7, at the pool. Payment is due at time of registration. Please come to the pool to register your swimmer.

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL
STARTING JUNE 4 - 3:30-6:30 P.M..

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

Daily Admission Fees

Through 8th Grade	1.50
High School (9-12)	2.00
Adult	2.00
Waders (Accompanied by Parent)	1.00

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

West Salem Sharks Swim Team

There will be an informational meeting for swimmers and their parents on Monday, June 9th at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. Please bring the registration fee of \$30, which includes swim meet fees, coaching, a swim cap, and a t-shirt, to the informational meeting. Swimmers ages 6-18 are welcome. Regular practices will begin on Tuesday, June 10. Practices for 6-10 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and practices for 11-18 year olds are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. 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 sarahalvaniebuhr@gmail.com.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. 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 March 20, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. Seniors Zachary Lang and Anna Lattos were honored at the WIAA Scholar Athlete banquet which was held on March 18 at Drugan's.
2. The Heider Center 10th Anniversary Concert was held on March 15, with performances by the high school band and choirs, and community members.
3. The senior band students took their annual trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres to see *The Little Mermaid*.

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The first high school track meet took place last on Friday, March 21 at St. Mary's.
2. On March 23, High School Biology Teacher Wayne Sacket received a Kohl Fellowship Award and student Kaitlin Brueggen received a Student Excellence Award at an awards ceremony in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

3. The NHS will have a team at the April 4 Relay for Life event in the high school. The team will also hold fundraising events for the team prior to the event.

Correspondence

A letter from CESA #4, consortium of seven school districts that is being sent to State Superintendent Dr. Tony Evers regarding a calendar proposal was shared. A letter of interest from the West Salem Hockey Association was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Clements reported that the committee met and selected Marsha O'Neil as the Bearing Wall recipient and Carole Knutson as the LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Award recipient.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee discussed budget cuts and future financial planning.

Reports by Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, and Rick Kline were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson's report was also reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the donation from Tom, Pat and Mickey Moran for the Horace and Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept and send the letter of intent to work with the Boys' and Girls' Club and the West Salem Hockey Association as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clements nominated Jane Halverson as the Acting School Board Clerk. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Halverson as the Acting School Board Clerk while Mr. Falck is out of the district. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed reductions and possible additions to the 2014-2015 budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the CESA 4 contracts for the 2014 -2015 school year, pending the administration's exploration into the utilization of internal staff for some reading specialist duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the fall of 2014 Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed staffing for the 2014-2015 school year. No action was taken.

The high school athletic director position was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the resignation of Co-Volleyball Coach Darcy Sawyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson 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 the performance evaluation of the district's director positions and administrators and administrator assignments. and (f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons" regarding an administrator.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:00 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

No action was taken in open or closed session on administrator assignments for the 2014-2015 school year.

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

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Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda moving item F. Art Department – Art Presentation to just after approval of the agenda. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Krista Beron, Courtney Vesperman, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Mr. Schlimgen left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The high school VAC (Visual Arts Classic) team competed at state with team member medaling.
2. The high school forensics team competed at state and each team member placed.
3. The 8th grade band visited and performed with the high school wind symphony.

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. On Saturday, April 12, West Salem hosted the boys' and girls' track meet at St. Mary's. Both the boys and girls teams finished first.
2. The Relay for Life event was held at the high school on April 4. The event raised \$61,417, with the NHS (National Honor Society) raising over \$1,000.

Student representative recognition – Mr. Helgeson acknowledged Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Correspondence

1. A thank you note from the West Salem Middle School MathCounts team for the support of the program was read
2. A thank you note from the Wisconsin State Reading Association for allowing middle school Lead Teacher Teri Lässig to present at the convention in February; Using the iPad for Literacy Learning: Engaging in Best Practice.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Staff Relations Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met with the West Salem Education Association representatives regarding the proposed teacher salary model and employee benefits.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board discussed: elections, referendums, agenda for convention, 1st reading of policies, resignation, vehicles, and summer maintenance.

District Performance Initiatives reports by Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Mr. Schlimgen returned at 7:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2014; and invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation and the Corinne Zielke Fund for batting cages. A roll vote was

taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the middle school referendum, question #1 – process for project completion.

A discussion was held on the elementary referendum, question #2 – process for project completion.

Mr. Gunderson and Mrs. Molling provided a suggested financial plan for the La Crosse County land purchase.

Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Buchanan reviewed the issue surrounding the 2014-15 middle school schedule: staffing and programming.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the requests for a leave of absence from elementary teachers Julie Brudos, Mindy Court and Anna Jarvis. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of the high school athletic director position.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to hire Janis Love as a part-time custodian. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations: freshman baseball coach, Jonathan Selck; volunteer softball coach, Rod Hamilton, Rob Hansen, Jeanne Babiash, Kirstie Langrehr; and volunteer girls' soccer coach Dave Hemker. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignations from custodian Phil Clements and middle school football coach Brad Trocinski. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson 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 issuing preliminary notice(s) of nonrenewal, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22. and (f) “Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons” regarding an administrator.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:15 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck disconnected from the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Acting Clerk

Engaging Parents as Partners

Students, have you decided what you want to do after high school? Not sure yet? Parents, are you considering changing careers? Do you wonder what training you will need to make the change? How will you achieve your goals? What is the job outlook?

To assist students and adults in finding the answers to these questions and much more check out the Wisconsin Career Pathways website at <https://www.wicareerpathways.org/>

Careers are divided into 17 different clusters like health sciences, education, marketing etc. From there you click on a career pathway that will give you a list of careers to explore. Once you click on a particular career you will be given information regarding what someone in this career does, potential earnings, job outlook as well as skills and training needed and where you may go to school to get that training.

If you have questions or concerns about the special education process please contact Tiffany Lisk, Family Engagement Liaison for the West Salem School District. You may reach Tiffany at 786-1662 or you may email her at lisk.tiffany@wsalem.k12.wi.us

**For information on Summer School,
please go to the website
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us**

Board Policy: Pets on School Property

In January, the school board updated Board Policy #384 regarding pets on school property. As the weather finally warms, it seems a good idea to offer an update of the changes. The updated policy no longer allows pets on school property for any reason, at any time, without prior approval. This change means it will no longer be acceptable to bring your pets to an outdoor athletic event or to “run” your dogs on the school district green spaces. Why make this change? Two primary reasons; students encountering dog waste as they participate in athletics or recess and continuing issues regarding liability and safety. Please note, this policy does not restrict the walking of dogs on the public sidewalks surrounding our campus. Please be sure to remove all waste.

West Salem FFA Plant Sale

May 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 8 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 9 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 14 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Stop by the green house during the village wide rummage sale May 16-17.

After May 17th, please make an appointment with Mike Larson by e-mail at larson.michael@wsalem.k12.wi.us or call 608-786-1220 ext. 2304.

Check out the wide variety of plants the high school’s green house has to offer.



Calendar of Events

MAY

- 5 NHS Induction Ceremony
OEC - Kindergarten - AM-Andres & Lokken; PM-Wizner & Brommerich
Baseball-JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 5:00
Golf-JV Viroqua - 1:00
Golf-JV Westby (at Viroqua) 3:30
Track-FR/SO at Mel-Min Frosh-Soph Meet - 4:30
- 6 OEC - Grade 1 - Chambers, Wheeler, Reedy
Baseball-C/JV/V at Onalaska - 4:30
Golf-V at BRF (at Skyline) 1:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00
Soccer-V at Prairie du Chien - 5:00
- 7 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20,
Buses leave at 12:30**
WSHS SEP Presentation Day (no school for grades 9-11)
- 8 OEC - Grade 1 - Crow & Wagner
Golf-V at A-F Invite (at Northern Bay) 9:00
Soccer-JV/V at Central (at Fields for Kids) 5:00/7:00
Track-V at Coulee/SCC Meet (at UWL) 3:30
- 9 OEC - Grade 1 - Christianson & Perz
Softball-JV/V at Westby - 5:00
- 10 OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
Baseball-C at Viroqua Tourney - 10:00/1:00
Baseball-JV/V at Sparta (doubleheader) 11:00
- 12 6th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 6:00
7th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:30
OEC - Kindergarten - AM-Ranzenberger & McConkey; PM-Antony
OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
Baseball-C (H) Holmen (doubleheader at Riverview) 4:30
Golf-JV at GET Invite (at Ettrick) 1:00
Softball-JV/V at BRF - 5:00
Track-V at Viroqua Invite - 4:15
- 13 OEC - Grade 2 - Hesse & Zais
Baseball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00
Golf-V at Arcadia Invite (at Trempealeau Mt.) 1:00
Soccer-JV/V at Holmen - 5:00/7:00
- 14 WSHS Senior Scholarship Night
OEC - Grade 2 - Court & Kochie
- 15 OEC - Grade 2 - Servais & Hickey
Golf-V at Arcadia (at Arcadia CC) 12:00
Golf-V at GET (at Ettrick GC) 3:30
Softball-JV/V (H) GET - 5:00
Soccer-JV at Nekoosa - 5:00
- 16 Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication
OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
OEC - Grade 1 Rain Date
OEC - Grade 2 Rain Date

- Baseball-JV/V (H) Westby - 5:00
- 17 WSHS Choir Farewell Concert - 7:00
OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
Golf-V at Conference meet at Forest Hills - 8:00
Softball-JV/V (H) WS Tournament - 9:00
Track-V at Conference Meet in Viroqua
- 18 WSHS Farewell Concert - 3:00
WSHS Farewell/Awards Picnic - 5:00
OEC - Woodsie Training
- 19 8th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:00
Baseball-JV/V (H) BRF - 5:00
- 19-23 OEC - Grade 7
- 20 Baseball-C (H) Viroqua (doubleheader) 4:30
Golf-JV (H) at Fox Hollow - 1:00
Soccer-JV/V at Logan (at Fields for Kids) 5:00/7:00
Track-JV (H) Conference JV Meet - 4:00
- 22 Baseball-JV/V at GET - 5:00
Golf-V at Holmen Invite - 1:00
Softball-Regional Quarter Final
Soccer-V (H) Mel-Min - 7:00
Track-V at Norse Invite (at Whitehall) 4:00
- 23 Senior Sing-Out
- 25 WSHS Graduation
- 26 **No School**
- 27 OEC - Grade 3 - Patterson & La Fleur
Softball Regional Semi Finals
Soccer-JV/V at Reedsburg - 5:00
Track Regionals at Mauston
- 27-28 Golf Regional at Northern Bay
- 28 OEC - Grade 3 - Deml, Skaar, Schwartz
Grade 1 - Smith Valley School - Wagner, Reedy, Christianson, Chambers
- 29 8th Grade Promotion - 7:00
OEC - Grade 3 - Weber & Mathison
Grade 1 - Smith Valley School - Wheeler, Perz, Crow
Baseball-JV/V at Aquinas - 4:00/4:30
Softball Regional Finals
Soccer-JV/V at Aquinas (at Fields for kids) 5:00/7:00
- 30 OEC - Grade 3 Rain Date
OEC - Kindergarten Rain Date
Track Sectionals at Viroqua
Baseball-C at Viroqua (doubleheader) 4:30
- 31 WSHS Band - June Dairy Days Parade
WSHS Jazz Bands - June Dairy Days Gazebo - 3:00

JUNE

- 3 OEC - Grade 8
Baseball Regional Quarter Final
Softball Sectional Semi Finals
- 3-4 Golf Sectional
- 4 OEC - Grade 6
Grade 1 - Myrick Park
Baseball Regional Semi Final

- From the Superintendent
 - District Photo Contest
- THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
 - NESHONOC Dedication
- Student Achievements: OM, VAC, VICA, Art, Robotics, Quiz Bowl and DECA
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In This Issue

The Nutrition Service's Department will be having a **Local Foods Fundraiser** offering a few items from Kickapoo Honey in Blue River, WI (approximately 75 miles south east of West Salem) and Driftless Organics in Soldiers Grove, WI (approximately 50 miles south of West Salem). All proceeds from this Local Foods Fundraiser will go to the *Jane Doe Fund*. The *Jane Doe Fund* helps families pay for breakfast and lunch meals after encountering temporary financial hardships such as the loss of a job, illness, natural disaster or other life changing events. Funds are dispersed as needed, but are very limited! We need your help to make sure that none of the students in West Salem Schools ever go without a meal! **WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

ALUMINUM FOR ATHLETICS

Bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Auditorium parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project.

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.

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Friday, June 6, 2014
12:20 Dismissal
12:30 Buses Leave

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