

# *West Salem School District*

November 2012



Newsletter

## **Investing in Public Education**

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

Even as our nation's economy begins to appear more positive, just uttering the word "investing" can cause a nervous flutter in the boldest of financial experts. Despite the uncertainty associated with the concept of investing, I suggest we view our annual contributions to our public schools as a form of investing: investing in our children, our community, and our future. Continuing with the investment analogy, the Annual Meeting, budget approval and tax levy provide our investors with a portfolio review.

Following input from electors at the Annual Meeting, the West Salem Board of Education approved a final budget for the 2012 - 2013 school year and set the local tax levy. The total tax levy of \$7,016,089 consists of \$4,912,479 for the operation of our schools, \$2,001,745 for construction debt repayment, and \$109,500 for the community service fund. The total levy amount is \$255,713 or 3.8% more than last year's total levy of \$6,760,376. The new levy rate will be \$9.76 per thousand dollars of property value. This new rate represents an increase of just under 1% or \$.09 more than last year's levy rate of \$9.67. The new levy also represents an "under-levy" by \$142,117 when compared to the levy amount recommended by the state. This results in a levy rate that is \$.20 less than recommended.

**HOW ARE WE TRENDING?** The school tax levy and the district evaluation have been increasing at proportionally the same rate over the past decade resulting in the levy rate remaining fairly consistent. In 2000 - 2001 the levy was \$3,554,631 with a rate of \$10.02, in 2005-2006 the levy was \$5,377,009 with a rate of \$9.69, and in 2010 - 2011 the levy was \$6,760,376 with a rate of \$9.70. Over that same time period our district evaluation rose from \$354 million to \$700 million. The biggest changes during this 10 year period were the passing of a referendum in 2001 to remodel our high school adding \$1,300,000 to the levy and the continued growth in student population from 1545 to 1807.

**WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT FEW YEARS?** We anticipate modest increases in our enrollment, similar state revenue limits and continued increases in district property values. In addition, we will complete payment of the long-term debt for the construction

of our elementary school in 2014. These factors combined with the recent practice of "under-levying" indicate we can expect our district tax levy rate to remain very stable over the next few years.

**HOW ABOUT THE BUDGET?** The many recent changes in state law regarding school employee compensation and state aid dramatically altered our budget beginning with the 2011 - 2012 budget. In short, we experienced approximately a \$1 million dollar reduction in state aid and correspondingly a \$1.5 million dollar reduction in employee compensation and benefit costs and therefore, past budget comparisons are of little value. In looking forward, the predictions for modest enrollment growth and limited revenues will result in a more restrictive local budgeting process. Tougher choices lie ahead. Success will continue to reside in our ability to control the costs of our health care.

**HOW DO WE STACK UP IN OUR AREA?** The most recent publication from the Wisconsin Tax Payers Alliance indicates the School District of West Salem ranks 26th out of 26 school districts in the coulee region in comparative education spending and 23rd out of 26 in total spending (this includes referendum debt and transportation.) When it comes to our tax levy rate, we rank 16th out of 26 school districts. With respect to student/teacher ratios we rank 22nd out of 26 and considering all employees we rank 24th. By every measure we are an efficient and effective school district.

Our school district is an attractive place for kids. The school district is a tremendous financial and social asset to our community. Many of the parents whom I talk with indicate they chose to live in West Salem because of the schools. This is a major reason why our property values remain stable even as many in our state experienced decline. These additional families provide the workforce, the tax base and the children necessary to keep our community vibrant and strong.

An outstanding educational system is truly the primary investment needed to sustain the long-term health of our community. The stakes are high and the dividends are clear. Public education is a wonderful investment. On behalf of our students, families and community, I offer our sincere appreciation for your continued support and "investment" in public education.

# WSMS LMC Makeover

*We Have A Vision, Now We Need Our Village!*

We are creative! We have an innovative idea! We are committed! BUT, (you knew there would be one, right?) we are looking for adults to share with us your special skills. That's where, you, our village comes in.

This year's eighth grade class is putting together a plan to give our nearly 32 year old library a facelift/makeover. YES! Not unlike that famous television show, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, we are planning the Extreme Makeover: Library Edition.



We've got a great Design Team--nearly 150 students strong! We have written a grant for "Spare Change"! What we need are your unique talents to help to put ideas together.

Can and Will you help us? If you know how to use a saw, a hammer and have



some construction skills, if you have experience with upholstering skills, designing skills, wiring lamps (we'll buy the kits) or any other makeover skills, we want YOU.

We have saved discarded books and CDs to construct tables, benches, wall shelves, you name it. We've researched how to design with recycled books. We are working on our budget, comparing prices for materials, and creating schedules. Our time line for construction begins the first part of November and the completion date is the end of March. We will work with your schedule to the best of our ability.

We need YOU, our neighbors, friends, aunts, uncles, grandfathers and grandmothers, moms, dads, professionals and skilled laborers to help us how to make our vision a reality. We NEED YOU! Are you willing to take a half hour or more out of a day or more to help? If so, please contact an eighth grader you know for details, or, contact Mrs. Treu at the Middle School during the school day. (608-786-2090)

We are counting on our village to help our vision become reality. Please don't let us down. If you are willing to help us, we can practically guarantee the rewards will be worth it.



## ALUMINUM FOR ATHLETICS

When cleaning up around the garage, etc., you are encouraged to bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Center parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project. Also, if you have any car or truck batteries for recycling, please drop them off at West Salem Auto Repair at 513 Brick Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.





## National School Lunch Week

October 15-19

*"School Lunch...What's Cooking?"*

With all the media attention about the new guidelines in the school lunch program, are you wondering What's Cooking in West Salem schools? These guidelines include; increasing whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and limits on calories, protein, grains and sodium. In West Salem we made these changes a few years ago, so the students here haven't experienced a drastic change in their lunch, as some other places might have. We made these changes because it is what is right for kids. Our students enjoy a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables everyday with their lunch. We purchase from local growers as much as possible. Our school garden, managed by David Langer, also supplies us with an abundance of fresh produce. It has been our experience that by offering a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as many of our new recipes, starting in elementary school we are more successful in developing healthy eating habits. By high school, the students are familiar with the salads, fruits and fresh vegetables as part of their meal so we're not first introducing these foods but expanding on them. Starting this year, the regulations require all students to take 1/2c fruit or vegetable with their lunch. This too has not been a problem because most students have been choosing a fruit and/or vegetable to have with their lunch before it was a requirement.

The picture above is one of the choices offered at our high school. This is a menu of baked chicken, rosemary potatoes, fresh veggies (including cherry tomatoes from the garden) mixed green salad and milk. Whole grain bread is also offered as well as a choice of 1% white, skim white or skim chocolate milk. We have also introduced new menu items this year such as

a rice bowl line at our high school and all white meat chicken tenders as well as many more selections made from scratch. We have experienced very good participation including an increase at the high school!

Meeting the guidelines as well as the expectations of students and parents can be done with creative menu planning using quality products, and involving the students in taste testing and nutrition education.

Michelle Kloser

Nutrition Director

kloser.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us

**Check out the selection at the high school school store. The holidays season is right around the corner.**

## West Salem...Picture It! Photo Contest

The West Salem Historical Society is sponsoring a photo contest to capture the spirit and essence of the West Salem area. Photos may feature, but are not limited to, landscape( plants, trees, vegetation, flowers), unique or historical structures, all seasons' recreational activities, family fun, rural activities, wildlife natural to this area or a hidden treasure yet to be discovered in our local area. The top 25 photos will be on display at the West Salem Tourism Center for the 2013 season. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three photos. For further details contact Sharon Fuller at 786-0886. Please join us and discover West Salem from your camera's view!



WSMS 8th Graders Collaborating During Language Arts Class

## Mathcounts is Underway at the Middle School

We have 25 seventh graders and 25 eighth graders participating. In-school competition takes place in November, December and January during classtime. The top 10 scorers continue on to practice after school once or twice a week. The Regional Competition in La Crosse is in February, 2013, with State Competition on March 2 in Madison. Mathcounts is a national coaching program designed to promote excellence in math and science in grades 6-8.

Tammy Bentzen & Jon Jones, Coaches

## West Salem 1st Responders Annual Chili Supper Fund-Raiser Thursday, November 8, 2012 4:00-7:00 p.m. WSHS Commons

The West Salem 1st Responders will be holding their annual chili supper on Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the West Salem High School Commons. The menu includes chili, cheese, crackers, bread, milk or coffee, and ice cream. Please attend this worthwhile fund-raiser to help the 1st Responders raise money for needed supplies and equipment for the team. All members on the West Salem Emergency Medical Team are volunteers and we are now, more than ever, looking for more members, especially day time volunteers. If you might be interested in the team and would like more information about our Observer Program, please contact West Salem 1st Responders, 567 Brickl Road. As always, we sincerely thank you for your continued support.

*Your survival may some day depend on us, but our survival does depend on you!*

## Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

### 2012-2013 Mainstage Series and Spotlight Performances

New Directions Veterans Choir

Katie Arminger

Transit Authority

Robert Baca Jazz Orchestra

The Marvelous Wonderettes

Kat Trio

Bo Bice

Missoula Children's Theatre

Steve Marking

### Visual Arts Series

"Layers of the Fall, Tie Painted Scarves and Clothing"  
by Lori Monson

"Sense & Spirit: Painting and Prints" by Amanda  
McConnell

"Dream Weavers" by 3 Rivers Weaving & Spinning  
Guild

"Life is Beautiful" by Deloras Marusarz

"Porcelain Garden Ceramics" by Nancy Monsebroten

"West Salem Community Art Show" by area artists

"Watercolor Wonders" by Linda Nevin

"Generous Earth Pottery" by Chery Schuyler and  
Karen Bressi

"Brown Dog Studio" by Marianne Stanke, Marcia  
Thompson and Lynne Burgess

"K-12 Honors" by school district students

"Abuzz with Birds, Bugs and Blooms" by Mary  
Thompson

"Bits & Pieces" by Kathy Fitchuk & Sherri Diamon

"WSHS Senior Art Show" by WSHS senior art  
students



**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](http://www.heidercenter.org)**

Please Drive With Caution!



Be prepared to stop when you see the flashing lights!

### Welcome Kelly!

Kelly Kalinowski has been hired as the new West Salem Community Fitness Center Director. For more information on what the fitness center has to offer, you can visit the district's website and click Fitness Center under Other Links.

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

### Calling All Community Artists

All community artists and West Salem School District employees are invited to show their art work in a Community Art Show at the Marie W. Heider Center Art Gallery during the month of December 2012. We are asking for up to 3 works of art per artist that have never been displayed at the Heider Gallery before. If you are interested in exhibiting please call Judy Thelen at 786-0233 or Jane Bangsberg at 786-2388 for more information.

**Mark Your Calendar:**  
**West Salem Community Art Show,**  
**December 1-31, 2012.**

A Reception will be held on  
Thursday, December 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### 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 Schlingens	786-4382

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

### West Salem Middle School Plays "FAIRYTALE COURTROOM" and "THE TRIAL OF SANTA CLAUS"

Thursday, November 29, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Heider Center Auditorium

\$2.00 admission

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications are available at the elementary, middle and high school offices; or by clicking on the school nutrition link on the district's web page. You may also contact Michelle Kloser, School Nutrition Director, at 608-786-3078 or e-mail Michelle at [kloser.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:kloser.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

Have you ever thought about being a School Board member for the district?

If so, contact any current Board Member.

For a current list and contact information, visit

[<www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/board/members.cfm>](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/board/members.cfm)

**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)>**



*Model Notification of Rights under FERPA  
for Elementary and Secondary Schools*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE:

FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-8520

You may also contact Superintendent Troy Gunderson at the district office by calling 608-786-0700.



September 28 Walking School Bus - students escorted by members of the WSHS football team.



School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2012  
West Salem Middle School LMC –7:00 p.m.

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 September 20, 2012.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

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

*Roll Call*

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

*Approval of Agenda*

Ken Schlimgen moved, Syl Clements seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

*Kevin Martinson reported on:*

1. This is homecoming week. Many student activities are planned.
2. The high school students are having issues printing at home with their device.
3. The high school students miss having an assignment note book.

*Alyssa Noll reported on:*

1. The high school tennis team placed second this past week.
2. Last Friday, about 250 middle and high school students performed at the football game.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

*Written and Oral Reports*

The following supervisor reports were reviewed: Buildings and Grounds, Technology, Finance Director, and Transportation. The superintendent also reviewed his report, which included information from the recent state superintendents' conference.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation from the Salvation Army for the food service program, and from Jane Henricks for the high school Family and Computer Sciences class. Motion carried unanimously.

A representative from CESA #6, Dave Van Spankenren, reviewed how CESA #6 assists districts with Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). Barry Martzahl and Hans Anderson from Graystone Consulting were available via teleconference and participated in the presentation. Diane Hicks, representative from the district's Fund 73 Trust, was also present.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for co-curricular positions. Middle School: unit leaders-Amanda Beld, Mike Zwonitzer, Tammy Bentzen, Stacy Rel, Mardeana Glasel; band, Ryan Waldhart; assistant band, Mardeana Glasel; vocal, Elle Nimm; jazz band, Ryan Waldhart; drama director and drama tech; Amy Hanson, drama stage manager, Elle Nimm; Mathcounts, Tammy Bentzen and Jon Jones; yearbook, Nicole Friell and Jenny Morgan; student council, Jane Henricks; forensics, Nicole Friell. Elementary School: unit leaders-Gayle Lassen, Angie Hemker, Jeremy Hoff, Anna Squires, Laura Wagner, Deelyn Christianson, Jacki Hickey, Sarah Weber, Melissa Olson, Sara Jeranek; 5th grade choir, Lisa Jones; Council of Kids, Mary Czajka and Martha Burdick; after school art, Angie Hemker and Courtney Vesperman; Odyssey of the Mind, Angie Hemker, Amber Temp, Sara Bradley, and Carrie Andres. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the members of the 2012-2013 Reconsideration Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the current situation with the swimming pool. The pool heater needs to be replaced. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Mark Ledman reviewed the cost estimates for replacing the pool heater.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the 2012-2013 school year budget and revenue calculations.

Mr. Buchanan led a tour of the middle school facility highlighting the up-grades from the last year following the adjournment of the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Scafe, Acting Clerk  
Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk

School District of West Salem  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 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 October 4, 2012.

### *Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

### *Roll Call*

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, 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: Thomas Helgeson and Scott Scafe.

### *Approval of Agenda*

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the agenda as amended by removing item B Review of a student SEP presentation, and moving item F State Accountability, School Report Card and Strategic Plan after item A Donations. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Connection with the Community**

*Kevin Martinson reported on:*

The FFA has had a busy start to the school year; holding a freshmen activity night, the officers attending a leadership conference, participating in the animal science class and attending the World Dairy Expo.

*Alyssa Noll reported on:*

1. The high school marching band finished the season strong.
2. A new chapter of DECA began at West Salem High School.

*Correspondence* – None.

*Public comments* – None.

### *Written and Oral Reports*

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the committee meeting held last week. The committee reviewed the budget numbers and discussed the swimming pool and the use of Fund 80.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Ward reported that they accepted one resignation, discussed the upcoming Wisconsin Rural Schools Conference and the October 18 Board Outreach.

Reports by John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Dean Buchanan, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, Eric Jensen, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2012, as amended; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept a donation from Pat and Judith Moran for the Horace & Gladys Moran Scholarship Fund, and from Manitowoc Ice for the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre gave a presentation on State Accountability, as it related to the district's strategic plan, standards, and assessment.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed with the Board the employee wellness committee and possible incentives for biometric screening at the end of November.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed with the Board options on the swimming pool repair and will be brought up at the October 15, 2012, annual meeting.



Mr. Gunderson reviewed with the board the 2012-2013 budget, tax levy estimate and enrollment, and preparation for the annual meeting.

Mrs. Halverson, Mr. Falck and Mr. Ward volunteered to review the board grant applications.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Kelly Kalinowski as the Fitness Center Director. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Falck, Clerk

## Senior Photos

Each senior needs photos for the following publications: *The 2013 Neshonoc Yearbook*, *the Coulee News*, *the Times of Our Lives*, and *the Senior Slideshow*.

**ALL PHOTOS DUE BY NO LATER THAN:  
Friday, November 9, 2012**

For more information, please see the August 2012 District Newsletter which is available on the District's website.

## Ads For Grads/Friendship Ads

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

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

If interested please fill out the following form and turn it in to the yearbook staff by Monday, January 7, 2013.

### ADS FOR GRADS AND FRIENDSHIP ADS

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Medication Drop Off



**Saturday, November 3, 2012  
9:00AM—12:00PM**

**\*\*\*\*4 Drop Off Locations\*\*\*\***

**Drop-off  
sponsored by:**



**1 Viterbo Fine Arts  
Parking Lot**  
929 Jackson Street, La Crosse

**2 Onalaska Police Dept.**  
415 Main Street, Onalaska

**3 CESA #4**  
923 E. Garland St., West Salem

**YOU CAN BRING (SITES 1-3):**

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Tablets
- Capsules
- Liquids
- Creams
- Ointments
- Aerosols
- Inhalers
- Patches

**4 La Crosse County HHM**  
6500 State Road 16, La Crosse

**YOU CAN BRING (SITE 4):**

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Tablets
- Capsules
- Liquids
- Creams
- Ointments
- Aerosols
- Inhalers, Patches
- Needles/Sharps
- Mercury Thermometers
- Fluorescent lamps and electronics
- Household Wastes (Paint, Pesticides, etc.)
- Business Waste (Call 785-9999 for disposal info)

**Did You Know?**  
70% of people, 12 and older, who abuse prescription drugs get them from family or friends.  
Don't Let That Be You!

Check [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/solidwaste/HHM/](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/solidwaste/HHM/) or call 785-9999 for more information and future drop off dates.

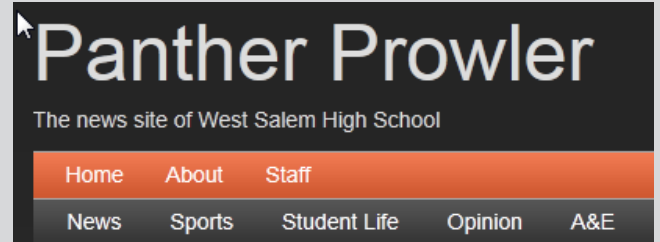
The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, 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.



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

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

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



5th Grade Big Buddies work in the school garden with their kindergarten little buddies.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the school garden, please contact Principal John Smalley at 608-786-1662.



## WSHS Senior Exit Project

Senior Elizabeth Reschke worked with police, firefighters, funeral home, and health officials to prepare for the mock car crash and funeral. Thank you to all the individuals involved in this eye-opening event. For more information, check out Patrick Anderson's article on the Coulee News website.





# Calendar of Events

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Grade 4 PE Night, WSES Gym, 6:30
- 2 Football-V WIAA Level Three Play-Off TBD  
Volleyball-V WIAA State Semi-Final @ Green Bay
- 3 Volleyball-V WIAA State Final @ Green Bay
- 9 Football-V WIAA Level Four Play-Off TBD
- 10 Boys Basketball-V- @ Holmen (scrimmage) 9:30
- 15-16 Football-V WIAA State Finals @ Madison
- 17-24 WSHS Music trip to Florida
- 20 Hockey-JV/V @ Sauk Prairie 5:00/7:00
- 20 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V (H) Royall 6:00/7:00
- 27 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ Royall 6:00/7:30
- 21-23 **No School (Thanksgiving Break)**
- 27 Wrestling-JV/V @ Aquinas (scrimmage) 3:30
- 28 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20,  
Buses leave at 12:30**
- 29 Hockey-JV/V (H) Viroqua 5:30/7:30
- 29 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V @ Westby 5:50/7:30
- 29 Wrestling-JV/V @ La Crescent 7:00
- 30 Hockey- JV/V (H) Grafton 5:30/7:00

## DECEMBER

- 1 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Westfield 1:00
- 1 Wrestling- JV @ Melrose-Mindoro 10:00
- 2 Holiday Choir Concert - 4:00
- 2 WXOW Holiday Concert at Viterbo - 7:00  
WSHS choir performs
- 4 Hockey-V @ La Crescent 7:30
- 4 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V @ G-E-T 5:50/7:30
- 4 Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Sparta 6:00/7:30
- 6 Grade 5 PE Night, WSES Gym, 6:30
- 6 Girls Basketball-JV/V @ Black River Falls  
5:50/7:00
- 7 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V (H) Black River Falls  
5:50/7:00
- 8 Wrestling-V @ Wisconsin Dells 8:00
- 9 WSHS Holiday Band Concert - 4:00
- 10 7th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 6:00 p.m.  
8th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Hockey-JV/V (H) Black River Falls 5:30/7:00
- 11 Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Viroqua 5:50/7:00
- 13 Boys Basketball-C/JV/V @ Viroqua 5:50/7:00
- 13 Wrestling-JV/V (H) Black River Falls 6:30/7:00
- 14 Hockey-V @ DeForest 7:45
- 14 Girls Basketball-JV/V @ La Crosse Central  
5:50/7:30
- 14 Wrestling-JV @ Melrose Mindoro 5:15
- 15 Wrestling-V @ Arcadia 9:30
- 17 WSHS Holiday Concert Make-up Date
- 18 Hockey-V @ Viroqua 7:30
- 18 Boys Basketball C/JV/V (H) Bangor 6:00/7:30
- 20 Girls Basketball JV/V (H) Arcadia 5:50/7:00

- 20 Hockey-V @ Eau Claire North 7:00
- 21 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Prairie du Chien  
6:00/7:30
- 21 Wrestling- JV/V (H) Aquinas 6:30/7:00
- 24-31 **No School**
- 27-29 Hockey-V @ Reedsburg TBA
- 27-28 Boys Basketball-JV/V Holiday Tournament  
3:30/7:00
- 27/28 Girls Holiday-JV/V Holiday Tournament 3:30/7:00
- 28-29 Wrestling-V @ LaCrosse Center 9:30

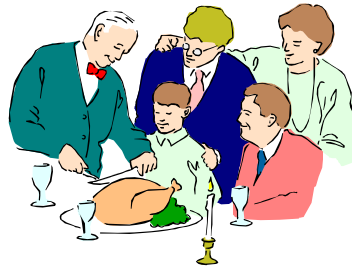
## JANUARY

- 1 **Happy New Year - No School**
- 2 **CLASSES RESUME**
- 3 Wrestling-JV/V G-E-T/Mel-Min @ Bangor  
6:30/7:00
- 4 Girls Basketball-JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther (TBA)
- 4 Hockey-JV/V (H) Marshfield 5:30/7:30
- 5 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V (H) La Crescent  
3:00/4:30/7:30
- 5 Girls Basketball- JV/V (H) La Crescent 3:00/6:00
- 5 Wrestling-JV/V @ Sauk Prairie (TBA)
- 8 Hockey-V @ Omni Center (Aquinas Co-op) 7:00
- 8 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Arcadia 5:50/7:30
- 8 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ Aquinas 5:50/7:30
- 10 Hockey-JV/V (H) La Crescent 5:30/7:00
- 10 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ Westby 5:50/7:30
- 10 Wrestling-JV/V @ Viroqua 6:30/7:00
- 11 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ Onalaska Luther  
5:50/7:00
- 12 Wrestling- V @ Mauston 10:00
- 14 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 7:00
- 15 Hockey-JV/V (H) Baraboo-Portage 5:30/7:00
- 15 Wrestling- JV/V (H) Arcadia 6:30/7:00
- 17 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V (H) Westby
- 18 Hockey-V @ Omni Center (Onalaska) 6:00
- 18 Girls Basketball- JV/V @ G-E-T 5:50/7:30
- 21 **No School**
- 22 Hockey-JV/V- (H) Winona 5:30/7:30
- 22 Girls Basketball- JV/V (H) Black River Falls  
5:50/7:00
- 24 Grade 2 PE Night, WSES Gym, 6:30
- 24 Hockey-V @ Tomah 7:00
- 24 Boys Basketball- C/JV/V @ La Crosse Central  
4:15/5:50/7:30
- 24 Wrestling JV/V- @ Westby 6:30/7:00
- 25 Boys Basketball- C/JV @ Onalaska Luther 5:50/7:30
- 25 Girls Basketball- JV @ Onalaska Luther (7:30/5:50  
TBD)

For the girls' hockey schedule  
visit [www.mvconference.org](http://www.mvconference.org)  
On right, click on "Onalaska High School",  
select "Hockey - Girls VAR", click "View".



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## West Salem Blood Drive

Monday, November 19, 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.



**West Salem 1st Responders**  
**Annual Chili Supper Fund-Raiser**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2012**  
**4:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**WSHS Commons**

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