

May 2019



# Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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## Letter from Superintendent Troy Gunderson

### Thank You!

On April 2nd the voters of our school district approved a request for additional funding for our school district. On behalf of our students, families, and employees, I offer a heartfelt thank you. We are humbled by your support and pledge to uphold our promises to maintain our programming, establish more competitive wages, save money for roof repairs, update our bus fleet, and maintain a comparatively low tax rate. Thank you.

Three recent events involving our high school students serve as examples of our district living our mission of serving with passion, and reaching our vision of igniting creativity, innovation, and excellence. Our high school Visual Arts Classic team, coached by Quenten Brown, captured the state championship at the competitive state meet in Madison. The competition involves solving unique challenges through art. Success requires a great deal of creativity, innovation, and poise. Shortly after this exciting event, a local television station ran a story about our high school metal art class. The course, taught by Paul Liethen, combines the skills necessary for welding with the creativity needed to produce sculptures. In a time when employers are scrambling to find welders, those coming from West Salem are the best trained because they not only master

technique (excellence) but can combine their skills with innovative and creative thinking. Finally, an oil painting created by West Salem High School senior Emma Hull was on display in Madison last week as part of a recognition ceremony honoring Don and Cheryl Brenengen for their service to the Boys and Girls Club. The painting exemplifies our district vision of “Igniting Creativity, Innovation and Excellence” in our students.

Art teacher Quenten Brown and technology teacher Paul Liethen are two examples of the many teachers in our district who exemplify our district mission of “Serving with Passion” by creating great programs for kids. Similarly, Don and Cheryl Brenengen are two examples of the many local citizens who model our mission of “Serving with Passion” by serving our community. Finally, the excellent work of our students in areas that require creativity and innovation are living proof we are achieving our vision of “Igniting Creativity, Innovation, and Excellence” in our students. All great examples of West Salem excellence.

Thank you again for your support of public education. We cannot do this important work without you.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

# Calendar of Events May

## Athletic Events

### Thursday, May 2, 2019

- 8:45am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Adams/Friendship, Altoona, Black River Falls, Cadott, Colby, Columbus Catholic Schools, Fall Creek, G-E-T, Marathon, Mauston, McDonell Central, Neillsville, Nekoosa, Newman Catholic, Osseo-Fairchild, Pacelli Catholic, Reedsburg, Stanley-Boyd, Viroqua, Wautoma, Westby Area High School, Westfield, Wisconsin Dells, Wittenberg-Birnamwood & Wonewoc-Center @ Northern Bay Resort - The Castle Course
- 4:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua, & Westby Area High School @ Ettrick Golf Course
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah - Veteran's Park Field
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

### Friday, May 3, 2019

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams/Friendship, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Mauston, Nekoosa, Viroqua, Westby Area High School, Westfield, & Wisconsin Dells @ University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ Adams-Friendship Diamond (Behind MS)
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Elementary School

- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Elementary School
- 7:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ Adams-Friendship Diamond (Behind MS)

### Monday, May 6, 2019

- 4:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Coulee Golf Bowl School
- 4:15pm Track: Varsity Invite vs. Bangor, Brookwood, Cashton, DeSoto, Hillsboro, Necedah, Prairie du Chien, Royall, Seneca, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Viroqua HS/MS Track
- 4:30pm Track: JV Meet vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, Brookwood, Cashton, G-E-T, Independence, Luther, Melrose-Mindoro, New Lisbon, Sparta & Whitehall @ Melrose-Mindoro High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Riverview Park
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. Adams/Friendship @ West Salem High School

### Tuesday, May 7, 2019

- 1:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, Coulee Christian, Durand, Eleva-Strum, G-E-T, Independence/Gilmanton, Mondovi, Sparta, Westby Area High School & Whitehall High School @ Trempealeau Mountain Golf Club
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Elementary School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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### Thursday, May 9, 2019

- 4:30pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Ettrick Golf Course
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Aquinas @ Fields For Kids
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Fields For Kids

### Friday, May 10, 2019

- 4:30pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther & Westby Area High School @ Skyline Golf Club
- 5:00pm Baseball: C-Team/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

### Saturday, May 11, 2019

- TBD Golf: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, TBD, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ TBD
- 9:00am Softball: JV Tournament vs. Cashton, Holmen & La Crescent @ West Salem High School
- 9:00am Softball: Varsity Tournament vs. Cashton, La Crescent & Unity @ West Salem High School
- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. New Richmond, Tomah & Viroqua @ Tomah La Grange Elementary
- 10:00am Soccer: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Baraboo, De Forest, Racine Case, Reedsburg, St. Mary Catholic, St. Marys Springs, Waterford & Wauwatosa West @ Woodside Sports Complex
- 10:00am Track: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Luther High School

### Monday, May 13, 2019

- 12:00pm Golf: Boys JV Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Holmen, Onalaska, Sparta & Tomah @ Skyline Golf
- 4:00pm Baseball: JV Doubleheader vs. Black River

- 4:00pm Falls @ Riverview Park
- Baseball: Varsity Doubleheader vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 4:15pm Track: JV Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Viroqua High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem High School

### Tuesday, May 14, 2019

- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Logan @ West Salem Elementary School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Logan @ West Salem Elementary School

### Thursday, May 16, 2019

- 10:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Black River Falls, Mauston & Viroqua @ Black River Falls High School
- 1:00pm Golf: Boys JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah, & Winona Senior @ Holmen-Drugan
- 4:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Sparta @ Sparta High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Riverview Park
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 5:45pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Sparta @ Sparta High School

### Friday, May 17, 2019

- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School

### Saturday, May 18, 2019

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Black River Falls & Central @ West Salem Elementary School

### Monday, May 20, 2019

- 4:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School
- 4:15pm Track: Varsity Regional vs. Adams/Friendship, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Mauston, Neillsville, Nekoosa & Westfield @ G-E-T High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. DeSoto @ West Salem High School

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5:45pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Holmen  
@ Holmen High School

### Tuesday, May 21, 2019

9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Regional vs. Cuba City,  
Dodgeville, Mauston, Platteville, Prairie du  
Chien, Richland Center, River Valley &  
Westby Area High School @ River Valley  
High School

9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Sub-sectional vs.  
Aquinas, Black River Falls, Logan,  
Mauston, Portage, Sauk Prairie, Sparta &  
Viroqua @ West Salem Elementary School

4:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Onalaska  
@ Onalaska-Omni Center

4:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska  
@ West Salem High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Onalaska  
@ West Salem Elementary School

6:30pm Baseball: C-Team Game vs. Onalaska  
@ Onalaska-Omni Center

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Onalaska  
@ West Salem Elementary School

### Thursday, May 23, 2019

3:00pm Track: Varsity Game vs. Adams/  
Friendship, Antigo, Arcadia, Black  
River Falls, G-E-T, Lakeland Union,  
Mauston, Medford, Mosinee, Neillsville,  
Nekoosa, Northland Pines, Rhinelander,  
Stratford, Tomahawk & Wittenberg-  
Birnamwood @ Mosinee High School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Game vs. Central  
@ West Salem Elementary School

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Central  
@ West Salem Elementary School

### Friday, May 24, 2019

5:00pm Soccer: Girls C-Team Game vs. Holmen  
@ West Salem Elementary School

## Band Events

### Saturday, May 4, 2019

TBD State Solo & Ensemble @ Viterbo  
University

### Sunday, May 5, 2019

TBD Heider Center Chicken Q'ue  
Jazz Ensembles

### Saturday, May 18, 2019

5:00pm Flag Ceremony @ June Dairy Days  
Jazz Ensemble I

### Sunday, May 19, 2019

2:00pm Farewell Concert @ Heider Center  
Concert Band & Wind Symphony

5:30pm Fine Arts Banquet (Venue TBD)

### Sunday, May 26, 2019

1:00pm Graduation  
Wind Symphony

## Elementary School Events

### Wednesday, May 1, 2019

All Day 2nd Grade to the OEC  
Crow, Serveis & Flottmeier

### Thursday, May 2, 2019

All Day 2nd Grade to the OEC  
Hesse, Pearson & Skaar

### Friday, May 3, 2019

7:25am Walking School Bus  
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &  
W. Hamlin Streets

### Monday, May 6, 2019

All Day 3rd Grade to the OEC

### Tuesday, May 7, 2019

All Day 3rd Grade to the OEC

### Wednesday, May 8, 2019

12:20pm Early Release  
Students released at 12:20pm  
Buses depart at 12:30pm

### Friday, May 10, 2019

7:25am Walking School Bus  
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &  
W. Hamlin Streets

9:45am 1st Grade Ma Spa

### Tuesday, May 14, 2019

All Day 1st Grade to the OEC-  
Christianson, Chambers & Antony

### Wednesday, May 15, 2019

All Day 1st Grade to the OEC  
Perz & Reedy

### Thursday, May 16, 2019

All Day 1st Grade to the OEC  
Brodsky & Andersen  
4th Grade FFA Field Trip

### Friday, May 17, 2019

7:25am Walking School Bus  
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &  
W. Hamlin Streets

### Friday, May 24, 2019

7:25am Walking School Bus  
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &  
W. Hamlin Streets

### Monday, May 27, 2019

All Day No School-Memorial Day

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### Tuesday, May 28, 2019

9:00am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Grams and Richling

### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

All Day 3rd Grade to the Madison Zoo  
8:00am 1st Grade Smith Valley Field Trip  
Antony, Chambers & Christianson  
9:00am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Christianson and Wheeler

### Thursday, May 30, 2019

8:00am 1st Grade Smith Valley Field Trip  
Perz & Reedy  
9:00am Kindergarten to the OEC  
Wagner, Hickey & MacDonald

### Friday, May 31, 2019

7:25am Walking School Bus  
Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &  
W. Hamlin Streets  
8:00am 1st Grade Smith Valley Field Trip  
Brodsky & Andersen  
All Day Field Day

## Middle School Events

### Wednesday, May 8, 2019

12:20pm Early Release  
Students released at 12:20pm  
Buses depart at 12:30pm

### Thursday, May 9, 2019

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC  
Czajka, Burdick & Lassig

### Thursday, May 9, 2019

All Day 5th Grade to the School Forest  
Fink, Kjos & Ringlien

### Tuesday, May 14, 2019

6:00pm 6th Grade Band & Choir Concerts  
@ Heider Center  
7:30pm 7th Grade Band & Choir Concerts  
@ Heider Center

### Monday, May 20, 2019-Thursday, May 23, 2019

All Day 7th Grade Campout at the OEC  
Half the grade will go Mon-Tues  
and the other half will go Wed-Thur  
7:00pm 8th Grade Band & Choir Concerts  
@ Heider Center

### Friday, May 24, 2019

All Day Band Festival @ Kalahari for 8th Grade

### Monday, May 27, 2019

All Day No School-Memorial Day

### Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:00pm 8th Grade Promotion @ Heider Center

## High School Events

### Saturday, May 4, 2019

7:00pm "Roaring 20s" Prom @ WSHS Gym

### Sunday, May 5, 2019

6:00pm National Honor Society Induction  
@ Heider Center

### Wednesday, May 8, 2019

All Day No School for Grades 9-11  
12:00pm SEP Presentations for Seniors

### Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00pm Scholarship Awards Night for Seniors  
@ Heider Center

### Friday, May 17, 2019

1:00pm Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication  
@ Heider Center

### Saturday, May 18, 2019

7:00pm HS Choir Farewell Concert  
@ Heider Center

### Sunday, May 19, 2019

2:00pm HS Band Farewell Concert  
@ Heider Center

### Friday, May 24, 2019

1:30pm Senior Singout @ WSHS Gym

### Sunday, May 26, 2019

1:30pm Graduation @ WSHS Gym

### Monday, May 27, 2019

All Day No School-Memorial Day

## WSHS Artist Wins Nation Wide Award

On Friday, April 5th, West Salem High School Senior Ada Hage was awarded the Sargent High School Art Award at the State Capitol Youth Art Month Ceremony. This was in conjunction with the Wisconsin Art Education Association's Youth Art Month program, and featured hundreds of K-12 artwork from across the state. Miss Hage was the only high school student in the state of Wisconsin to earn this award. Pictured below are 1) Ada Hage and High School Art Teacher Quenten Brown 2) Her winning embroidery piece and 3) Ada Hage with Frank Korb (state Youth Art Month coordinator) and teacher Quenten Brown.



# District Announcements



## WSHS VAC Takes Home State Championship!

On Friday, April 12, the West Salem High School Visual Arts Classic team competed at the State VAC competition in Madison. The team consisted of 13 students who were all involved in 2 individual and 2 team categories, with their scores counting for an overall team score. For the first time in history, the West Salem High School VAC Team was named State Champions! They beat every other team at State to become grand champions of the event. The team was comprised of Anna Johnson, Claudia Dorado, Abby Sharp, Abby LeDoux, Ada Hage, Matthew Baldwin, Megan Lassig, Samantha Quam, Kendra Davidson, Alyssa Szewczyk, Mahli Fleckenstien, Emma Deal and Morgan Lance. Congratulations to this group on your historic success!

## Transcript Information

*\*Are you transferring to a different college or do you need a copy of your high school transcript?\**

WSHS graduates that need a transcript can request one online, or print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website at [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, audiotope, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Eric Jensen, 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.

## Summer School Info

Students should have received info about summer school from their teachers the week of April 23rd, however, registration information is also available by going to our website and clicking on "Families" > Summer School. Please note, if your child does not attend our schools, you will have to register in person or by calling (608)-786-1662 for K-4 or (608)-786-2090 for 5-8.

## School Board Members

- Syl Clements ~~~~~ 786-1491
- Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
- Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan ~~~~~ 797-3585

*\*Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month\**

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### 2019-2020 Season Tickets

Tickets for the 2019-2020 season will go on sale Monday, May 6th at noon.



### 14th Annual Mayfair

May 5, 2019

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WSHS Commons & Gym

See more information under "Community Events" on page 8.

**Art Gallery**  
Wierzbicki Family Art Show  
May 1-31, 2019

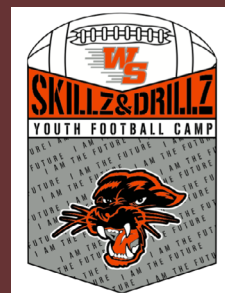
**Display Cases**  
Watercolors of Wisconsin  
by Sharon Christensen

**Art Reception**  
Thursday, May 16, 2019  
6:00-7:30pm

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)

### Youth Football Camp Registration

Coach Jehn and the Varsity football players will once again be hosting a youth football camp for students that will be in 2nd-8th grade in the fall of 2019. The camp will take place June 17-20, 2019 at the Varsity practice fields behind WSES. To register, please fill out the form on our website at <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/news/youth-football-camp-registration> and return to your child's teacher at WSES, Mrs. Jehn at WSMS or West Salem High School C/O Coach Justin Jehn, 490 Mark St. West Salem, WI.



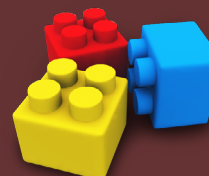
### WSES Students Celebrate & Learn About the Environment

On Wednesday, April 3, students at West Salem Elementary learned all about the environment! Each grade had several speakers and presenters that taught them what they can do to protect and preserve the environment, all about the creatures that inhabit it and how to safely participate in activities outdoors. We'd like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their time and expertise presenting to our students: River Valley Raptors, Heidi Masters (UW-L), Ashley Kiley (Blackhawk Park), Brian Baker (MS Ecology), Maggie Hanson (Coulee Region Humane Society), Raena Parsons (Genoa Fish Hatchery), Cheryl Kammel/Jean Ledman/Donna Elsen (volunteers), Jordan Weeks (DNR), Kelly Rueckheim (HS Ecology), Vicky Eiben (Viterbo), Carol Labuzetta (Miss. Valley Conservancy), Gretchen Newberry (US Fish/Wildlife), Nick Schloesser (US Geological Survey), Jim Kerkman (Fort McCoy Forester), Mary Callen (Outdoor Education Center), Todd Shea (National Weather Service), Pat Hofer (volunteer), Shawn Giblin (DNR), Loren Schwier (WS Water Dept), Chris Pappenfus (USDA-NRCS), Eric Hammer (Blackhawk Park) and Hallie Rasmussen (US Fish & Wildlife). The kids thoroughly enjoyed all of the presentations and we hope to have you back next year!



### Looking for Donations

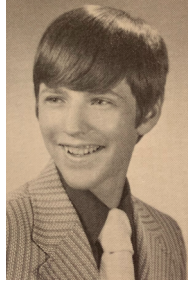
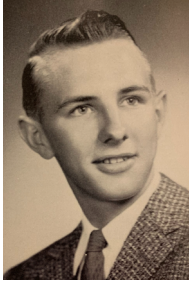
Are boxes of unused Legos taking up space in your attic or closet now that your kids have grown up? If so, the WSMS LMC would love to give them new life! We are looking for donations of used Legos in good condition to begin building a Lego collection in the LMC Makerspace. Legos are amazing tools for creativity and imagination, as well as fun additions to stop motion videos. If you have bricks, mini-figures or baseplates that you'd like to donate, please contact Lindsey Dederich ([dederich.lindsey@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:dederich.lindsey@wsalem.k12.wi.us)) or drop them off in the middle school office at your convenience. Thank you so much for your support!



# Community Events



## 2019 WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



JOIN US TO HONOR OUR 2019 INDUCTEES:  
RICHARD SCHOMBURG ('61), DUANE KNEIFL ('71)  
& DR. MICHAEL QUINN ('74)

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019  
5:00 P.M.  
WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

BARRE CO-ED LIONS CLUB  
District 27-D2  
W4000 County Road M  
West Salem, WI 54669  
Tax ID#: 27-1419161



## BARRE SHUFFLE 5K FUN RUN/WALK Barre Co-ed Lions 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Event Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019



Barre Park – Barre Mills, WI  
(Corner of County Road OA & Drectrah Road)

6:30am – 10:00am



Pre-Register at Nick's Bar or Online at  
<http://www.active.com/> (Barre Shuffle – La Crosse, WI)  
OR Print out a Form at [www.barrecoedlions.com](http://www.barrecoedlions.com) (2019 Barre Shuffle)  
Early Bird Price: \$15 Individual / \$20 Family (Max. 4)  
After May 17<sup>th</sup>: \$20 Individual / \$25 Family (Max. 4)  
Day of Registration from 6:30am – 7:30am

Race Begins at 8:00am  
3.1 Miles From Barre Park (Drectrah Road, County  
Road OA, Casa Del Sol) & Back to Barre Park  
Time Clock will be Visible

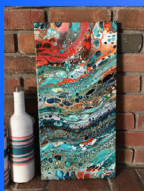
Snacks & Beverages Will be Provided  
Free T-Shirt, Awards & Swag Bag full of Goodies

We Invite You To Join Us For An Amazing Day!

Money Raised Benefits the Barre Mills/La Crosse Area Communities as Well as  
Lions Club Projects & Foundations!



## Mayfair 2019 ART FAIR



Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
West Salem High School  
Commons & Gymnasium  
Free Admission

A celebration of the Arts

Art Fair  
Kid's Art Activity  
Silent Auction  
Live Entertainment  
11:00 AM-12:30 PM  
WSHS Jazz Ensembles  
Plants by Cottage Grove  
Nursery

### Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner

11:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Tickets—\$10.00  
(beverage not included)  
Catered by Big Boar Smokers  
Served in WSHS Commons

Advanced Tickets available from:  
Heider Center Arts Board members  
or from the Heider Center Box Office  
at 786-2550

Sponsored by the Heider Center Arts Board

## Mom's Get-away

May 11, 2019, 9am-4pm

B's Place  
102 Leonard St. N.  
West Salem, WI

Want to get away for a few hours?  
Walk, bike, drive or run to  
B's Place on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
for some laid-back shopping, refreshments & fun!

There will be several vendors such as Pampered Chef,  
Mary Kay, Thirty-One and More

Vendors wanted



# WSHS Band & Choir Takes to the Big Apple!



## School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2019 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's 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 21, 2019.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott (7:55), Deanna Wiatt (7:04), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat and Syl Clements.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Last Wednesday, March 20, Samantha Thompson, Nick Vollmar, and Dalton Schams were honored in a signing ceremony for being outstanding student-athletes
2. The high school track season is underway. There was a scrimmage at St. Mary's on March 21; compete at UWL on March 23 with the girls' team placing 10th and the boys' team placing 6th.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative, reported on:

1. WSHS Forensics team had their District competition on March 16. All members who attended the competition advanced to the state competition on April 12: Lexi Giblin, Marissa Harris, Chloe Ipsen, Danielle Miller, Samantha Quam, Alyssa Szewczyk, Megan Lassig, Arin Miller, Shelby Burch, and Stephanie Sesvold.
2. On Friday, March 16, the Visual Arts Classic Team competed at the La Crosse VAC regional competition. Twelve students competed, and the entire team placed first and will advance to the state competition in April at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: Mahli Fleckenstein, Matthew Baldwin, Abby Sharp, Emma Deal, Ada Hage, Morgan Lance, Megan Lassig, Alyssa Szewczyk, Kendra Davidson, Abby LeDoux, Samantha Quam, Claudia Dorado, and Anna Johnson.
3. The high school Odyssey of the Mind team placed first at state on Saturday (March 23rd) and received an invitation to attend the national competition: Sasha Grueneis, Kevin Helgeson, Ed Schmitz, Samantha Olver, Mahli Fleckenstein, and coached by Becky Tower.

### Correspondence

A thank you note from Christy Brodsky was read.

A thank you note from Jane Bangsberg was read.

Information on 2019 WASB Spring Workshops was shared with the Board.

Public comments – None. Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the meeting held earlier this evening.

District Strategic initiatives update by the Business Operations Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019; the invoices to be paid, the retirement/resignation of Elementary School Teacher Christy Brodsky; to accept the administration's recommendation for volunteer coaches: tennis-Dennis Kreuser and Lisa Hehli, softball-Ron Sloan, track-Justin Stakston, girls' soccer- Lino Cortez; and the WIAA Cooperative for 19-20 and 20-21 for girls' hockey. Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Dennis and Barbara Manthei for a high school scholarship, an anonymous donation through donorschoose.org for the middle school, from the Elementary PTO for elementary Environment Day, and from Russ and Sandy Brieske for the middle school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a second reading of Policy #821.5 District Use of Social Media and #361.1 Acceptable Use of Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the CESA contracts for services for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion withdrawn. No other action was taken as the Board requested additional information.

A revised draft of the 2019-2020 budget process following the election on April 2, 2019, was reviewed by Mr. Gunderson for financial planning purposes. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson share information in preparation for the upcoming Board Development Meeting on March 27, 2019. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed and recommended updates were noted. Hockey agreement/cost review, orange frog information, Tasha Schuh presentation for fall-invite School Board to attend. No action was taken.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

**School District of West Salem  
Special School Board Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2019  
Marie Heider Meeting Room  
6:00 p.m.**

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's 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 21, 2019. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

Catherine Griffin led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Syl Clements.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Board Development discussion topics included: \*Board Leadership Role

\*Strategic Plan Review

\*Board Operational Structure

\*Data Reporting Process

**Adjournment**

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk

**School District of West Salem  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2019  
Marie Heider Meeting Room  
7:00 p.m.**

**Convene**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's 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 April 4, 2019.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

Rachel Newton led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Dagan Hemker recited the District Mission

Statement.

**Roll Call**

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Michael Johnson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: none.

**Approval of Agenda**

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Ken Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Connection with the Community**

Student representative and WASB acknowledgements – Mrs. Halverson presented Paige Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker with a certificate of commendation from the WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools. Mrs. Halverson presented outgoing Board Member Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield with a certificate and plaque from the WASB and also a WASB Member Recognition Certificate and pin for attaining a new level in the recognition program. Mr. Clements presented Mrs. Halverson with a WASB Member Recognition Certificate and pin for attaining a new level in the recognition program.

Art teachers Quenten Brown, Kaylin Lotspaih, Nicole Finch, and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of artwork to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Rachel Newton, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Girls Soccer - won against Altoona and won against Adams-Friendship.
2. Track - on April 2, the girls placed 3rd and boys placed first, and at the West Salem Quad the girls and boys teams both placed first.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The WSHS Band and Choir students participated in solo and ensemble on Saturday, April 6th. Going on to state on May 4 at Viterbo University are 27 vocal entries and 28 instrumental entries.
2. The Principles of Leadership class has set up recycling bins within the high school. They will remain for the rest of the school year. Students are encouraged to recycle their plastic water bottles.
3. The theme for prom has been decided (Roarin' 20s) and the prom court has been decided: Abbie Cavadini, Kara Gavaghan, Meghan Hansen, Samantha Kothari, Katie Maliszewski, Taylor Sackett, Julia Stoleson, Sara Ziegler, Parker Allen, Nathan Becker, Wyndor Goodenough, Ryley Rasmussen, Sterling Skrede, Garrett Spafford, Sawyer Springborn, and Trevor Trautsch.

**Correspondence**

A thank you from Deelyn Christianson and family was read.

Proclamations by Governor Tony Evers and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carolyn Stanford Taylor proclaiming April 2019 as Military Child Month were read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

## School District of West Salem Regular School Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2019 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the meeting held earlier tonight.

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Halverson reported on the events of the Board's April meeting.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mrs. Halverson announced that the 2019 Bearing Wall recipient is Marcia Thompson. Mrs. Halverson also announced that the 2019 LaVerne Nuttelman Distinguished Service Award recipients are Barb Thompson and Shirl Fosler.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Clements reported on the events of last weeks meeting.

District Strategic Initiative updates by the Superintendent's Cabinet and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019; the invoices to be paid; accept the administration's recommendation to hire Shaun Borre as high school assistant golf coach, Sydney Dunham as high school girls' soccer volunteer coach, Jeanne Babiash as high school softball volunteer coach, Claire Schrader as the high school dance team head coach for the 2019-2020 season, and trap team volunteer coaches: David Bohnsak, Jeff Busse, Tom Garbers, Dale Hewitt, Dave Komah, Barry Loding, Andrea Modlin, Joe Nickles, Bryce Perrett, Ryan Rasmussen Sr., and Ron Black; and 19-20 & 20-21 administrator contracts for Eric Jensen, Lisa Gerke, Michael Johnson, and Justin Jehn. Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations or retirements to act upon.

### Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to accept donations from the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the middle school, from Inventory Trading Company for the baseball program, from Jay Nilam Patel for the 4-year-old kindergarten "Book of the Month" program, and from an anonymous donor for the high school scholar athlete scholarship.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #345.5 Graduation as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a first reading of policy #830 Facility use, Excluding Center for the Arts, #830-Rule Facility Use Requests, #830-Exhibit, Fee Schedule-as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve for purchase the final items for the auto lab project as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to direct the administration to get a quote on bleachers for the Panther Den and bring back to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Early College Credit Program requests for the fall of 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed and recommended updates were noted.

Mrs. Halverson 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 to professional staff, in accordance with Wis. § Stat 118.22.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:39 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Aye; Mr. Clements, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Abstained; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

### Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## Combining Fiction and Real Life

Our 5th grade students recently spent time learning about Colonial America during Social Studies and Reading. As part of the unit, they completed a colonial historical fiction book called “The Sign of the Beaver” by Elizabeth George Speare. Trapping animals was a large part of the story as a young boy learns to survive by himself out in the wilderness, so Mr. Johnson, Associate Principal at WSMS, volunteered to present on his trapping experience around the area. He shared pelts of mink, beaver, bobcat, otter, and even a wolf from Mr.

Baker’s classroom. He also showed students the various traps used when trapping animals. The presentation ended with students being able to explore all the items shown. The students learned a lot and it was a great way to wrap up their unit on Colonial America while combining the knowledge they learned from the book with a real-life experience. Mr. Johnson also enjoyed sharing one of his hobbies with his students. What a great way to “serve with passion!”



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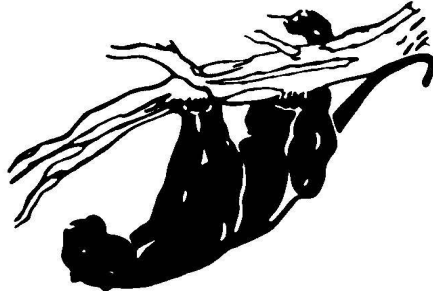


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