



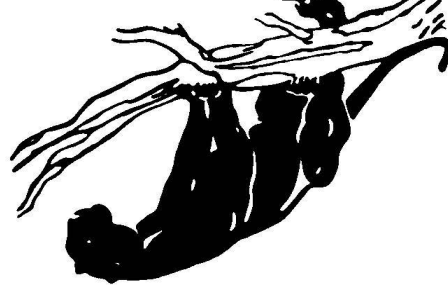
# School District of West Salem

“Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity,  
Innovation and Excellence.”



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## Brian Baker Named 2023 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellow

We'd like to congratulate West Salem Middle School Science teacher Brian Baker for being named an Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow for 2023! In order to receive this award, teachers must be nominated and then follow up with an extensive application process. Brian was chosen from among many fine candidates because of his skill as a leader and agent for positive change, and his superior ability to inspire love

of learning. Mr. Baker teaches 7th grade Science and helped to start the annual summer school backpacking trip and also heads the Trees for Tomorrow trip every winter. This is the second year in a row a district teacher was selected to receive this honor, and Baker was also one of just four teachers selected from CESA 4. He will receive a \$6,000 award, as well as a matching grant for West Salem Middle School. Way to go!



### Did You Know?

Lettuce leaves that are darker in color contain more vitamins and minerals than paler color varieties.



Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

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@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem  
and  
Follow us on Twitter  
@WestSalemSD  
and Instagram  
@schooldistrictofwestsalem



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

\*click Calendars and then  
\*click Coulee Conference/Mississippi Valley Conference

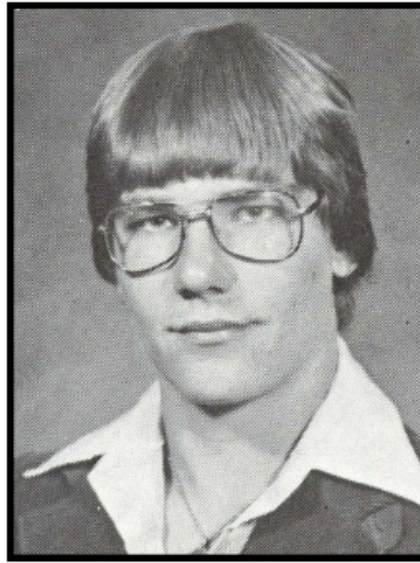
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# 2023 West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

JOIN US TO HONOR OUR 2023 INDUCTEES:



DAVID GARBERS ('62)



RICK SCHULTZ ('80)



FRED MEYER ('28)

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

5:00 P.M.

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes continued...

February 27, 2023

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Public Comments – None.

#### Consent Agenda

R. Fitzgerald moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023;
- the invoices to be paid;
- to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations, Jamie Olson-head baseball coach from 10% to 8%, Nick Schultz-assistant baseball coach, Adam Krause-assistant baseball coach, Ben Luther-assistant baseball coach, Jared Hauser-assistant baseball coach, Scott Koepnick-volunteer baseball coach, Kyle Helgeson-volunteer baseball coach, Katie Fink-head 8th grade softball coach, Lauren Lovely-head 7th grade softball coach, Adeline Rojas-assistant middle school softball coach, Tommy Friday-assistant high school track coach, Tony Weilandt-assistant high school track coach, Ashley Miner-assistant high school track coach, Cameron Robaczewski-assistant high school track coach, Brittany Hodgson-assistant high school softball coach, Rod Hamilton-volunteer high school softball coach, Bill Jensen-middle school track coach, Heidi Propson-middle school track coach, and Nicole Friell-middle school track coach;
- to accept a donation from Mike & Connie Miller in memory of Marge Mussman for the Nutrition Services Department Jane Doe Fund and from West Salem Cares for the middle school Random Acts of Kindness Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

C. Peterson moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve for a second reading of the following policies:

Policy Update v31 no2 Fall 2022

Legal/recommended

Po0100 (r) - definitions

Po0161 (r) - parliamentary authority

Po1213 (r) - student supervision and welfare

Po1421 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement

Po2260.02 (r) - services for bilingual students/English learners

Po2414 (r) - human growth and development

Po2460.03 (l) - independent educational evaluation (IEE)

Po2522 (r) - library media centers

Po2700.01 (l) - school performance and accountability reports

Po3120.04 (r) - employment of substitutes

Po3121 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement

Po3213 (r) - student supervision and welfare

Po3425 (r) - benefits

Po4120.04 (r) - employment of substitutes

Po4121 (r) - criminal history record check and employee self-reporting requirement

Po4213 (r) - student supervision and welfare

Po4425 (r) - benefits

Po5340 (l) - student accidents/illness/concussion & sudden cardiac arrest

Po5517.01 (r) - bullying

Po7440.01 (r) - video surveillance and electronic monitoring

Po8146 (l) - notification of educational options

Po8330 (l) - student records

Other

Po3139 – staff discipline

Po5500 – student conduct rules and discipline guidelines

Po8120 – volunteers

Po8500.01 – meal charge – unpaid

meal account

Po8451 - pediculosis (head lice)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Village of West Salem Ordinance No. 513, Regulation of ATV/UTV on Public Streets was reviewed by the Board and provided Superintendent Rieber with their thoughts on the matter. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

#### Board Development

The Power of a Positive Team, Jon Gordon, chapters 5 & 6 were reviewed the Board and the administration.

#### Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023 Marie Heider Meeting Room 6:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on February 16, 2023. This meeting is at the request of a board member.

### 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: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, and Justin Jehn; Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan and Chris Peterson.

### Approval of Agenda

E. Peterson moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

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

R. Fitzgerald moved, B. Minard seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

### Adjournment

R. Fitzgerald moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on February 23, 2023.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mike Malott led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ben Wopat recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Mike Malott, Charlie Alexander, and Deanna Wiatt; Student representatives: Brennan Kennedy. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Heidi Horton, Madison MacRogers and Shawn Handland.

### Approval of Agenda

B. Minard moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Directors' Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the hiring of Kendra Davidson-high school cook, Angela Devenport-bus driver, George Fisher-middle school/mail route custodian, Chery Friell-elementary paraprofessional, Cynthia Maxwell, middle school paraprofessional, Ashley Miner-middle school paraprofessional, Margaret Nelson-high school custodian, Barbara Reynolds-middle school cook; the retirement of Kathy Wagner-middle school cook; the resignations of Heidi Allen-high school cook, Jennifer Cole-bus driver, Lucy Hubbell-elementary paraprofessional, and Laura Johnsrude-elementary paraprofessional.

### Connection with the Community

Madison MacRogers, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The gymnastics team qualified for state, so 8 girls will be attending
2. The girls' basketball team are regional champs and play next Thursday against Elk Mound at Arcadia
3. The boys' basketball team won conference for the 4th year in a row, and was awarded a 1 seed and will play this Friday vs. the winner of the Adams-Friendship and Black River Falls game
4. Girl's hockey had a great season making it to the sectional finals
5. The boy's hockey had a great season
6. The wrestling season came to an end with Andy Johnson qualifying for state and putting up a tough fight
7. Show choir season ended with a concert involving show choir groups from elementary school and middle school
8. Finally, there are 38 Deca State qualifiers at Lake Geneva right now competing for spots to go to ICDC in Orlando, Florida

Correspondence – None.

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### Ted Vigil's "Tribute to John Denver"

Friday, April 14, 2023

7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: Adults: \$26/Senior**

**Citizens: \$24/Students: \$15**

### Art Gallery & Display Cases

West Salem High School

Senior Art Show

Runs April 3-28, 2023

### Art Reception

Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:00-7:30 p.m.

They say everyone has a twin out there somewhere. If John Denver were alive today, he would be able to meet his identical twin face-to-face. Meet Denver's twin (no relation) singer, songwriter, and tribute artist, Ted Vigil for an evening filled with John Denver's greatest musical hits of all time.



### Box Office Hours

(608) 786-2550

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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

## "Donut Stress, Do Your Best!"

We'd like to give a big thank you to Kwik Trip who donated donuts for our 3rd graders to enjoy as they prepared for their Forward Testing! Their motto for the week was "Donut stress, do your best on the test!"



## 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). Navigate by going to "Schools" > "High School" > "Students" > "Student Services" > "Transcripts."

If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

## Open Enrollment for 2023-2024

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 6-April 28, 2023. Open Enrollment is for any nonresident student that wishes to attend our schools. Students that are currently open enrolled do not need to reapply.

All open enrollment information can be found by going to our website [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page and then "Open Enrollment" on the right hand side. If you have questions, please call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

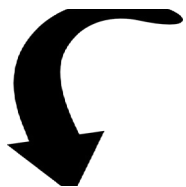
## Calling All West Salem Community Art Show Artists

Please consider allowing a few of your pieces of original art work (paintings, ceramics, photography, wood working, drawings, handmade jewelry, etc.) to be displayed in the Heider Center Art Gallery during the month of May and the first two weeks of June, 2023. They can be pieces from your collection, they do not have to be art work to be sold.

An art reception is set for Thursday, June 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Heider Art Gallery.

Please contact Peggy Green at 608-786-1962 with any questions and/or interest in displaying some pieces in our West Salem Community Show. I look forward to hearing from many of you.

## Looking for Important Dates?



The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) and navigate to the top right corner and click on the calendar icon. From here, you can view the school year calendar, Coulee Conference Athletic calendar, Mississippi Valley Athletic calendar, and individual building events.



## WSMS Students Get Creative in Tech Ed

During their Panther Time in the 7th and 8th grade Tech Ed and STEM classrooms students used the wood shop to create a pinewood derby car. They then painted and tested their cars in the STEM room to see whose could go the fastest and who had the most creative design. We had some very fast cars and some extremely creative cars! The speed winners were Carter Hill (7th) and Tristan Quam (8th). The winners of the most creative trophy were Deanna Christianson (7th) and Bri Peterson (8th). Nice job students on this fun project!

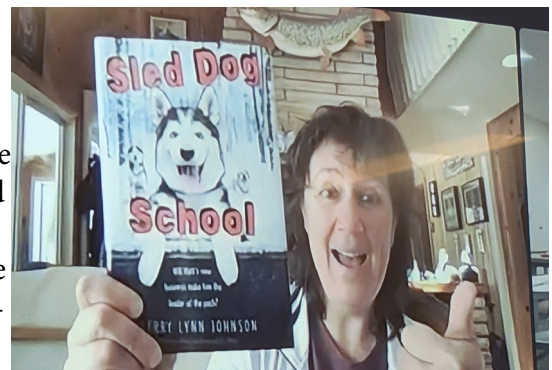


# District Announcements



## Connecting Through Writing

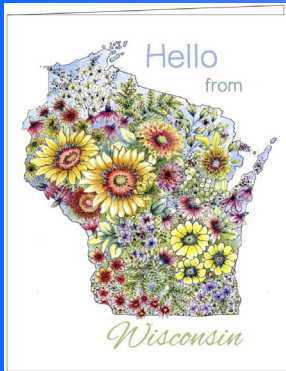
Our 5th grade writing classes recently wrapped up a letter writing unit where they got the opportunity to write to many different people, some near and some far! Mrs. Kjos's classes wrote to a family member or friend and Miss Folker's classes wrote to pen pals in Texas. All of the 5th graders also hand wrote, or emailed, a favorite author and have started to receive some author responses back! Terry Lynn Johnson, the author of *Sled Dog School* and *Ice Dogs*, participated in a Zoom call with some students and taught them about her background in dogsledding. Her outdoor books are based on her experiences from dog sledding and as a conservation officer. She showed them some dog sledding equipment she uses and taught them some vocabulary they use to train the dogs. She also taught them some great information about editing and revising their work multiple times and writing what you are passionate about. She spent some time answering questions from the students to end the Zoom call!



## School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103
- Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~ 786-9998

*\*Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday*



# Mayfair 2023 ART FAIR

Saturday,  
May 13th  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM  
West Salem  
Lion's Shelter  
240 East Avenue

**A celebration of the Arts**

Art Fair  
Silent Auction

**Pulled Pork  
Sandwich Dinner with  
Cole Slaw, Beans and  
Beverage**

11:00 AM—1:00 PM  
**\$12.00**

Sponsored by: Heider Center Arts Board



## School District of West Salem

### **Thursday, April 6, 2023**

8:00am Forward Assessment for Sophomores

### **Friday, April 7, 2023**

All Day No School-Easter Break

### **Monday, April 10, 2023**

All Day No School-Easter Break

### **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

All Day No School-Snow Day Make-Up Day if  
Needed

### **Friday, April 28, 2023**

All Day 4th Quarter Mid-Term

### **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

6:00pm NHS Induction @ Heider Center

## School District of West Salem

### Friday, April 28, 2023

- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Meet vs. Arcadia, Cochrane-Fountain City, G-E-T, Logan, Luther, Melrose-Mindoro, Providence Academy, Sparta & Viroqua @ G-E-T High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

### Saturday, April 29, 2023

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Altoona, Aquinas & Baldwin-Woodville @ Baldwin-Woodville High School
- 9:00am Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Aquinas, Arcadia, Bangor, Blair-Taylor, Boscobel, Cadott, Cashton, Central, Franklin, Hayward Community Schools, Holmen, Logan, Mauston, Mondovi, Mosinee, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, Tomah, Viroqua, Westby Area High School & Winona Senior @ University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Sparta, Tomah & Wonewoc Center @ Sparta River Run Golf Course
- 9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Baraboo, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Marshfield, Osseo-Fairchild, Sparta, Tomah & Wonewoc Center @ Sparta River Run Golf Course

### Band Events

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

- All Day District Solo & Ensemble @ West Salem High School

### Elementary School Events

### Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- All Day Environment Day

### Friday, April 7, 2023

- All Day No School-Easter Break

### Monday, April 10, 2023

- All Day No School-Easter Break

### Tuesday, April 11, 2023

- All Day No School-Snow Day Make-Up Day if Needed

### Thursday, April 13, 2023

- 8:30am 3rd Grade to the National Eagle Center - Wabasha

### Friday, April 14, 2023

- 8:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Deml & Vergin

### Monday, April 17, 2023

- 8:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Allind & Smith

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

- 8:30am 3rd Grade to the OEC Mathison & Lopez

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

- 8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC Hoff, Schwartz & Steiner

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

- 8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC Wegner, Ihle & Miller

### Friday, April 21, 2023

- 8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC All Classes

### Middle School Events

### Tuesday, April 4-Thursday, April 6, 2023

- All Day 5th & 7th Grade Forward Testing

### Friday, April 7, 2023

- All Day No School-Easter Break

### Monday, April 10, 2023

- All Day No School-Easter Break

### Tuesday, April 11, 2023

- All Day No School-Snow Day Make-Up Day if Needed

### Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21, 2023

- All Day 6th & 8th Grade Forward Testing

### High School Events

### Tuesday, April 4, 2023

- 8:00am Pre-ACT Testing for Sophomores

### Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- 8:00am Pre-ACT Testing for Freshmen

## School District of West Salem

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
- 4:15pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Black River Falls, Blair-Taylor, Luther, Melrose-Mindoro, Pepin, Providence Academy, Sparta & Whitehall @ Luther High School
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Sparta @ West Salem High School

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

- 4:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs. Luther @ Luther High School
- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Meet vs. Altoona, Aquinas, Arcadia, Central, Fall Creek, G-E-T, Mondovi, Westby Area High School & Whitehall @ Arcadia High School Track & Field Complex
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School Soccer Field #1
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School Soccer Field #1

### Friday, April 21, 2023

- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 2:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Belleville @ Belleville High School

### Monday, April 24, 2023

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
- 4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Hwy 33 Fields
- 6:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Aquinas @ Hwy 33 Fields

### Tuesday, April 25, 2023

- 11:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Amherst, Assumption, Baraboo, DC Everest, Marathon, Marshfield, Mauston, Mosinee, Nekoosa, Newman Catholic, Reedsburg, Stevens Point (SPASH), Tomah, Wausau East, Wautoma, Westfield, Wisconsin Dells & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Sand Valley Golf Resort
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Providence Academy & Tomah @ Onalaska High School
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Logan @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ Mauston High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Logan @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Memorial Park Softball Field - North
- 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Memorial Park Softball Field - South
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Aquinas @ West Salem High School

### Thursday, April 27, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Ettrick Golf Course School
- 4:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tomah HS @ Tomah Veteran's Park Field
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Baseball Field
- 5:45pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Tomah HS @ Tomah Veteran's Park Field
- 6:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Baseball Field

# Calendar of Events

## April

### Athletic Events

#### Monday, April 3, 2023

- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah La Grange Elementary
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

#### Tuesday, April 4, 2023

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls, Cashton, Holmen, Luther, Mauston, New Lisbon, Prairie du Chien & Tomah @ Holmen High School
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
- 4:00pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Logan @ Logan High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

#### Thursday, April 6, 2023

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Central @ Central High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School Mars Field
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School Westby City Field
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Reedsburg @ West Salem High School

#### Tuesday, April 11, 2023

- 3:30pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Holmen High School
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys JV Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc

5:00pm

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7:00pm

#### Thursday, April 13, 2023

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc Center, Luther, Viroqua & Westby Area High School @ Coulee Golf Bowl
- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Baseball vs. Onalaska @ West Salem Middle School
- 4:30pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Baraboo @ Baraboo High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Logan @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Logan @ West Salem High School

#### Friday, April 14, 2023

- 4:00pm Track: Varsity Meet vs. Aquinas, Bangor & Logan @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Logan @ West Salem High School Softball Fields

#### Saturday, April 15, 2023

- 9:00am Tennis: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Baraboo, Onalaska & Sparta @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts
- 10:00am Baseball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs. Prescott @ West Salem High School
- 12:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs. Waupun @ Jerry Medema Fields
- 1:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Edgewood @ Edgewood High School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

## School District of West Salem

and how we will use that as we continue to move into the final two years of that “YES” vote of a year ago. There are still unknowns as we wait for answers from Madison, where they continue to work on a biennium budget. When we know more about the decisions that will be made in Madison and the effects this will have on our school district and taxpayers, we will do our best to explain this to all of you.

There is a lot of excitement still ahead of us and many things yet for our students to accomplish. Enjoy the time that we have remaining and the opportunities that lie ahead within these remaining two months of the school year. On May 10th, our seniors will be presenting their Senior Exit Projects. If you haven't been a part of these

as a parent or a community member, know that we are always looking for local businesses, community partners, or community members to come and help observe and judge these projects. If interested, please contact our high school office.

Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent

# A Historic Winter Season



April 2023



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### Reflecting on the Past and Moving Forward

It has been said that the best memories can never be captured in pictures; they are captured in our hearts. West Salem’s students, families, and community have a lot of memories to reflect on from this past winter. Now that the dust has settled from the past month, I hope everyone can understand what our students, athletes, and community accomplished. The success that our students have had isn’t commonplace. Reviewing what has transpired in having a state wrestling qualifier, our girls’ gymnastics team placing second at state, our girls’ basketball team returning to the state tournament for the first time since 1997, and our boys’ basketball team bringing home a silver ball for the second consecutive year is quite impressive. Thank you to our students and community members who continued to show up and support our teams through the highs and lows, even in March’s unpredictable weather. Together, we helped to create memories that will be held in the hearts of our students and community for a long time to come!

April not only brings showers, but it is also state assessment season. Our students in grades three through eleven will all participate in some form of assessment as we move through the month. The results of these assessments will be known in the summer months, and they are the assessments that figure into our building and district scores on our state report card. The results of these assessments allow the district and buildings to reflect on the systems we have in place to support our students. District, state, and building assessment data allows us to get a consistent longitudinal picture of what is going well and what areas we can continue to improve in. We focus on continuous improvement and ensuring that we provide learning and opportunities for all students.

Last April, the West Salem School District came to the community to ask for your help and support through a non-recurring operational referendum. In the upcoming months, as we begin looking forward to the 23-24 school year, I will provide an overview of what we did this past year with the gift of a passed referendum from last year

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