### **April 2025**



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# **Letter from Superintendent** Ryan Rieber

## **Exciting Updates for April**

As we enter April, we have many exciting updates and events to share with you. From academic achievements to community service initiatives and upcoming construction projects, our students and staff continue to make great strides in shaping a bright future for our schools.

### **Academic Updates**

Our high school juniors took the ACT exam this past month, an important milestone in their academic journey. We appreciate their dedication and hard work in preparing for this exam, and are encouraged that they did their best. As Aristotle once said, "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution." Additionally, standardized testing will take place across all buildings in April. These assessments provide valuable insights into our students' academic progress, helping us refine our educational approaches to serve their needs better. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring our students are

well-prepared and confident.

### **Servant Leadership in Action**

Our middle school students will again participate in their annual village clean-up activity as part of their servant leadership initiatives. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to give back to our community and take pride in maintaining its beauty. As Margaret Mead wisely said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We commend them for their dedication and hard work in making a positive impact.

### **Spring Break & Easter Holiday**

Barring another significant snowfall, students and staff will enjoy a well-deserved break from April 17th through April 21st for Spring Break and Easter. We hope everyone takes this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

### **Upcoming Construction Projects**

We are actively planning and preparing for construction to begin this summer at both the elementary and high

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Here are some key updates:

- The elementary school will start its construction project by installing a new playground north of the building. The current playground, part of the original structure, will be removed to construct the new gymnasium.
- A special thank you to our Elementary PTO for assisting in purchasing new playground equipment for our 4K students. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!
- Roofing projects are underway, with the elementary gym and multipurpose rooms nearly complete. The remainder of the elementary school roofing will be finished over the summer.
- The next phase of roofing work will focus on the district office and Heider Center.
- Planning and preliminary drawings for additional projects are progressing well, and we look forward to sharing more details with the public soon.

### **Celebrating Our Achievements**

While we celebrate the initiatives mentioned above, we also want to recognize the many accomplishments of our students, teachers, and staff. From academic success to artistic achievements and community service efforts, each success contributes to the culture of our school community. As John Wooden once said, "Success is never final; failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts." We applaud everyone who has participated in these accomplishments and encourage the continued pursuit of excellence.

As we go into April, let us carry forward the spirit of cooperation, dedication, and gratitude that defines West Salem. Together, we will continue to foster a learning environment where every student can grow, achieve, and thrive.

Ryan Rieber

## **Panther Pride**



Tuesday, April 1, 2025

4:00pm

# **Calendar of Events April**

**Athletic Events** 

Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball

vs. Logan @ Logan High School

vs. Logali @ Logali High School
Softball: JV Game vs. Holmen @ Viking
Elementary School Softball Field 3
Softball: Varsity Game vs. Holmen
@ Viking Elementary School Softball Field
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Baseball: JV Game vs. Central
@ West Salem High School
Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Central
@ Copeland Park
ril 3, 2025
Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs.
Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls,
G-E-T, Hillsboro, Holmen, Luther,
Onalaska, Tomah & Westby Area High
School @ Fox Hollow Golf Course
Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball
vs. Central @ Central High School
Baseball: JV Game vs. Sparta @ Sparta
Memorial Park Baseball Field
Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Sparta
@ Sparta HS-BSB Field
Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Baraboo
@ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
4, 2025
Tennis: Boys Varsity Invitational
vs. Aquinas, Catholic Memorial,
Menomonee Falls, Notre Dame Academy
& Xavier @ Western Racquet Club
Baseball: JV Game vs. Aquinas
@ Carroll Park
Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Aquinas
@ Holy Cross Seminary Field
Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Aquinas
@ West Salem HS Softball Fields
Track: Boys & Girls Varsity Invite vs.
Altoona, Green Bay Preble, Hortonville,
Madison La Follette, Necedah, Shawano
Community, Stevens Point Area Senior

High School, Sun Prairie West, Tomahawk & Valley Christian @ UW-Stevens Point Multi-Activity Center (MAC)

### Monday, April 7, 2025 5:00pm

5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia
	@ Arcadia High School
5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia
	@ Arcadia High School Memorial Park
1	Softball Field - South

### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

4:00pm

Courts
School
ce
Lake

@ Rice Lake High School

Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Regis

### Thursday, April 10, 2025

4:15pm	Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball	
_	vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem	
	Middle School	
5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia	
_	@ West Salem High School	

#### 5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Arcadia

@ West Salem High School Softball Fields

Tennis: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Central

Friday, April 11, 2025		
TBD	Track: Boys & Girls Varsity Triangular	
	vs. Arcadia, G-E-T & Holmen	
	@ G-E-T High School	
4:00pm	Tennis: Boys Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas	
	@ Green Island Tennis Courts	
5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Logan	
	@ West Salem HS Softball Fields	
7:00pm	Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Edgewood	
	@ Reddan Soccer Park	

### Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00am

	@ Central High School
11:00am	Softball: Varsity Game vs. Fall Creek
	@ Fall Creek High School
12:30pm	Softball: JV Game vs. Fall Creek
•	@ Fall Creek High School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

Schoo	District of West Salem		
1:00pm	Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Logan		@ Luther High School
•	@ Logan High School	5:00pm	Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Onalaska
4:00pm	Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Onalaska	1	@ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
1.00 p 111	@ Green Island Tennis Courts	7:00pm	Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Onalaska
Monday, Apı		7.00pm	@ West Salem HS Soccer Fields
		Tuesday An	
4:00pm	Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Arcadia, Black	Tuesday, Ap	
	River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc	11:00am	Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs.
	Center, Luther & Westby/Viroqua		Adams-Friendship, Amherst, Assumption,
	@ Coulee Golf Bowl		Baraboo, Black River Falls, DC Everest,
5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River		Marathon, Marshfield, Mauston,
	Falls @ Black River Falls High School		Nekoosa, Newman Catholic, Reedsburg,
5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River		Sauk Prairie, Stevens Point Area Senior
	Falls @ Black River Falls High School		High School, Tomah/Sparta, Wausau East,
Tuesday, Apı	il 15, 2025		Wautoma, Westfield, Wisconsin Dells &
4:00pm	Golf: Boys JV Meet vs. Arcadia, Black		Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Sand Valley
1	River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc		Golf Resort
	Center, Luther & Westby/Viroqua	4:00pm	Golf: Boys JV Meet vs. Arcadia, Black
	@ Arcadia Country Club	1100 P 111	River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc
4:00pm	Tennis: Boys Varsity Dual Meet vs.		Center, Luther & Westby/Viroqua
1.00pm	Holmen @ West Salem High School		@ Fox Hollow Golf Course
	Tennis Courts	1.15nm	
4.00		4:15pm	Track: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs.
4:00pm	Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas,		Alma-Pepin, Aquinas, Black River Falls,
	Arcadia, Black River Falls, Central, G-E-T,		Blair-Taylor, Cochrane-Fountain
	Holmen, Logan, Luther, Onalaska,		City, Independence/Gilmanton, Luther,
	Sparta, Tomah Viroqua & Westby Area		Melrose-Mindoro, Providence Academy,
	High School @ West Salem High School		Sparta & Whitehall @ Luther High School
4:15pm	Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball	4:15pm	Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball
	vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School		vs. Logan @ West Salem Middle School
5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Wisconsin	5:00pm	Softball: Varsity Game vs. Pacelli
	Dells @ West Salem High School		@ West Salem HS Softball Fields
5:00pm	Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Arcadia	5:00pm	Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Central High
-	@ Arcadia High School	-	School @ Field for Kids
7:00pm	Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Arcadia	7:00pm	Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Central
1	@ Arcadia High School	1	High School @ Field for Kids
Thursday, Ap	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Thursday, Ap	· ·
5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River	4:00pm	Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Arcadia, Black
2.000	Falls @ West Salem High School	поорт	River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc
5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Black River		Center, Luther & Westby/Viroqua
3.00pm	Falls @ West Salem High School		@ Arcadia Country Club
	Softball Fields	4.00nm	•
C - 4 1 A		4:00pm	Track: Varsity Invite vs. Altoona, Arcadia,
Saturday, Ap			Central, Fall Creek, G-E-T, Mondovi,
1:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Doubleheader vs.		Necedah & Whitehall @ Arcadia
36 1 4	Waupun @ Jerry Medema Fields		High School
Monday, Apı		4:15pm	Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball
5:00pm	Baseball: JV Game vs. Luther		vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
	@ Onalaska Reserve Field	5:00pm	Baseball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Luther
5:00pm	Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Luther		@ West Salem High School
	@ Luther High School	5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Luther
5:00pm	Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Luther		@ West Salem High School Softball Fields

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Sparta

@ West Salem HS Soccer Fields

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Sparta

@ West Salem HS Soccer Fields

Friday, April 25, 2025

4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Big Foot

@ West Salem High School Tennis Courts

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational vs.

Aquinas, Arcadia, Baraboo, Central,

Cochrane-Fountain City, G-E-T, Holmen,

Luther, Marshfield, Nekoosa, Onalaska,

Osseo-Fairchild, Sparta, Tomah & Wausau West @ Sparta River Run Golf Course

High School @ Westby High School

9:00am Softball: Varsity Tournament vs. Logan,

Merrill, Portage, Poynette & Waterford

@ Portage High School

10:00am Track: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs.

Adams-Friendship, Aquinas, Arcadia, Ashland, Bangor, Boscobel, Cadott, Cashton, Central, Colfax, DC Everest,

Fennimore, Franklin, Hayward

Community Schools, Holmen, Logan, Mauston, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien &

Winona Senior @ UW-La Crosse

Monday, April 28, 2025

4:00pm Golf: Boys JV Meet vs. Arcadia, Black

River Falls, G-E-T, Hillsboro-Wonewoc

Center, Luther & Westby/Viroqua

@ Coulee Golf Bowl

5:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Westby Area High

School @ Mars Field

5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Westby Area

High School @ Westby City Field

5:00pm Softball: JV/Varsity Game vs. Westby Area

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

4:00pm Tennis: Boys Varsity Match vs. Viroqua

@ Viroqua High School

4:00pm Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas,

Central, Holmen, Luther, Mauston,

Onalaska & Providence Academy

@ Onalaska High School

4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Wiffleball

vs. Central @ West Salem Middle School

5:00pm Soccer: Girls JV Match vs. Aquinas

@ Field for Kids

7:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Aquinas

@ Field for Kids

### **Band Events**

Saturday, April 5, 2025

All Day District Solo & Ensemble

@ West Salem High School

Saturday, April 12, 2025

6:25pm Jazz Band Performance @ Stoney Creek

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Jazz I performs @ 4:45 p.m., Jazz II

performs @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 2025

All Day State Solo & Ensemble

@ West Salem High School

### **Elementary School Events**

Thursday, April 3, 2025

7:20am Walking School Bus

Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &

W. Hamlin Streets

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:20am Walking School Bus

Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &

W. Hamlin Streets

Thursday, April 17, 2025

All Day No School-Snow Day Makeup Day

Friday, April 18, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break

Monday, April 21, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

8:15am 4th Grade to the OEC

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:20am Walking School Bus

Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &

W. Hamlin Streets

8:15am 4th Grade to the OEC

Ihle, Steiner & Hoff

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:20am Walking School Bus

Meet at the corner of N. Tilson &

W. Hamlin Streets

8:40am 4th Grade to the OEC

All Classes

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

8:15am 1st Grade to the OEC

Antony & Baldwin

### **Middle School Events**

Monday, March 31-Friday, April 4, 2025

All Day 7th Grade Forward Testing

Tuesday, April 8-Friday, April 11, 2025

All Day 8th Grade Forward Testing

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

All Day Trimester 3 Mid-Term

Thursday, April 17, 2025

All Day No School-Snow Day Makeup Day

Friday, April 18, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break

Monday, April 21, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

All Day Trimester 3 Mid-Term Grades Due

### **High School Events**

Thursday, April 10, 2025

8:00am Pre-ACT Testing for Freshmen &

Sophomores

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

8:00am Forward Testing for Sophomores

Thursday, April 17, 2025

All Day No School-Snow Day Makeup Day

Friday, April 18, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break

Monday, April 21, 2025

All Day No School-Easter Break



Classes run
July 7-25, 2025
Grades K-8
Register via Skyward

**OPEN APRIL 1-15** 



### **Cultural Exploration**

Students in Señora Tolvstad's Spanish IV classes have been learning about the culture and history of El Salvador while reading a book called "Vida y muerte en la Mara Salvatrucha" about a boy's life being born into the MS-13 gang. After learning about the culture, they spent a day making some traditional meals including Horchata and Pupusas! Horchata is a drink made of rice, milk, water, cinnamon and vanilla and pupusas are thick griddle cakes or flatbreads made with corn or rice flour and often stuffed with cheese, squash or refried beans. Muy delicioso!







## **District Announcements**



### A Hands-On Lesson

Many of us have heard of the "Jaws of Life" but hopefully haven't had to see them

in action. Students in Mr. Parr's Advanced Auto Concepts class at WSHS had a chance to see how they work and even give them a try during a recent visit from the West Salem Volunteer Fire Department. Lieutenant Vic Czajka and Captain Scott Johnson explained why and how they might use the Jaws of Life when called to an automobile accident. Then it was time for action as students had a chance to try them out on a donated vehicle! They did a great job handling the equipment and it was the perfect opportunity for them to learn more about the department and potentially pique their interest in volunteering as they get older. Thank you to the WSFD for sharing your time and expertise with our students!





### **School Board Members**

Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~~~ 769-1714
Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
Erik Peterson, Clerk~~~~~~~ 792-5370
Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer~~~~~ 797-3585
Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~~ (612) 720-1852
Bob Gollnik, Director~~~~~ (608) 780-3836
\*Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday
of every month\*

## **District Announcements**

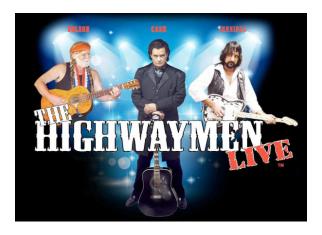
# Heider Center



The Highwaymen Live Thursday, April 10, 2025 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$26/\$24/\$10

Relive The Magic... Of The Greatest Country Music Super Group Of All Time. Willie, Waylon & Cash... The Highwaymen Live. Perhaps the greatest country music super group in history, the Highwaymen traveled the world performing country music to millions of fans. Your audience will watch in amazement as each song, one hit after another is sung just as if they were seeing the original band perform. This 90-minute show is full AV tribute to the greatest country stars – Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson and features upbeat, honky-tonk hits like Ring of Fire, Dukes of Hazard, On the Road Again & Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys.



### **Art Gallery**

West Salem High School Senior Art Show Runs April 8-May 15, 2025 Reception: Thursday, April 24 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### **Box Office Hours**

Monday & Thursday: 1:30 to 4:00 Open Everyday 1:30-4:00 pm the week before a show www.heidercenter.org

### **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 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.

### **Read Across America** Week

WSES students celebrated Read Across America Week with dress up days, a Read-a-Thon, and fun guessing contests! The theme for the week was "WSES Reading Superstars" and students and staff celebrated "National Read Across America Day," "Favorite Book Character Day," "We Make a Great Team Day," "We Go Together Like Milk & Cookies Day" and "Wild About Reading Day!" Thank you to our wonderful LMC staff for coordinating this fun week of activities!







### School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2025 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 20, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Bob Gollnik led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Minard recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, Caitlin Wilson, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Scott Johnson,; Student representatives: Jessa Hickey and Brennon Anderson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Erik Peterson, Justin Jehn, Ben Wopat, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland, Heidi Horton.

### Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Written and Oral Reports

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

Teaching and Learning Committee, B. Gollnik-Chair reported on Agenda Items: High School Acceleration Options, Changes in Data Sources for 2024-2025 data, AIMS Web data & Personal Reading Plans, I-Ready data and FastBridge data.

### Connection with the Community

Jessa Hickey, Student Representative, reported on:

- 1. The wrestling team ended their season at team sectionals last Tuesday in a close match against Menomonie. They bounced back on Saturday in the individual sectionals meet where junior, Teagen Moore, qualified for state in the 106-weight class.
- 2. The girls' basketball team clinched the Coulee conference title last Thursday at Luther. They are the 1 seed heading into the playoffs, and they will take on the winner of the Tomah/Logan game Friday night at home.
- 3. The boys' basketball team wraps up their regular season this week with games on Thursday and Saturday. They received the 3 seed for the playoffs next week.
- 4. A group of Mrs. Whitacre's students competed at the annual job skills Olympics at Onalaska High School, completing tasks such as shredding paper, folding laundry, and sorting silverware. They took 1st place for the 4th year in a row, beating 9 area schools.

### Brennon Anderson, Student Representative, reported on:

- 1. The show choir team had their last competition of the season in Cedar Rapids this weekend. Vivace and Singsations both placed 2nd in their division. Singsations also placed 6th overall in finals and earned both the J-Hawk award and the People's Choice award.
- 2. Both boys' and girls' hockey teams wrapped up their seasons in the playoffs last Thursday at Somerset.
- 3. Last Thursday, Mr. Holter took 6 teams of seniors to the Finance Quiz Bowl at UWL. West Salem ended up having the winning team of Ethan Crusan,

Tom Stenberg, Noah Stewert, and Philip Gabrielsen. They will all receive a 500-dollar scholarship from the surrounding financial institutions.

- 4. Last Wednesday seniors in the outdoor education class took a trip to Lake Onalaska to do some ice fishing. Although they didn't catch any fish, they had a fun day on the ice and got to do some grilling for lunch.
- 5. And this week Monday through Wednesday, there are around 20 high school students competing at the state DECA competition in Lake Geneva.
  6. NHS blood drive March 3rd

### Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Frank Clements was read.

Public Comments - None.

### Consent Agenda

- S. Gavaghan moved, C. Wilson seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
- a. The Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025; b. invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Tyler Shrake as Head Boys' Golf Coach, Rod Hamilton as Volunteer Softball Coach, Jared Hauser, Nick Schultz, Ben Luther, Cody Rohl as Assistant Baseball Coaches, Darwin Carranza as Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, Lisa Hehli as Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach, Cameron Robaczewski, Tony Weilandt, Tanner Gibbons as Assistant Track Coaches, Avery Duffy as Volunteer Track Coach, Josh Shrake and Aaron Kupinski as Assistant Golf Coaches;
- d. to accept donations from Cynthia & William Innes for the Random Acts of Kindness Fund; Rusteprufe donated items to the High School Trap Team; Dan Wetzel donated pork on behalf of the La Crosse County Pork Producers to the High School Family & Consumer Science Education class; JLO Homes II, LLC for the Unsung Hero Scholarship Fund; DPI auditors for the Jane Doe Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Administrator, Ryan Rieber requested 3 volunteer board members to serve on the College, Career and Life Ready (CCLR) video scholarship committee to watch, review and score the videos to award the scholarships. C. Wilson, B. Gollnik and C. Griffin volunteered. 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**

Administrator, Ryan Rieber presented a Fund 46 Presentation. How the fund is established, the presented plan and where do we go from here.

#### Adjournment

C. Griffin moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Wilson, Acting Clerk

### Winter Ecology at the OEC

Each winter, our 7th grade students spend a day at the school forest participating in winter ecology activities. Unfortunately it wasn't very wintery out during this year's visit, but students had a great time and made the best of the conditions regardless! Working together with their classmates, they spent time building fires, geocaching, conducting experiments, and learning about wolves. The coolest part? All of lessons were

taught by their peers who attended Trees for Tomorrow in January! It is a great opportunity for our students to be on both the teaching and learning side of a lesson. We are so fortunate to have a beautiful school forest that our students get to enjoy and learn from year-round.





### COULEE REGION



### **Did You Know?**

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



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

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







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

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