

August 2023



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### A New Beginning

As the calendar flips to August, I want to thank those who participated, assisted, taught, organized, or supported our summer school programming. We hosted many enriching and academically supporting sessions during our summer school program and youth and high school athletic camps in July. The efforts of our staff and the participation of our students were outstanding.

The conclusion of our summer school programming and the start of our high school fall co-curricular season is a sure sign that the 23-24 school year is right around the corner! As we prepare for the upcoming school year and look at a new beginning, I recently read a quote by Ralph Blum that fits this time of year. He stated that “Nothing is predestined. The obstacles of the past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.” I feel this speaks loudly for everyone. Every student, staff member, parent/guardian, or individual faces many obstacles daily; what we do with these obstacles defines who we are. As a dis-

trict, we continuously learn and adjust to provide the best for our students, staff, and families. We are excited about the new opportunities and the beginning of a new year.

Recently, you may have received an email/link/postcard requesting your feedback on our district survey to help us to continue to find ways to serve our students, staff, and community. I thank those of you who have completed this survey. Know that I take this feedback very seriously and listen to it. As we compile the results of the survey, the district will share them out in an upcoming newsletter. One item of feedback that we will begin acting on immediately is the timing of our newsletters. Several variables determine the timing of these going out and when they get delivered. We will do our best to have these in mailboxes within the first weeks of the month. Also, our newsletters are available on our district website under the FAMILIES tab. These are posted there when the letter is sent to the printer.

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, I want to thank our parents and West Salem School District residents for allowing us to work with your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. Our success is because

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## School District of West Salem

of your help and support. This dedication allows us to fill our buildings and classrooms with the best educators! We are fortunate here in West Salem, yet, we have the mindset of continuous improvement. We want to be better today than we were yesterday. As we prepare to begin another school year, I want to thank all of you! We are so excited to serve with passion and look forward to what

will come in the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you for all you do and your continued support!

Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent

# Summer School Fun!



# Calendar of Events August

## Athletic Events

### Friday, August 11, 2023

10:00am Football: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Central, Ellsworth, Mauston & Reedsburg @ West Salem High School

### Monday, August 14, 2023

2:00pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas @ Green Island Tennis Courts

### Friday, August 18, 2023

1:00pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, DeForest, Eau Claire North, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Milton, Menomonie, Onalaska, River Falls, Sheboygan North, Viroqua & Winona @ Multiple La Crosse Locations

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

### Saturday, August 19, 2023

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Luther, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie & Tomah @ Tomah La Grange Elementary

10:00am Volleyball: Girls JV Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, Eau Claire North & Logan @ Logan High School

10:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, Eau Claire North & Logan @ Central High School

### Monday, August 21, 2023

4:00pm Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Game vs. Portage @ Portage High School

### Tuesday, August 22, 2023

8:30am Volleyball: Girls JV Invitational vs. Arcadia, Bangor, Black River Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, Onalaska, Royall & Westby Area High School @ Omni Center

### Thursday, August 24, 2023

4:00pm Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invite vs. Big Foot, Brown Deer, Cudahy, DeForest, Deerfield/Cambridge,

Dominican, Granton, Greendale, Indian Trail High School & Academy, Marquette University, Milwaukee Bradley Technical, Milwaukee Hamilton, Milwaukee Juneau, Milwaukee King, Milwaukee Reagan, Milwaukee Washington, New Berlin Eisenhower, New Berlin West, Nicolet, Oostburg, Port Washington, Saint Thomas Moore, Shorewood, Slinger, University School of Milwaukee, Wauwatosa East & Whitefish Bay @ Lincoln Park Golf Course

### Friday, August 25, 2023

10:00am Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Antigo, Eau Claire North, Luther, Medford, Osceola & Unity @ Altoona Parks & Recreation

12:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, Edgewood, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Grafton, Green Bay Preble, Green Bay Southwest, Holmen, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kingsford, Little Chute, Luxemburg-Casco, Middleton, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame de la Baie Academy, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripon, Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's Springs, Waupaca, West De Pere & Wittenberg-Birnamwood @ Community First Champion Center

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS

### Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, Edgewood, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Grafton, Green Bay Preble, Green Bay Southwest, Holmen, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kingsford, Little Chute, Luxemburg-Casco, Middleton, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame de la Baie Academy, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripon,

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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### Saturday, August 26, 2023 continued...

Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's  
Springs, Waupaca, West De Pere &  
Wittenberg-Birnamwood

@ Community First Champion Center

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV/Varsity Invitational vs.  
Altoona, Antigo, Eau Claire North,  
Luther, Medford, Osceola & Unity  
@ Altoona Parks & Recreation

### Tuesday, August 29, 2023

4:30pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Black  
River Falls @ Black River Falls

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Holmen  
@ West Salem High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Holmen  
@ West Salem High School

### Thursday, August 31, 2023

4:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Logan  
@ Logan High School Swanson Field

5:30pm Volleyball: Girls C-Team Match  
vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

5:30pm Volleyball: Girls JV Match vs. Arcadia  
@ Arcadia High School Wanek  
Center Arena

5:45pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Logan  
@ Logan High School

7:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs.  
Arcadia @ Arcadia High School  
Wanek Center Arena

### Elementary School Events

### Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. First Day of School for K-4 Students

### Tuesday, September 5, 2023

8:00 a.m. First Day of School for 4K Students

### Middle School Events

### Wednesday, August 30, 2023

7:50 a.m. First Day of School for All Students

3:30 p.m. First Day of Fall Sports Practice

### High School Events

### Tuesday, August 29, 2023

7:50 a.m. First Day of School for All Students  
Students Report @ Scheduled Times by  
Grade Level

## Pool's Last Day

The pool's last day open for the season will be  
Sunday, August 20th.

Please remember to check the lost and found for  
any items you may have left behind this summer.  
All items left will be donated or thrown away.  
Thanks for a great season! We'll see you next year!



# WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

*West Salem High School Library 490 N. Mark St.*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**



All presenting donors will be entered into a raffle for a chance to **Win a Summer Fun Grill Package** including a Wireless Portable Travel Speaker, 60 qt Wheeled Insulated Portable Cooler and Standup Propane Gas Grill! Approximate Value \$325.00. The package is non-transferrable or redeemable for cash. **Plus**, Give 7/12 thru 8/12 to **Win a Private Shark Dive** at Long Island Aquarium in NY! See [rcblood.org/shark](http://rcblood.org/shark). Drawing for **5 - \$10 Kwik Trip Gift Cards. (This Blood Drive Only).**

**Appointments at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or call 608-786-1220 ext. 2123**

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# 2023-2024 Registration Information and Reminders

## Elementary School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 15th** from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jostens will be here to take student pictures at this time. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Elementary School Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 23rd from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## 4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2023, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so. There is a morning and an afternoon session of 4K offered Monday through Thursday each week.

## Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1st, 2023, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

## Middle School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Middle 5th-8th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 15th** from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Jostens will be here to take pictures at this time. Please plan on attending! Middle School Open House will take place on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## Middle School W.E.B. Orientation & Leader Training

### W.E.B. 8th Grade Leader Training

August 14 & 15, 2023

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MS Gym

Meet in the gym at 8:00 each morning with your water bottle, a pen or pencil, and some light snacks (no nuts or peanut/peanut butter allowed).

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) for the activities we will do and learn.

You will receive information about expectations such as report time and attire for the August 16th 5th grade orientation day during your training.

Questions about training or orientation? Call (608)786-2090 ext. 4159

The WEB Coordinators, Amber Coe, Alyssa Jarosh, and Heather Jehn

### W.E.B. 5th Grade Orientation

August 16, 2023

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

MS Gym

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) and don't bring all your stuff...travel light!

The purpose of this orientation day is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the fifth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner.

Students will be eating a school-provided lunch with their leaders that day.

# 2023-2024 Registration Information and Reminders

## Middle School Marching Band & Color Guard Camp

This year's camp is all set for August 16-17-18 and is for ALL 7th & 8th Graders enrolled in band this fall. There is no registration. If you're in band or signed up for color guard, please come to the Middle School at the times listed to the right.

Students are asked to have a water bottle each day and dress appropriately for being outside. Socks and athletic shoes are required.

### Camp Times

Wednesday, August 16th - 12:30-1:30 p.m. -  
Colorguard & Drumline  
1:30-5:00 p.m. - Full Band & Colorguard

Thursday, August 17th- 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. -  
Colorguard & Drumline  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Full Band & Color Guard

Friday, August 18th - 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -  
Full Band and Color Guard

## High School

High school registration is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 8th** from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the high school commons. Jostens will be here to take student pictures at this time. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

## Link Crew Freshman Orientation

### Link Crew Freshman Orientation

August 29, 2023  
7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.  
WSHS Gymnasium

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will be serving as leaders and mentors to the freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students should wear comfortable shoes and clothing, as this will be an active day! Part of the day will be spent at the school forest, so please plan accordingly. Lunch will be served at this event. Students are expected to attend and stay for the duration of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact either of the Link Crew Coordinators: Missy Haas (haas.melissa@wsalem.k12.wi.us) and Jamie Olson (olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

# 2023-2024 Health Information and Reminders

## Medication at School

[Medication forms](#), which are available at most clinics and will be available at registration and [online](#), are required for the following:

- All prescription medications that need to be given during school, including inhalers carried by students (must be signed by the parent and the physician).

State statute and school district policy do not permit any prescription medications to be given at school without a written statement signed by the physician and the parent or guardian. This includes the use of inhalers for students with asthma. (Students may not use or carry an inhaler without written permission from their physician.) Medication needs to be in its original container and properly labeled. Please do not send medication in a baggie or an unlabeled bottle, as it cannot be given.

A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed, and a new one is needed for each school year.

During online registration, you will be able to sign off on certain over the counter as needed medications. For scheduled, daily medications, a signed medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. This form must be signed by a parent and the prescribing provider. A separate medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. If you feel your child may need any over the counter medication during the school year, please check with the school nurse for availability.

\*Availability is not guaranteed. Please send medications if needed. Over the counter medication may not be stored in backpacks. All over the counter medications that may need to be given during school that are not electronically signed off on at registration also require a signed medication form.

Substances that are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a medical practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian.

## Student Immunization Law Age & Grade Requirements to enter the 2023-2024 School Year

### Ages Pre-K through 4 years:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 polio, 1MMR\*\*, 3 Hep B\*\*,  
1 Varicella\*

### Grades K and 1

4 DTP/DtaP/DT (1st dose after 1st birthday), 4 polio,  
2MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Varicella\*

### Grade 5

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B,  
2 Varicella\*

### Grades 6-12

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 1 Tdap, 3 Hep B, 2  
Varicella

\*Varicella is the chickenpox vaccine. Chickenpox disease history is also acceptable.

\*\*MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella. Lab evidence of immunity is also acceptable for MMR and also for Hepatitis B.

Any student not up to date by the 30th day of school may be excluded from school by state statute. What you need to do to avoid exclusion is:

- Provide school with month, day and year of the required immunizations
- Have your child immunized OR
- Sign a [waiver](#) (also available from School Nurse office)
- In the event of a communicable disease outbreak, such as measles, children who are not vaccinated are often required to stay home from school and school-related functions until the outbreak ends or they get vaccinated, for their safety.



# 2023-2024 School Nutrition Information

## 2023-2024 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$1.80	FREE
Middle	\$2.00*	FREE*
High	\$2.15*	FREE*
Adult	\$2.75*	N/A

Lunch	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$3.10	\$0.40
Middle	\$3.30*	\$0.40*
High	\$3.45*	\$0.40*
Adult	\$4.25*	N/A

\*Extra Entrees and second breakfasts and lunches are offered at the Middle and High Schools only. An extra breakfast entree is \$1.55, and an extra lunch entree is \$2.75. Extras are not covered by the Free or Reduced Plans and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

Milk Break	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary (K-4th)	\$0.35	FREE

Ala Carte Milk or Juice	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
	\$0.50*	\$0.50*

\* Ala carte items are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and require funds in the family food service account in order to purchase.

## 2023-2024 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are now being accepted.

There are several ways to submit an application:

- online by accessing Skyward Family Access - Food Service tab
- download from the District website at [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us), by going to the Nutrition Services page, clicking the fork and knife symbol in the upper right corner, and going to 2023-2024 Free & Reduced Meals Info & Applications
- pick up at any building main office
- contact the Director of School Nutrition, Emily Klunk at 608-786-3078 or [klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us) to have an application mailed/mailed to your home

Income guidelines do apply. Households who participate in FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR may qualify automatically with a valid case number. Don't hesitate to apply, you might be surprised to qualify!

Letters for qualifying families are mailed to the Parent/Guardian(s) on file.

## Accessing School Menus

We are excited to announce we are in the process of implementing My School Menus, a new menu software program and app that will provide more accurate nutritional information and resources for those following special diets. Watch for more communication to come on My School Menus as we transition to the new software program! In the meantime, you can still access all of our menus via the Nutrislice app or on the website at [wsalem.nutrislice.com](http://wsalem.nutrislice.com). Questions? Please contact the Director of School Nutrition Emily Klunk at [klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call (608)-786-3078.

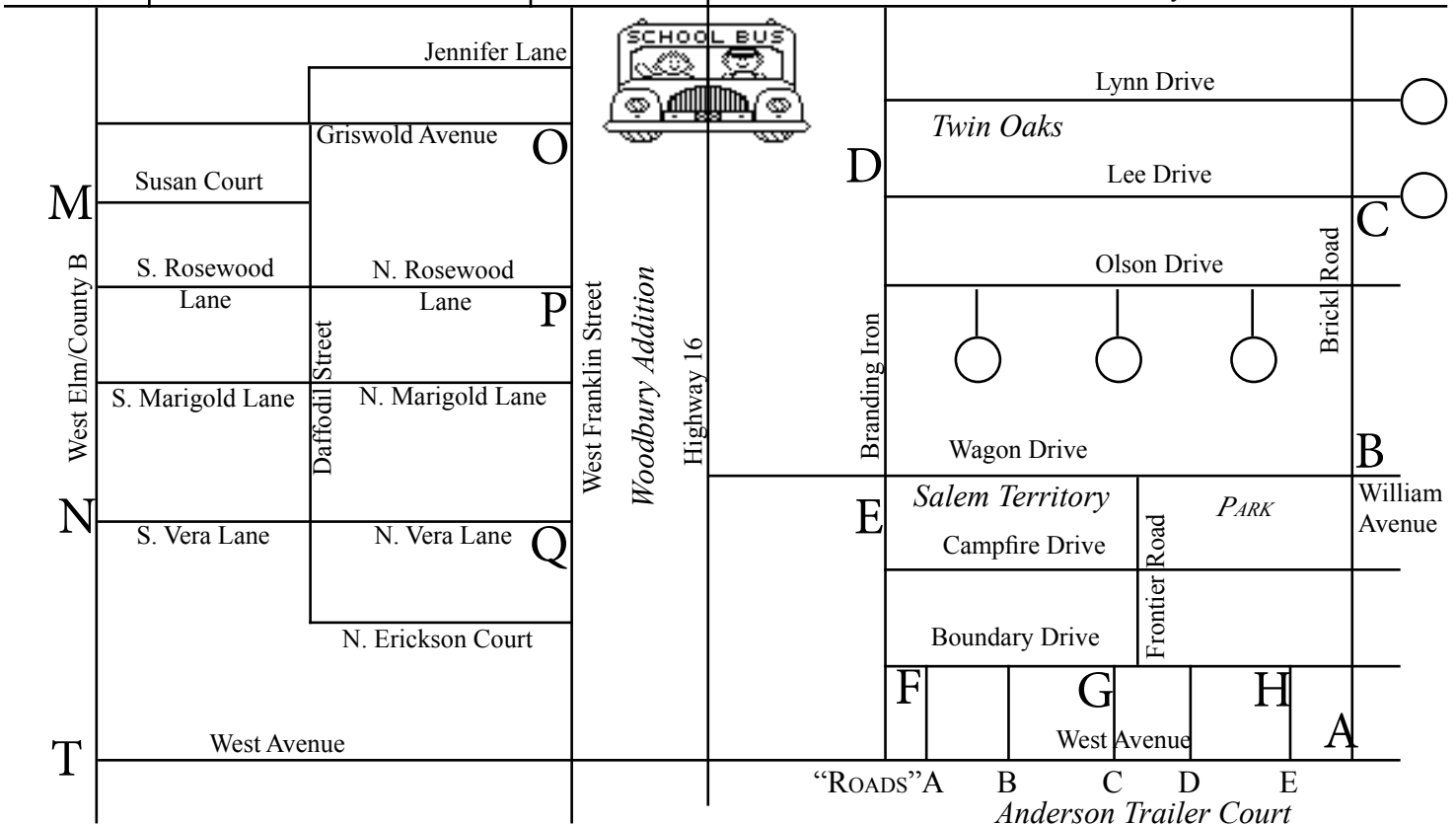
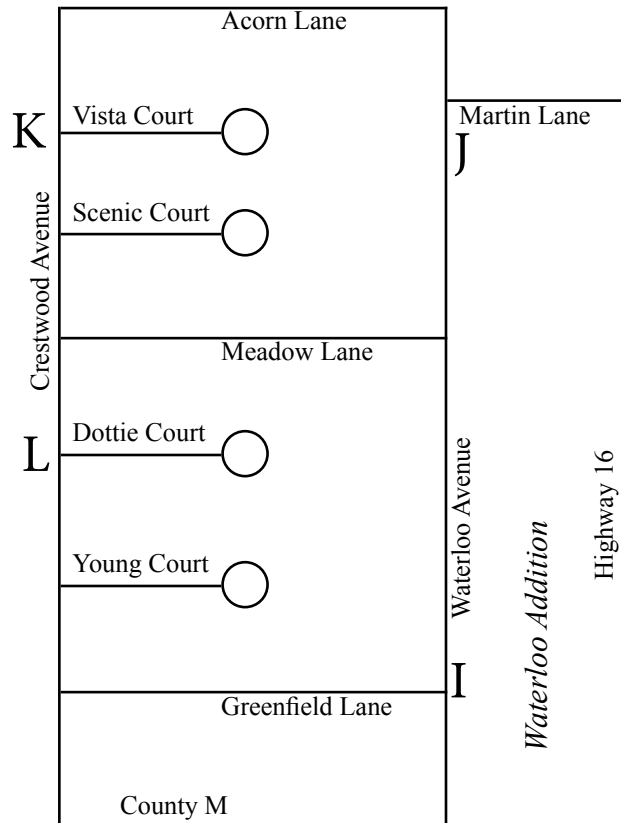


**TRANSPORTATION**

**Village Bus Stops**

The stops are as follows: (same stops, different letters)

Stop	Bus #	
A	9	Brickl Road & West Avenue
B	29	Brickl Road & William Avenue
C	9	Brickl Road & Lee Drive
D	1	Branding Iron & Lee Drive
E	1	Branding Iron Rd & 1/2 way between Wagon & Campfire Drive
F	1	Boundary Drive & 1st Road (A) through A.M.H.P.
G	29	Boundary Drive & 3rd Road (C) through A.M.H.P.
H	29	Boundary Drive & 5th Road (E) through A.M.H.P.
I	1	Waterloo Avenue & Greenfield Lane
J	1	Waterloo Avenue & Martin Lane
K	1	Crestwood Avenue & Vista Court
L	1	Crestwood Avenue & Dottie Court
M	6	West Elm/CTH B & Susan Court
N	6	West Elm/CTH B & South Vera Lane
O	28	West Franklin & Griswold Avenue
P	28	West Franklin & North Rosewood Lane
Q	28	West Franklin & North Vera Lane
R	10	Rhyme Street & Mill Street South
S	10	Rhyme Street & O'Fallon Court
T	6	Elm Street & West Avenue



**THIS PLAN WILL BE ON TRIAL FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AND CHANGES MAY HAVE TO BE MADE.**

## School District of West Salem

### DRIVERS ASSIGNED VEHICLES

- A. Tauscher .....#1
- A. Devenport.....#2
- K. Bina .....#5
- K. Morgan .....#6
- S. Stach .....#9
- A. Arnold.....#10
- C. Friet .....#11
- G. Lafky .....#12
- B. Gorniak.....#14
- T. Lord.....#15
- B. Kortbein.....#16
- A. Bakke .....#20
- M. Johnson.....#23
- S. Tauscher .....#24
- OPEN .....#25
- C. Bockenfeld .....Para
- S. Carlson.....Para

### Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

- WIZM - 1410 A.M.
- Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.
- WRQT - 95.7 F.M.
- WKTY - 580 A.M.
- KCLH - 94.7 F.M.
- KQEG - 102.7 F.M.
- WLXR - 104.9 F.M.
- WQCC - 106.3 F.M.
- WLFN - 1490 A.M.
- WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
- WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
- WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
- WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
- WXOW - TV-19
- WKBT - TV-8

### Evening Pick-up

Coulee Christian School	Bus #6	3:00
Christ-St. John's Lutheran School	Bus #15	3:00
Coulee Christian High School	Bus #15	

### Morning Drop off

Coulee Christian School	Bus #9
Coulee Christian High School	Bus #15
Christ-St. John's Lutheran School	Bus #9

### School Times

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Elementary	8:00	3:08
		3:10
		3:12
Middle	7:50	3:10
High	7:50	3:10
Christ-St. John's Lutheran	8:00	2:55
Coulee Christian School	8:10	3:00

All students catching buses at stops listed should be at those stops by 7:20. Drop-off in the evening will be carried out by the same bus and will range from 3:20-3:40. For the first few weeks, many changes are possible due to child distribution and other factors. **Please be patient!**



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2023-2024 ~ Bus Loading at Elementary

## “Listen to My Voice”

Summer school offers a great variety of enrichment programming for our students, allowing them to explore areas they may not have before. Students in Mrs. Hundt’s “Listen to my Voice” class had the opportunity to enjoy audiobooks about children from different parts of the world or from various cultures. A generous grant from the La Crosse Community Foundation Global Awareness Grant allowed us to purchase these audiobooks.



More to the Story  
by Hena Khan

“One sad thing that happened in this book is the main character’s sister got cancer.”



Stella Diaz Has Something to Say  
by Angela Dominguez

She made a pledge and had everybody sign it to say they would use less plastic.”



When the Sea Turned to Silver  
by Grace Lin

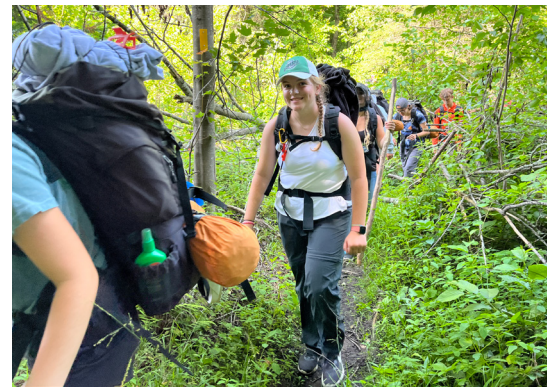
“I loved when the storyteller got taken.”

# District Announcements



## Exploring the Ice Age Trail

As part of what has become a summer school tradition, sixteen 8th and 9th grade students hiked 34 miles along the Jerry Lake and Lake Eleven segments of the Ice Age Trail in northern Wisconsin with Mr. Jones, Mrs. Olson, and Mr. Baker. Students spent a week practicing their camping and survival skills around campus and Lake Neshonoc before spending four days on the trail in sun, rain, mud and more. This trip pushes the kids, and adults, to the max as they hike with with wet, muddy feet and blisters, and sleep on the rocky ground! They also encountered lots of wildlife and learned to start and cook on a campfire! They ended their trip with a visit to Martino’s Restaurante in Stanley where their reward for finishing their hike was a delicious personal pizza. Regardless of some of the discomfort, there was great weather and everyone had a great time building memories that will last a lifetime!



## 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*

# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### Individual Show Tickets

ALL TICKETS for all shows will go on sale on Monday, August 14th at noon on the heider center website ([www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)) and they will be on sale at the box office starting at 1:30pm

**The Purdue Varsity Men's  
Glee Choir  
Sunday, October 8th  
2:00 p.m.**



This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, vocal jazz, swing, contemporary hits, romantic ballads, classical choral selections, barber-shop, folk melodies, patriotic standards, familiar opera choruses, country and novelty tunes, and utilizes small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance each show.

**Box Office Hours**  
(608) 786-2550  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

## Athletic Ticketing New for 2023-2024!

We understand there have been some concerns regarding the switch to a cashless system through GoFan for athletic ticketing. We understand that this is a big change and we hope to alleviate some of your concerns by providing some additional info below. If you have additional questions, please call the high school office at (608) 786-1220. To purchase family, adult, and student passes, as well as individual game tickets, please scan the QR code below or download the GoFan app.

- Seniors 62+ will continue to get in free to all regular season West Salem home events and Coulee Conference events with a senior pass.
- There will be an option available for buying tickets without a smart phone, however, you will need a debit or credit card.
- Student volunteers from our National Honor Society will be on hand at all events to assist with purchasing tickets on the GoFan app.

We hope to make this transition as seamless as possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding with this process as well as your continued support of our athletic programs!



## 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."

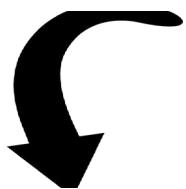
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

## Enrollment for 2023-2024

Are you new to the district and looking to enroll your students for the 2023-2024 school year?

All enrollment information can be found by going to our website at [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us) and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page. Here you can learn more about our district and print off the required enrollment forms. Once completed, you can bring them to the District Office to complete registration. If you have any questions, please call (608)-786-0700.

## 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.



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 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 June 22, 2023.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

### Roll Call

Present: Chris Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Crystal Becker, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Payton Greer. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard and Sam Stenberg.

### Approval of Agenda

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan 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 Amanda Boswell-custodian and Tyler Crick-custodian; and the resignation of Kendra Davidson-cook.

Superintendent Rieber provided pictures of the new OEC shelters.

### Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The CAT Program just got done with the first max week of the summer. Athletes got to show off their skills and set a baseline to improve by the end of the summer.
2. Wizard of OZ play was very good. There were two different casts (Thursday/Saturday and Friday/Sunday). The parts that were switched were Dorothy and Glinda.
3. Running club meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 and Tuesday, Thursday at 8:00 for anyone who wants to get in shape for their sport and is ran by the cross country coach Justin Stakston.
4. High school summer school is going on.
5. The high school two-week band camp wrapped up on June 16th.
6. Brennan Garbers and Sam Stenberg attended Badger Boys State at UW-Eau Claire and Kate and Emily Fechner attended Badger Girls State at UW-Oshkosh.
7. Summer sports are in full swing – Legion baseball, Legion softball summer league boys' and girls' basketball, and football.
8. Fall sports are starting - dance team practices two times a week and volleyball has open gyms on Mondays 9:00-10:30 and Thursdays 5:30-7:00. There is a Monday night league with 3 different split teams - contact days starting Thursday.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

### Consent Agenda

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023;
  - b. invoices to be paid;
  - c. to accept donations from the Herb Kohl Fellowship-Brian Baker was selected as a 2023 recipient, and from Jeff Helm and Amber Clerk for the Jane Doe Fund;
  - d. to accept the resignations of Alternative Education Teacher Adam Krause, Special Education Teacher Jeremy Johnson and Elementary Teacher Rachel Lopez.
- Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

S. Gavaghan moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded to approve for a second reading of the following policies: 0100-Definitions, 2210-Curriculum Development, 2220-Adoption of Courses of Study, 2221-Special Observance Days, 2430-District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities, 3215-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Professional Staff, 4215-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Support Staff, 5200-Attendance, 5330 Administration of Medicine/Emergency Care, 5340-Student Accidents/Illness/Concussion & Sudden Cardiac Arrest, 5410-Promotion, Placement, and Retention, 5512-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students, 5517-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment – student Anti-Harassment, 5771-Search & Seizure, 7434-Use of Tobacco and Nicotine on School Premises, 7440-Facility Security, 7544-Staff Use of Social Media, 7544.01-District Use of Social Media, 8405-Environmental Health and Safety Program, 7420.01-Epidemics and Pandemics-8450 Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases, 8600-Transportation, 8800-Religious Activities and Observances, and 8802 Patriotic Activities and Observances. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve for a second reading of policy 8500.01 -Meal Charge and 5460.03-Graduation Date/Ceremony. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, C. Peterson seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

### Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the evaluation of the superintendent.

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:22 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

### Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 10, 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 July 6, 2023.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

### Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, Crystal Becker, Rick Kline and Shawn Handland; Student representative: Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Chris Peterson, Payton Greer and Alyssa Harlan.

### Approval of Agenda

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – T. Grosskopf reported on the agenda item transportation software update.

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

### Connection with the Community

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Legion baseball and softball, summer boys' & girls' basketball, volleyball, football, and tennis continue
2. CAT program had a week off and started back up again this week
3. Fall sports meeting is set for July 31, for the majority of fall sports
4. Seniors are continuing their Panther Portfolio Projects if they chose to complete them over the summer
5. NHS Blood Drive begins their planning processes tomorrow. The Blood Drive will be Tuesday, August 8, from 11-4:00.
6. Show Choir had vocal camp on June 19 and 20. They begin their choreography camp the first week of August.

### Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Robert Ruud was read.

### Public Comments – None.

### Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2023;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept the donation from Eli Kirchner for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund, from Andrew Labus for the Angela Labus Scholarship Fund;
- d. to accept the resignation of David McPheeters, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- e. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for high

school assistant volleyball coach-Jamie Holst & Brianna Meyer, head 8th grade volleyball coach-Amber Coe, head 7th grade volleyball coach-Nicole Shrake, middle school assistant volleyball coach-Addie Rojas, volunteer soccer coach-Steve Averbeck, high school assistant cross country coach-Cameron Robaczewski & Averie Duffy, volunteer high school assistant cross country coach-Stacy Mitchell, assistant middle school cross country coach-Laura Deal, head middle school cross country coach-Heidi Propson, high school assistant football coach-Bob Gorniak, Nick Seibert, Ethan Ringlien, Caden Servais, & Mark Byom, high school volunteer assistant football coach-Ryan Olson, Ben Wopat, Erik Mathison, assistant girls' tennis coach-Brian Baker & Hailey Hudzinski, volunteer girls' tennis coach-Dennis Kreuser, head Adaptive Sports League (ASL) coach (3 seasons)-Ashly Serres, and assistant ASL coach (3 seasons)-Jack Reader;  
f. to hire Becky Clark as a 1.0 FTE Alternative Education Teacher.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve Transfinder-Option 2 as the transportation software provider. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Fitzgerald moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the adoption of the Academic Standards for the 2023-2024 school year.

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following handbooks for the 23-24 school year: Employee Handbook, Elementary Student & Parent Handbook, Middle School Student & Athletic Handbook, High School Student Handbook, and Technology Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rieber and Shawn Handland shared information regarding the state budget. No action was taken.

S. Gavaghan moved, B. Minard seconded to change the contract for the Director of Athletics from an at-will contract to an administrator contract. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Superintendent Rieber reviewed the 2023 update of the Strategic Plan and timeline for reporting.

### Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (d) Except as provided in s. 304.06 (1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06 (1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the district safety plan. B. Minard moved, T. Grosskopf seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:44 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Closed Session

#### Adjournment

E. Peterson moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk



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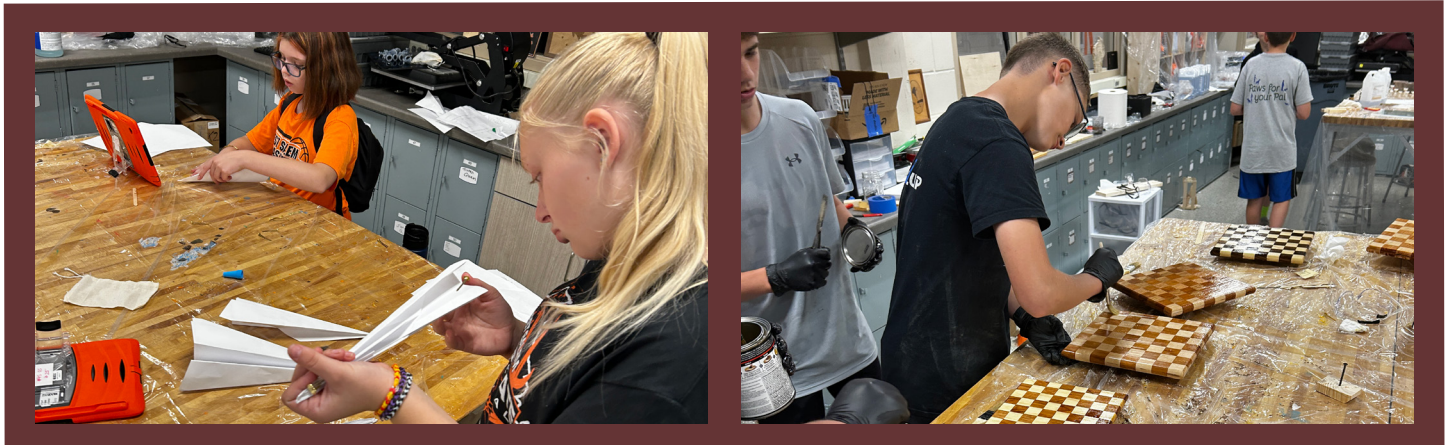
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## Full STEAM Ahead!

Mr. Shrake's summer school classes have been hard at work learning lots of new skills! His STEAM class has been chasing perfection as they attempted to create the best paper airplane through multiple testings of dependent and independent variables. They also worked to construct their own model catapults, tested a variety of variables and competed against each other to see which would launch the farthest. His

chess class worked on creating their own wooden chess boards and epoxy resin boards and pieces. Each student carefully crafted the wooden pieces, glued them together, and finished the boards to a shine. They also poured each of their pieces and while they waited for their pieces to dry and cure, they learned chess openings on the side. Check out the amazing work and detail!



### Did You Know?

Have you heard the phrase, "cool as a cucumber?" The inside of a cucumber is 20 degrees cooler than outside temperatures during the summer!



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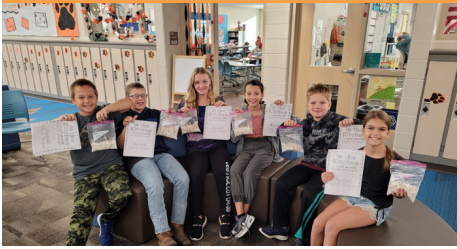
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