

August 2025



Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Building Foundations for a Fantastic Year!

As the calendar flips to August, it's hard to believe that summer is already winding down. June and July have flown by, filled with student accomplishments, campus improvements, and preparations for an exciting year ahead. Thank you to everyone who participated, assisted, taught, organized, or supported our summer school programming during July. We hosted numerous enriching and academically supportive sessions through our K-8 summer school program, as well as a variety of athletic and fine arts offerings for our high school students. The commitment of our staff and engagement of our students were nothing short of outstanding.

Campus projects are in full swing this summer! The improvements to the South parking lot at the elementary school, inspired by recommendations from our traffic study and the need to repair the aging surface, are designed to improve the flow of pick-up and drop-off traffic. Additionally, we are widening the entrance to the North

parking lot to further ease congestion. A new playground is also being installed at the elementary school on the North side. This is a welcome addition for our students and staff, as the current North playground will be removed to make space for the new gymnasium. Speaking of this exciting project, please join us for a **Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, August 14 at 10 a.m. in the current North playground area.** All are welcome!

We are also nearing the final design for our high school addition, and I want to thank our Community Task Force and local business partners for sharing their insights and ideas throughout this planning phase. Your input has been invaluable. Look for a detailed design overview and project scope in our September newsletter.

Our incredible custodial and maintenance staff have been working hard across the district in preparation for our students and staff to return at the end of the month. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication for getting our buildings and classrooms ready to go!

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The 2025–2026 school year is quickly approaching! Our dedicated educators will return during the week of August 18 to prepare for the year ahead. Many have already been on campus throughout the summer, engaging in curriculum work and preparing to welcome our students to a new year of growth, learning, and opportunity.

Mark your calendars:

- High School Orientation: Monday, August 25, 2025
 - Freshman: 7:15 am - 3:15 pm (buses will drop off at 7:30, and that is OK)
 - Sophomores: 8 - 10:30 am
 - Juniors: 10:00 - 12:30 pm
 - Seniors: 12:30 - 3:00 pm
- First Day of School (Grades K–12): Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- First Day of School for 4K: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

As Denise Witmer said, “A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new

challenges. The slate is clean, and anything can happen.” We are eager to see the smiling faces of our students returning to campus and beginning another exciting chapter.

Please continue to stay connected through our district website and social media channels for the latest news, updates, and events. Your continued support is essential, and we are grateful for your ongoing partnership in the education of our students.

Here’s to an incredible 2025–2026 school year. We are proud to serve this community, and we can’t wait to get started!

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent



Blood Drive **West Salem High School**

Library
490 N Mark St

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: pantherblood to schedule an appointment.

Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: rcblood.org/Test



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Calendar of Events August

Athletic Events

Friday, August 15, 2025

9:00am Football: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Central, Ellsworth & Mauston @ West Salem High School

Monday, August 18, 2025

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Logan @ Logan High School
3:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ Green Island Tennis Complex
10:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Invite vs. Central @ Central High School

Thursday, August 21, 2025

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Menomonie @ UW - La Crosse

Friday, August 22, 2025

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Central, DeForest, Eau Claire North, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Milton, Menomonie, Onalaska, River Falls, Viroqua & Winona @ Multiple La Crosse Locations
7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ West Salem High School

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV Invitational vs. Luther, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie & Tomah @ Tomah La Grange Elementary
9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invite vs. Aquinas, Central, DeForest, Eau Claire North, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Milton, Menomonie, Onalaska, River Falls, Viroqua & Winona @ Multiple La Crosse Locations
10:00am Volleyball: Girls JV Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, Eau Claire North & Logan @ Central High School
10:00am Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Menomonie, Rhinelander, Rice Lake, River Falls, Marshfield, Medford & Eau Claire North

@ Menomonie High School

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Dual Meet vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School Tennis Courts
4:15pm Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Arcadia, Black River Falls, Brookwood, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, Durand-Arkansaw, Hillsboro, Logan, Luther, Marshall, Necedah, Viroqua, Westby Area High School & Weston @ Westby Area High School
6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Hol/Ona/Aq @ UW-La Crosse

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Marshfield @ UW - La Crosse

Friday, August 29, 2025

8:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, D.C. Everest Coop, DeForest, Edgar, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Holmen, Hortonville, Houghton, Kaukauna, Kewaskum, Kingsford, Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc Lutheran, Marshfield, Mosinee, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's Springs Academy, Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca & West De Pere @ Champion Center
9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Eau Claire North, Ellsworth, Luther, Medford, Osceola & Unity @ Altoona Tennis Courts
7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS

Calendar of events continues on next page...

School District of West Salem

Saturday, August 30, 2025

- 8:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, D.C. Everest Coop, DeForest, Edgar, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Holmen, Hortonville, Houghton, Kaukauna, Kewaskum, Kingsford, Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc Lutheran, Marshfield, Mosinee, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's Springs Academy, Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca & West De Pere @ Champion Center
- 9:00am Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs. Assumption, Athens (Cloverwood), Augusta Area, Cadott, Chequamegon, Columbus Catholic Schools, Edgar, Faith Christian Academy, Hudson, Loyal, Marshfield, McDonnell Central Catholic, Neillsville, Nekoosa, North Fond du Lac, Osseo-Fairchild, White Bear Lake Area & Whitefish Bay @ Wildwood Park
- 9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Eau Claire North, Ellsworth, Luther, Medford, Osceola & Unity @ Altoona Tennis Courts

Elementary School Events

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

- 8:00am First Day of School

Middle School Events

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

- 8:00am First Day of School

High School Events

Monday, August 25, 2025

- 7:45am 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 17th.

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!

New Online Calendar

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of transitioning to a new online calendar system for all district events, athletic events and facility requests! This system should be up and running by the second week of August.

Instead of having to click through multiple calendars, you will be able to find all events in one place. You can access the calendar by clicking the calendar icon in the top right of the district website. From here you can filter events by location and building, as well as utilize the search function. You can also view events by month, week, or day. For athletics, this calendar will also combine both Coulee and MVC events.

We are excited for this streamlined format and hope that it is easier to use for families, students, and community members. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to the new system.

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

CLASS OF 2026: IT IS YOUR TIME

Senior year is finally here! We have an important yearbook deadline to keep in mind. Each senior needs to submit the following photos:

1. Yearbook Portrait

This photo is a traditional, formal head and shoulders pose. You may use this same portrait for everything if you would like.

***No full-length poses, hats, props, "misty" filters, or distracting backgrounds.**



2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



3. Baby Photo

This photo will be used to morph into the "big kid" photo for the Senior Slideshow.

The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby's face is the dominant part of the photo.



4. Senior Photo for Slideshow

This photo will be the photo that the baby photo morphs into for the slide show. It can be the same photo used for the Yearbook or Times of our Lives if you would like.



Photos due:
Friday, Nov. 7,
2025

Submit **300 dpi jpeg** photo(s) via email to armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Please label photos with the student name and publication - ex. JoeSmithYearbook. Labeled hard copy photos can be dropped off to room 241 - silver box.

2025-2026 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 12th** from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Jostens will be here to take student pictures at this time. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2025, 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 1, 2025, 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 12th** from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Jostens will be here to take pictures at this time. Please plan on attending!

8th Grade W.E.B. Leader Training

August 11th & 12th, 2025

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

MS Gym

Meet in the gym each morning with a water bottle, a pen/pencil, and some light snacks (no nuts or peanut/peanut butter allowed). Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) for the activities. You will receive information about expectations such as report time and attire for the 5th grade orientation day during your training.

5th Grade W.E.B. Orientation

August 13, 2025

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

MS Gym

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) and leave your bags, backpacks, hats, and phones at home...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.

Please do not drop your student off early as there is no supervision available

We can't wait to meet your child!

The WEB Coordinators,

Amber Coe, Nicole Shrake, and Whitney Folkers

2025-2026 Registration Information- and Reminders

High School

New this year, High School registration will be online! Buy a yearbook, update Skyward, pay fees, and receive schedules, all through the online registration process. Student Services will communicate about necessary schedule changes. Students should be sure to check their emails.

Student pictures will be incorporated into the first day of school time slots.

Freshmen: 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Sophomores: 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Juniors: 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Seniors: 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Link Crew Freshman Orientation

Link Crew Freshman Orientation

August 25, 2025

7:15 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 Link Crew Coordinator Jamie Olson (olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us).

Athletics

The WIAA Sports Meetings will once again be part of the online registration process. We will no longer host a large all sport meeting.

However, each individual sport will still host a break out session prior to the first date of practice. Dates for individual break out sessions will be placed on the school district calendar once determined.

Students participating in athletics must have a current physical on file with the main office of the high school prior to the first day of practice. Physicals must be dated on or after April 1, 2024, to be valid. Any athletes with physicals dated between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025, must also have an alternate year card on file with the main office. All forms can be downloaded by going to the district website and clicking on "Schools >High School >Activities > Athletics."

Bus Registration

4K-12 Students

Please check your email for registration information from our Transportation Department. If you need assistance or did not receive info, please call or email Michelle Lawrynk at 608-786-4356 or lawrynk.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Bus schedules will be mailed in mid-August.

2025-2026 School Nutrition Information

2025-2026 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$2.00	FREE
Middle	\$2.20	FREE
High	\$2.35	FREE
Adult	\$3.00	N/A

Lunch	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$3.35	\$0.40
Middle	\$3.55	\$0.40
High	\$3.70	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.75	N/A

*Extra Entrees and second breakfasts and lunches are offered at the Middle and High Schools only. An extra breakfast entree is \$1.75, 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)	\$0.45	FREE

Ala Carte	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Milk/Juice	\$0.60/\$0.50	\$0.60/\$0.50*
Extra Entree, Breakfast	\$2.00*	\$2.00*
Extra Entree, Lunch	\$3.00*	\$3.00*

* 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. **If ala carte limits or stops are set in Skyward, please take the price of these items into consideration, as your child may not be able to make these purchases.**

2025-2026 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now being accepted and can be submitted online, downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting Emily Klunk, Director of School Nutrition at (608) 786-3078.

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

Even if your child will not be participating in school meals, completing the free/reduced application helps determine additional funding for enhanced educational opportunities for your child's school.

Student eligibility status from the previous school year is carried over into the current school year for up to 30 school days or until a new eligibility status is determined, whichever comes first.

Looking for School Menus?

Simply download the MySchoolMenus app from the App Store or the Google Play Store, enter West Salem School District, and select the school and menu you would like to view!

Menus can also be found by clicking on the knife and fork icon on the district website and then clicking "School Menus" on the right.



2025-2026 Health Information and Reminders

Medication at School

[Medication forms](#), which are available at most major 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, as well as epi-pens; students may not use or carry any prescription medication 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 that certain over the counter medications may be given at school. 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 2025-2026 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:

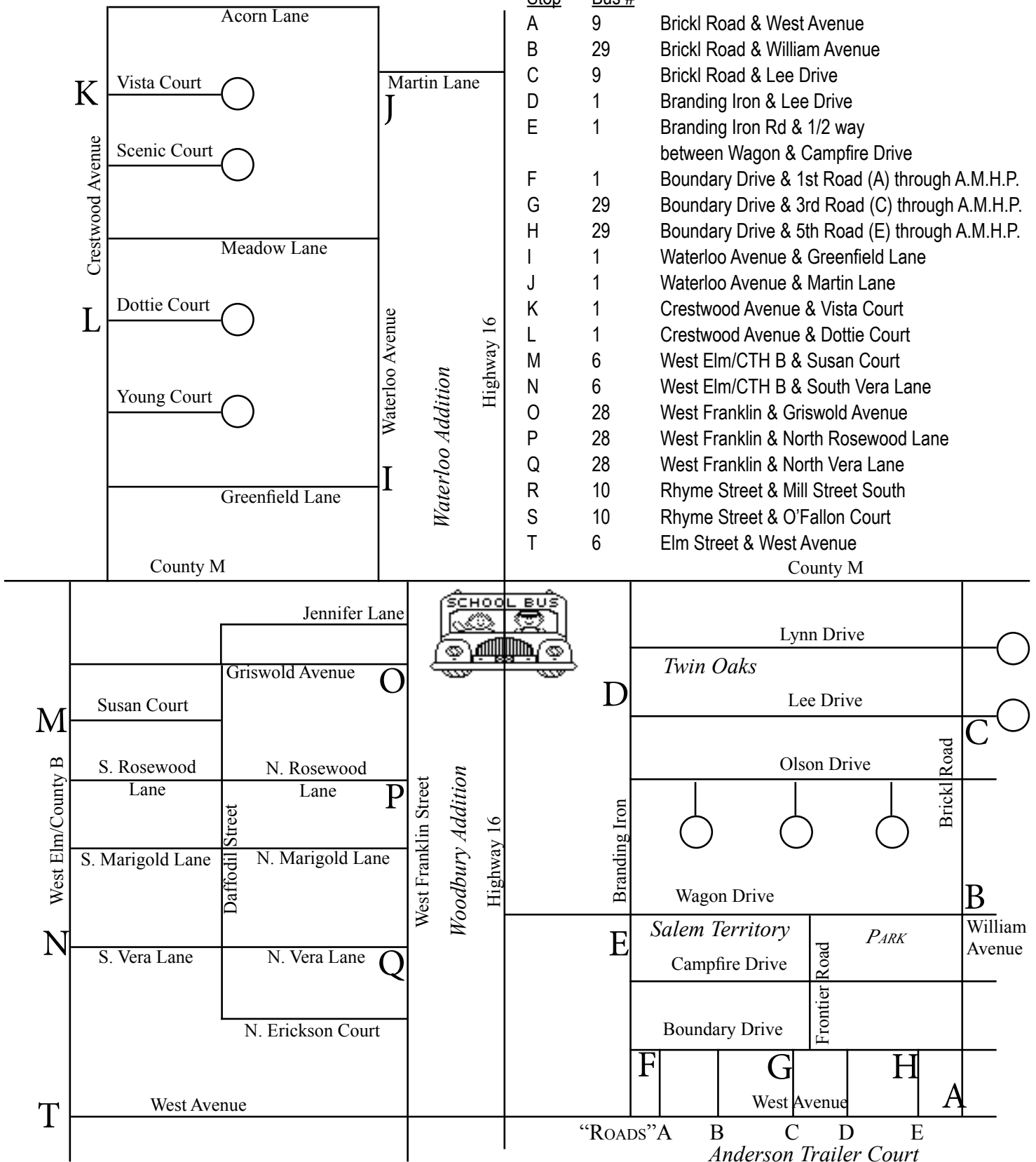
- Provide school with month, day and year of the required immunizations
- Have your child immunized OR
- Sign a [waiver](#) (online & also available from School Nurse office)
- In the event of a communicable disease outbreak, such as measles, children who are not vaccinated are often required to stay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

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
D. Day#2
K. Bina#5
K. Morgan#6
S. Stach#9
A. Arnold.....#10
C. Friet#11
G. Lafky#12
Sub Driver.....#14
B. Gorniak.....#15
B. Kortbein.....#16
A. Bakke#20
M. Johnson/
Special Ed#25
C. BockenfeldPara

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

	Start	End
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!**



2025-2026 ~ Bus Loading at Elementary

Super Scientists!

Although it's summer, there's still lots of learning going on! These Super Scientists have had fun experimenting with many different materials! They recently found out what happens when you mix sour candies vs. non-sour candies with a baking soda and water solution! They saw the chemical reaction happen before their eyes and saw carbon dioxide bubbles rise to the top of the cups with the sour candies in them!



District Announcements



An Unforgettable Trek

Could you hike 34 miles in three days? For the seventh year, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and Mr. Jones, along with eighteen of our 7th grade students headed out for their annual backpacking trip along the Ice Age Trail! Students spent a week practicing their camping and survival skills around campus and Lake Neshonoc before spending four days on the trail. They had great weather, but the students had to persevere through the sore legs, blisters, cuts, and bruises that the trail brings. After long days of hiking, they pitched their tents, and set up camp where they learned to start and cook on a campfire. As a reward for finishing their hike, they were treated to pizza at Martino's Restaurant in Stanley, WI. The students persevered through some of the difficulties that the trail brings to walk away with some unforgettable memories with their classmates!



School Board Members

Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~(608) 769-1714
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Ben Garbers, Director~~~~~(608) 498-9510
Trish Harman, Director ~~~~~(608) 332-9222

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



Heider Center Mainstage 2025-2026 Tickets

All tickets for the new Heider Center Mainstage Season will go on sale at 1:30pm on Monday, August 11th.

Box Office Hours
(608) 786-2550
Monday & Thursday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
www.heidercenter.org

2ND ANNUAL HEIDER CENTER BARN BASH & CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 3 - 6 PM
Horstmann Homestead & Event Barn
W3351 Horstman Road, West Salem

Calling all Chili cooking experts! Join in the Chili competition at the **2nd Annual Heider Center Barn Bash and Chili Cook-Off**, a major fundraising effort for the continued support of the Arts. All proceeds will go to supporting our Community Education, Children's Educational outreach programs, and our annual Heider Center Senior Scholarship program.

This event will take place on Sunday, September 14 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Horstmann Homestead Farm and Event Center in West Salem. Tickets are \$25/person or \$60/family (parents with children) and will go on sale starting August 15 at 8:00 a.m..

We are now currently accepting COMPETITORS for the chili cook-off! Register on the Heider Center website by August 30. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Overall Chili as well as People's Choice.

In addition, there will be live music, a wine auction, 50/50 raffle, yard games, cash bar, and more!

Mark Your Calendars!

Since the community so graciously supported our operational and capital referendums last November, we have been busy planning to begin construction on our new elementary school gym addition and high school CTE lab addition.

We are excited to announce that a groundbreaking for the elementary school gym addition will take place on Thursday, August 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the North playground area at West Salem Elementary School. All community members are invited to join us!

See page 14 for more information on the status of the projects and stay tuned for the announcement of a groundbreaking date for the high school project!

REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATES



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 14 | 10:00 A.M.
West Salem Elementary School

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.





REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATES

What is Happening with the Construction Projects?



Great progress has been made in the past month. Bids are out and dirt will soon start moving at the elementary school!

Elementary Gym

The elementary school gym construction documents were complete at the end of July. Then, the project went out to bid. The school board will approve bids at the August meeting.

The photo to the right is the preliminary design of the exterior of the elementary gym addition. A groundbreaking for the elementary gym will be held on August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at West Salem Elementary School.

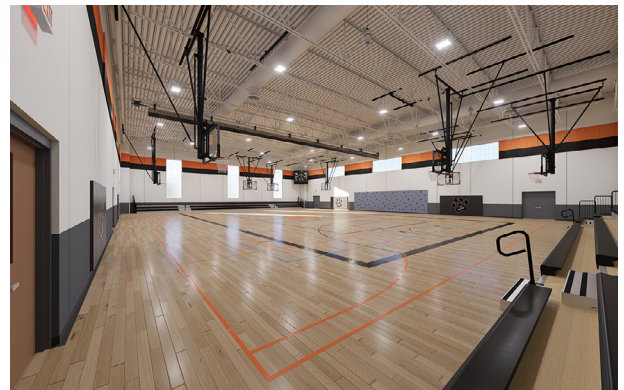


High School

The high school staff and leadership team continue to have meetings with ISG (Architecture & Engineering) and Kraus-Anderson (Construction Manager) on the design of each of the spaces. The career and technical education and fitness spaces have identified mechanical and electrical needs as well as discussed casework layout. The District held their last Community Group Meeting to get feedback on the design plans to ensure they will best serve our students now and in the future. We thank our local industry and trade experts that were involved in this process. To the right is a preliminary design concept of the exterior of the high school addition.

The next step will be cost estimation of the high school design development documents and board approval as we move into the final phase of design. We look forward to continuing to see these projects come to life.

Thank you for the continued support and interest in these projects!



What Is Next?



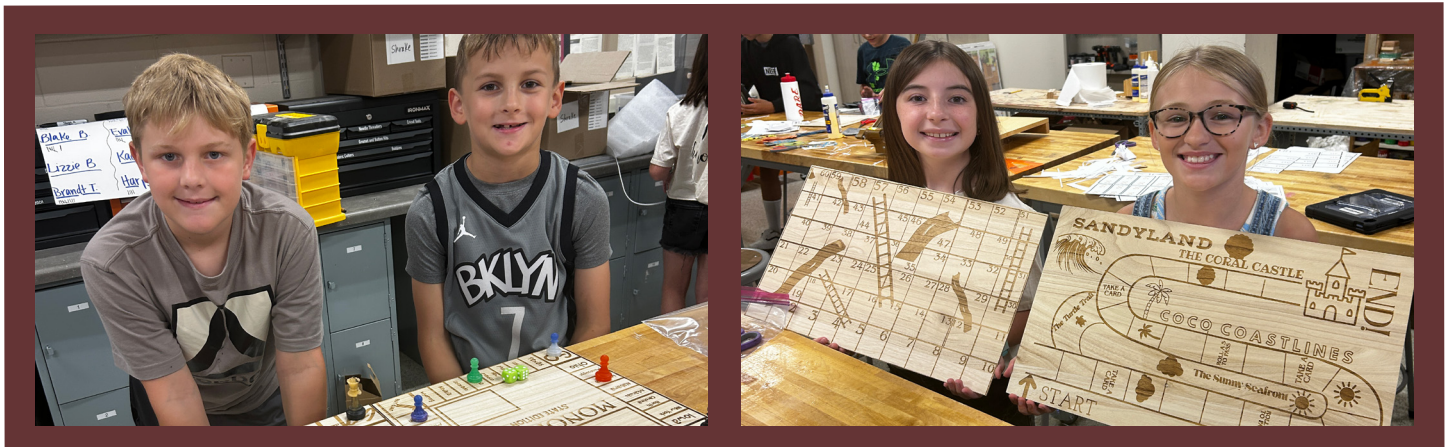
- Elementary School Gym Groundbreaking August 14 at 10:00 a.m.
- Bid approval and plan reviews at August school board meeting.



Let the Games Begin!

Mr. Shrake offered an awesome new summer school class called Game Board Creations for our WSMS students this year and it was a hit! Students were tasked with designing their own game or making a “spin-off” of an already created game. They had to think of their own rules, game-play routines, and pieces. Using graphic design software the students created laser files to cut out sheets of Balsa. The last week many of

the students spent time together playing each others boards and many were looking forward to bringing them home to their families for game nights. From various versions of Monopoly to “Sandyland” and everything in between, they were able to exercise their creativity and technical skills to create something that they can use for years to come!



Did You Know?

The inside of a cucumber is 20 degrees cooler than outside temperatures during the summer!



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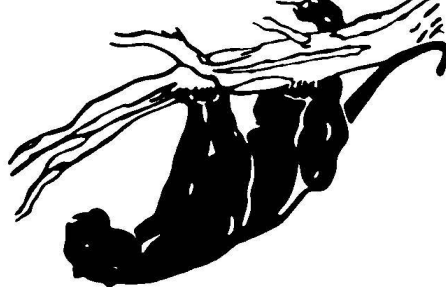


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