

August 2021



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Preparation and Connection

Our campus has been alive for the last couple of weeks with summer school, and preparation for a full year of face-to-face education for our students. The fall co-curricular activities are set to begin, and we are very excited to be preparing for a “closer to normal” school year. We know and are aware of the challenges that are present; however, through frequent conversations with our local medical experts and direction from our district nursing staff, we are prepared to open our doors and deliver the high-quality education that our students deserve. We are happy with the progress we have made thus far and will keep working to provide a learning environment for our students that is the least restrictive as possible while keeping a keen eye on the health and safety of our students and staff. As we finalize our plans for the upcoming school year, these will be shared out.

The District is in the process of updating our long-range/strategic plan. A listening session for the community and staff was held to help provide input as we

work on this guiding document for our district. The four main themes of teaching and learning, workforce engagement and development, community engagement, and business operations will continue to be the pillars and focus as we move forward. The District is proud of the work that we have accomplished with our last strategic plan, and we are excited to continue this into the future.

I want to thank all of those within the district that work behind the scenes in preparation for our students returning. There is a lot of work and projects to accomplish while our students are not present in order to have our buildings ready for their return. A couple of projects that are occurring are a remodel of the high school science rooms and bathrooms in the basement. This remodel was overdue and it is making wonderful progress! Painting is occurring in the elementary school, and the parking lots in the front of the high school and in the North lot at the elementary school have been coated. I appreciate the time, attention, and effort that our team has done in preparation for our students in September.

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School District of West Salem

Throughout this past year and a half, the importance of human connection has become very apparent. For a time this past year, we were all disconnected physically, and through this, we all grew to know the importance of human connection. We are prepared to ensure that this occurs for our students, families, and staff for the entire school year. Human connection matters! Focusing on making connections and building relationships with our students will be one of our main goals this school year.

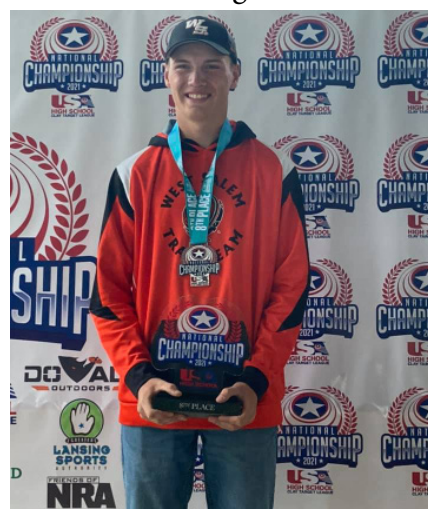
As teachers, families, and community members, we can use our gifts to help one another. Invest in our passions. Somehow, in some way, make our schools, community, and world better tomorrow than it is today. We've got this, and the West Salem School District is very excited about what is to come in the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Ryan G. Rieber

Record Year for WSHS Trap Team

The WSHS Trap Shooting Team had a record year, gathering their largest team to date and collecting some impressive accolades along the way! A 56 member team put West Salem in the largest of nine conferences in the state. After five weeks of competition, the Panther Trap Team ended up in 2nd place in the conference! Individual Honors from the regular season found five Panthers at the top. Jesse Loging, Trent Perrett, and Jacob Helgeson finished as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male shooters in the conference and Autumn Loging and Olivia Burchell finished as the 1st and 2nd place female shooters in the conference. The Panthers moved onto the state tournament, which involved over 1000 student athletes from over 100 schools. The team finished in 2nd place overall by one target! Individual honors for the tournament included overall Top Gun 2nd and 3rd place for Trent Perrett and Jesse Loging. Olivia Burchell and Autumn Loging finished in 4th and 9th place. Two squads and five individuals qualified to compete at the USA Clay Target League National Championship in Mason, MI the week of July 5-11. WSHS Squad #1 consisted of Mason Milhalovic, Jesse Loging, Ryan Nickles, Jacob Helgeson, Trent Perrett and alternate Ian Nickles. Squad #2 consisted of Hunter Komay, Reid Rasmussen, Olivia Burchell, Ty Burchell, Autumn Loging and alternate Tegan Hewitt. After the qualification day, both squads and five individuals made the cut for the final competition. The team competed impressively, with Squad #1 finishing 4th in the nation and Squad #2 finishing 61st in the nation! Our individuals also competed very well, with Jesse Loging finishing in 8th Place, Jacob Helgeson in 79th, Ryan Nickles in 197th, Trent Perrett in 200th, and Autumn Loging in 303rd. This is an outstanding accomplishment for our students, as this event included over 1600 of the best high school trap shooters from 150 teams across the nation! Congrats to all on your spectacular season! Coach Paul Liethen would like to give a thank you to all of the parents, coaches, the School District of West Salem, and the West Salem Rod and Gun Club for giving so much to make these opportunities available for all the students that participate on our team!



Calendar of Events August

Athletic Events

Monday, August 16, 2021

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

Thursday, August 19, 2021

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Sparta @ Sparta Meadowview Tennis Courts

Saturday, August 21, 2021

10:00am Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls, Central, Eau Claire North, Marshfield, Medford, Menominee & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Menomonie High School

10:00am Volleyball: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Eau Claire North & Altoona @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

8:30am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. Bangor, Black River Falls, C-F-C, Onalaska, Royall & Westby @ Omni Center

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School

5:00pm Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Black River Falls, Brookwood, C-F-C, Fennimore, Hillsboro, Kickapoo, Logan, Luther, Marshall, Mondovi Royall, Westby & Wisconsin Dells @ Westby High School

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

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

8:00am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. Baldwin-Woodville, Bangor, Black River Falls, Boscobel, Clear Lake, C-F-C, Cuba City, Cumberland, Fall Creek, Green Bay Preble, Iowa-Grant, Ladysmith, Middleton, Mineral Point, Northwestern, Onalaska, Phillips, Richland Center, Sparta, Stratford, Webster & Westby @ Omni Center

Thursday, August 26, 2021

8:00am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. Baldwin-Woodville, Bangor, Black River Falls, Boscobel, Clear Lake, C-F-C,

Cuba City, Cumberland, Fall Creek, Green Bay Preble, Iowa-Grant, Ladysmith, Middleton, Mineral Point, Northwestern, Onalaska, Phillips, Richland Center, Sparta, Stratford, Webster & Westby @ Omni Center
Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Eau Claire North @ UW-La Crosse

6:00pm

Friday, August 27, 2021

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Altoona, Amery, Black River Falls, Eau Claire North, Medford, Osceola & Rice Lake @ Altoona High School

Saturday, August 28, 2021

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Altoona, Amery, Black River Falls, Eau Claire North, Medford, Osceola & Rice Lake @ Altoona Elementary School

10:00am Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Augusta, Boscobel, Central, G-E-T, Holmen, Luther, Onalaska, Sparta & Wisconsin Dells @ Maple Grove- West Salem

4:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Edgewood @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

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

5:00pm Soccer: Boys JV Match vs. Logan @ Logan High School Swanson Field

5:30pm Volleyball: C-Team/JV Match vs. Luther @ Luther High School

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

7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Luther @ Luther High School

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Logan @ Logan High School Swanson Field

Pool's Last Day

The last day for open swim at the pool will be Thursday, August 19th and the last day for Early Risers will be Friday, 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!

2021-2022 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 17th** from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Computers will be available to complete your registration. 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 Wednesday, **August 25th** from 5:00 p.m.-6:30

4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2021, 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, 2021, 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 17th** 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 Wednesday, **August 25th** from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

W.E.B. Orientation & Leader Training

W.E.B. Leader Training

August 16-17, 2021

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

BGC Gym

W.E.B. 5th Grade Orientation

August 18, 2021

7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BGC Gym

Please enter through the side door from the front of the middle school. DO NOT enter through the BGC since they will be open for child care.

We want you to come! We need you to come! It won't be the same without you!

WEB is a program of 8th graders who will be there for YOU throughout the year!

Wear comfortable clothes, don't bring all your stuff, and you won't need your cell phone ... travel light!

We are excited that you are joining us at West Salem Middle School!

If you have any questions, you can email Mrs. Jehn or Mrs. Jarosh at jehn.heather@wsalem.k12.wi.us or jarosh.alyssa@wsalem.k12.wi.us

2021-2022 Registration Information- and Reminders

Middle School Marching Band & Color Guard Camp

This camp is for **ALL** 7th & 8th Grade students who are registered for band or color guard for this upcoming school year. This does not include students signed up for 7th Grade Beginner Band. We will be preparing for our two fall parades and our halftime performance on the 3rd day of school.

There is no special registration for this camp. Camp is held at the Middle School Band Room. Students are to dress comfortably, wearing socks with athletic shoes. Absolutely no flip-flops, crocs, or sandals. Please also bring a water bottle.

Camp Times

Wednesday, August 18 - 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Percussion

Wednesday, August 18 - 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Full Band & Color Guard

Thursday, August 19 - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Percussion

Thursday, August 19 - 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Full Band & Color Guard

Friday, August 20 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Full Band & Color Guard

High School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem High School 9th-12th grade students will start July 22nd. If you are unable to register online, in person registration is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 10th** from 10:00 a.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 Leader Orientation and Training

Link Leader Training

August 18-19, 2021

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

WSHS Gymnasium

Follow-Up Link Leader Training

August 30, 2021

Time TBD

Link Crew Freshman Orientation

August 20, 2021

8:00 a.m.-12:00 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! 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).

2021-2022 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 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 2021-2022 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.

2021-2022 School Nutrition Information

2021-2022 School Nutrition Prices

The USDA extended several COVID-19 waivers to ensure students can continue to safely receive FREE school meals through the 2021-22 School Year. West Salem School District is opting to serve and claim meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) waiver through the 2021-22 School Year.

Meal	Price
Student Breakfast	FREE
Student Lunch	FREE
Adult Breakfast	\$2.50
Adult Lunch	\$2.50

*Extra Entrees and second breakfasts and lunches are offered at the Middle and High Schools only. An extra breakfast entree is \$1.55, an extra lunch entree is \$2.55, and a second breakfast or lunch is charged at the adult price. Extras are not covered by the government funding and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

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

*Milk Break is not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and requires funds in the account in order to purchase.

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

* Ala carte items are not covered by government funding and require funds in the family food service account in order to purchase.

2021-2022 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now being accepted. USDA Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications are **not** required to receive free meals under SSO. However, other programs require this information, such as the Special Milk Program, Wisconsin School Day Milk Program, Pandemic FoodShare Benefits (P-EBT), educational funding and additional benefits.

Applications can be downloaded from the District website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, by going to the Nutrition Services page by clicking the fork and knife symbol in the upper right corner and going to 2021-2022 Free & Reduced Meals Info & Applications. They may also be picked up at any building main office, or mailed/emailed to your home by contacting the Director of School Nutrition, Emily Klunk at the District Office at 608-786-3078 or klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

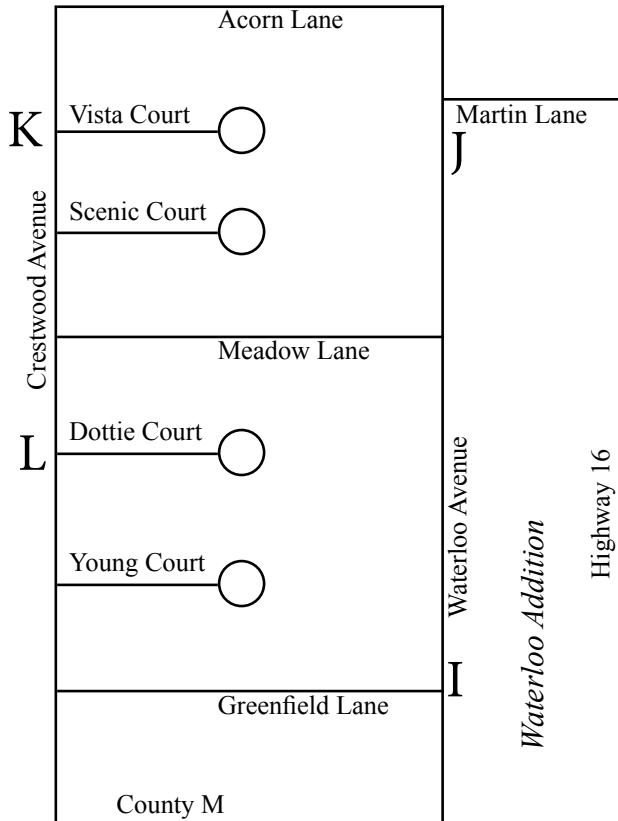
Applications are also available online by accessing Skyward Family Access - Food Service tab. Income guidelines do apply. Those on FoodShare with valid case numbers and those receiving Badgercare may qualify automatically. Letters for qualifying families are mailed to the Parent/Guardian(s) on file.

Remember to Use Our Menu App, Nutrislice!

The School District of West Salem provides an easy way to access your child's school menu information any time of the day through the Nutrislice app! Simply download the app from the App Store or the Google Play Store, select either West Salem Elementary, West Salem Middle, West Salem High or all three, and see the breakfast and lunch menus for the entire month! The app is free and easy to use, and you no longer have to worry about your child remembering to bring home a paper copy every month. You can also access the menu on the website at wsalem.nutrislice.com. Questions? Please contact the Director of School Nutrition Emily Klunk at klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us or call (608)-786-3078.



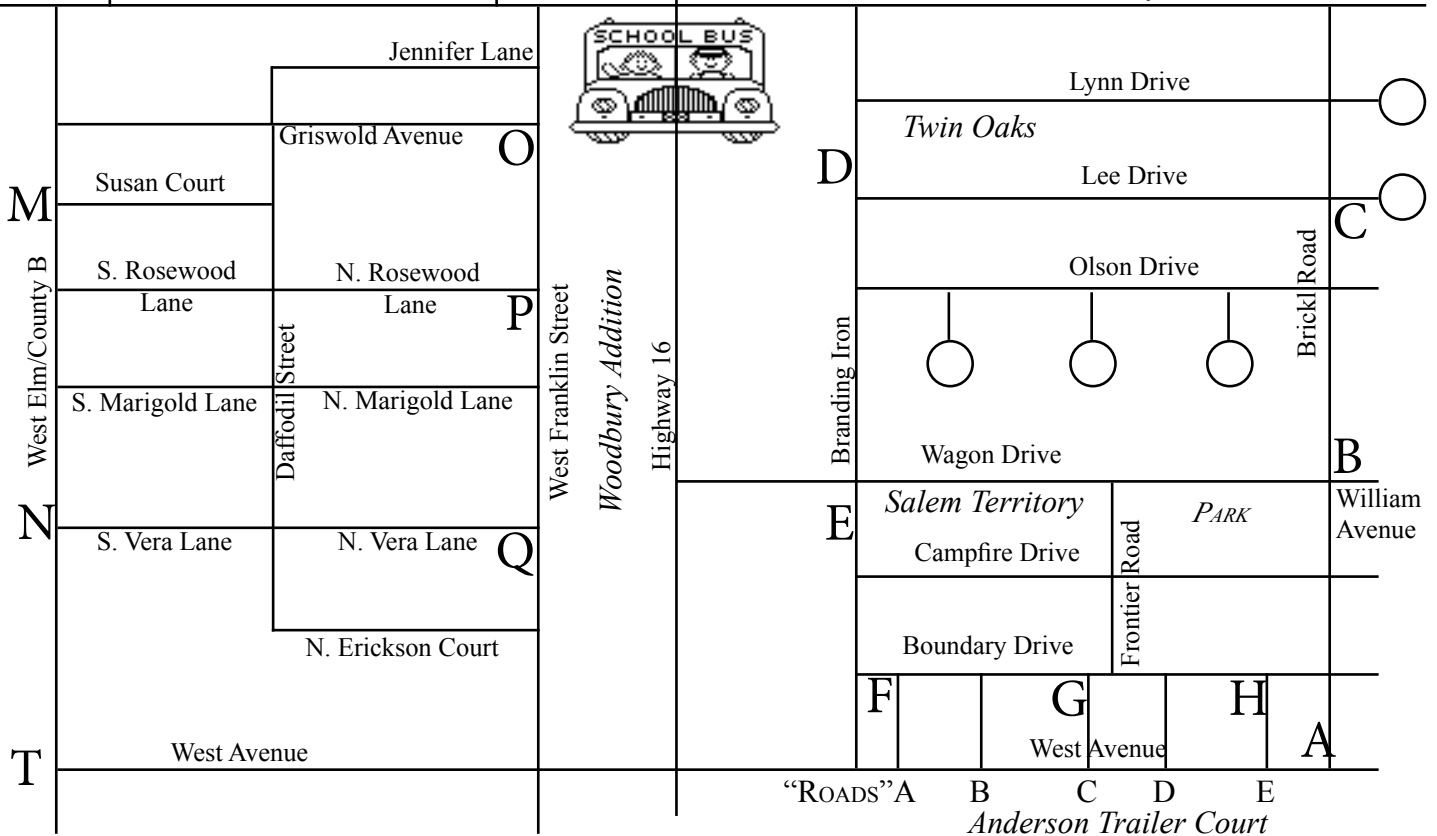
TRANSPORTATION



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	7	West Elm/CTH B & Susan Court
N	7	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	7	Elm Street & West Avenue



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

DRIVERS AND ASSIGNED VEHICLES

- A. Tauscher#1
- F. Jaworski#2
- K. Morgan#7
- R. Erickson.....#9
- E. Manke#10
- C. Friet#11
- G. Lafky#12
- K. Bina#13
- C. Kotek#14
- J. Hentges#15
- B. Kortbein.....#16
- R. Schneider.....#23
- S. Tauscher#24
- C. Norman.....#25
-#28
- T. Lord.....#29
- C. BockenfeldPara
- S. Carlson.....Para

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!**



Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

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

Evening Pick-up

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| Coulee Christian School | Bus #11 | 3:00 |
| Christ-St. John's Lutheran School | Bus #29 | 3:00 |

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

2021-2022 ~ Bus Loading at Elementary



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Important Info for 2022 Seniors

CLASS OF 2022: 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.**



3. Baby Photo

This photo will be used to morph into the "big kid" photo for the Senior Slide Show. The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby's face is the dominant part of the photo.



2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



4. Senior Photo for Slide Show

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. 12,
2021

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



Stuff The Bus with school supplies

Saturday August 21th, 2021

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Hansen's IGA West Salem

Drop off your donations
and purchase a Pork Chop/Brat Sandwich



Thank you for your support.

All supplies and books
collected will benefit

- *West Salem School District,
- *Christ Lutheran School
- *Coulee Christian School

Check out NEW School Supply List

District Announcements

WSHS Science Rooms Get a Makeover

While it is still summer break, staff and work crews have been busy at West Salem High School renovating and updating the science classrooms and adding a brand new coffee bar area in the the Library Media Center.

The science rooms are being renovated for the first time since they were built in 1964. Each room will get new flooring, cabinetry, countertops, sinks, and more. The updates will come in phases, with the first two rooms being done this summer, followed by the remainder next summer. We can't wait to see our students researching and learning in these new spaces.

Students will also have a new place to grab something to eat or drink while they are in commons or study hall. The LMC has added a coffee bar where students will be able to order flavored cold brew lattes and hot coffees alongside their regular ala carte purchases. Stay tuned for pictures and an update after classes start!



A Trip Along the Ice Age Trail

Mr. Baker, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Olson led thirteen eighth grade students and three seventh grade students in their annual backpacking trip along 33 miles of the Ice Age Trail in northern Wisconsin as part of summer school. The students spent a week in training classes where they hiked down to Lake Neshonoc to learn how to operate, clean, and repair their water filters, set up a tent and start a fire, and inspect their equipment. They also hiked five to six miles with their packs to get used to the longer distances. On their last day of training, they held a relay race to see which group could set up their tent, start a fire with flint, and filter a bottle of water the fastest.



Once they hit the trail, a typical day consisted of waking up around 6:00 a.m. and getting the fire started, eating and finishing breakfast by 7:00 a.m. and then clean up and packing. Before heading out by around 8:30 a.m., they took a look at their maps to plan out where they would eat lunch for the day, how many road crossings there were, and anything to look out for (difficult hills, water crossings, unmarked trails, etc.). Depending on the stretch of trail, students may have led the group, and everyone spread out based on their own pace. At their lunch location, a designated campsite along the trail, they took a one to two hour break to cook lunches and relax before hiking to their campsite. The first kids to arrive at camp pumped water, started the fire and set up tents before eating dinner. Finally, a few hours to sit around the fire and just relax! When the sun set, it was time for bed! After finishing, Mr. Baker said, "Lots of kids are hurting with blisters and sore muscles, but this year's group toughed it out better than any!"

School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Ken Schlimgen, Director ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



We're Back! 2021-2022 Season Tickets

Season tickets go on sale Monday, August 16th and remain on sale through September 10th. Please note, the box office will be closed until this time. Orders can be made by calling the box office, mailing in the form sent to your home, or stopping by when the box office opens on August 16th.

Individual Show Tickets

Tickets for all Heider Center shows will go on sale Monday, September 20th at noon. They can be purchased at the box office during business hours or online at www.heidercenter.org

Hours-Starting Aug 16
Box Office (608) 786-2550
Monday, Wednesday &
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
www.heidercenter.org

WSHS National Honor Society Blood Drive

Did you know that approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the United States? You can help by donating blood!

The West Salem High School National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. All presenting donors will receive a free limited edition Red Cross t-shirt while supplies last and also be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Kwik Trip card! Please see below for details and consider donating during this time of urgent need!

West Salem National Honor Society Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

West Salem High School LMC

Appointments are preferred and can be made by visiting redcrossblood.org, and using the sponsor code "pantherblood" or by calling (608) 609-0385

Walk-ins are also welcome!

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Jenny Stenberg at stenberg.jennifer@wsalem.k12.wi.us



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

School Supply Lists

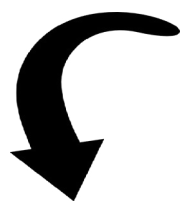
School supply lists for the 2021-2022 school year are now available for students in grades 4K-8! They can be accessed by visiting the district website under "News" or going to the each building page, and then navigating to "Families > Parent Resources." Copies of these lists can also be found at local stores.

As a reminder, West Salem High School students in grades 9-12 do not have a set list of supplies they are required to purchase, however, we suggest they have a good supply of basics including notebooks, pencils and pens. If teachers require supplies for a specific class, they will notify your student.

2021-2022 New Student Enrollment

Enrollment for new students can be completed at the District Office, 405 E. Hamlin St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click on "Enrollment" at the top of the page or call the District Office at (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 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 28, 2021 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

As noted on the Public Meeting Notice: Live streaming of this meeting was available on our District's YouTube page.

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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 24, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Ryan Rieber and Shawn Handland. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, Krish Patel and Rachel Stein.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Mr. Rieber read the report on behalf of Student Representatives Rachel Stein and Krish Patel:

1. High school students participated in the state track meet last week.
2. The summer musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: The Musical" was performed on June 17 and June 18.
3. Some seniors have already started working on their Senior Exit Projects for next year.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: energy efficiency for the district, miscellaneous wage scale, check summary, OEC projects, and 20-21 fiscal year close out and budget adjustments.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Business Operations Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource update: the resignation of Matt Duster-paraprofessional.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Report by Ken Schlimgen. Mr. Schlimgen reported on last week's annual meeting of TIF #1.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) to accept the donation from Andy and Ann Labus for the Angela Labus Memorial Scholarship Fund;
- d) the resignation of Elementary School Teacher Jennifer Perz;
- e) to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for Mark

Wagner as the head boys' basketball coach and for Abby Maliszewski as the swim team coach.

Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the hiring of a Speech and Language Pathologist.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve a 3% increase across the board to the miscellaneous wage scale as presented. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 0-Nay, 1-Abstain (Mr. E. Peterson) Mr. E. Peterson did not participate in the discussion nor the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve the power factor correction and using Wehrs Electric to install. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to adopt the budget adjustments for the 20-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to allocate \$400,000 to Fund 46, \$265,000 to the LED lighting project and the balance of the 20-21 fiscal year Fund Balance close out to the Fund 10 balance.

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

Mrs. 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 superintendent's evaluation and setting contract for the 21-22 school year.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 7:32 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to return to open session at 8:23 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve a contract for the superintendent, which includes a 2% salary increase and an additional one-time payment of \$2,500 into a Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. E. Peterson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem

Annual Notices

At the beginning of each school year, school districts are required to publish certain annual notices. These are as follows:

Child Find & Referral Notice

Upon request, the School District of West Salem is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Heidi Horton, Director of Pupil Services, School District of West Salem at (608)786-1064 or by writing her at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669.

Educational Options

Students have the right to enroll in any public schools, private schools participating in parental choice programs, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, youth options, and course options as described by Wisconsin Statutes. The following educational options are available to School District of West Salem resident students:

- School District of West Salem (<https://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/>)
- West Salem Virtual Academy (<https://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/schools/west-salem-virtual-academy/>)
- State Virtual Schools (<http://www.wisconsinvirtuallschool.org>)
- Full-time Open Enrollment (<http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>)
- Early College Credit Program & Start College Now (<https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp>)
- Advanced Placement (<https://dpi.wi.gov/ap>)
- Home-Based Private Education (<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/home-based>)
- Christ St. John's Lutheran School (<https://www.christstjohns.org/>)
- Coulee Christian School (<https://couleechristian.org/>)

School Accountability Report

DPI requires that school districts include the most recent performance category assigned to each school within the school district boundaries. For the 2019-20 school year, DPI did not issue School Accountability Report Cards due to COVID-19. The most recent reports available are from the 2018-19 school year, shown below.

- [West Salem School District Report Card](#)
- Exceeded Expectations- 79.1
- [West Salem Elementary School Report Card](#)
- Meets Expectations- 71.5
- [West Salem Middle School Report Card](#)
- Exceeded Expectations- 81.9
- [West Salem High School Report Card](#)
- Exceeded Expectations- 78.5

Christ St. John's Lutheran School and Coulee Christian School do not receive school accountability reports from DPI. The full reports for 2018-2019 can be found on the district website by clicking the links above.

Nondiscrimination Notice

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Heidi Horton, Director of Pupil Services at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination, please contact:

Heidi Horton, Director of Pupil Services
405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669
608-786-0700.
horton.heidi@wsalem.k12.wi.us

The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs

The Board of the School District of West Salem does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activity and is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment. The District's Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator(s) is/are:

Heidi Horton
Director of Pupil Services
608-786-1064
405 East Hamlin Street
West Salem, WI 54669
horton.heidi@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Crystal Becker
Director of Human Resources
608-786-5302
405 East Hamlin St.
West Salem, WI 54669
becker.crystal@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Any inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The Board has adopted a grievance process that provides for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that is prohibited by Title IX and/or its implementing regulations. The grievance process is included in Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, which is available at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. The grievance process specifically addresses how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment, and how the District will respond.

Student Academic Standards

The West Salem School District has a commitment to excellence for all students. For the 2021-22 school year, the district will adopt the Wisconsin State Standards for Math, English Language Arts, and Literacy; Next Generation Science Standards for Science; and Wisconsin Academic Standards or National Standards for all other content areas. When implementing the curriculum, educators use these standards to guide their instruction to provide all students with a guaranteed and viable curriculum.

Wisconsin Academic Standards

The Wisconsin Academic Standards are based on the National Common Core State Standards and are a consistent set of expectations for what students should know and be able to do in kindergarten through 12th grade. Setting high standards enables students, parents, educators, and citizens to know what students should have learned at a given point in time.

Annual Notices continued...

Student Academic Standards continued...

Next Generation Science Standards

The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are a set of research-based, up-to-date K-12 science content standards. These standards set the expectations for what students should know and be able to do in science.

Student Assessments

The West Salem School District requires our Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 to participate in the State required FORWARD Assessment in the spring of every year. In addition, the students in Grade 9-10 participate in the ACT Aspire Assessment and our Grade 11 students take the ACT exam.

Elementary School Assessments- (Title I Schoolwide Program)

State Required FORWARD

The Forward Exam is a high quality, research-based online assessment that is required to be administered to all State of Wisconsin students.

Grade 3 - ELA and Math

Grade 4 - ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

District Required FastBridge

Grades K-4 - ELA and Math

Middle School Assessments

State Required FORWARD

The Forward Exam is a high quality, research-based online assessment that is required to be administered to all State of Wisconsin students.

Grade 5, 6, 7 - ELA and Math

Grade 8 - ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

District Required FastBridge

Grades 6-8 - ELA and Math

High School Assessments

State Required ACT, ACT Aspire, and FORWARD

The ACT, ACT Aspire, and FORWARD is a high quality, research-based online assessment that is required to be administered to all State of Wisconsin students.

Grade 9-10 - ACT Aspire

Grade 10 - FORWARD Social Studies

Grade 11 - ACT

For additional information, visit our Department of Instructional Services or call (608) 786-5336 if you have questions.

Student Privacy Rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education.

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

- *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of-*
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding.
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions).
- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use'
 1. Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material use as a part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

The School District of West Salem has developed a policy regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District of West Salem will notify parents of these policies, at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. The School District of West Salem will also directly notify, such as through U.S. mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The School District of West Salem will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this direct notification requirement.

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

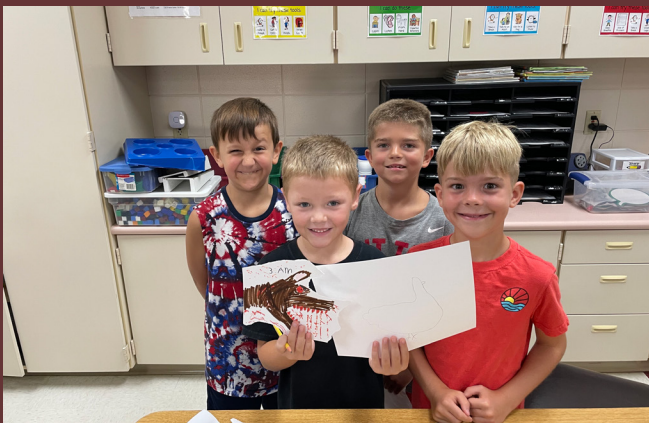
Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Student Privacy Policy Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, D.C., 20202

Summer School is Back!

On July 19, we welcomed our students and staff back on campus for summer school. Even though it had only been six weeks since the last day of school, it was so nice to see smiling faces filling the playgrounds and classrooms again. Elementary students participate in classes designed to prepare them for their upcoming grade level classes and middle school students have the opportunity to par-

ticipate in a variety of curriculum and enrichment classes including Recycled Art, Creative Writing, Basketball, Geocaching, Intro to Spanish and more! These classes are a great opportunity for students to build and expand their academic and social skills before heading back into the classroom full-time in September. Now the countdown begins to September 1!



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

Check out our Facebook page
@SchoolDistrictofWestSalem
and
Follow us on Twitter
@WestSalemSD
and Instagram
@schooldistrictofwestsalem



For WSHS athletic events, visit our website:

- *click Calendars and then
- *click Coulee Conference

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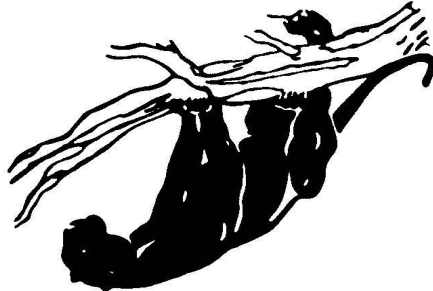


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