

August 2020



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Working Through It Together

Let me begin by saying thank you! You are our most important partners. This past year, that was truer than ever. You became your child's teacher, coach, and constant presence in an uncertain world. Thank you for the effort you made to support our educators and your child's learning from home. I am proud of how our Panther Family has responded to the COVID-19 virus. As a District, we were able to protect everyone while continuing to educate and feed our students. Our new normal will be very different than in previous years. As we all adjust, I know we will continue to respond to this health crisis with flexibility, creativity, patience, partnership, care, compassion, grit, and gratitude.

While we are in the business of educating, our priority is the safety of our students and our employees. The purpose of this message is to share the educational options for our families to meet the educational needs of their children. Moving into the school year, we will be working in partnership with the La Crosse County Health Department and the four other school districts in La Crosse County. Throughout the school year, we will be following the La Crosse County Compass for di-

rection on how we will be instructing our students and student participation in co-curricular activities. We know that this is going to be a fluid situation. Knowing that this is going to be a year of flexibility and change and knowing the challenges that this will have with our families, we have worked to provide options to continue to educate our children. We have worked in partnership with our other county schools to build the Coulee Region Virtual Academy (CRVA). We greatly appreciate the feedback that we have received from the survey that was sent out during the creation of CRVA. Responses back from this survey were more than we have ever received before! The answers to the question "What would you like us to consider or improve as we prepare for the upcoming school year?" was very helpful and we greatly appreciate your time and thoughts that you put into the survey.

Please understand there is no way for us to satisfy all as we make these decisions. Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different. We fully understand the variety of concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction,

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parents needing to work, the economy, and all of the other unexpected implications of these decisions. It was stated by James Hunter, "Change takes us out of our comfort zone and forces us to do things differently, and that is hard. Challenges to our ideas force us to rethink our position, and that is always uncomfortable." The way in which we ended our 2019-20 school year was not anticipated by anyone. The way in which the 2020-21 school year will unfold is a book yet to be written. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic is something that is constantly changing, and we will need to be flexible to the changes that are presented to us. When we do reflect on what is hap-

pening, remember to remain calm and reassuring. Our children will react to both what we say and how we say it. We have to be the role models for our kids in terms of following recommended guidelines for managing COVID-19. Children are intensely watching our actions even more than our words. We will live our mission of serving with passion to ignite the creativity, innovation, and excellence that we have come to expect as Panthers. We've got this! We are WS!

Ryan G. Rieber, Superintendent

Important School Year Start Info

Our school year will start off virtually the month of September. Each building will be in contact with families as far as plans for picking up student technology and any other beginning of the year items. The status of our return to school will be reevaluated continuously and an announcement will be made on September 30 as to whether there will be a change in the instructional model. This model (virtual, blended, in-person) will be implemented on Monday, October 5th. However, if we would be in the RED category on the LaCrosse County Compass, learning would remain virtual. When we are able to return to our buildings for in-person learning, students and staff will be required to wear face coverings in accordance with the CDC and LaCrosse County Compass.


There will be communication coming out from the District in the middle of August on how we are updating and changing our modes of instruction compared to what it was in the spring in all of our buildings. Based on feedback from our parents, students, and staff, we are working to make changes and work to provide the high quality of education that our students, parents, and community have come to expect.

We have streamlined our learning platforms throughout our district. Our students K-2 will be using the See-Saw platform for remote learning, students in grades 3-8 will be utilizing Google Classroom, and students 9-12 will be using Schoology. We are working to ensure that every child K-12 in our district will have a device to be able to access and use these platforms. More information and instructions on these will be coming from our buildings.

Thank you parents for your patience with this. We are working to ensure the safe return to school for our students and staff and are reliant on the county health department to inform us of what safe is. To ignore or not follow these guidelines would be to fall short on our promise to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families. Our continuous work and preparation will be communicated out. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Summer Book Checkout

DON'T MISS OUT!



SUMMER LIBRARY BOOK CHECKOUT

THE WEST SALEM **ELEMENTARY LMC** IS CHECKING OUT BOOKS **ALL SUMMER LONG!**

PLACE YOUR HOLDS ON [GOFOLLETT.COM](https://gofollett.com) OR LIST YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON THE GOOGLE FORM
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/EZOVQTATAHYYDEYEA](https://forms.gle/EZOVQTATAHYYDEYEA)


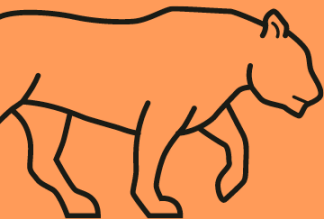
MRS. HUNDT WILL CONTACT YOU REGARDING A PICK UP TIME OR DELIVERY.

Hey Panther Parents! Are you looking for a great way to keep your kids reading this summer? Check out the options for WSES and WSMS Students below.

WSES Students

You can request books to checkout by going to gofollett.com, logging into their Destiny account, and selecting up to 5 books to be put on hold. If your child has never used Destiny, or isn't sure what they want to read, you can fill out a Google form using this link in the image on the left, and Mrs. Hundt will select five books for your child based on their age and interests. 4K students will have to use the Google form, as they do not have a Destiny login. After you have submitted your requests or the Google form, she will contact you for information on pick-up or delivery.

WSMS LMC Presents!

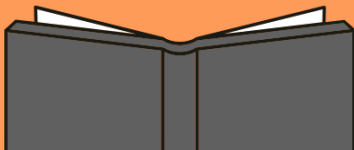


SUMMER CHECKOUT

Request Online - Pickup at WSMS

Search for books & place requests at gofollett.com

Contact Ms. Dederich with any questions!
dederich.lindsey@wsalem.k12.wi.us



WSMS Students

Attention families & students! The WSMS LMC is offering summer checkout during summer school. Requests can be made online through Destiny Discover. Students can request up to 5 books at a time.

Students should go to the LMC homepage on the district website by hovering over Schools > Middle School and then Academics > Library Media Center. Click on the Destiny Discover icon near the top right and log in. Search for the book you want by title, author or keyword. When you find what you are looking for, click the blue HOLD button. Your book will be pulled, and once they are ready, you will get an email from Ms. D. with instructions for pickup.

2020-2021 Registration Information- and Reminders

All of our area schools are working together as we plan on a return in the fall. Further information will be shared out as we continue the planning process and dates are subject to change.

Elementary School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. **We will not be hosting our August 11, 2020 Registration/ Picture Day.** Families who do not have access to a computer to complete the online registration are encouraged to call the main office at (608)786-1662 to make arrangements.

All students, whether they participate in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy or WSES programming, will need to complete our online registration process. If you are interested in the Virtual Academy, that is a second registration.

WSES Open House on August 26th will also not be in person.

4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st, 2020, 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, 2020, 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. **We will not be hosting our August 10th & 11th Registration.** Families who do not have access to a computer to complete the online registration are encouraged to call the main office at (608) 786 - 2090 to make arrangements.

All students, whether they participate in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy or WSMS programming, will need to complete the online registration process. Students participating in a fall activity must be registered before participating in any practices.

WSMS Open House on August 25th will also not be in person. We will be working with staff to look into virtual options for this event.

Lastly, our W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) program will not take place in its traditional format. We are researching an online option for this event as well. We will update you about Open House and W.E.B. when we have more specifics.

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High School

Online Registration through Skyward Family Access will open on Thursday, July 23rd. **We will not be hosting our August 11, 2020 registration open house.** Families who do not have access to a computer to complete the online registration are encouraged to call the main office at (608)786-5330 to make arrangements

All students, whether they participate in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy or WSHS programming, will need to complete the online registration process. Students participating in a fall activity must be registered before participating in any practices.

We've had inquiries concerning seniors and the SEP. Seniors who choose to participate in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy will be required to complete the Senior Exit Project as part of their graduation requirement.

Our Link Crew Training and Freshmen Orientation programs will also not take place in their traditional formats. Our awesome Link Crew advisors are working on an online option. We will update you about both of these events as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Online Fees and Payments

The West Salem School District provides parents an easy way to add money to your student's food service account and to pay for school-related fees. These payments can be made through Skyward Family Access. We are contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments.

Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, anytime of the day.

Co-Curricular Info

At the time of publication, the WIAA has voted to conduct the fall sports season with a delayed start. Tentative start dates for all fall sports are listed below. Please note, these dates are subject to change.

August 17th: Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis

September 7th: Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Football

We will send the most up to date information as we receive it. At this time, fees will not be posted to Skyward until after team rosters are finalized and the first game or competition takes place.

Student Immunization Law Age & Grade Requirements 2020-2021 School Year

2 Years through 4 years:

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

Grades K and 1:

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

Grades 2 through 5 and 7 through 12:

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

Grade 6:

DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR

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

2020-2021 School Nutrition Information

All of our area schools are working together as we plan on a return in the fall. Further information will be shared out as we continue the planning process and dates are subject to change.

2020-2021 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$1.70	FREE
Middle	\$1.90	FREE
High	\$2.05	FREE
Adult	\$2.50	N/A

*Extra Entrees are offered at the Middle and High Schools only - \$1.55. Extra Entrees are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

Lunch	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$2.85	\$0.40
Middle	\$3.05	\$0.40
High	\$3.20	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25	N/A

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Milk Break	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$0.35	FREE

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

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2020-2021 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. Don't hesitate to apply, you might be surprised to qualify!

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 2020-2021 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. Questions? You can also access the menu on the website at wsalem.nutrislice.com. Questions? Please contact the Director of Nutrition Services Emily Klunk at klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us or call (608)-786-3078.



Important Info for 2021 Seniors

CLASS OF 2021: 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 Slide Show. The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby's face is the dominant part of the photo.



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. 13,
2020

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

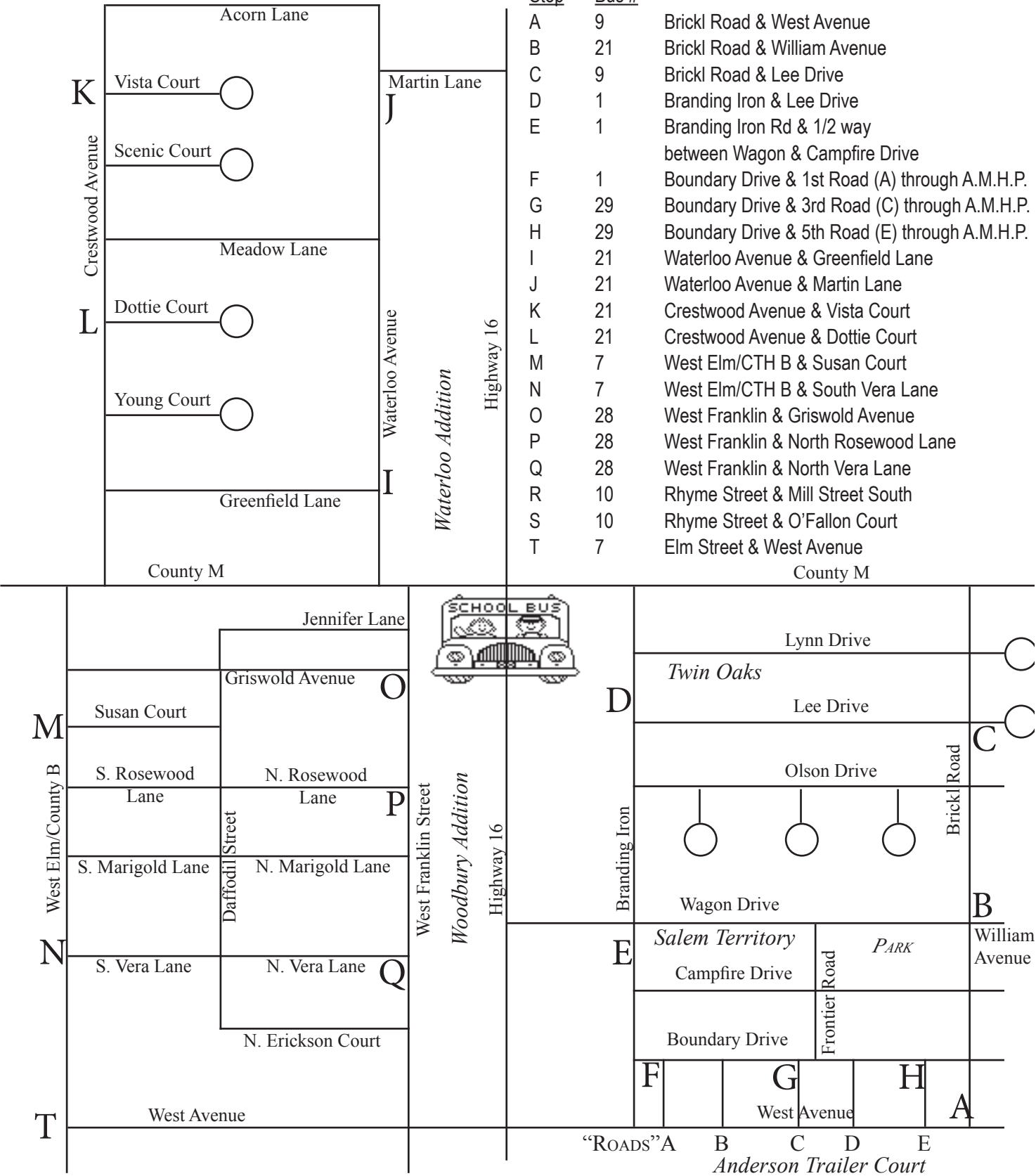
Please label photos with the student name and publication - ex. JoeSmithYearbook
Labeled hard copy photos can be dropped off to room 241 - silver box

TRANSPORTATION

Village Bus Stops

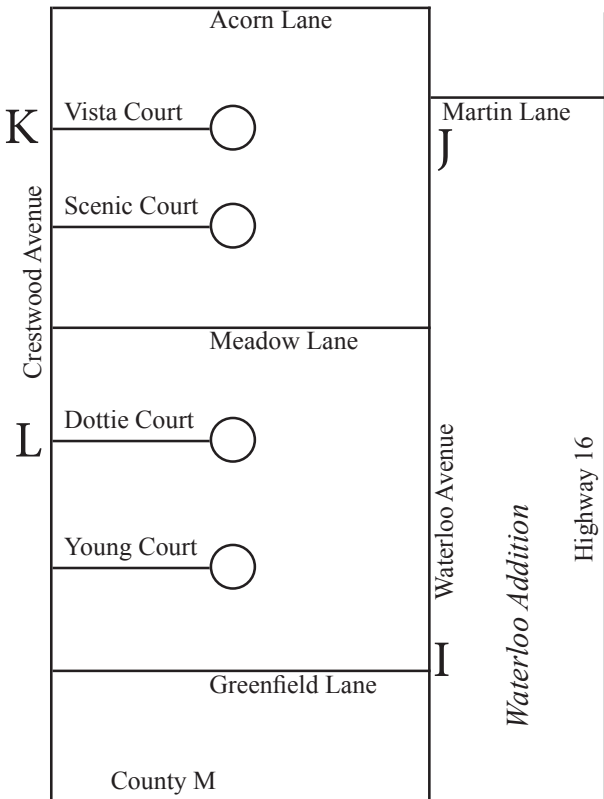
The stops are as follows: (same stops, different letters)

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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	21	Waterloo Avenue & Greenfield Lane
J	21	Waterloo Avenue & Martin Lane
K	21	Crestwood Avenue & Vista Court
L	21	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
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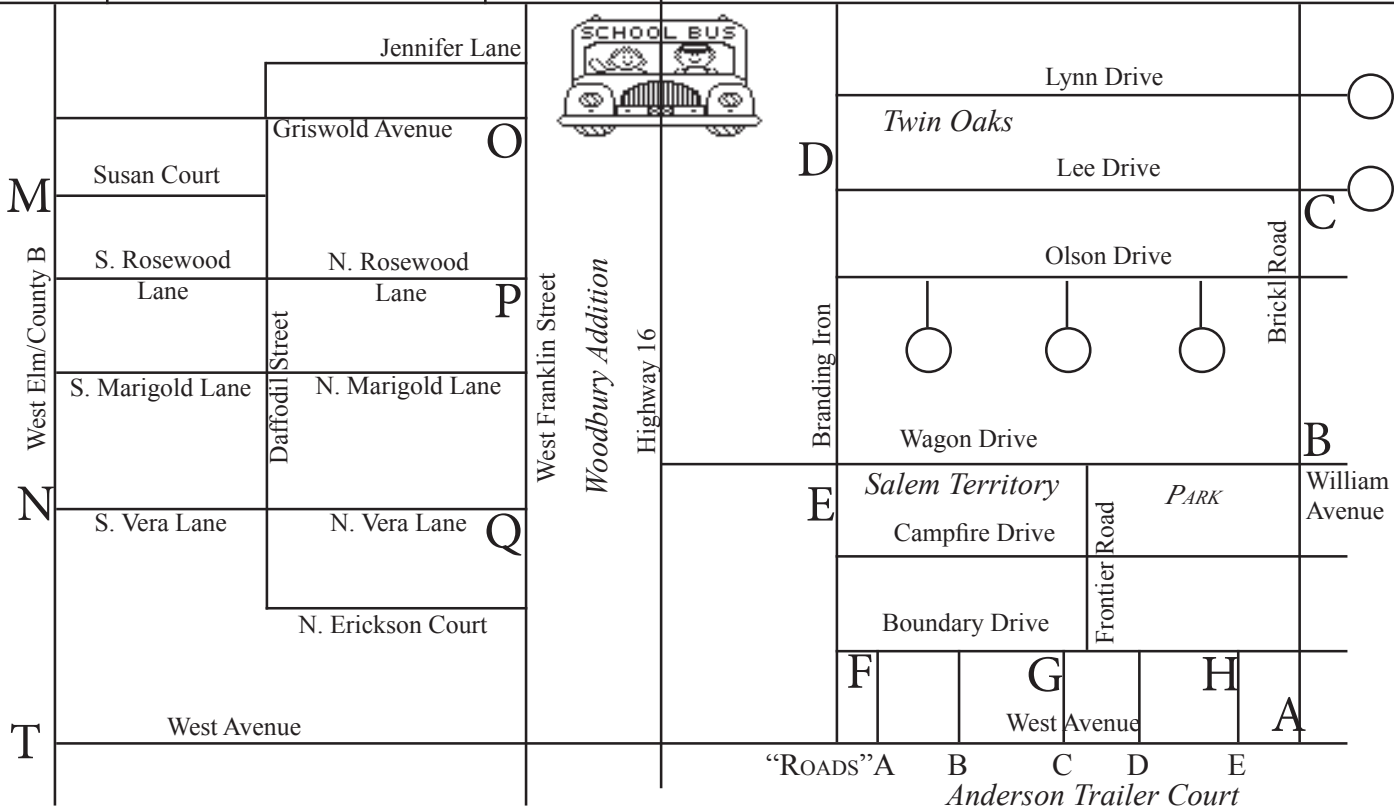
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WSMS Student a Winner in National Art Contest

West Salem Middle School 6th grader Caralyn Parry was recently selected as one of 50 winners in the 5th Annual Meemic Masterpieces Art Contest. The contest is hosted by Meemic Foundation for the Future of Education and was open to students nationwide. The theme for this year's contest was "Futuristic." Caralyn's winning piece features a robot hugging a small bear and is accented with bright colors and shading. Mrs. Hemker, our WSMS art teacher encouraged our students to apply and helped submit their pieces.

As one of the winners, Caralyn received an Amazon Fire 7 tablet and a Sphero Bolt, and \$300 for the WSMS art program to purchase supplies! Her artwork was featured in a special virtual art show on the Meemic Facebook page on July 15th and will also be professionally displayed in a permanent gallery at the company's headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Congratulations, Caralyn!



District Announcements

THANK YOU
families!

Thanks for Your Participation!

Thank you to all of our School District of West Salem families that took the time to fill out our Virtual Learning Survey that was sent out at the beginning of July. We received over 800 responses, and read through all of them to get your feedback about reopening and virtual learning options for the coming school year. Our administrative team is working hard to develop plans for each of our schools in line with the La Crosse County COVID-19 Compass Guidelines. We appreciate your patience, support, and understanding as we work together to do what is best for our students, staff, and families during this uncertain time.

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

2020-2021 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 4 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.

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 Pupil Services Director at (608) 786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Eric Jensen, Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

School Board Members

Jane Halverson ~~~~~ 786-1067
Ken Schlimgen ~~~~~ 786-4382
Catherine Griffin ~~~~~ 769-1714
Tom Grosskopf ~~~~~ 386-0168
Robin Fitzgerald ~~~~~ 792-4130
Sean Gavaghan ~~~~~ 797-3585
Erik Peterson ~~~~~ 792-5370

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

District Announcements

NHS Blood Drive

Did you know that over 4000 blood drives have been canceled this year due to our current pandemic? This has resulted in 130,000 fewer units of blood being donated and a national blood shortage.

Although they are not able to do so in their usual fashion, our West Salem High School National Honor Society students will be assisting behind the scenes with an upcoming blood drive.

The details of the blood drive can be found below. There are many additional safeguards and precautions being put in place due to COVID-19. Please be assured your safety comes first. You can make an appointment by going to: bit.ly/giveaug11. Anyone 16 years of age or older is eligible to donate, but 16 year olds must have a parent permission form signed, which can be found on our website, by going to "News and Announcements" on the homepage and clicking "National Honor Society Blood Drive."

Remember, your blood donation can save up to three lives! If you have questions, please contact Jenny Stenberg at stenberg.jennifer@wsalem.k12.wi.us

West Salem National Honor Society Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
West Salem American Legion, 148 Leonard St. South



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
West Salem American Legion
148 S. Leonard St.

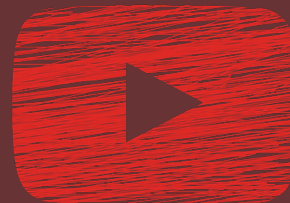
Email Jenny Stenberg at
stenberg.jennifer@wsalem.k12.wi.us with questions.

Board Meetings Now Livestreaming

After lots of feedback from parents and community members, and working through the logistics of set-up, we now have the ability to livestream our school board meetings. Meetings will be livestreamed from our district YouTube Channel, which can be found by searching School District of West Salem. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. to watch live and will also be available on our channel afterwards. If you would like to preview the meeting agenda ahead of time, they are listed on our website. You can find them by hovering over "District" at the top of the page, scrolling down to "Board of Education" and then over to "Agendas and Minutes."

Thank you for your patience as we work through any technical difficulties that may arise. We truly appreciate you tuning in.

Please note, if you would like to attend in person, our board meetings are currently open to a limited number of spectators in the High School LMC the second and fourth Monday of every month. Face coverings are required to attend.



School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020 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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 4, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat (remote access), Eric Jensen (remote access), Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt (remote access), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Maxwell Goetz and Madisyn Haun. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mike Malott.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The West Salem "Nerf War" began last Monday.
2. Tentative prom date was set for August 8th as long as La Crosse County passes through its phases of reopening successfully. The final decisions will be made in mid-July.

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Thursday, June 4, was the official last day of school
2. Check-in days were June 1, 2, and 3, where students turned in laptops, textbooks, cleaned lockers, and received yearbooks.
3. Seniors' SEP plan proposals were due Tuesday, May 26 for students who wished to work on their project in the summer.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the Frank Seebauer family was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: high school and district office project bids and scope, Heider funds and Heider Meeting Room, and Budget update for 19-20 and 20-21 school years.

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson announced: the resignation of Kaila Winters-paraprofessional; and the hire of Stephanie Sharp-middle school administrative assistant.

Kathy Hilby represented the SEP team and administration by sharing College and Career Readiness videos with the board. Seniors had the option of writing a statement or creating a video documenting their college and career readiness based on the Redefining Ready! standards embedded in the district strategic plan. The Redefining Ready! organization did not fund a scholarship opportunity as it had in the past. Therefore, the District provided the scholarship opportunity "in-house" this year.

Ryan Rieber and Deanna Wiatt shared information on school opening options for the 20-21 school year.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020;
- b) the invoices to be paid;
- c) accept the donation from the FFA for the families of the district;
- d) accept the resignation of Special Education Teacher, Emily Keim and cross country coach, LeRoy Krall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the Business Operations Committee's recommendation to approve the building renovation projects at the high school and district office and not to exceed \$383,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Application of Board Policies #830 Facility Use, Excluding Center for the Arts, #820.1 Marie W. Heider Fine Arts Center Usage, #830.2 Heider Meeting Room/Art Gallery Use Policy, and #830.3 District Fitness Center/Indoor Track were reviewed. Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to open the outdoor facilities based upon the La Crosse County Guidelines for discretionary or recreational purposes, starting June 9, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Relevant information pertaining to COVID-19 was shared with the Board. No action was taken.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020 High School Library 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 8, 2020. This meeting was at the request of a Board Member.

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

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrator: Ryan Rieber. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020 continued... High School Library 6:00 p.m.

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 employment of a new elementary principal. The Board will interview finalists for the position. The Board may select and possibly make an offer to a candidate or hire for the position of elementary principal.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 6:02 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Halverson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Grosskopf moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2020 High School Library 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, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on June 18, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Troy Gunderson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Mission Statement. This was Mr. Gunderson's last Board Meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Ben Wopat, Eric Jensen (remote access), Mike Malott, Ryan Rieber, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Maxwell Goetz and Madisyn Haun (remote access). Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Maxwell Goetz, Student Representative, reported on:

-Summer CAT program started posting online workouts on June 15, hoping to get into the weight room on July 1.

Madisyn Haun, Student Representative, reported on:

-Seniors' SEP mentor choice is due June 30.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Workforce Engagement and Development Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda item: employee recognition. Tom Grosskopf, Syl Clements and Troy Gunderson were recognized for their service to the district.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda:

- a) the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020;
 - b) invoices to be paid; and
 - c) there were no new hires or resignations to act upon.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to approve the co-curricular annual revisions and adjustment to the wage base for the 20-21 school year as presented, by increasing the wage levels by 1.81% and increasing the numbers on the elementary leadership. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the middle school and high school WIAA memberships for the 20-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Peterson seconded to approve the request for one-to-one iPads for third grade students and provide for the complementary amount for the lower grades. The quantity will be calculated based on the total amount required less the possible units available from other uses. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to cancel the November 2020 high school music trip to Disney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wiatt and Mr. Rieber shared information regarding the school opening options for the 20-21 school year. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for the 19-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the Open Enrollment requests for the 20-21 school year, with the exception to deny the request of a middle school child because of the special education limits set in January 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to follow the La Crosse County COVID-19 guidelines for the use of indoor and outdoor spaces. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Halverson, Clerk

School District of West Salem

Notice

An outdated copy of minutes was included in the printed version of the newsletter. We apologize for the error.

Please look for updated minutes in the September issue.

Feed Our Children Still Serving Meals

The Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program is still going on through the week of August 20th! In order to participate, you will need to fill out a form each week indicating how many meals you will need and which days you will pick up the meals. Pick up will be available on Tuesday and Thursday each week from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and will take place at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at the East Avenue entrance. There will also be an option to pick up one bag of groceries for the week during the Thursday pick up times.

Sign up links are available on the district website under "News and Announcements" as well as on the Feed Our Children-West Salem Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact Angie Hemker at hemker.angie@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that have spent time packing and serving meals, including the West Salem High School National Honor Society and the West Salem High School Nutrition staff!



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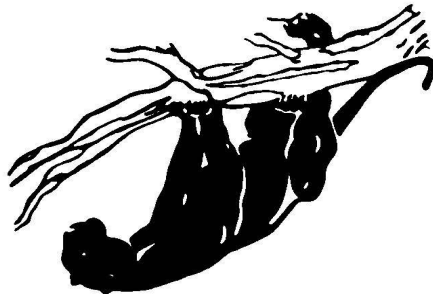
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