

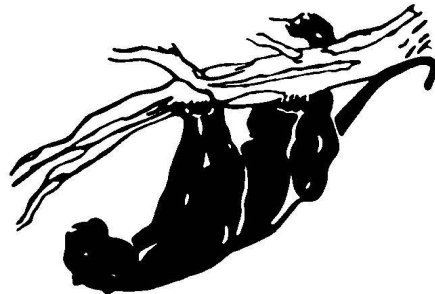


School District of West Salem

“Serve with Passion to Ignite Creativity,
Innovation and Excellence.”



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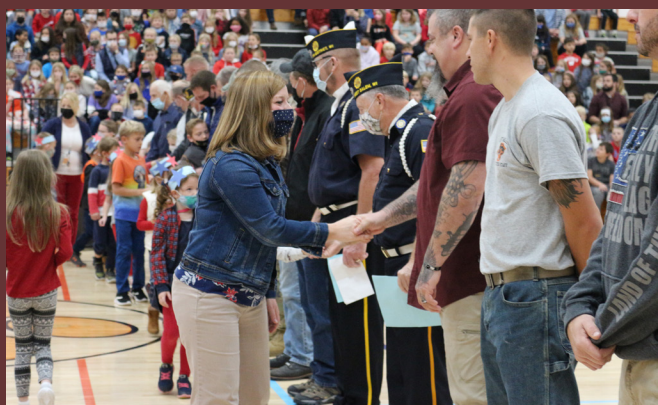
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Honoring Our Veterans

Our Thursday, November 11, all three of our schools were able to hold their annual Veterans Day ceremonies after a year's hiatus. We were happy to welcome our local veterans to our ceremonies, where our students honored them in a variety of different ways. Our elementary school students sang the songs of the military branches while shaking hands with our veterans and thanking them for their service and

our high school concert choir and band performed the songs as well while also speaking about the history of Veterans Day. Some of the veterans also shared about their experiences and what it means to be a veteran. We offer our utmost gratitude to the brave men and women that have fought for our country and our freedom and we are proud to celebrate them on Veterans Day and all throughout the year.



HARVEST OF THE MONTH
NEWSLETTER 12/2021



Did You Know?

Cabbage is Russia's national food!

December



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

You can also set yourself up to receive
automatic text or e-mail notifications for
any of the activities listed OR subscribe
to RSS.

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 8, 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 7:03 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, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on November 4, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mrs. Fitzgerald led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Grosskopf 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, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tami Bagstad.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control – Mrs. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's November meeting.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: adult meal price increase, solar energy bids, bus cameras, levy projections and possible referendum numbers, update on district parking lots, and the tour of the high school metals lab.

Board Grant Review Committee – Mr. E. Peterson reported on the Board of Education grants to be awarded.

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district and transportation update.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Priya Oshan and Lauren Zarecki will be going to state as part of the 200 MR swim team. This will be the first time West Salem student athletes will be participating at the state level.
2. The cross country teams competed at state: Boys'-7th and girls'-12th (16 total teams). This is the second best showing in panther history.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS hosted a very successful Trick or Can Food Drive on Halloween. We collected over 2000 food items from 4 neighborhoods throughout West Salem, and were donated to the local food pantry.
2. The high school winter sports are starting soon.
3. The high school first quarter ended on Friday.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Bonnie Ender was read

A thank you note from the family of Andy Brown was read.

Public Comments

Deborah Rucinski spoke on the events of the October 25, 2021, Annual Meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Grosskopf seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept donations from the Neshonoc Lakers Girls Basketball Club, West Salem Hoops Club and the West Salem Panther Booster Club for the high school basketball program;
 - d. to accept the administration's recommendation to for co-curricular: Bill Jensen, boys' basketball volunteer coach and Nick Murray-boys' basketball assistant coach;
 - e. to accept the resignation of middle school special education teacher Marci Fischer.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the request to sell a piece of equipment valued at over \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the second reading of Neola Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to increase the adult breakfast price to \$2.60 and the lunch price to \$4.65 effective December 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the following School Board Grants:

- Chris Antony, Flexible Seating - \$522.12
- Jake Merrill, Lindy Meyers and Amy Tischler, Skate for Success - \$2,500.00 (original request was for \$1,250.00)
- Jonathan Jones, 3D Design - \$1,300.00
- Ashly Serres and Jack Reader, Adapted Sports League - \$721.73
- Erika Olson & Josh Brewer, Creative Frolf - \$745.00
- Laura Wagner, Osmo Little Genius Kits for iPads - \$1,456.38
- Angie Hemker, Demonstration Table - \$1,950.00
- To have Mr. Rieber seek out other funding for the project not approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to select Solar Connections as the vendor for the middle school solar energy project at the middle school. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Schlimgen)

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

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Board Development Session

The Board and administration discussed referendum planning.

Adjournment

Mr. C. Peterson moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 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 7:09 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, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on October 21, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Ryan Rieber led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Sean Gavaghan 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, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Tami Bagstad, Deanna Wiatt, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Krish Patel and Rachel Stein. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

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

Written and Oral Reports

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: solar energy, proposed 21-22 budget, mill rate and tax levy.

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

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Maria Holicky paraprofessional and Leslie Berling-cook, and the hiring of Chloe Castillo-paraprofessional, Leslie Berling-paraprofessional, Emma Johnson-paraprofessional, Emily Rasmussen-paraprofessional, Janna Seeger-paraprofessional and Travis Seigenthaler-custodian.

Mr. Rieber provided a district health update.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. The girls' swim team took 3rd at the Platteville Invitational.
2. The high school football team beat Prescott and will play Maple Northwestern this Friday.
3. The play "Check Please" was performed last Thursday.

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. NHS is hosting "Trick or Can" food drive on Halloween. Members will be dressing up and collecting non-perishables from neighborhoods around West Salem for the food pantry.
2. Both the high school boys' and girls' cross country teams are going to state. The girls took 2nd at sectionals and the boys took first.

Correspondence

The following proclamations were announced: Gifted Education Month (October), Keep KidsSafe Online Month (October) and National School Lunch Week (October 11-15)

Public Comments

The following citizens commented on COVID-19 related components: Ryan

Waldhart, Shayna Arndt, Steve Martin, Morgan Van Cleave, Mike Mesmer, Kortney Getter, Shannon Torrance, and Nels Lebakken.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Erik Mathison seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2021 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021;
- b. the invoices to be paid;
- c. to accept donations from Morrie's Auto Group for the elementary school Random Acts of Kindness fund, from John & Pamela Doubek and David & Debra Doubek for the high school choir/drama department in memory of Don & Lois Rudolph, from the West Salem Lions Club to the Random Acts of Kindness fund, and from Alison Hemker/Trane Technologies for the high school.
- d. to accept the administration's recommendation for co-curricular: trap team-Erik Mathison, trap team volunteers-Sean Clements, Dale Hewitt, Barry Logging, Terry Logging, Patrick Burchell, Kyle Helgeson, Bryce Perrett, Tristan Johnsrude, and Matthew Griffin, student council advisors-Talia Dacquisto & Darren Fruit, 7th grade basketball coaches-Jack Reader & Ashly Serres, high school boys' assistant coach-Tanner Gibbons, volunteer gymnastics-Alyssa Hilker, middle school assistant wrestling coach-Jason Raasch, high school volunteer hockey coach-Richie Brown, and high school volunteer wrestling coach-Warren Frank.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Start College Now/Early College Credit requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar. Motion carried. 6-Aye, 1-Nay (Mr. Schlimgen)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to set the budget for the 2021-2022 school year as presented at the Annual Meeting-proposed Fund 10 expenses at \$23,687,000 and proposed Fund 10 revenues at \$23,899,233.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to set the 2021-2022 school year Tax Levy at \$9,950,735 with a Mill Rate of 0.00915423. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve for a first reading of Neola Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District). Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to approve the administration's request for an additional high school basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Grant volunteers to review Board Grant applications are Sean Gavaghan, Erik Peterson and Chris Peterson. Catherine Griffin will be the alternate.

Board member participation in the 2022 Wisconsin Education Convention, January 19-21, 2022, Board members to let Patrick Bahr know by November 8, 2021.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

NHS GIVING TREE

**SELECT A TAG WITH A
GIFT CARD SUGGESTION
FROM THE GIVING TREE IN
THE HS LMC TO HELP A
FAMILY IN NEED THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**SUGGESTED GIFT CARD
AMOUNT \$20 - \$30**

Tags will be available from Tues., Nov. 30 -
Tues., Dec. 14 (or until they are gone)

*All gifts must be turned into
Mrs. Stenberg or the High
School Office by Wed., Dec.
15.*





OVERVIEW

School Details

Grades: 5-8

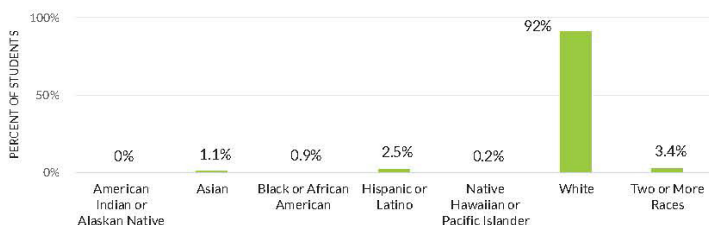
Enrollment: 561

Percent open enrollment: 13.9%

West Salem Middle School provides high-levels of learning to the whole child in a new state-of-the-art facility. Our 5-8 Middle School offers more elective opportunities as the student gets older so they can explore their interests and be creative within our curriculum. We believe that everyone should Practice Kindness, Act Respectfully, and Work Hard!

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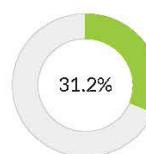
Student Groups



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED



ENGLISH LEARNERS



Score Summary



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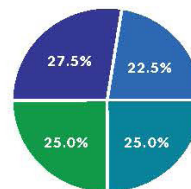
Overall Score

80.6

Exceeds Expectations



PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS



- ACHIEVEMENT
- GROWTH
- TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES
- ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



OVERVIEW

School Details

Grades: 9-12

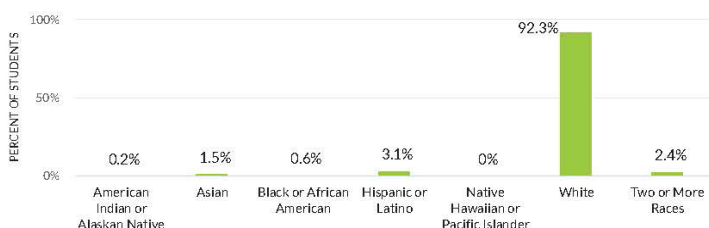
Enrollment: 542

Percent open enrollment: 11.8%

West Salem High School is at the forefront of preparing students to be College, Career, and Life Ready. We provide the same outstanding educational opportunities offered in larger high schools but in a smaller, more personalized, learning environment. Students can explore their interests while discovering their strengths and finding the confidence to be successful in the future!

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Student Groups



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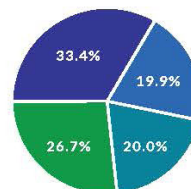
Overall Score

67.9

Meets Expectations



PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS



- ACHIEVEMENT
- GROWTH
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- ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



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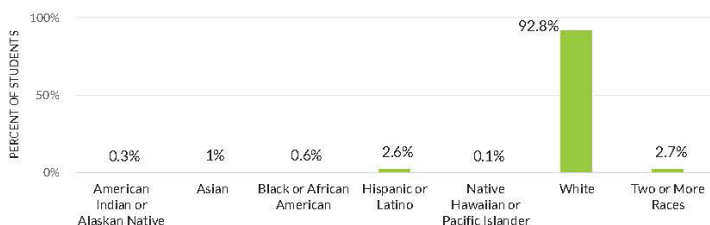
District Details

Grades: K4-12
Enrollment: 1,782
Percent open enrollment: 13.1%

The School District of West Salem is committed to "Serve with Passion!" Our high-performing schools serve about 12,000 residents and over 1800 students in Pre-K through 12. In addition to high-level learning opportunities, our campus also features state-of-the-art community facilities to serve our students and residents. West Salem strives to ignite creativity, innovation, and excellence for all!

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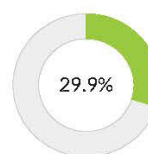
Student Groups



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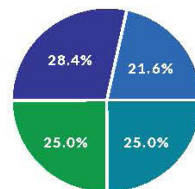
Overall Score

75.7

Exceeds Expectations



PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS



- ACHIEVEMENT
- GROWTH
- TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES
- ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



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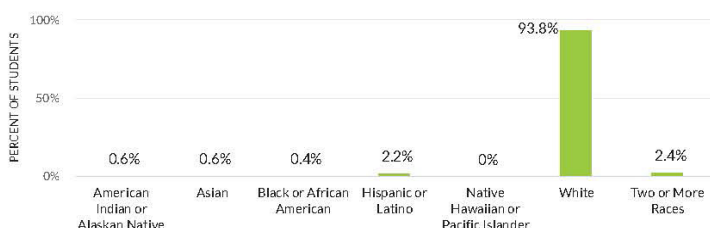
School Details

Grades: K4-4
Enrollment: 679
Percent open enrollment: 13.5%

West Salem Elementary School is one of the largest elementary schools in La Crosse County. Our staff is committed to providing a safe, positive, and student-centered learning environment so our students can reach their full potential and become lifelong learners. We take pride in our being named a National Blue Ribbon School and strive to do our best for every student, everyone, every day!

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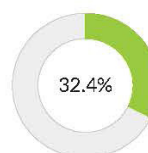
Student Groups



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ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED



ENGLISH LEARNERS



Score Summary



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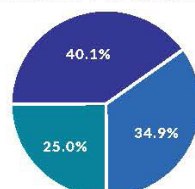
Overall Score

75.3

Exceeds Expectations



PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS



- ACHIEVEMENT
- GROWTH
- TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES
- ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



WEST SALEM ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB Sponsorship Form

490 North Mark Street, West Salem, WI 54669

The West Salem Athletics Booster Club provides a valuable service to our athletic programs by providing equipment needs to each program to keep our athletes safe and competitive. Some recent examples include: Football Guardian Helmet Caps, Panther Den Ice Machine, Wrestling Mats, Soccer Hudl program, Girls Basketball Hudl program, and State Championship banners in the gymnasium. The Booster Club supports all athletic programs. This Sponsorship drive is one way the Booster Club raises money to support the athletic programs.

Board Members include:

Bryan Novy - President
Mark Ziegler - Vice President

Emily Rogge - Secretary
Therese Novy - Treasurer

Members: Matt Quick, Mark Donahue

Yearly Family Sponsorship-\$30.00 (2021-2022 School year)

-----Please return bottom portion with payment-----

*With each sponsorship you will receive a
Panther yard sign, a Panther window cling, or a T-Shirt to show your support.
Please put a check mark next to your selection. ☐ Sign ☐ Cling ☐ T-Shirt*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Make check payable to WS Athletics Booster Club and
send to 490 N. Mark St, West Salem, WI 54669

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of West Salem

April 5, 2022

An election is to be held in the School District of West Salem, on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
School Board Member	Sean Gavaghan
School Board Member	Tom Grosskopf
School Board Member	Ken Schlingen

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2022. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the office of the school district clerk. The office of the school district clerk is located at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669

If a primary election is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

District Announcements

Heider Center



Kat Perkins- "North Country Christmas"
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$24/\$22

Kat Perkins Christmas is an incredible blend of traditional Christmas songs with Kat's modern spin. She has created a fun, rockin' show to celebrate the Holidays.



Art Gallery & Display Cases

"Moments in Time"
Runs December 1,
2021-January 13, 2022

Art Reception

Thursday, December 9,
2021
6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

West Salem Schools Exceed Expectations on DPI Report Cards

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction recently released their annual school report cards and we are proud to announce that our district has received the highest rating among public schools in the area, exceeding expectations with a score of 75.7!

All three schools within the district also posted satisfactory results, with both West Salem Elementary School and West Salem Middle School exceeding expectations and West Salem High School meeting expectations. West Salem Middle School also ranked the highest of all local middle schools in the area with a score of 80.6! To see copies of the report cards, please check pages 10 and 11.

West Salem Director of Curriculum and Instruction Deanna Wiatt said, "These scores are a great reflection of the energy and hard work our staff has put into their students, especially during the trying times we have had over the past year and a half. They genuinely serve with a passion that ignites creativity, innovation, and excellence for all of our students!" We are so proud of our students and staff for the hard work they put in every day to make this possible, and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to doing what is best for our students.

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. Navigate by going to 'Schools' > "High School" > "Students" > "Student Services" > "Transcripts."

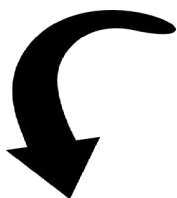
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Keep an Eye Out!

Do you have a child that will be four years old by September 1, 2022? Watch our upcoming newsletters for information on 4K Registration for the 2022-2023 school year!



Looking for Important Dates?

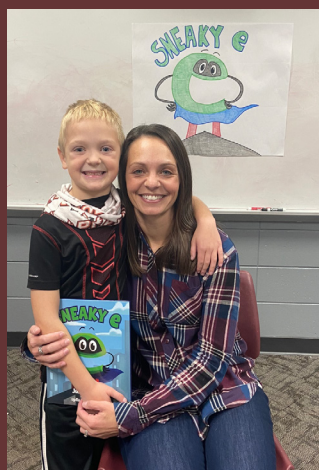


The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and navigate to the top right corner and click on the calendar icon. From here, you can view the school year calendar, Coulee Conference Athletic calendar, Mississippi Valley Athletic calendar, and individual building events.



Local Author Visits with Students

Our first graders got a special treat recently when they received a visit from local author and teacher, Julie Brudos! She wrote a book several years ago called "Sneaky E" to help kids understand what magic E does at the end of a word. Her son, Frank, is one of our lucky first graders and she came to read her book to all of the first grade classes as they were learning about magic E. She also generously gave a copy of the book to every first grader! Thank you Julie for your time and generosity!



District Announcements



WSHS Students Attend National FFA Convention

After a one year hiatus, eight members of the West Salem FFA had the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana during the last week of October. On the way to the convention, students

toured the LaClaire Family Creamery and Dairy Goat farm in Malone, Wisconsin where they learned about the variety of products that are made from the goat milk. After arriving in Indianapolis, students also had an opportunity to tour South Circle farm, an urban farming collective located in the heart of the city. After attending the opening session at Lucas Oil



Stadium, students spent time checking out hundreds of different booths at the convention center. The booths were sponsored by a variety of public and private organizations including colleges and state FFA organizations from all over the United States. Students also had the opportunity to attend a variety of different workshops during the duration of the convention. On their way back to Wisconsin, students finished the trip by touring the Universal Technical Institute in Chicago, Illinois. After spending a week with FFA members from all over the United States and creating memories to last a lifetime, the students and advisors were all happy to be home.

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

School District of West Salem

7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs.
Platteville @ Platteville High School

Thursday, December 23, 2021

7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs.
Onalaska @ West Salem Panther
Den Arena

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament
vs. Northwestern, Sparta & Spooner
@ West Salem High School

TBD Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament
vs. Amery, Northland Pines &
Waunakee @ West Salem Panther Den
Arena

1:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Tournament vs.
La Crescent, Logan & Mondovi @ West
Salem High School

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

TBD Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament
vs. Amery, Northland Pines & Amery
@ West Salem Panther Den Arena

9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs.
Multiple Schools-Bi-State Classic
@ La Crosse Center

1:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Tournament vs.
Logan @ West Salem High School
Middle School

1:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Tournament vs.
La Crescent, Logan & Mondovi @ West
Salem High School

1:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament vs.
Northwestern, Sparta & Spooner
@ West Salem High School

Band Events

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

6:35pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Luther
Orange Pep Band

Sunday, December 12, 2021

4:00pm Winter Concert @ Heider Center
Concert Band & Wind Symphony

Monday, December 13, 2021

6:00pm Rotary Lights Performance
Concert Band and Wind Symphony

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

6:35pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Tomah
Black Pep Band

Elementary School Events

Thursday, December 24, 2021-Friday, December 31, 2021

All Day No School-Christmas Break

Middle School Events

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

6:00pm 7th Grade Band & Choir Holiday
Concert @ Heider Center

Students should report @ 5:30 p.m.

7:30pm 8th Grade Band & Choir Holiday
Concert @ Heider Center

Students should report @ 7:00pm
All students are to report in concert
black (Black WSMS Music Polo, Black
Pants, Black Socks, & Black Shoes)

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High School Events

Sunday, December 5, 2021

2:00pm Holiday Choir Concert @ Heider Center
Concert Choir

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

12:00pm Early Release-High School Only
Students dismissed at 12:00pm

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:00am 2nd Quarter Mid-Term

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:00am 2nd Quarter Mid-Term Grades
Submitted

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All Day No School-Christmas Break

Saturday, January 8, 2022

All Day DECA District Competition @ UW-
Stout

School District of West Salem

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:00am	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Baraboo, Caledonia, G-E-T, Markesan, Reedsburg, River Valley, Sauk Prairie & Tomah @ West Salem High School
10:00am	Wrestling: Varsity Invitational vs. Ashland, Barron Area, Bruce, Clayton/Turtle Lake, Clear Lake, Cornell, Flambeau, Hayward, Hudson, Lakeland Union, Luck, Osceola & Unity @ Barron High School
1:00pm	Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Fond du Lac @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
1:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Somerset @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
3:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Somerset @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

5:45pm	Wrestling: JV Match vs. Sparta @ Sparta High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
7:00pm	Wrestling: Varsity Match vs. Sparta @ Sparta High School
7:00pm	Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Chippewa Falls @ Chippewa Falls Ice Arena
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
7:30pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

Thursday, December 16, 2021

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School Gym South
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School - Gym North
6:00pm	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet vs. Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia Area High School
7:00pm	Wrestling: Varsity Match vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School - Gym North

Friday, December 17, 2021

5:45pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Prairie du Chien @ West Salem Middle School
5:45pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Prairie du

Chien @ West Salem High School
Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waupun @ Waupun Community Center
Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Prairie du Chien

Saturday, December 18, 2021

9:00am	Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Arrowhead, Beaver Dam, Cedar Grove-Belgium, Cuba City, DeForest, Dodgeand, Horicon, Kenosha Tremper, Kimberly, Markesan, Onalaska, Union Grove, Waukesha South, Waupun & Wisconsin Lutheran @ Beaver Dam High School
10:00am	Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Dodgeville, Mount Horeb, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, River Valley & Southwestern @ Prairie Du Chien High School
12:30pm	Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Eau Claire Memorial, Chippewa Falls, DC Everest, Holmen, Hudson, Marshfield, River Falls, Stevens Point, Superior & Wausau East @ Eau Claire North High School
1:00pm	Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Stoughton @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

5:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Altoona @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Platteville @ Platteville High School
6:00pm	Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Marshfield @ UW - La Crosse
7:00pm	Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Altoona @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
7:15pm	Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Rochester Mayo @ Rochester Graham Arena Complex
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

Calendar of Events December

Athletic Events

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS
- 6:00pm Wrestling: JV Match vs. Logan @ Logan High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 7:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Match vs. Central @ Logan High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah HS

Friday, December 3, 2021

- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. DC Everest @ Omni Center
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. DC Everest @ Omni Center
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

Saturday, December 4, 2021

- 9:30am Wrestling: JV/Varsity Invitational vs. Adams-Friendship, Almond-Bancroft, Blair-Taylor, Cashton, Coulee Christian, Hillsboro, Iowa-Grant, Kickapoo-LaFarge, Madison East, Mauston, Montello, Necedah, New Lisbon, Richland Center, Royall, Spencer, Viroqua, Westfield & Wisconsin Dells @ Royall High School
- 12:30pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire Memorial, Holmen, Marshfield, Menomonie, River Falls & Wausau East @ Chippewa Falls Middle School
- 1:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Cedarburg @ Omni Center

- 3:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Cedarburg @ Omni Center

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Swimming & Diving: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Hol/Ona/Aq @ YMCA -North Onalaska
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Rochester Century @ Rochester Recreation Center
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 5:45pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Quad vs. Holmen & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Viroqua @ Omni Center
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

Friday, December 10, 2021

- 5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Melrose-Mindoro @ West Salem High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Melrose-Mindoro @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

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School District of West Salem

Another tradition within our district this time of year is the West Salem High School Honor and Alumni Hall of Fame nominations. In order to be considered for this honor, each individual nominated must be a graduate from West Salem High School and have attended West Salem High School for more than two years. Anyone nominated will remain eligible for two years. Each year up to three members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available on the District's website. <https://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/district/wshs-alumni-hall-of-fame>

The holiday season offers an opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for our staff, students, families, and community. I want to thank everyone reading this newsletter for your help and contribution to your

families, our community, and our school district. Without each of you, our tradition of excellence would not be possible. As alluded to earlier, once tradition is in place, confidence, excellence, unity, and pride will grow. I am proud to serve this district and this community, continue our tradition of helping and serving others, and commit to be better today than we were yesterday. Enjoy the upcoming holiday and Christmas season, and know that from my family to yours, we wish you all a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year ahead!

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent

Fall Sports Recap

Congratulations to all of our student-athletes that participated in fall sports on wonderful seasons! Here are some highlights.

Football

8-2 Overall Record, 2nd Place in the Mississippi Valley Conference and made it to Level 2 of the playoffs.

11 Mississippi Valley Conference All-Conference Players : First Team All-Conference: CJ McConkey (RB & LB), Ryan Nickles (OL), Connor Bahr (DL), and Jack Hehli (DB); Second Team All-Conference: Reid Rasmussen (DL), Noah LaFleur (LB), Chris Calico (DB), Brett McConkey (QB), and Kellen Wright (OL); Honorable Mention: Canaan Schwarz (OL) and Sam Schmidt (DB) MVC Sportsmanship Award: Zack Niemeier

Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Region Team: CJ McConkey (ILB) and Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team: Jack Hehli, Trenton Perrett, and Bennett Schumacher Burlsworth Character Award: Isaac Olson

Volleyball

20-13 Overall Record and 11-1 Coulee Conference Record ;6th Consecutive Coulee Conference Title 7 Coulee Conference All-Conference Players: First Team All-Conference: Jaden Hammes and Genevieve Norman; Second Team All-Conference: Morgan Kammel; Honorable Mention: Anna McConkey, Kendall Burkhamer, Kendra Hillyer, and Kate Fitzgerald Coulee Conference Player of the Year: Jaden Hammes

Cross Country

Boys Cross Country: 3rd Consecutive Coulee Conference Title; 1st Sectional Title since 2013; 7th Place finish at the State Meet

8 Coulee Conference All Conference Athletes: First Team All-Conference: Brennan Garbers, Dawson Gronemus,

and Vincent Schwarz; Second Team All-Conference: Blaine Wheeler and Max Wolf; Honorable Mention: Philip Gabrielsen, Drew Anderson, and Tom Stenberg Coulee Conference Athlete of the Year: Brennan Garbers Girls Cross Country: 1st Coulee Conference Title since 2008; Sectional Runner-Up; 12th Place finish at the State Meet

6 Coulee Conference All-Conference Athletes: First Team All-Conference: Macey Tauscher and Mia Olson; Second Team All-Conference: Morgan Quackenbush, Alena Donahue, and McKenna LaFleur; Honorable Mention: Kennedy Garbers

Coulee Conference Athlete of the Year: Macey Tauscher

Boys Soccer

5-9 Overall Record and 5th place in the Mississippi Valley Conference

4 Mississippi Valley Conference All-Conference Players: First Team All-Conference: Max Yahnke; Second Team All-Conference, Kyle Lee; Honorable Mention: Nick Ziegler and Sam Odenbach

MVC Sportsmanship Award: Connor Brown

Girls Tennis

10-6 Overall Record and Coulee Conference Champions 8 Coulee Conference All-Conference Players: First Team All Conference: Gracie Miller, Maddy Olson, Rebekah Knudson, Grace Waldhart; Second Team All-Conference: Megan Johnson, Dylann Bayer, Elly Goodenough, and Kate Skaar

Girls Swimming and Diving (Co-op with Logan)

4-2 Meet Record in the Mississippi Valley Conference 1st Time in West Salem School History sending two individuals to the state swimming tournament: Priya Oshan and Lauren Zarecki competed in the 200 meter medley relay.

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Traditions

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving and welcome to the month of December! December is a time full of traditions. I can remember many of the traditions that I had growing up with my family around the holidays and Christmas. As we look into this month of December, I think it is a great opportunity to reflect on traditions that we may personally have, have with our families, or have within our school district.

One of the traditions that we have in the West Salem School District is the expectation of excellence. I am proud again this year that we are upholding a tradition of excellence as our state report card was released. Our students and staff continue to perform at very high levels. Our district report card outpaced all of the schools in our area. These results do not happen by accident, and they especially didn't happen by accident this past year. Our staff and students continued to persevere through uncertainty last year. Our results also show the importance of our students being in school. Our

students and staff were in classrooms with face to face education for a longer period of time than our regional counterparts. We did this successfully and safely! Our tradition of excellence continues, while we stay focused on areas where we want to continue to improve so we can provide the absolute best for our students and children.

In his book, *Leading With The Heart*, Mike Krzyzewski states that "Tradition is huge if you can develop it. And you have to work at it year in and year out to do it. But all the hard work is worth it, because once you make it happen, confidence, excellence, unity, and pride will grow. Great tradition is like the moisture that prepares the soil. It helps the ground absorb more water, become more fertile, and it allows important things to grow to their fullest capabilities." That is what our staff want for all of the kids who we serve on a daily basis. We want them to grow into young adults with strong character, who are leaders themselves, and find their success. I am so proud of our Panthers—proud of our staff for serving and carrying on our tradition of excellence and proud of our students for the work that they put in year in and year out.

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