

Black Cat News

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fun things to do in the fall

by Sky O.

There is a lot to do in the fall. It's not too hot and not too cold. But, sometimes you need some ideas. Here are 10 interesting ideas to help you have fun in the fall.

- Decorate your room with fall/Halloween decorations
- Have a sleepover and watch horror/ Halloween movies like *Nightmare Before Christmas*
- Cut out ghost drawings and hang them up in your room
- Have a campfire and tell scary stories
 - Watch Halloween movies
 - Go to a pumpkin patch
 - Go to a haunted house
 - Go to a corn maze
 - Make a leaf pile
- Scare people (not at 3AM as you'll be a menace if you do)

Black Cat News is written and designed by 7th grade Panther Time students. Ideas for future issues? Let a 7th grader know!



This year's

Wo-zha-wa-days-fall Festival at the Wisconsin Dells! By Shea W.



- Friday, September 16**
- All Day Concessions and Carnival Rides**
- 8 AM - 5 PM Maxwell Street Days**
- 8 AM - 6 PM Antique Flea Market**
- Noon - 5 PM Arts & Crafts Fair**
- Saturday, September 17**
- All Day Concessions and Carnival Rides**
- 8 AM - 5 PM Maxwell Street Days**
- 8 AM Wo-Zha-Wa Run**
- 8 AM - 6 PM Antique Flea Market**
- 9 AM - 5 PM Arts & Crafts Fair**
- Sunday, September 18**
- All Day Concessions and Carnival Rides**
- 8 AM - 3 PM Maxwell Street Days**
- 8 AM - 3 PM Antique Flea Market**
- 9 AM - 3 PM Arts & Crafts Fair**
- 1:30 PM Large Parade**

Did you know that Wo-Zha-Wa means "fun time" in Ho-Chunk?

The Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival is a 3 day celebration that provides free activities like arts, craft fair live entertainment, antique flea market, and a Sunday parade with 100+ floats. You can enjoy their carnival rides and grab a bite to eat. You can even join into the Wo-Zha-Wa 10k Run or the 5k Walk!

WEST SALEM'S HOMECOMING

By: Amelia & Emmaline

West Salem's Homecoming this year was September 25 - 30. The Panthers played Viroqua for the football game and won 52 - 14. The Homecoming parade was at 2:15 in downtown West Salem.



HOMECOMING DRESS UP DAYS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Monday- Country VS Country Club
Tuesday- Black out VS Neon
Wednesday- Dress for the beach or the snow
Thursday- Dress for your favorite holiday
Friday- Panther pride



WSMS Volleyball

By: Tiegen D, and Bailey R

7th Grade Players:

Addy I, Allie K, Alexa F, Amelia G, Amelia K, Anna W, Ava H, Bailey R, Brooklyn G, Brooklyn L, Brylee V, Campbell L, Coelle D, Ella W, Elly C, Emmaline S, Jaylee S, Laney P, Jameelah O, Kaitlyn P, Madison P, Nadia H, Tiegen D

8th grade players: Addysen O, Aidah P, Airreyanna C, Aubree P, Averie G, Breah L, Briauna M, Breeley O, Brooklyn T, Grace J, Isabella Q, Jayda M, Kayleigh W, Kennedy E, Kirsten H, Kylie E, Lauren B, Lillian H, Lily K, Lily S, Lily T, Madelyn M, Mara M, Mayumi M, Olivia C, Paytyn B, Paige H



Warm-ups:

Passing Progression, High Sets and Bumps with Partner, Pepper, Knee Holds, Butt Kicks, Inchworms, Lunges, Zombie Walkers

<p><u>Tuesday Sept. 13</u> @longfellow</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept. 15</u> @Winona Middle</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p><u>Monday Sept. 19</u> @Sparta meadowview middle school</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept. 22</u> @Holmen middle school</p> <p>4:00pm</p>
<p><u>Monday Sept. 26</u> @tomah middle</p> <p>4:15pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept. 27</u> @Westby High school</p> <p>4:15pm</p>	<p><u>Monday Oct. 3</u> @Onalaska Middle</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday Oct. 6</u> @Aquinas High school</p> <p>4:00pm</p>
<p><u>Thursday Oct. 13</u> @Logan middle school</p> <p>3:45pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday Oct. 20</u> @Holmen middle</p> <p>3:45pm</p>		

WSMS Football *by Evan S. & Julian S.*

7th Grade Players: Isaac A, Brock B, Bennet B, Berkley B, Raymond B, Jackson B, William B, Hayden D, Kayden d, Henry D, Wilson G, Evan G, Connor H, Aven H, Jesse J, Brayden K, Marcus K, Landon L, Kaden L, Colton L, Jed M, Braedyn O, Bryson, P, Asher P, Tyler R, Julian S, Caleb S, David S, Evan S, Wyatt S, Gideon S, Kendrick S, Landon W, Mason W, Joshua T.

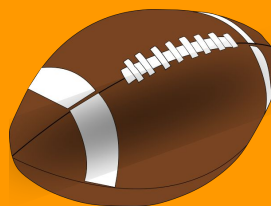
8th Grade Players:

Will C, Elliott C, Evan C, Isaac D, Justice E, Lucas F, Luke G, Owen H, Eion K, Isaiah L, Justus L, Gunner L, John. M, Drew M, Andrew M, Liam O, Jaxon R, Bernie R, Danlyo S, Jameson S, Nathan S, Ryan S, Tristan S, Kayden T, Jack T, Noah W, Cade W, Parker W, Jackson W, and Josiah W.

Schedule

Sept. 13	Tomah
Sept. 20	Logan
Sept. 27	Holmen
Oct. 6	Luther
Oct. 11	Sparta
Oct. 17	Aquinas

Practices: Practice starts at 3:30 on the field behind the elementary school. We start off with warm ups, stretches, and sprints, and then spend the rest of practice running plays. Everyone practice the offense first, and then we run the defense.



WSMS Cross Country

By Ethan Q.

Participants & Coaches:

Coaches: Deal and Propson

Participants:

Samuel A
 Evan B
 Anna B
 Noah B
 Taylor B
 Samuel C
 Elise F
 Greyson G
 Alexander G-N
 Courtland H
 Kaden H
 Carter H
 Silas H
 Nora J
 Anna K
 Benjamin K
 Andrew L
 Cameron L
 Ethan Q
 Liam S
 Ava S
 Noah S
 Graham S
 Brock T
 Sofia W

Typical Practice: In a regular practice we start off doing stretches. It gets your legs warmed up. Then we do a warm up run on the track. Next you go on a mile or two run in various places, like the bike trail, the lake, or around campus. Sometimes we do games near the end of the practices. On Fridays we sometimes do something fun like go on a run then jump in the lake or eat popsicles.

Schedule:2022

September 13, 4:30 at Holmen

September 20, 4:15 at West Salem

September 26, 4:30 at Westby

October 4, 4:30 at Copeland

October 11, 4:30 at Myrick Park

October 18, 4:00 at Maple Grove

October 20, 4:00- Conference meet

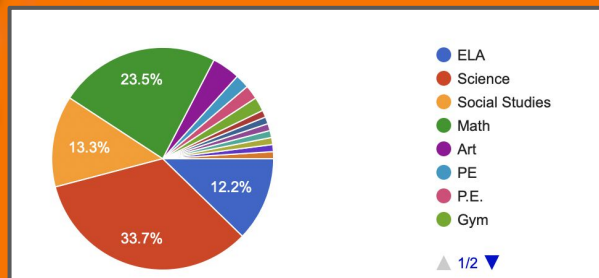


Student Survey Results

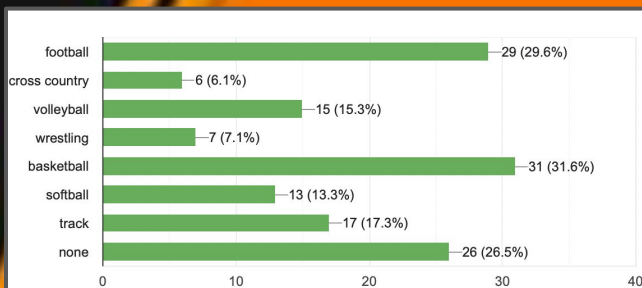
By Henry B. & Caleb S.

We wanted to survey every 7th grade student about topics related to school. Ninety-eight students replied. The results are below, but some of the highlights from the survey include: Science as a favorite subject, basketball as a favorite school sport, and a professional athlete for career interests.

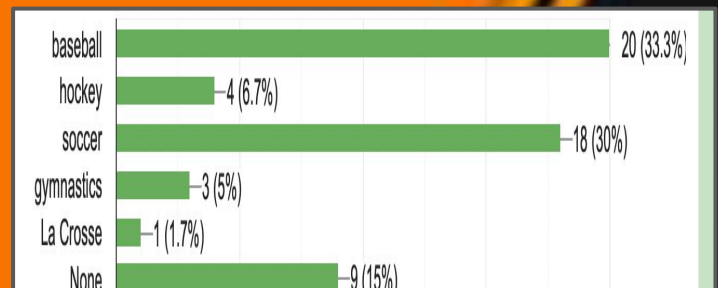
Favorite Subject



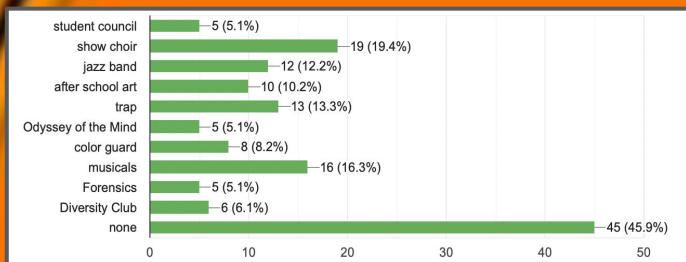
Participation in School Sports



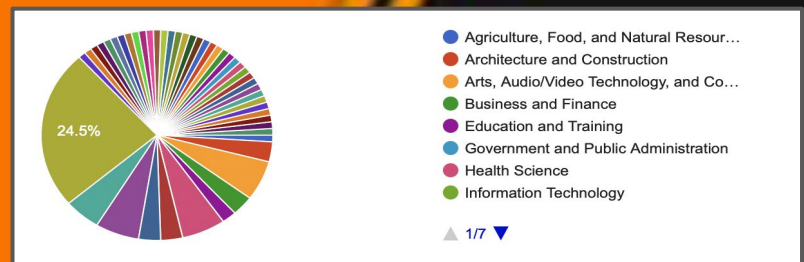
Participation in Non-School Sports



Participation in School Activities



Career Interests



All About Mrs. Jeranek

By Ihlee S D. and Deanna C

Where did you grow up?

“La Crosse, WI”

How long have you been teaching?

“Sixteen years in West Salem, two years in Melrose, so eighteen years in total.”

Why did you want to be a teacher?

“Because of my 5th grade teacher who made learning fun”

Where did you go to school?

“Logan High School and St. Mary’s in Winona”

What do you do in your free time?

“Walk, listen to music, watch sports, go out on the river, and golf”

What’s your hidden talent?

“No hidden talent”

If you were to go anywhere where would you go?

“Greece and Italy”

What is one place you’ve been that you really like/would want to go back to?

“New Zealand”

What are your fears?

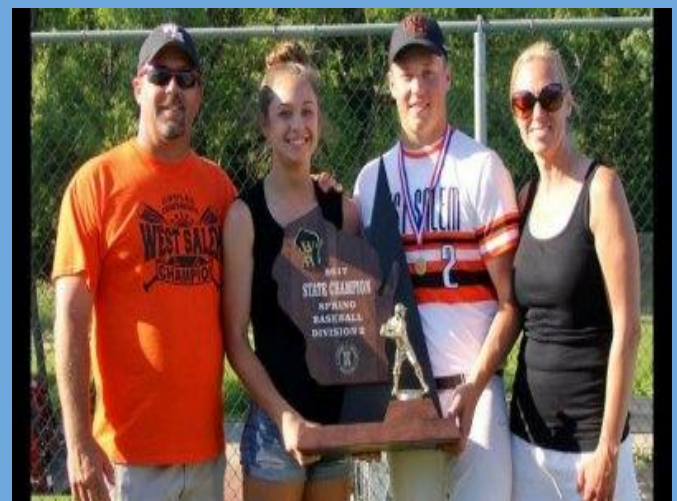
“Spiders and small rodents”

Do you have any pets?

“two cats”

What’s your favorite type of music?

“Christian music”



Q&A w/ Mrs. Holst
Ella W.

1. Why did you choose to teach/what do you like about it?

I really like the students.

2. Would you change anything about our school?

I want more gym space and another auditorium.

3. Where would you take your students if you could take them anywhere?

A beach and/or mountains

4. Any advice for middle schoolers?

Be kind.



5. Favorite color?

Blue

6. Favorite movie?

The Polar Express

7. When's your birthday?

May 12th

8. Any strengths or weaknesses?

Being told what to do.

9. Where is your dream vacation?

Hawaii

10. What pets do you own/want to own?

I have 2 dogs, Barker and Champ

11. Hidden talents?

I can bake

Mrs. Kinstler

By: Anna G. and Lily M



How long have you been teaching?

She started teaching in 2007-15 years

What is your favorite color?

Her favorite color is blue.

Where did you go to college?

She went to college at U.W. Stevens Point and got her master's degree online from Portland.

What are your favorite hobbies?

She likes baking, watching movies, and playing music

What is your favorite season?

Her favorite season is fall because of the pretty fall leaves.

What is your favorite snack?

Her favorite snack is dark chocolate and ice cream

What is your favorite part of teaching?

She likes the relationships she forms with students

What is your favorite instrument?

Her favorite instrument is the saxophone, but she also enjoys playing the drums.

What was your favorite subject when you were in school?

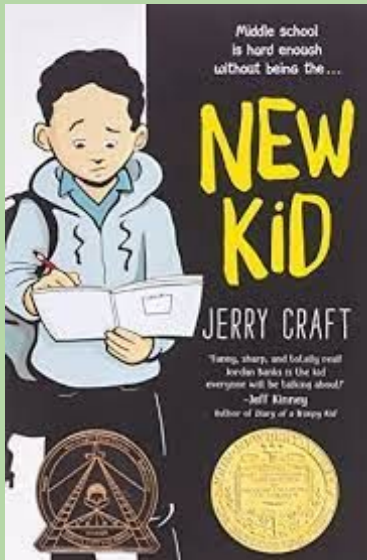
Her favorite subject was math

What is your favorite song/band?

Her favorite songs are "Bitter Sweet Symphony" by The Verve and "American Pie" by Don McLean

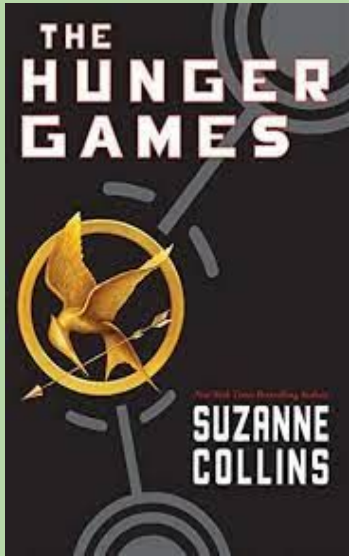
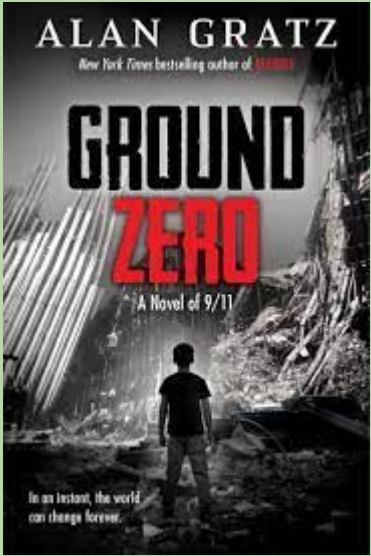
What are the Most Checked out Books This Year from the WSMS LMC?

By Aidric S. and Candace D.



The *New Kid* is about a new kid who is being bullied at his new school for being an artist and liking to draw. Then he gets asked if he wants to design the cover of the yearbook. He says yes and becomes really confident about himself.

The book *Ground Zero* is about this nine-year-old boy who goes to work with his dad at the World Trade Center on the 107th floor. Then, out of nowhere, an airplane hits the building and he and his dad have to figure out a way to get out of the building.



The Hunger Games is written from the perspective of a 16-year-old girl who is chosen to compete in an annual televised battle to the death. Now she must choose between life or love in this thrill seeking novel.

HURRICANES

By Owen M

What is that?

A hurricane is a huge storm that rotates with high winds like a tornado. It forms in warm water and is in places by the equator (Tropical areas)

Fun Facts!

Hurricanes can produce tornadoes.

They can drop 6 in of rain

They have an eye which produces the most damage.

Cleaning up hurricanes can cost billions of dollars.

Deaths

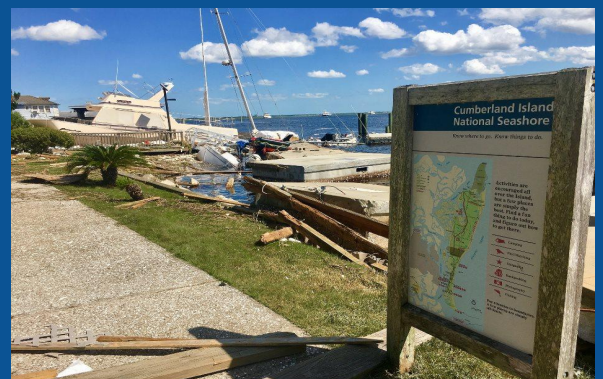
In 2017, 147 died from hurricanes that year.

There were a total of ten hurricanes. In 2005, there were over 1,500 deaths from hurricane Katrina.

Cost

Hurricane damage can cost millions, to billions. It's an average of 20.1 billion dollars for any natural disaster.

HURRICANE DAMAGE



Source: <https://coast.noaa.gov/states/fast-facts/hurricane-costs.html>

Tornadoes



Fun Facts

by Noah S. & Brock B.

Did you know that tornadoes can be 45,000 feet tall!

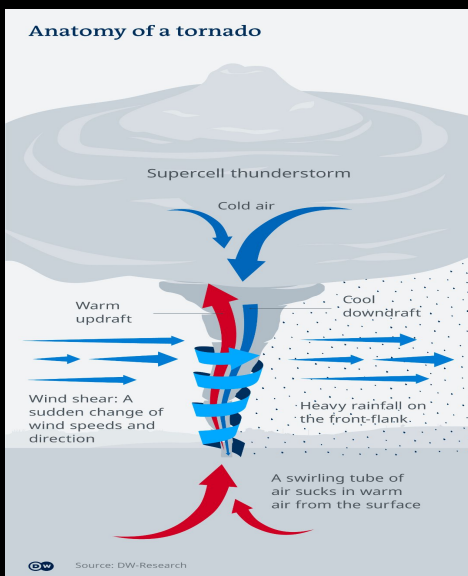
Tornadoes are columns of air that rapidly rotate from the base of a cumulonimbus or cumulus cloud and make contact with the Earth's surface

Out of every country, the US gets the most tornadoes per year.



Tornadoes cause an average of 70 fatalities and 1,500 injuries per year in the US.

Tornadoes can have winds from 40 mph to 380 mph. That means they're capable of destroying specially designed, tornado-proof structures. Tornadoes are caused when cold air and hot/warm air combine.



The word tornado comes from the Spanish word tornado which means to turn, or to be turned. The Tri-State Tornado is the worst tornado recorded in history. It killed 695 people and around 2000 were injured. The safest place in a tornado is the basement.

Sources:

- <https://www.factsjustforkids.com/weather-facts/tornado-facts-for-kids/>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/tornado>

FIRE SAFETY



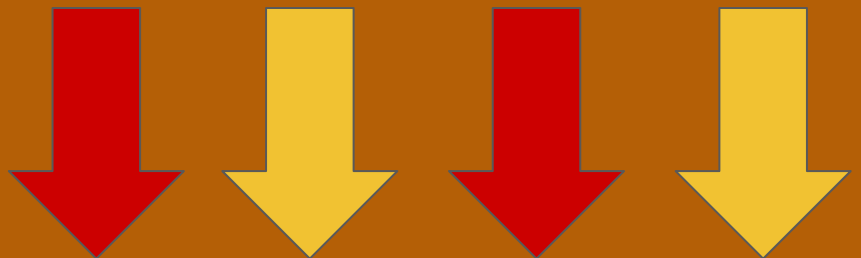
By: Evan B. and Silas H.

How To Prevent Fires

- Follow local laws about having fires
- Keep all flammable objects away from fire
- Clean out dryer lint
- Have fire fighting gear nearby a fire
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Carefully dispose of hot charcoal
- Drown all fires to put them out
- Carefully extinguish fires

State	Number of Wildfires in 2021
California	9,260
Texas	5,576
North Carolina	5,151
Arizona	2,520
Idaho	5,456

Check out this website so you can help prevent wildfires.



[Smokey The Bear](#)

Source:
<https://www.policygenius.com/homeowners-insurance/wildfires-by-state/>

HUNTING *by Isaac A.*

GOOSE HUNTING

- Goose season in WI is September 1 - 15th
- When you goose hunt you use a goose call
- There are different guns to use for different hunting
- There is Shotguns, Rifles, Ar's, and Ak's
- For goose hunting you would use a shotgun
- You can get up to five Canada geese a day & up to 20 light geese a day.



DEER HUNTING

- Bow season in WI starts September 18 & ends on Jan. 8th
- Gun season in WI is Nov. 19 - Nov. 27
- You can use a bow, shotgun, and a rifle for deer hunting
- Different states start deer season at different times
- For deer hunting you use blaze orange



SQUIRREL HUNTING SUPPLIES AND DEER HUNTING SUPPLIES

by Kendick.L & Landon L.

Squirrel Hunting

- You need a gun, like a 22 or a shotgun
- Next you need extra bullets
- Then you need camouflage clothes that are warm
- Then some people use dogs and calls for squirrels

Deer Hunting

- You need food and snacks
- You need a gun, like a 30-30, that will kill a deer
- You need camouflage clothing and warm boots
- You need a piece of orange clothing so that other hunters know you're there



October 2022

By Brylee V & Brooklyn L

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. National Coffee Day
2. National Pumpkin Seeds	3. National Boyfriend Day	4. National Taco Day	5. National World Teacher day	6. National Coaches Day	7. National Frappe Day	8. National Pierogi
9. National World Post Day	10. National Mental Health	11. National Sight Day	12. National Savings Day	13. National Train your Brain Day	14. National Dessert Day	15. National Cheese Curd Day
16. National Boss Day	17. National Pasta Day	18. National No Beard Day	19. National New friends Day	20. National Youth confidence Day	21. National Apple Day	22. National Color Day
23. National Ipod Day	24. National Bologna Day	25. National Pasta Day	26. National Pumpkin Day	27. National Black cat Day	28. National Chocolate Day	29. National Oatmeal Day
30. National Candy corn day	31. Halloween					