

February 2022



Newsletter

School District of West Salem

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Expectation of Excellence

“Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution, and a vision to see obstacles as opportunities.”
Anonymous

As residents, parents, or business partners of the School District of West Salem, one thing that we have all prided ourselves on is an expectation of excellence when it comes to our schools. The District is extremely proud of our staff and students’ success that we are seeing across our district. We have been able to continue to have the highest quality staff around, provide opportunities that are second to none for our students, and continue the upkeep and maintenance of our buildings and facilities because of the generosity and appreciation from our community. When the community trusted the district with a “Yes” vote in April of 2019, we successfully fulfilled the promises that were made when we asked for your support.

At the January 10th Board of Education meeting,

our school board passed a resolution to offer a non-recurring operational referendum in April. Over the next two months, it is our job to clearly communicate the needs of the district and why we need to come to our community and ask for your support. Over the next three years, the Board is asking for \$2.5 million in the first two years and \$2.75 million in the third year. Essentially, the district is looking to maintain our current level of funding, plus \$600,000 in the first two years of the referendum to account for inflation and rising costs of materials.

The District has some big maintenance needs, specifically at our elementary school and high school. Both buildings are in need of roof replacements, as well as other continued upkeep and maintenance. In addition, we need to make repairs and improvements to our Outdoor Education Center (OEC) so that it can continue to be used by our students for years to come. It is also a top priority to keep and retain our high-quality staff, while also being able to recruit and welcome new employees. The district’s desire is to continue to focus on keeping and maintaining competitive compensation with our other local school districts. Having my own children in the School District of West Salem, I know

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our staff is outstanding, and it is important that we keep these people. The District will be able to continue to keep promises made all while being able to lower our school portion of the taxes and establish a steady mill rate at a twenty-year low of \$8.32.

Some may ask what a mill rate is? School districts use a mill rate to calculate local school taxes based on a derivation of the property value within school district boundaries. These rates represent the amount a homeowner pays for every thousand dollars of a property's assessed value, both structure and land. The school portion of taxes may fluctuate if your property has been reassessed. An increase in school taxes on your tax bill may be the result of a recent assessment of your property, not the school district raising your taxes.

The District knows the importance of community support for our schools, and we also want to find ways to provide value to our community. On Wednesday,

February 16th, we are inviting our community to attend an evening with family-focused motivational speaker Joe Beckman. Joe has spent some time in our district with our staff, and he will also be spending time with our students. Joe combines humor, authenticity, and emotion to share five phrases he feels everyone needs to hear. Joe's message is an authentic, down-to-earth approach to finding self-worth, resilience, confidence, joy, and the importance of human connections. Joe states in his book *Just Look Up*, that "we are both significantly happier and healthier when we have an authentic human connection in our lives. In nearly every aspect of our lives, we are better when we are together." It is my hope that the District can help to bring us all together! Look for more information coming soon about this evening event, and please come join us!

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent

4K Registration & Screening and Child Development Days

4K Registration & Screening

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2022 please pre-register your child for our 4K enrollment.

Contact the elementary school office at 608-786-1662 or email Jane Frank at frank.jane@wsalem.k12.wi.us to pre-register. Once registered you will receive an email in February with more registration information and the opportunity to sign up for an in-person screening.

In-person screening sessions will be either, Tuesday, March 1st or Thursday, March 3rd.

3 Year Old Child Development Days

Thursday, Feb. 24, from 3:30-5:30PM

OR

Friday, Feb. 25, from 9-11AM

As part of on-going Child-Find efforts our district will be hosting free developmental screening clinics at West Salem Elementary School. We will be using the Ages and Stages online questionnaire, paired with in-person screening sessions. Early Childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones.

If you have a child who will be three years old by September 1, 2022 please contact Amber Clark at 608-786-1662 ext 3117 or clark.amber@wsalem.k12.wi.us in order to get a link for the online ASQ and to sign-up for a screening time. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 30-45 minutes.

Calendar of Events February

Athletic Events

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Aquinas @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:30pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School

Thursday, February 3, 2022

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah Ice Center
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet vs. G-E-T @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah Ice Center
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Gym North

Friday, February 4, 2022

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Rhinelander @ Omni Center
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Saturday, February 5, 2022

- 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T/Mel-Min, Viroqua & Westby @ Melrose-Mindoro High School
- 1:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. Antigo @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Mauston @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Mauston @ West Salem High School

Monday, February 7, 2022

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Royall @ West Salem High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

- 5:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ La Crescent Community Arena
- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Baraboo @ Baraboo - Pierce Park Hockey Rink
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ West Salem High School

Thursday, February 10, 2022

- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. River Falls School District @ Wildcat Center

Friday, February 11, 2022

- 4:30pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Bay Port, Monona Grove & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ South Wood County Recreation Center
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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Saturday, February 12, 2022

- 9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Regional vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, Ellsworth Community, G-E-T-, Osseo-Fairchild & Prescott @ Arcadia High School Wanek Center Arena
- 1:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Bay Port, Monona Grove & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ South Wood County Recreation Center
- 1:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Brookfield East @ Omni Center

Monday, February 14, 2022

- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Logan @ Logan High School

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Wisconsin Dells @ Wisconsin Dells High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Wisconsin Dells @ Wisconsin Dells High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ West Salem High School

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Wanek Center Arena
- 7:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ Arcadia High School Wanek Center Arena

Friday, February 18, 2022

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, G-E-T, Viroqua & Westby @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Viroqua @ Viroqua High School

Saturday, February 19, 2022

- 9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Match vs. Abbotsford, Amery, Arcadia, Ashland, Baldwin-Woodville, Barron, Black River Falls, Bloomer, Chetek/Prairie Farm, Ellsworth, G-E-T, Hayward, Luck, Medford, Neillsville, Northwestern, Osceola, Osseo-Fairchild, Prescott, Regis, Rice Lake, Saint Croix Central, Somerset, Spencer & Spooner

@ Amery High School

Monday, February 21, 2022

- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Logan @ Logan High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Logan @ Logan High School

Thursday, February 24, 2022

- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 7:15pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Band Events

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

- 6:50pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Westby Black Pep Band

Friday, February 18, 2022

- 6:50am Marching Band Rehearsal Florida Marching Band

Thursday, February 24, 2022

- 6:50pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Aquinas Orange Pep Band

Friday, February 25, 2022

- 6:50am Marching Band Rehearsal Florida Marching Band

Elementary School Events

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

- 12:20pm Early Release
Students dismissed at 12:20pm
Buses depart at 12:30pm

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- 3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- 3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, February 18, 2022

All Day No School

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

All Day Move for a Cause

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Middle School Events

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC-Czajka

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC-Kjos

Thursday, February 3, 2022

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC-Fink

Friday, February 4, 2022

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC-Lassig

Monday, February 7, 2022

All Day 5th Grade to the OEC-Ringlien

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

12:20pm Early Release

Students dismissed at 12:20pm

Buses depart at 12:30pm

Thursday, February 10, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences

7:00pm

Friday, February 11, 2022

All Day Winter Wellness Field Trips

Friday, February 18, 2022

All Day No School

Saturday, February 26, 2022

All Day District Solo & Ensemble for
Band & Choir @ Bangor High School

High School Events

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

12:20pm Early Release

Students dismissed at 12:00pm

Buses depart at 12:30pm

Friday, February 18, 2022

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term

Saturday, February 19, 2022

7:00pm Winter Dance @ WSHS Gym

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term Grades
Submitted

Thursday, February 24, 2022

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences

7:00pm



@ Onalaska 1/27
High School at 4:15



vs Onalaska 2/14
Elementary School at 4:15



@ Holmen 2/1
High School at 4:15



vs Holmen 2/17
Elementary School at 4:15



@ Logan 2/3
High School at 4:00



vs Logan 2/22
Elementary School at 4:15



@ Central 2/8
High School at 4:15



vs Central 2/24
Elementary School at 4:15

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM
APRIL 5, 2022

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, by \$2,500,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and by \$2,750,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

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.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Ryan Rieber, District Administrator.

**School District of West Salem
Location and Hours of Polling Place
ALL POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

At the Spring Election to be held on April 5, 2022, in the County of La Crosse, the following polling place locations will be used for the Municipalities and Districts

MUNICIPALITY	LOCATION
BANGOR	Town Hall – N4400 State Rd 162
BARRE	Town Hall – W3541 County Road M, La Crosse
BURNS	Town Hall – W1313 Jewett Rd, Bangor
FARMINGTON	Town Hall – N8309 County Road C, Mindoro
GREENFIELD	Town Hall – N1800 Town Hall Rd, La Crosse (St. Joseph’s Ridge)
HAMILTON	Town Hall – N5105 N Leonard St, West Salem
MEDARY	Town Hall – N3393 Smith Valley Rd, La Crosse
SHELBY	Town Hall – Annex – 2801 Ward Ave, La Crosse
WASHINGTON	Town Hall – W1430 County Road H, Newburgs Corner
VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM	Community Center – 175 South Leonard St, West Salem

The School District of West Salem Board of Education Candidates are Tom Grosskopf, Bob Minard and Sean Gavaghan.

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

<https://myvote.wi.gov/> to see if you are registered to vote, locate your polling place, and to find your district.

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

All blood types needed.



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Elementary School Parents and Families:

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair at the Elementary School**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Mark your calendar!

WS Elementary School Book Fair dates and times:

February 7-11 and 14-17	1-1:45 P.M.	Open during the 3rd and 4th grade recess
February 15 and 17	2:30-7:00 P.M.	Open during Parent Teacher Conferences

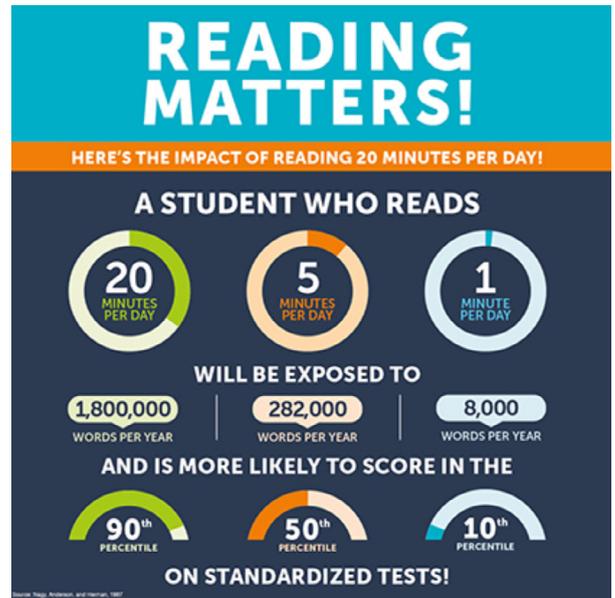
*Cash and credit card are accepted.

*One way you can add books to your child's classroom library, is by checking out their Classroom Wish Lists of Books. Refreshing classroom libraries regularly gives kids a reason to keep reading. Teacher wish lists will be posted by the outer doors of the assembly room (Book Fair Room).

Wanting to shop online? Check out our link below!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/wsalem>

All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free!



Come check it out! We look forward to seeing you and your family! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!



District Announcements

WSHS Show Choirs Find Success at Competition

Congratulations to both West Salem High School show choirs who had outstanding performances, perseverance and teamwork at their recent competition in New London. Vivace won 1st place in the womens division and Salem Singasations won 4th runner up overall in a very competitive pool of 13 teams! They continue competition throughout the month, traveling to Bloomington, MN, Eau Claire, and Hastings, MN as well as hosting their annual West Salem Wonder-Struck Invitational. Excellent job, show choir!



WSHS DECA Students Compete at Districts

Our West Salem High School DECA students recently competed at the Wisconsin DECA District Career Development Conference in their first in-person event in over two years. The competition was held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and students competed against all other District 1 schools. We had a great group of over 35 students competing and representing West Salem. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three in their categories and will be moving on to the State Competition in Lake Geneva in February: Katharine Horstman - 2nd Place, Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series; Kate Fitzgerald and Marina Thompson - 2nd Place, Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making; Krish Patel - 2nd Place, Hotel and Lodging Management Series; Ethan Crusan - 2nd Place, Principles of Finance-Fresh/Soph; Evan Noel - 3rd Place, Principles of Finance-Fresh/Soph and Noah Stewart - 1st Place, Principles of Marketing-Fresh/Soph. Excellent job, DECA!



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 Schlinggen, Director ~~~~~ 786-4382
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103

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

District Announcements

Heider Center



Duelly Noted-Dueling Pianos

Saturday, February 5, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$24/\$22

Duelly Noted is a one-of-a-kind act with both sass and class. They play all your favorite hits from the 60's to today. As a female duo, they stand out among other groups in the male-dominated dueling pianos scene. Cassandra and Jacy not only have a charismatic connection on-stage, but they are also best friends off-stage.



Art Gallery & Display Cases

West Central Youth Art Show

Runs January 17-February 25, 2022

Art Reception

Saturday, February 12, 2022

12:00-2:00 p.m.

Box Office Hours
(608) 786-2550

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

WSMS Mathcounts Team Ready for Competition!

Congratulations to the following students made the 2022 WSMS Mathcounts Team! Lydia Jothen, Isabel Krueger, Sammy Adams, Elliot Wolf, Breanna Smith, Katherine Townsell, Isaiah Laack, Tula Mitchell, Dillan Riste, Strykr Thrasher, AJ Cruz-Lambert, and Henri Schlecht.

Students recently started practicing after school and will compete at the virtual regional chapter competition on February 17th. The top students from the regional competition will then compete in-person at the state level in early March. The national competition will be held in early May. Good luck to all! The Mathcounts team is coached by Sarah Weber and Tammy Bentzen.



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.wsa-lem.k12.wi.us. Navigate by going to 'Schools' > 'High School' > 'Students' > 'Student Services' > 'Transcripts.'

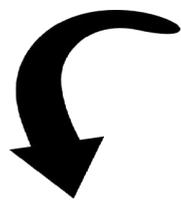
If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Open Enrollment for 2022-2023

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 7-April 29, 2022. Open Enrollment is for any nonresident student that wishes to attend our schools. Students that are currently open enrolled do not need to reapply.

All open enrollment information can be found by going to our website www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page and then "Open Enrollment" on the right hand side. If you have questions, please call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

Looking for Important Dates?

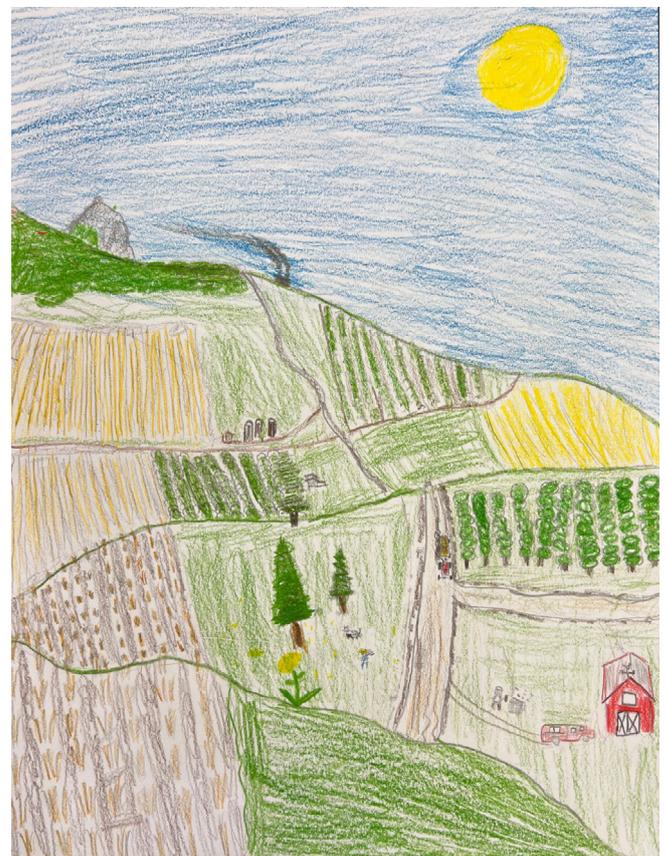


The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us and navigate to the top right corner and click on the calendar icon. From here, you can view the school year calendar, Coulee Conference Athletic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



Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month West Central Regional Art Exhibit

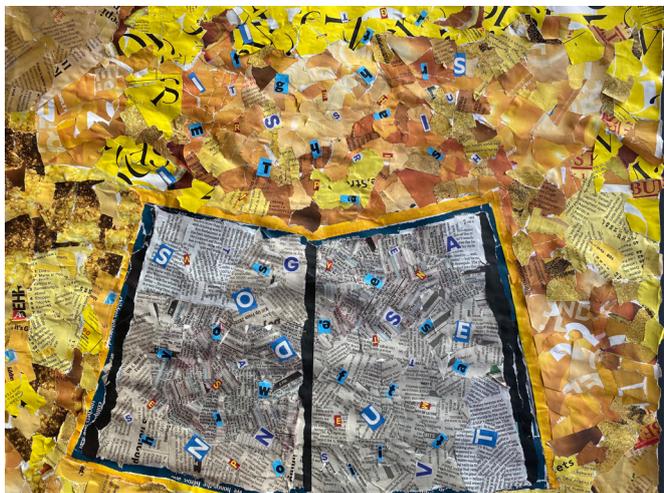
West Salem Elementary School student artwork selected for the West Central Regional Art Exhibit at the Heider Center.



Artists from Top to Bottom, L-R: Emerson Ferguson,
Hayden Rose, Hailey Klonecki, and Finn Nagy

Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month West Central Regional Art Exhibit

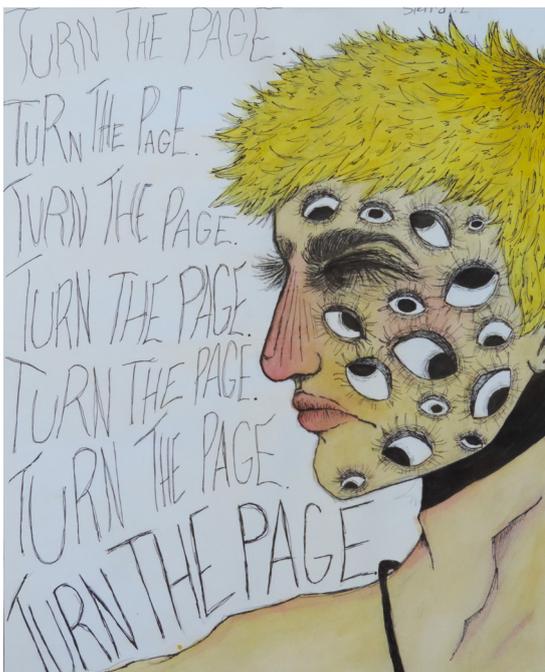
West Salem Middle School student artwork selected for the West Central Regional Art Exhibit at the Heider Center.



Artists from Top to Bottom, L-R: Ava Jambois, Ellie Stenberg, Angel Kendhammer, Evie Weber and Tula Mitchell

Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month West Central Regional Art Exhibit

West Salem High School student artwork selected for the Wisconsin Art Education Association West Central Regional Art Exhibit at the Heider Center.



Artists from Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Izzy Dewester, Ashton Bayer, Peter Dressel, Sierra Lovejoy, and Kaylee Blatz

School District of West Salem

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Tom Grosskopf. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on January 6, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Heidi Horton led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Chris Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin (remote access), 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, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

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

Policy/Communication and Engagement Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported on the agenda item Neola Policy review.

Business Operations Committee – Mr. Grosskopf reported on the agenda items: defeasance scenario, referendum planning and regular and special education Open Enrollment spaces.

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

Mr. Rieber provided a district update.

Connection with the Community

Krish Patel, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Senior Matilda Vidal held a blood drive on December 15, 2021, as part of her Senior Exit Project.
2. The DECA team participated at Districts this past weekend and seven students qualified for the state competition in February at Lake Geneva.
3. The high school show choir competed at Viterbo University this past weekend. Vivace took 1st runner up in the prep division.
4. The high school dance team competed at Onalaska High School on January 8. The team took third out of seven teams for pom and fourth out of five teams for jazz.
5. A high school Winter Dance will be held on February 19. All grades are welcome to attend this semi-formal event.

Rachel Stein, Student Representative, reported on:

1. High school semester one finals will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.
2. The LINK Crew will be hosting a hot cocoa Q & A after school tomorrow for freshman and sophomores who haven't had finals before.
3. Senior Noah LaFleur hosted a hockey tournament as part of his Senior Exit Project, the Panthers placed second at the tournament.

4. The high school girls' basketball team are 1-2 and undefeated in the conference, and ranked #5 in Division III.
5. The high school boys' basketball team are 9-0 and are undefeated in conference, and are ranked #2 in Division III.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, that Alyssa Cvikota's art work that was submitted placed 8th in the Student Art Exhibit and Awards. Alyssa's art will be on display at the 101st State Education Convention January 19 and 20, 2022 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2021;
 - b. the invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept donations from the Knights of Columbus for the Special Education Department, from Craig M. Hanson & Associates for the elementary school Random Acts of Kindness fund, from an anonymous donor for the middle school solar project, from Tricor, Inc and an anonymous donor for Mrs. Hesse's 2nd grade class, and from Stephen and Deborah Kraus for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund;
 - d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendations for Lauren Lovely-7th grade girls' head basketball coach, Heidi Propson-7th grade girls' assistant basketball coach and Madelynn Delaney-volunteer gymnastics coach;
 - e. to approve an increase of .33FTE to the contract of Allen Schroeder's art teacher contract for the second semester at the high school.
- A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Rieber provided information from the Business Operations Committee's referendum recommendation to the full board.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to approve a Resolution Authorizing the school District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Three Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Three Years for Non-Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Revenue Limit Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 5, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 5, 2022 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Revenue Limit Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in The La Crosse Tribune in the issue published on the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.

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(b) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in The La Crosse Tribune in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit B shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 121.91(3), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Revenue Limit Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Revenue Limit Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E.

Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to approve a Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue limit for Three Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, by \$2,500,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and by \$2,750,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses.

A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. E. Peterson seconded to authorize Mrs. Griffin to vote as she sees fit with the proposals in the 2022 delegate assembly at the Education Convention. A roll vote was taken: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aye; Mr. Gavaghan, Aye; Mr. E. Peterson, Aye; Mr. C. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. Griffin, Aye; Mr. Grosskopf, Aye; and Mr. Schlimgen, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Mr. Grosskopf 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 nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators.

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

Mrs. Griffin left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Gavaghan moved, Mr. C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

WSMS Students Visit Trees for Tomorrow

In early January, twelve of our 7th graders along with Mr. Baker and Mrs. Piersma went to Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI. While there, they learned all about forest ecosystems and participated in a variety of activities including identifying trees, searching for animal signs, collecting data and conducting experiments. They also strapped on their snowshoes and cross country skis to explore the forest

and lake areas. As a bonus, they were able to see ice being cut to start building the Eagle River Ice Castle! All of the students learned a lot and had a great trip! In February, they will be taking the skills they learned there to teach the rest of the 7th grade students back at our own school forest. We are very thankful our students have such creative learning opportunities!



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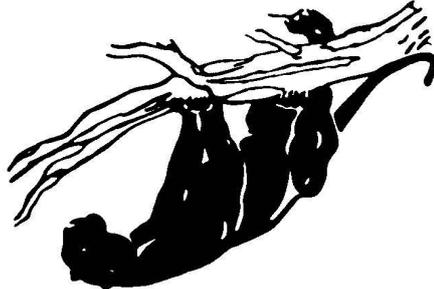


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