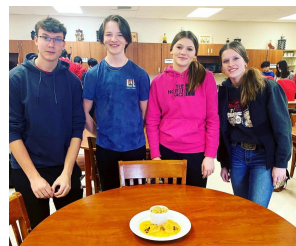




Wausau School District News

February 2022

Our Mission . . .To advance student learning, achievement, and success.



CHECK IT OUT! Wausau East students bring anything but a backpack to school!



NEW! All Wausau School District schools to get water filtration systems

Out of an abundance of caution, the Wausau School District is working to install point-of-use water filtration systems in all of its schools -- including Hewitt-Texas, Maine, Rib Mountain, and South Mountain. Previously, the District announced it would be only installing systems in schools that pull water from the City of Wausau's wells - which were found to contain PFAS. Those point-of-use filtration systems mitigate PFAS ensuring safer water.

UPDATE! There's still an opportunity to learn more about the April 5th Wausau School District Referendum!



On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents of the Wausau School District will vote on a referendum question.

If approved by voters, the \$119,800,000 million referendum would lower the tax levy, while at the same time allow the district to address its most pressing facility needs. The district would move forward with safety & security improvements at all elementary schools, as well as, adding additional classroom space at Stettin, South Mountain, and Riverview elementary schools to address increasing enrollment and alleviate capacity concerns. The district is also moving forward with all work at its middle and high schools; addressing deferred maintenance and safety and security needs there. It will also make facility improvements at the Wausau School Forest, including a new Environmental Learning Center.

An approved referendum would have an estimated property tax impact of negative \$0.43 on every \$1,000 of property value in school district. The owner of home valued at \$150,000 would see an annual tax reduction of about \$64.50.

JOIN us!

Referendum Informational Session

- Tuesday, March 8
- Stettin Elementary School Library
 - 5 p.m.: Networking
 - 5:30–6 p.m.: Presentation
 - 6 p.m.: Q&A



[Learn More About the Referendum by Clicking Here](#)

***Reminder!* Registration Open for Summer Learning**



**#WausauSchools
Summer Learning**

[Click here to register your child for summer learning](#)

**So many great things happening in the Wausau
School District!**



Schuette Metals Donates to Wausau School District's Career and Technical Education Program!

Thank you Schuette Metals for the generous donation to the Wausau School District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program to advance the Wausau East High and Wausau West High manufacturing curriculum!

The funds helped purchase Industry 4.0 equipment. East High and West High manufacturing students will have the opportunity to learn about Mechatronics, Robotic Operations, and Production Technician and have access to a Fanuc Robotic Arm, a Manufacturing Training and Assessment system teaching students about automation processes, robotics, and AC/DC electrical processes. Students will have the opportunity to earn Smart Automation credentials that demonstrate industry knowledge and skills with Industry 4.0 Advanced Manufacturing Equipment.

Schuette Metals has been a leader in synergizing the manufacturing industry through the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance, sponsoring high school SkillsUSA students, hiring Youth Apprenticeship students, and supporting other district programs like the welding competitions, and the 8th Grade Heavy Metal Tour.

Schuette Metals President John Peterson presented the check to Wausau School District CTE Coordinator Jon Winter.

February: Career and Technical Education Month

You might be wondering what CTE is? Career and Technical Education is built on career pathways and strong business partnerships. Students are learning hands-on skills that help in life and in career opportunities. The departments within CTE include:

- Agriculture/Natural Resources
- Business and Information Technology

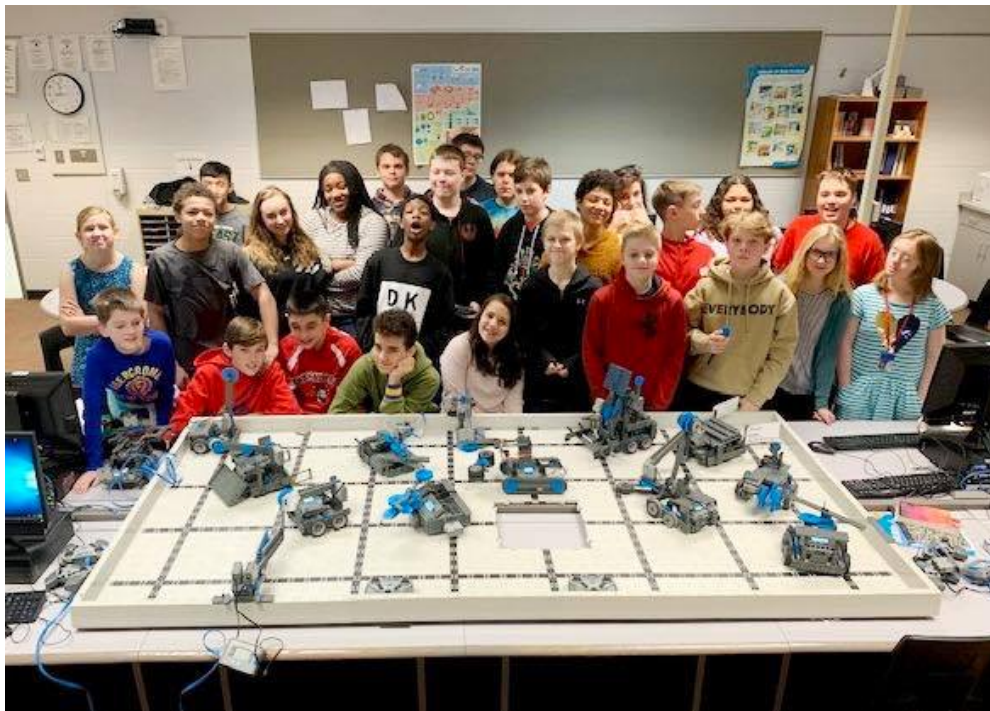
- Family Consumer Science
- Health Science
- Marketing
- Technology, Manufacturing and Engineering

Quality components of these departments include:

- Academic and Technical Skills
- Career and Technical Student Organizations (DECA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA), Leadership and 21st Century Skills through public speaking, community service and competitive events.
- Work-Based Learning (Youth Apprenticeships, Internships, Job Shadows)
- Partnerships with industry and post secondary institutions offering dual credits

[Click here to see how our students experience CTE in our District!](#)

CTech and the James D. Greenheck Foundation Donate to G2M's Vex Robotics Program!



The Wausau School District would like to send a big 'thank you' to CTech Manufacturing and the James D. Greenheck Foundation Inc. for the generous donation to the Growing Great Minds' (G2M) after-school Vex Robotics program at both Horace Mann and John Muir Middle Schools to help students design, build, and program robotics with the goal of entering competitive robotics events!

CTech Manufacturing has been a major supporter of the Wausau School District's STEM and Technical Education programs helping create grade 6-12 pathways in STEM education and robotics. CTech also hires Youth Apprenticeship students in STEM, Manufacturing, and Engineering and facilitates field trips for Manufacturing and Engineering classes.

Wausau School District Students Honored

Horace Mann and John Muir Students Participate in Honors Band



Band students from Horace Mann and John Muir middle schools participated in the 7th Annual Wisconsin Valley Honors Band!

Fifty-eight of the best band students from eight area schools participated in an "All-Star" band. The clinician was Mrs. Joan Draxler-Ruff. The students started rehearsals at 9:00 am, rehearsed all day, and played a very successful public concert later that afternoon!

It's a long day and the students were fantastic! John Muir Band Director, Sarah Pisca, hosted this year's event.



Horace Mann Student Recognized by the UW-Stevens Point Jazz Festival!



Congratulations to Duncan Thao for earning an Outstanding Musician Award from UW-Stevens Point's 30th Annual JazzFest for going above and beyond in his drum solo!

Horace Mann Middle School was one of 26 Wisconsin middle and high schools participating in a day of master classes with university faculty members and guest artist Max Pollak. Students performed and received valuable feedback about their playing.

Wausau East, West Students Participate in Dorian Orchestra Festival



This year, the Wausau School District had an excellent crew of musicians, made up of students from Wausau East and West attending the Dorian Orchestra Festival at Luther College. The students participated in an INTENSE two-day Festival consisting of extensive rehearsals culminating in a wonderful concert. They had an opportunity to hear the Luther College Symphony Orchestra and the Luther College String Faculty perform in concert. Two of our students had a private lesson and all of our students got to work in a seminar with a college professor!

Book Bowl Draws Excitement; Students Recognized



Third, fourth and fifth graders from our elementary schools formed teams to participate in the annual Gifted and Talented Department's Book Bowl! The Book Bowl list is compiled by the Elementary Library staff. Students in Division I studied twenty books, and students in Division II studied 40 books. Book Bowl teams met weekly to prepare for the competition where they answered quizzes in the areas of character, setting, and plot.

The winning teams for 2022:

Division II:

3rd Place - Riverview 2B

2nd Place - Rib Mountain

2nd Place - Riverview 2A

1st Place - South Mountain

Division I:

3rd Place - South Mountain

2nd Place - Maine 1A

1st Place - Grant 1A

1st Place - Hawthorn Hills

1st Place - John Marshall

1st Place - Rib Mountain 1A

1st Place - Stettin 1A

Congratulations to all the 2022 Book Bowl participants!

Wausau East, West Students Recognized During DECA State Career Development Conference!



Congrats to the Wausau East High DECA members who competed at the State Conference! Logan Fike qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia!

Logan Fike and Alaina Berries also earned Gold Student awards. Megan Marohl and Emily Juedes earned medals. Great job to Alaina Berries, Alex Klemp-North, Garrison Stockwell, Ben Schuette, Lillie Zaitz, and Akaya Thao as well for doing a great job in their respective events and representing Wausau East with class and enthusiasm.

The entire Wausau East chapter was also recognized for their contributions to various community service projects and charities.



Congratulations also go out to the Wausau West High DECA members who competed at the State Conference!

Eleven West High Warriors qualified for the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta in April: Grace Albee, Lexi Schauls, Jack Ecke, Lucca Tonelli, Anika Parks, Allison Raasch, Sophie Wokatsch, Nora Keele, Fletcher Haggerty, Lexie White, and Nick Knezic.

Six Warriors were named as Gold Students: Anika Parks, Lexi Schauls, Jack Ecke, Mason Voigt, Lexie White, and Caleb Tuley. Four students were named Medalists: Amber Frostman, Vanessa Voigt, Maria Voigt, and Sadie Steinbach.

Westside Connection Earns Gold Level Re-Certification



Wausau West's High School store, West Side Connection, earned Gold Level Re-Certification and will be recognized at DECA's International Career Development Conference in April!

Leaders of the re-certification project were Marketing and DECA students Lucca Tonelli, Sophie Wokatsch, and Jackson Albee with assistance from their advisors Carl Hert and Taryn Fuller. West's school-based enterprise has been in operation for 21 years.

Wausau West's Mock Trial Team Headed to State Tournament!



Congratulations to the Wausau West High Mock Trial Team for earning 2nd place during the 2022 Wisconsin State Bar Association Regional Mock Trial Tournament!

Wausau West was one of eight teams competing and earned a spot at the State Tournament in March. This year's West High Team was joined by WAVE student Jalyn. Dawn Jameson and Karolyn Erickson are the West High Mock Trial Team advisors. The team is also coached by Attorney Dylan Resch, Attorney Kurt Zengler, and Attorney Ricky Cveykus. Way to go Warriors!

Students pictured: Paula Betancourt, Thomas Erwin, Amber Frostman, Lee Hornung, Kendall McKee, Ava Rode, Chris Thao, Abby Trueblood, Ian Whaples, and Sam Wilfley
Students not pictured: Amelia Majernik, Brad Dickas, Lillie Sunby, and WAVE Student Jalyn Burish

WAVE FBLA President Places Third at Wisconsin FBLA Regional Leadership Conference!

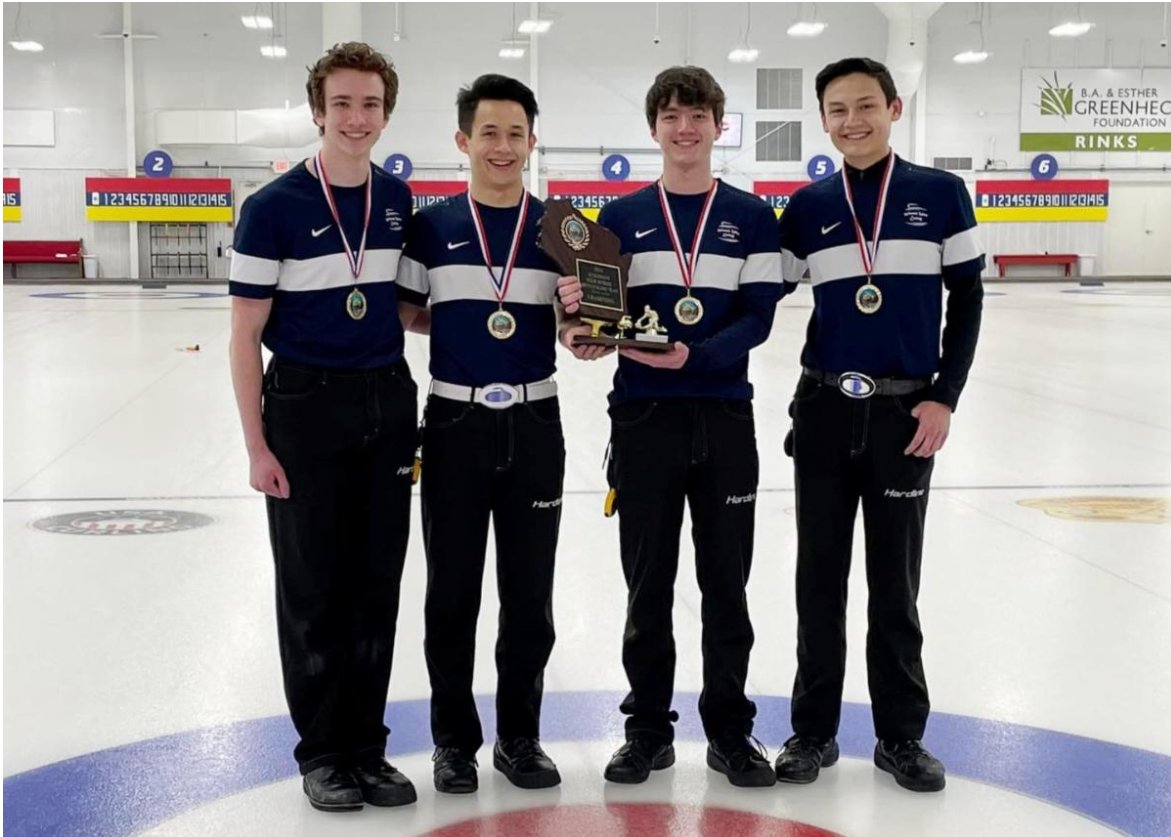


Congratulations to Jalyn Burish, WAVE FBLA President, for achieving third place in Personal Finance at the annual Wisconsin FBLA Regional Leadership Conference!

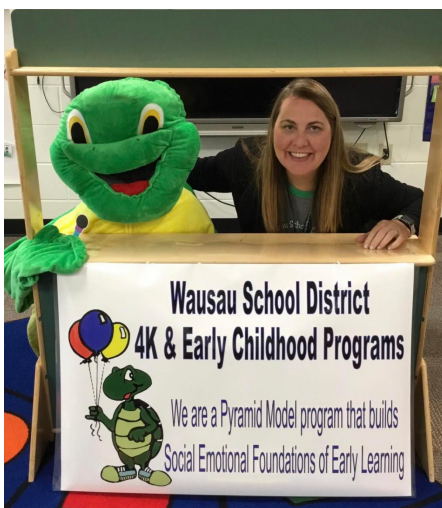
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) from WAVE (Wausau Area Virtual Education) competed in Business and Information Technology academic events and attended professional development workshops. Events ranged from Public Speaking to Website Design to Database Applications. Students participated in both written tests and role-playing with judges from the industry.

These events give students real work experiences and allow them to bridge the gap between schoolwork and technical skills. Mrs. Dawn Jameson is the WAVE FBLA adviser.

Wausau West Boys Curling Team Wins State Championship!



Congratulations to the Wausau West High Boys Team for winning the State Curling Championship! The West High Boys Team includes Jacob Hamann, Wes Wendling, Carson Kirsch, and Chris Kirsch.



Register Now for our 4K Program!

Registration is open for our 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program for the 2022-2023 school year!

Our District is proud of our 4K Learning Academies located at G.D. Jones, Hawthorn Hills, Riverview, and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools. Our 4K research-based learning model focuses on collaboration and provides a solid foundation for children to reach their full potential. Whether children are enrolled in one of the District's 4K Learning Academies or one of our collaborative community outreach sites - children and their families will be warmly welcomed and come to know and love the 4K program mascot, Tucker Turtle!

[Learn More by clicking here](#)

Did you know the Wausau School District is home to Wausau Area Montessori Charter School?

Wausau Area Montessori Charter School is free to families of students in grades K-6. It's housed inside of Horace Mann Middle School.



Montessori is a method of education named after Dr. Maria Montessori. Dr. Montessori looked at education from a scientific level. She believed that education should prepare a person for all aspects of life. She designed materials and techniques that would promote a natural growth of learning in students. Working with these materials and techniques forms a pattern that children carry over naturally to reading, writing, and mathematics. Each skill is developed to interlock with another.

Do you want to learn more? Call 715-261-0795 today!



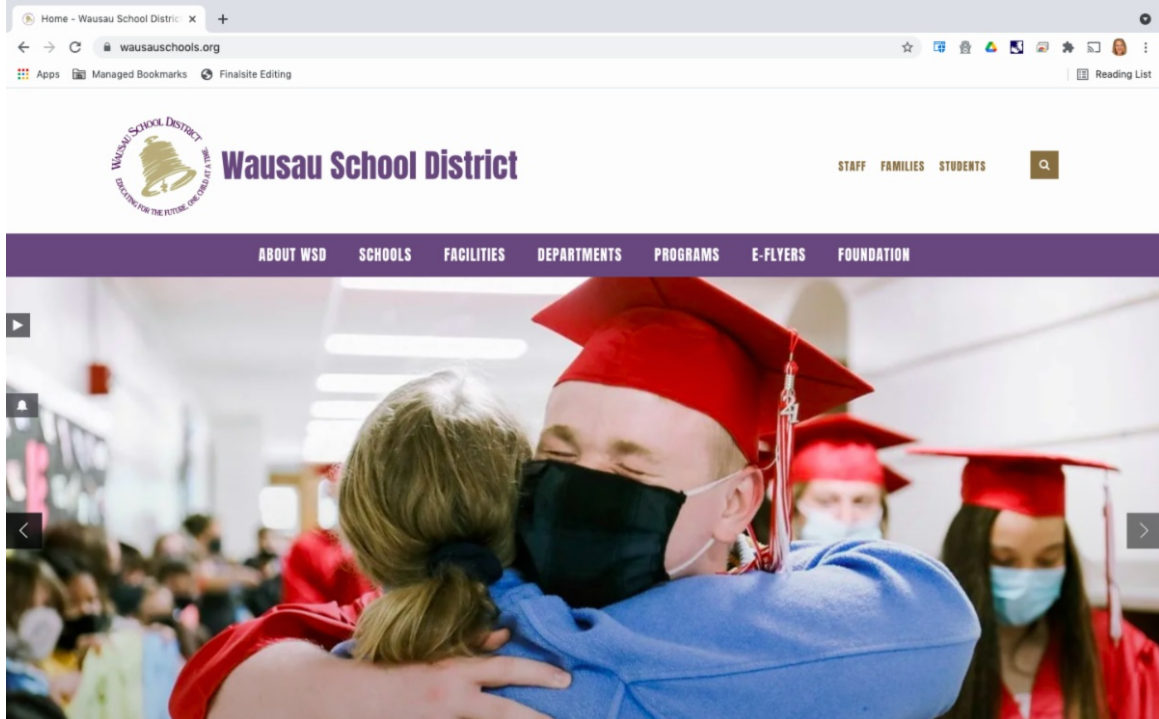
Have you heard of Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy?

Enrich, Excel, Achieve (EEA) Learning Academy is a resource in the Wausau School District for students who have not found success in the traditional school setting. If your student could benefit from a non-traditional and more individualized form of learning, we invite you to look into our program and explore the possibilities EEA can offer you and your child.

For more information or to set up a tour, please call 715-261-0636.

[EEA's Website](#)

Stay Informed on What's Happening in the Wausau School District!



Our new Wausau School District website is designed to be a hub of information for students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members. Find everything from important information about learning, to Board of Education meeting materials, to the latest news. To check it out, click on the box below.

[Visit our Website](#)



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