



Wausau School District News

May 2022

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

Last Day of School:



Friday, June 3!

UPDATE: Referendum Work is Underway!

After the passing of the Wausau School District Referendum in April, work is now underway to make these plans become a reality. Right now, the District is in the design phase, with a goal of starting construction on some of the projects later this

year.

Be sure to stay tuned for a brand new referendum website; one that will allow you to follow along with each project as it's happening!

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

Wausau School District Using 'Qualtrics' for Surveys



In years past, the Wausau School District has done one big end-of-the-year survey. Instead of doing that, we will now check in with our families and staff periodically throughout the school year using a platform called 'Qualtrics.' Qualtrics allows us to send you short surveys to see how things are going and learn where we might improve. Please keep an eye out for an email from survey@wausauschools.org. When you receive one, be sure to complete the survey! Not only is the information you provide us with valuable, it will help inform decisions.

New Director of Learning & Student Achievement



The Wausau School District is thrilled to announce the hiring of Katie Colwell, who will take over for Chris Nyman as the new Director of Learning and Student Achievement. She will work closely with our Education Department, especially our teaching staff, to help us achieve our mission of advancing student learning, achievement, and success.

She comes to us from Mosinee, where she is the current principal of Mosinee Elementary School. Even though she's been in Mosinee, she's very familiar with the Wausau School District. In fact, she did work in the district as an associate principal at John Muir Middle School.

We are excited to have Katie join our team! In the meantime, we remain ever so grateful to Chris Nyman for the incredible work he has done in the Wausau School District during his time with us. We wish him well!

New Principals at Hawthorn Hills, Hewitt-Texas, Wausau East Next School Year



Starting with the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, three of our schools will have new principals.

Current Hawthorn Hills Elementary School Principal Lyzette Maroszek is leaving at the end of the school year to be closer to home. Philip Beck, the current principal at Hewitt-Texas Elementary School, will take over for Maroszek later this summer. Beck will be a fantastic addition to the Hawk Community; not to mention his skill set will serve the school and its students and staff well! In the meantime, we thank Ms. Maroszek for all she's done in her time with us.

Since Mr. Beck is moving to Hawthorn Hills, Elizabeth Channel will take over as the new principal at Hewitt-Texas Elementary School. Channel is the current Head of School at the Wausau School District's Montessori Charter School. She's a dedicated and fantastic leader and she's thrilled to join the Hewitt-Texas family! Even though she will be head principal at Hewitt-Texas, she will continue to oversee Montessori as well. Her skill sets will serve both

schools well.

Lastly, Wausau East High School will have a new principal starting with the 2022-2023 school year. Current East Associate Principal Deb Foster will take over for Cale Bushman who has been hired as the district's next Director of Pupil Services. Foster is a dedicated Lumberjack, with experience both in the classroom and as an athletics and activities director. She has a passion for helping all students succeed; a perfect fit to lead Wausau East.

New Athletics & Activities Director at Wausau West Starting July 1



The Wausau School District is pleased to announce that Jason Foster will take over as the new Wausau West High School Athletics & Activities Director for the 2022-2023 school year.

Foster, who's currently a special education teacher at Wausau West, is the perfect fit for the job. In addition to his experiences in the classroom, he's probably best known for being the head Wausau West football coach for the last 6 years. Just last fall, he was named Coach of the Year by the Valley Football Association.

Foster will take over for current Athletics & Activities Director Brian Miller, who's leaving Wausau West at the end of the school year. We wish Brian well and are ever so grateful for all he's done in his time at Wausau West.



Change to Schedules for the COVID-19 Mobile Units

Once school lets out for the summer, COVID-19 testing will still be available. However, our mobile units will only be located at Wausau East and Wausau West High Schools.

[Click here for More Information about COVID-19 Testing](#)

There's Still Time to Register your Child for 4K!



2022-2023 Registration for 4K Learning Academies and Community Sites

Begins February 1, 2022

Registration for the free, half-day 4K Program is a two-step process for all eligible children
(Four years of age on or before September 1, 2022)

- 1** Visit the 4K & Early Childhood page at www.wausauschools.org
Complete and submit the online form. You will receive an electronic confirmation following the completion of Step 1. The online registration indicates your interest in 4K and preferred site of attendance; however, the registration form must be verified (Step 2) before your child is fully registered and assigned to a site.

If you do not have computer access or need assistance completing the online form, please contact the 4K office at 715-261-0265 or email 4K@wausauschools.org.

- 2** Registration verification and enrollment
Please follow the instructions outlined in the email you will receive from the 4K Office to finalize your child's 4K enrollment and secure a spot.

ATTEND 4K AT ONE OF THESE 8 SITES:

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT 4K LEARNING ACADEMIES

(Busing is available at elementary school sites with some qualifications)


**G.D. Jones
Elementary School**
(4K & Early Childhood Programs Office)
1018 South 12th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0950


**Riverview
Elementary School**
4303 Troy Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0030


**Thomas Jefferson
Elementary School**
500 West Randolph Street
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0175


**Hawthorn Hills
Elementary School**
1600 Kickbusch Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0045

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY 4K SITES

(Busing is not available)


**Mountain View
Montessori**
1500 Merrill Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-298-3832


**Newman Catholic
St. Michael**
615 Stark Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-848-0206


Wausau Child Care - West
505 N. 28th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-848-1437


YMCA
707 3rd Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-845-2177

Please note that Wausau School District Kindergarten placement will be at your neighborhood school regardless of where your child attends 4K. 4K Learning Academy attendance is based upon home address and/or child care address.

We look forward to meeting you and your child. Please call us with any questions about the registration process at 715-261-0265. The 4K & Early Childhood Programs office is located at G.D. Jones Elementary School, 1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau.

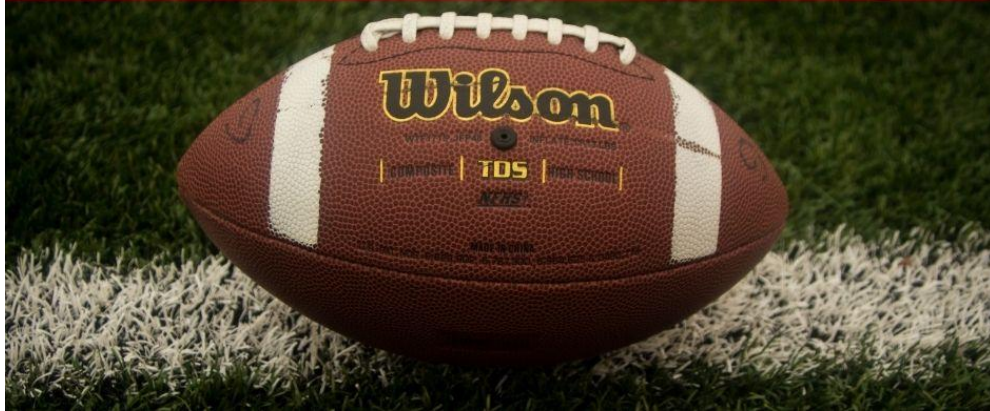
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Si usted requiere de servicios de traducción por favor llame al teléfono 715-261-0265.

Reminder: Wausau East Football Fundraiser

- Collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes
- Until June 11th
- Locations listed below

Wausau East Football Fundraiser!



The Wausau East High School football team is holding a shoe drive fundraiser until June 11 to raise funds for the upcoming season. The Lumberjacks will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used, and new shoes collected.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain, and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe, and house their families.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Henry Kremnitzer, Head Football Coach of Wausau East. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our players, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone." By donating gently worn, used, and new shoes to the Wausau East Football team, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in peoples' lives around the world.

Donation Locations:

Longfellow Administration Center
Wausau East High School
Horace Mann Middle School
Franklin Elementary
Riverview Elementary
Hawthorn Hills Elementary
Pick 'n Save
YMCA
Wausau City Hall

Wausau School District Students Honored



5 WSD Seniors Recognized during Honoring Excellence in Education Banquet

Congratulations to 5 Wausau School District seniors who were recognized during the Honoring Excellence in Education Banquet! This banquet recognizes the top students from each Marathon County high school. In addition, each student recognized at the event also got to invite an educator to honor.

From Wausau East:

Jude Lawler -- Honored Educator is Ramona Winter-Leigh (German Teacher)

Katherine Rauscher -- Honored Educator is Elizabeth Kysely (Technical Education Teacher)

From Wausau West:

Sophie Wokatsch --Honored Educator is Carl Hert (Business Education/Marketing Teacher)

Ellise Markevitch -- Honored Educator is Haley Kerswill (School Counselor)

Isabelle Sunby -- Honored Educator is Kellie Weber (Spanish Teacher)

5 Wausau West Students Recognized by Rep. Tiffany for Winning Wisconsin's 7th Congressional Art Competition



Congratulations to 5 Wausau West High School students who were recognized on May 23 by Rep. Tom Tiffany for being the winners of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional Art Competition!

First Place: Lilly Thao

Second Place: Lindsey Lucht

Third Place: Harry Kronzer

Honorable Mention: Ava Kleiber

Honorable Mention: Allison Seanor

Lilly's artwork will be displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel, a walkway that leads to the U.S. Capitol. In addition, Lilly also gets two round-trip tickets to attend a reception in Washington, D.C. Lindsey's artwork will be displayed in Rep. Tiffany's Washington, D.C. office, and Harry's artwork will be displayed in Rep. Tiffany's Wausau office.

Congratulations, Lilly, Lindsey, Harry, Ava, and Allison! We are proud of you!
Their art teachers are Maria Artus and Samantha Slowiak.

Wausau East Student wins 2 Exemplary Performance Awards at State Solo and Ensemble Festival



Congratulations to Wausau East's Katherine Rauscher!

Not only was she nominated for her Classical and Music Theatre vocal solos, but she won the Exemplary Performance Award for her respective performance sites at the UW-Stevens Point State Solo and Ensemble Festival earlier this month!

The Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) allows judges to nominate an unlimited number of Exemplary Performances in their sites during State. At the end of the day, they select no more than two of those performances to receive the award. A nomination is special, winning the award is phenomenal, but winning two is something very unique. With 16 Sites at UWSP, Katherine won 2 of 32 possible awards.

Please join us in congratulating Katherine on this amazing accomplishment!

Wausau East gets Outstanding Results in State Solo and Ensemble



Wausau East had 8 events at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UW-Stevens Point earlier this month. The students had amazing performances and outstanding results!

Ian Harsh, Trombone Solo, 1st place
Alex Benson, Horn Solo, 2nd place
Jude Lawler, Piano Solo, 1st place
Ivan Lawler, Piano Solo, 1st place
Tophatters Jazz Ensemble, Jazz, 1st place
Katherine Rauscher, Soprano Solo, 1st place
Alex Benson, Music Theatre Solo (Empty Chairs at Empty Tables), 1st place
Katherine Rauscher, Music Theatre Solo (On the Steps of the Palace), 1st place

Way to go, Lumberjacks!



Wausau West High School Students Compete at State French Forensics Competition

Congratulations to the Wausau West High School students who competed at the State French Forensics Competition!

Rayna Warrick, prose level 5, Gold
Hannah Marquardt, prose level 5, Gold
Rose Selle, poetry level 2, Gold
Riki Xiong, poetry level 2, Gold
Madi Phelps, prose level 3, Gold
Sophie Madeji, prose level 5, Gold
Zamora Lagunes, Jose A, music performance level 1, Gold
Elise Laughlin, prose level 4, Gold
Natalie Vang, Rycene Yang, Allison Thao, music performance level 2, Gold
Ayden Abuzzahab, prose level 3, Gold
Charlotte Knihtila, prose level 4, Gold
Thomas Erwin, prose level 4, Gold
Jo Ann Fortenberry, prose level 5, Silver

Kara Torkelson is the French forensics coach for West High.

2023 Tournament of Roses Parade President Visits Wausau East High School



Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott visited Wausau East High School to speak about the Tournament of Roses.

President Wainscott is a graduate of Northland Pines High School and she wanted a Northwoods band to represent during her year as Rose Parade President. The Northwoods Marching Band, formed with high school students from Wausau East, Mosinee, D.C. Everest, Antigo, Lakeland, Three Lakes, Merrill, and Northland Pines will help her achieve this dream.

The Northwoods Band also will be performing in area parades on July 4th, the Rose Bowl's Band Fest, and the 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade.

During her visit to East High, President Wainscott was serenaded with an arrangement of "On, Wisconsin!" and the popular Ray Charles' hit "Shake a Tail Feather."

If you are interested in helping fund this experience, please contact East High band director, Rob Perkins at rperkins@wausauschools.org.

Wausau West's Publication Lab Recognized by Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association



Congratulations to Wausau West High's Publication Lab for receiving first place in Yearbook from the 2021 Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association. They also received many individual awards for writing, design, and photography. NEWSPA is dedicated to supporting the future of journalism by providing educational opportunities and resources for teachers, student media advisers, and students interested in creative careers.

Wausau West's Science Olympiad Team Recognized During Wis. State Science Olympiad Tournament



Congratulations to the Wausau West High Science Olympiad team for placing 9th in the 2022 Wisconsin State Science Olympiad Tournament at UW-Stevens Point!

Medals were earned by 6 different students in 4 events:

Ellise Markevitch and Izzy Sunby placed 3rd in Dynamic Planet

Ellise Markevitch and Izzy Sunby placed 3rd in Environmental Chemistry

Ellise Markevitch and Diya Patel placed 3rd in Anatomy and Physiology

Jo Fortenberry, Luke Kedrowski, and Maddie Hahn placed 4th in Codebusters

Other top 10 finishers included:

Ellise Markevitch and Audrey Doering placed 7th in Cell Biology

Izzy Sunby and Alivia Heiden placed 7th in Chemistry Lab

Brahm Bina and Ayla Trollop placed 7th in Robo Cross

Ruby Edmondson and Diya Patel placed 7th in Wright Stuff

Photo: Front row (l-r): Diya Patel, Kaylynn Wurz, Ayla Trollop, Maddie Hahn, Audrey Doering, Ellise Markevitc, Izzy Sunby, Jo Fortenberry; Back row (l-r): Mr. Nelson, Luke Kedrowski, Cal Heiden, Alivia Heiden, Ruby Edmindson, Emily Houle, Brahm Bina, Mr. Csuy.

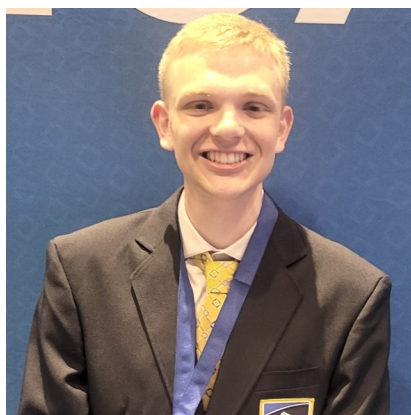
Wausau West High School Science Olympiad is coached by Mr. Paul Nelson and assisted by Mr. Collin Csuy.

11 Wausau West DECA Students Compete at International Career Development Conference in Atlanta



Congratulations to Wausau West High DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) Finalists - Fletcher Haggerty and Nick Knezic! Fletcher competed in Retail Merchandising. Nick competed in Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing.

Eleven West High students competed at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia with over 18,000 students from around the world.





Wausau School District Staff Honored



Congratulations to John Muir Middle School Principal Dr. Patrick Galligan for earning his Educational Doctorate from Edgewood College in Madison!



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Contact Principal Jennifer Seymour for more information.

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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 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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