NEWS AND VIEWS
School Newsletter
Celebrating 50 years of Excellence!
1970-2020

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What to look for In this issue:
- Counseling Department Information
- Department/Activity News
- Faculty News
- Health Information
- Parent News
- Athletic Fundraising Information
- Yearly Calendar

GRADUATION 2020
A graduation date has been set!
Please mark your calendar for
Friday, May 29, 2020
8:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES
It’s important for parents to stay in touch with their
student’s teachers. Parent-teacher conferences give
you the opportunity to meet and ask questions.

We are continuing to offer parents and guardians
online scheduling through PTCFast.com™ for our
two evenings of conferences held on:
Tuesday, October 22, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Monday, November 4,
from 12:30-7:30 p.m.

Watch for a letter your students will be given along with their Progress Re-
ports in homeroom around October 10.

MANDATORY WINTER ATHLETIC PARENT
AND ATHLETE MEETING
The mandatory athletic parent and athlete meeting for win-
ter athletes will be held on Monday, October 28, at 6:00
p.m., in room 315. The meeting will last approximately 60 minutes and will cov-
er the athletic code, harassment, hazing, and general athletic information. Par-
ents, guardians and athletes only have to attend one meeting per year, so if you
attended in the fall, your obligation has been met.

A student-athlete will not be allowed to compete until the parent and ath-
lete obligation has been fulfilled.

If you cannot attend the meeting, contact
Brian Miller at 715-261-0874
NOTES FROM THE SENIOR MEETING

There will be approximately five senior meetings this year. The first one was held on September 18. We discussed information that relates to your students’ senior year and what needs to be done in order to graduate in May. Most meetings will be in the auditorium. Announcements will be made as the dates gets closer. On Monday, November 11, we will be having a meeting with a Jostens representative regarding cap and gown and announcement orders.

1. It is the student’s job to ensure they graduate. We are here to assist you, yet if your student ignores what needs to be done (come to school, do homework, study for tests, etc.) please contact us if you have concerns or see your student’s counselor for a credit check.

2. Credit check forms were sent to your homes in July and may have caused some confusion. See your counselor if you didn’t get one or don’t know where you stand.

3. Please check your school email! This is how we communicate importation information!

4. Also check your:
   a. Wausau West Counseling webpage under the Student Services tab on the West website. On this website you will see: ACT Registration/Prep, Transcript and ACT ordering for colleges, UW/NTC applications, and scholarship information.
   b. College accounts at each individual school.

5. Each year some students who have fulfilled all the graduation requirements by the end of the first semester want to graduate early. If your student has thoughts of graduating after the first semester, see your counselor. Applications are due by December 1st.

6. This year will have many due dates and that can add a lot of stress! Remember to have your student pace themselves and talk about the stress. They are NOT alone in feeling this way. We are here to help you!
Counseling Webpage

Please continue to check the Wausau West Counseling webpage at west.wausauschools.org.

It is located on Wausau West’s website under Student Services: Counseling. There are a lot of links and information to help guide your child while in high school and after. Finally the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be active as of October 1, 2019; this is a change from years’ past. A financial aid seminar was held at Wausau East High School on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Section

Seniors will have approximately five senior meetings this year as a group. Important information related to senior year will be discussed. Our first meeting was on September 18. Seniors were introduced to the Wausau West Counseling webpage. See the notes from this meeting on page two.

Students planning on attending two or four-year campuses should start working on their applications now. Once completed, double check your application status to make sure the colleges have received all of your materials. Missing even one item can hold up the review process. If you need assistance completing applications please come into the Counseling Office or Career Center right away.

Remember scholarships and other free money is very competitive. Once you have completed your applications start applying for scholarships. Check the Wausau West Counseling webpage scholarship section. Some of the scholarships require recommendation letters and essays. Plan accordingly and start working on them early.

Any senior still undecided on their next path after high school should set up a meeting with their parents and counselor as soon as possible.

Junior Section

JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT WILL BE OCTOBER 22, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., IN THE WEST AUDITORIUM.

**NOTE: THIS WILL BE HELD DURING THE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES.

It’s time to start thinking about and actively planning your post secondary plans. Options include employment, military, trade or technical college, two or four-year university/college. This is a very important year for planning purposes. Those who have decided college, or technical college, the next step is to do "official" campus visits. Contact information is listed on the Wausau West Counseling webpage. Campus visit opportunities are also posted in the cabinet outside of the Counseling Office. Visit as many campuses as possible. Take notes on what you like and dislike about every campus you visit. This will assist you in making decisions about college choices. Also, come and listen to representatives during college visiting days. Before a campus tour or college visit, remember to pick up a question sheet from the Counseling Office. You can always ask college representatives the questions during your tour.

Students planning on entering the workforce or the military should be talking with their parents and meeting with employers or recruiters as soon as possible.

Students with IEPs and 504 plans must notify their counselor if they wish to take the following tests with accommodations. Requests for approval of accommodations must be submitted to the College Board by the deadlines indicated. Failure to meet deadline dates or notify your child’s counselor can result in accommodations not being approved. Please contact your child’s counselor if you have questions.

PSAT/NMSQT Deadline: August 27, 2019
Advanced Placement Exams Deadline: January 17, 2020
**Mid-Term Grads:**
If your child is planning on graduating at mid-term, he/she must do the following before December 1, 2019:
- See their counselor to verify credit status.
- Pick up an Early Graduation Request form from the Counseling Office and return the completed form with additional documentation to Mr. Kelter before the deadline of December 1, 2019.

**Attention Seniors:** If you have been accepted to a college or university, this acceptance is partially dependent on the classes you have selected to take your final year in high school. Therefore, if you must change your second semester schedule, you need to first check with the admissions office of the college you plan to attend to receive their approval of your change. To do so without checking could jeopardize your admission.

**Scholarship Information:** College education is expensive, however, financial help is available in the form of scholarships. To date, the Counseling Office has posted numerous scholarship opportunities available to seniors. Check the Counseling Office for detailed information. Scholarship information is also available on the West webpage at: west.wausauschools.org
Under the Student Services tab.

**ACT or SAT:** Juniors and seniors planning to attend college should speak to their assigned counselors to obtain information about these standardized tests for college admission. Parents, please urge your child to get this valuable information soon!

**Group Activities:** One of the ways counselors assist students is by conducting group sessions which deal with specific issues. For example, groups focus on children of divorced parents, the loss of a family member or close friend, eating disorders, smoking cessation, etc. Please call your child’s counselor if you feel your son/daughter would benefit from this type of support. Also, if you do not wish to have your child participate in this kind of group, please call the Counseling Office (715-261-0890) and speak with your child’s counselor.

**Financial Aid Meeting:**
A financial aid seminar for parents of seniors was held on Wednesday, September 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in room 315 at Wausau East. Information pertaining to scholarships, grants, loans and work study and the FAFSA was explained at this seminar. The information will be very beneficial when planning for your child’s post-high school education.

**Counseling Staff**
Mr. Joe Kelter  
Ms. Haley Kerswill  
Mrs. Jenny Hintz  
Ms. Manee Vongphakdy  
Ms. Teri Sether  
Mrs. Patti Kraus  
(Administrative Assistant)
**ACT & SAT 2019-2020 TEST SCHEDULES:**

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**SOPHOMORE CONFERENCES**

Each fall, counselors schedule conferences with sophomores and their parents. These meetings last approximately 30-40 minutes and cover topics to include the student’s strengths, personal and social growth, educational and career goals and course planning for 11th and 12th grade.

In mid October, sophomores will be introduced to the conference format and the preparation needed for it. Each student will be completing a career assessment before this conference and they will also be working with their counselor to set up the meeting time. Please talk with your son or daughter and let them know the best time for you to meet with them and their counselor.

We are looking forward to working together to make the best of the remaining years at Wausau West.

**PARENTS OF JUNIORS: ACT ENGLISH & READING PREP AVAILABLE!**

Did you know that the Wausau West Writing Lab offers a blended learning prep course for the English & Reading portions of the ACT exam? This opportunity will require the student to schedule one mod per week in the Writing Lab with an RtI teacher. Juniors can enroll in the course by stopping in the Writing Lab (room 327) and speaking to an RtI teacher.

**Wausau West High School Code is 502-417**

This code will be needed for both the ACT & SAT test registration.

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@wausauwest
NCAA CLEARING HOUSE-ATTENTION DIVISION I AND II
PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETES

If you are a senior planning to participate in Division I or II sports as a college freshman, now is the time to register and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. **It is the student’s responsibility to research college athletic programs and carefully check and understand NCAA requirements.** Since only approved Wausau West High School core coursework will be considered for eligibility, it is imperative that students take the appropriate courses prior to graduation. The approved list can be obtained by visiting the NCAA Eligibility website. The Wausau West school code is 502-417. The NCAA Eligibility Center website provides information on eligibility standards, financial aid, recruiting and the national letter of intent, in addition to other topics of interest to student athletes. It will also provide information regarding NCAA guidelines and the changes regarding the increased number of required approved core courses students in high school must complete.

CAREER CORNER

**Campus Visits:** Before choosing a college, students (and parents!) are encouraged to visit campuses. Scheduling a campus visit or attending an open house is an ideal way to learn more about academic programs, residence halls, and the campus environment. Check campus websites for updates on open house events or information on how to schedule your visit.

**Summer Employment:** West students seeking summer employment are encouraged to stop by the Career Center to check out the job board, watch for job announcements via school email, and visit jobcenterofwisconsin.com to learn more about employment opportunities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and help people in our community (plus, meaningful volunteer experience can enhance your resume or job application!). To discover ways to volunteer your time, go to www.unitedwaymc.org/volunteer.htm.

**Attention Juniors!** Students will have an ACT ID number printed on their February ACT score report that will be mailed home. Students will use the ACT ID number when registering online for the June ACT. If you want to register for the June ACT before the February ACT score report is received, you will need to complete all online registration questions. Students who want to sign up for the June ACT test can do so in the Career Center or by going online at www.actstudent.org. Students can receive assistance with the application in the Career Center. Registration deadline is May 3rd.

**Avoid Financial aid and Scholarship Scams!** Each year families let us know about invitations they receive to attend meetings or set appointments for financial aid and scholarship assistance. These solicitations state a “guarantee of scholarships” or claim “you can’t get this information anywhere else.” Additionally, you may be selected as a finalist in a contest that you never entered. These are all indicators of scams. Here are some good tips to follow:

☑ You do not need to pay money to get money!
☑ NEVER pay to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)...it’s FREE! Always go to fafsa.gov to fill out the FAFSA.
☑ Do not provide your SSN or bank account information to any organization unless you initiate the contact and trust the company. If you are contacted by an organization asking you to provide this information, do not do it.
☑ If you go to a non-school sponsored financial aid or scholarship seminar or workshop, don’t be rushed into paying for any services. Be cautious of any seminar representatives that are not willing to answer questions directly. Ask how much services cost and what the refund policy is and get it in writing.
☑ Remember, legitimate companies NEVER guarantee or promise scholarships or grants!
☑ You can always get free help filling out the FAFSA from school counselors, the Career Center, and financial aid offices on college campuses.

**Contact Information:** If you have questions related to career planning, college, or employment, please contact Ray Jensen, Career Center Coordinator, at 715-261-0853 or at rjensen@wausauschools.org
Wausau West Band Presents...

**Bandstock**

Oct 11 & 12 @ 7:30

Music of:
- Trombone Shorty, Tower of Power, Pirates of the Carribean,
- How to Train Your Dragon, Cirque du Soleil

Alumni All Stars  
Warrior Brass Band  
Jazz Band  

Wind Ensemble  
Symphonic Band  
Concert Band

Adults $10  
Students $8

Tickets @ www.showtix4u.com
Wausau West Drama Department
Presents:

Annie

Winner of 7 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, this much-loved family classic “Annie” features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "Tomorrow."

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

**Show dates:**
November 8th and 9th at 7:00 pm
November 10th at 2:00 pm

Tickets will be available at Showtix4U or at the door
$10 for adults
$5 for students/seniors
West students are free!
SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Submission Deadline: October 31

Seniors and Senior Parents: All senior portraits for the yearbook must be submitted by October 31. Photos may be emailed to westpublications@wausauschools.org, or brought in to Room 144 (Pub Lab) on a disk in good condition to scan.

Still need a photo or need a photo that meets yearbook requirements?
Empire Photography will be at Wausau West on Tuesday, October 8, to offer FREE senior portrait opportunities. Sign up on the Pub Lab door. A portrait will be provided to the yearbook, and then you will receive proofs at your home for any additional photos you wish to order.

All submitted photos must meet the yearbook guidelines, which were mailed home to all juniors (seniors to be) in May 2019. We will not accept photos that do not comply with these specifications. The rules are to be followed, not challenged.

DO NOT LOOK AT PREVIOUS YEARBOOKS FOR EXAMPLES. THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW WILL BE CONSISTENTLY AND STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR THE 2019-2020 YEARBOOK!

DO: PROVIDE A TRADITIONAL HEAD SHOT
*Head size: eyebrow to chin should measure one-half (1/2")
*300 dpi, CMYK color
*Shoulder shot, front view
*Print size: minimum of 1 3/8 inches wide by 2 inches tall, but a larger print is requested so we have the flexibility to align faces
*Digital images are preferred, but regular prints will be accepted
*Plain colored background, avoid white & gray; a solid brick wall background is acceptable
*Remember the dress code and consider how pictures will be cropped; we will return photos which would be inappropriate for the yearbook

REMEMBER:
*NO OUTDOOR SHOTS!!!
*NO WHITE, BLACK, PATTERN OR OUTDOOR BACKGROUNDS
*NO PROPS IN PHOTO OR ON BACKGROUND (chairs, books, trees, athletic articles, hats, fences, wagon wheels, shutters, etc.)
*NO SOFT or FUZZY FOCUS
*NO LEAVES, TREES, FLOWERS, WATER, WIND – OUTDOOR SHOTS
*NO FULL BODY SHOTS

Standard school ID photos will be used as substitutions for non-complying photos. Photo requirements are designed to take into account economic differences of our students, to decrease lighting variances, and to meet yearbook academics competition guidelines.

Parents, who wish, may purchase senior ad space in the yearbook and submit personal photographs and messages for their student. Senior ad material will be mailed home in mid October.
WHAT IS DECA?

Wausau West DECA is off to phenomenal start for the 2019-2020 school year! There were over 140 students at our first meeting. Preparing leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, and other business areas is DECA’s primary focus. DECA also prepares students to be academically prepared, community oriented and professionally responsible experienced leaders. A few events that DECA hosted already this year was the DECA Deck Party and Tailgate. Both events were well attended and veteran DECA members had a chance to speak to interested members about the valuable organization. DECA’s next event will be the annual TRICK or CAN where members collect non-perishable food items and donate them to an organization in the greater Wausau Area. Last year DECA collected over 4,000 items for the Women’s Community. This year’s DECA Officers are President-Rachel Hartman and Vice Presidents-Lilia Teske, Grace Albee, Tim DeLoye, Maddux Federici and Brennan Goralski. Students interested in joining DECA should see Mr. Hert or Mrs. Fuller for a membership card and list of meeting dates in Room 134. There is a $25 activity fee for joining DECA. For the latest news and to check out our local business partners, check out our website at http://wwdeca.wixsite.com/wausau-west-deca

WAUSAU WEST
FRENCH CLUB WAFFLE PARTY

The Wausau West French Club started the year with a meet and greet waffle party! Participation in French Club is open to everyone and the club does a variety of activities throughout the year to promote the French language and culture.

GERMANY 2020!

Our trip to Germany in 2020 is on, and we’re gearing up for the excitement! This will be the twenty-third year of our exchange with the König-Karlmann-Gymnasium in Altötting, Germany. Our partner school will be sending students here for two weeks in April, and we will visit them in June.

We have held two informational meetings, but if you missed them, there is still time to sign up for the trip. Contact Dr. Jerry Reinardy at 715-261-0905 or reinardy@wausauschools.org if you are interested. The final deadline to register is October 15. Los geht’s!
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Overdrive (ebooks and digital audio ebooks)

Overdrive underwent some changes over the summer. Students now can access our library fiction and audio ebooks through the Sora app. To get started: go to soraapp.com. Click on find my school and choose Wausau West. Students log in using their computer user name and password. The app will ask to download a short cut. The reason for the shortcut is to allow for access to borrowed materials when not connect to wifi. Once logged in, click on any ebook or audio ebook and choose borrow. Ebooks automatically return after twenty-one days. The limit is three items per account. This works on most phones as well as chromebooks. Happy reading.

**COSTA RICAN ADVENTURE**

**MARCH 21-29, 2020**

The Outdoor Adventure Club led by Mrs. Gerstenberger is planning another global adventure trip. This trip during Spring Break of 2020 will include adventures that are a once in a lifetime opportunity for your child. Global learning encourages awareness and critical thinking about issues. It takes information learned in the classroom to the outside world. It provides an authentic experience with practicing Spanish while staying overnight with Costa Rican families and learning about their food and culture. We will stay at world class lodges in the mountains and go rafting on one of the most scenic rivers in the world. Students will experience up close and personal tropical wildlife through jungle hikes and snorkeling trips. One night we will stay in a cave behind a beautiful waterfall. This cave is designed for sleeping and even has its own kitchen. The next morning when we awake, we will repel down a 100 foot waterfall.

If you have any questions or would like the detailed itinerary, please contact Mrs. Gerstenberger at Wausau West or email cgersten@wausauschools.org.

There is a limited number of spaces available see Mrs. Gerstenberger as soon as possible.

**ART DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Austin Mohr, was awarded first place in the WRAA State STAMP Art Exhibit. Him, along with four other West students, Taylor Goetsch, Julia Hitz, Brady Clifford, and Lana Puntney, were selected to be part of the local STAMP program this past school year. From there, student artists from around the state were selected and sent to Madison for final judging. Austin's work was displayed in Madison after being selected for the first place award. Congratulations, Austin!

This past school year, Wausau West art students received a total of 10 awards through the Aspirus STAR Art Contest. All the pieces were professionally matted and framed and will be on display at Aspirus Hospital for the next year. Pictured are the students who were able to attend the awards ceremony. Congratulations!

From left to right: Kirsi Hill (1st Place), Ayla Goretski (Honorable Mention), Seng Lee (2nd Place and Honorable Mention), Lillie Salzman (Honorable Mention), Brooke Jaworski (3rd Place), Kelly Giebel (Honorable Mention) Not Pictured: Marley Koehler (Honorable Mention), Ellise Markevitch (Honorable Mention), and Acacia Quance (Honorable Mention)
This past summer, seventeen Wausau West art students took part in a Gifted and Talented Mural Program. Each student completed a 4’x4’ or 4’x5’ mural that was permanently installed on the first floor of Wausau West. Each student put in around 100 hours to complete their mural. **There will be a mural art show celebrating these artistic accomplishments, along with the accomplishments of other Warrior artists, on March 14th, 2020.**
AP NEWS

AP Registration Timelines are Changed for 2019-2020

PLEASE READ IF TAKING AN AP CLASS THIS YEAR

Nationally, the College Board (CB) has implemented a new schedule for registration of AP exams administered in May 2020. According to research conducted by the College Board, student engagement and success is increased with early commitments by students. As a result, students in year-long AP classes will be required to register and pay a minimum deposit by November 6th, 2019. Here is a recap of the timeline this year:

- **Now** - Students create a College Board account (myap.collegeboard.org) for access to curriculum materials and test questions throughout the school year

- **October 16 - November 6th** - Students must register and pay for AP exams through Total Registration to avoid late fees (see below for more information regarding fees)

- **January 10, 2020** - Last day to request testing accommodations through College Board

- **February 17 - March 6th** - Students register and pay for 2nd semester classes (AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics) through Total Registration

- **March 6th** - Last day to register and pay in full for a year-long exam with a $40 late fee

- **May 4 - 15, 2020** - AP testing. Schedule can be found [here](#)

- **July 2020** - Students access test scores through their College Board account

  Students will be accessing and utilizing two different websites for their AP journey.

  Below is a comparison of how each website is utilized: **Why two different websites?**

**COLLEGE BOARD**

myap.collegeboard.org

- Create a student account at the beginning of the school year
- Use Join Code from AP teacher to enroll in your class
- Receive activities, formatives, and practice tests assigned by AP teachers
- Designate whether you will be taking the AP test or not
- Information entered will produce a unique AP ID label sheet that will be used on exam materials
- In Summer 2020, students request free exam reports be sent to colleges (no longer on answer sheet) - deadline is 6/20/20

**TOTAL REGISTRATION**

totalregistration.net

- Create a Total Registration account which includes parent information
- Register and pay for AP exams here
- Receive administrative emails and texts sent to both parents and students regarding testing details, fees, etc.
- To avoid a late fee, students in full-year classes will register and pay by November 6th

**Payment options are:**

- Pay in full - $98 per exam - by November 6th
- Pay a $40 nonrefundable deposit per exam, plus $2.75 processing fee by November 6th. Remaining balances ($98 - $40 per test) plus $2.75 processing fee due by March 6th
- Registration for full-year classes can be done up to March 6th with a $40 late fee for a total of $98 + $40 per test
- Unused tests will result in a $40 return fee per exam ordered
WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

Katie Barofsky  
Special Education  
Teacher

Melanie Brunner  
School  
Psychologist

Taryn Fuller  
Business Education  
Teacher

Emily Guenther  
English  
Teacher

Megan Hilke  
Regular Education  
Paraprofessional

Lisa Hunt  
School  
Social Worker

Ray Jensen  
Career Center  
Coordinator

Mike Juedes  
Food Service  
Department

Tyler Leiskau  
Special Education  
Paraprofessional

Jeff Marquardt  
Math  
Teacher

Lisa Mork  
Special Education  
Paraprofessional

Alysia Mueller  
Special Education  
Paraprofessional

Kevin Ruhl  
Music  
Teacher

Erik Schmelling  
Math  
Teacher

Loralee Snodgrass  
Math  
Teacher
**WELCOME NEW FACULTY!**

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**GREAT PEOPLE MAKE GREAT SCHOOLS!**

We have twenty-one new outstanding additions to our Wausau West Staff for the 2019-2020 school year!
From the Health Office

• Does your child have an emergency medication or rescue inhaler?
• Does your child need to take a prescription medication at school?
If so, please make sure we have the needed paperwork and medication in the health office, including backup inhalers. Please contact the health office with any questions or concerns. We can assist you in getting all of the needed forms completed.

Nikki Parker-HA
Kira McGinnity-RN
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BEFORE THE TALK

Know the facts.


Be patient and ready to listen.

- Avoid criticism and encourage an open dialogue.
- Remember, your goal is to have a conversation, not to deliver a lecture.
- It’s OK for your conversation to take place over time, in bits and pieces.

Set a positive example by being tobacco-free.

- If you use tobacco, it’s never too late to quit. For free help, visit smokefree.gov or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.
PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal provides you access to your child’s academic progress, homework completion, attendance, schedule and more!

Is your parent portal activated? Can you login? If your answer is no, or if you are having difficulties please contact Julie Cordova at 715-261-0875 or at cordova@wausauschools.org.

The Wausau School District Technology Department will continue to bring you the parent portal for itslearning. Itslearning is the learning management system used here in the District to deliver instructional content to your child for their courses. The itslearning parent portal will give you access to learning targets, assignments, projects and classroom resources. To access itslearning, please follow these steps:

- Visit https://wausau.itslearning.com
- On the login page, please click on “Forgotten password” underneath the sign in button
- Type in your email address associated with Infinite Campus (the registered email address you have with your student’s school) and click “send request”
- This will send you an email asking you to reset your password
- We suggest you use the same password for itslearning as you do for Infinite Campus

Once you login, there will be a short presentation where you can follow along to see the features of itslearning. If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Smith, Instructional Technology Integration Specialist (rsmith@wausauschools.org), with the Technology Department.

PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer opportunities will require a criminal background check. If you have had a criminal behavior background check done and have been a volunteer at least once a year since the check has been completed, you DO NOT need to have another one done. If you need to have a criminal behavior background check done you can visit ONE Volunteer Network on the District Website under the Departments and Programs tab to complete information for the criminal background check online. No more paper forms needed!

If you already have a volunteer account, login at myvolunteerpage.com select the opportunity you are interested in and sign up. If it is full/locked, you have the option of being put on a backup list.

If you haven’t created an account yet, visit the Wausau School District website for volunteers. Complete steps one and two. For any questions or to learn more contact Roxane Hagedorn at rhagedor@wausauschools.org or 715-261-0584.
Bridging Brighter Smiles

Brightening Smiles at Your School!

**SIGN UP NOW!**
**DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!**

**WHO?**
Bridging Brighter Smiles provides quality preventative dental care for students 4K-12th grade.

**WHAT?**
Our caring teams provide the following valuable services:
- Oral Screening
- Dental Cleaning
- Fluoride Varnish
- Dental Sealants
- Dental Health Education
- Referral Assistance

**WHERE?**
Bridging Brighter Smiles comes to YOU! Treatment is performed right in your school.

**WHEN?**
Dental visits are conveniently held during the day throughout the school year, eliminating travel time and reducing missed work and school hours.

**HOW?**
Enrollment is easy! Complete the form online by visiting: enrollment.bbsmiles.org OR Return it to your school office

*Don’t forget to enroll your Middle and High Schoolers too!*

Forward Health (Badger Care) Card Accepted!

*We do not bill/accept other private dental insurance*  
See back for coverage details
Parents, please take a moment to read the Wausau School District guidelines for bullying, hazing, discrimination and harassment or the threat of such activities by a student or group of students against other students or personnel in any form it may take. If your child is having issues with another student please have them contact a counselor or administrator and an investigation will begin promptly.

Bullying Information

Bullying
The Wausau School District prohibits bullying, hazing, discrimination and harassment or the threat of such activities by a student or group of students against other students or personnel in any form it may take. The Board of Education considers these actions to be a violation of its obligation and Shared Key Interest to provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting, and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning, and determines them to be disruptive to the academic atmosphere. All reports of bullying will be taken seriously.

Policy 2706

What is Bullying?
Bullying is defined as the unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-age children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is reasonably perceived as being de-humanizing, intimidating, hostile, humiliating, threatening, or otherwise likely to evoke fear of physical harm or emotional distress. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

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<th>RUDE</th>
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<td>Two-Sided</td>
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<td>Regularly</td>
<td>Occasionally</td>
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<td>Can occur when there is a difference in opinions</td>
<td>Spontaneous: Unintentional</td>
<td>Typically Intentional</td>
<td>Is planned and done on purpose; malicious</td>
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<td>Neither party has hard feelings</td>
<td>Can cause hurt feelings; upset</td>
<td>Can be very hurtful</td>
<td>The target of the bullying can be hurt deeply</td>
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<td>Based on both parties striving for an agreement or agreeing to disagree</td>
<td>Based on thoughtlessness, poor manners or selfishness</td>
<td>Based on anger and/or aggression, impulsive cruelty</td>
<td>The bully is attempting to gain control over the target, vicious</td>
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<td>Both parties accept equal responsibility without a need to forgive</td>
<td>The offender accepts responsibility and the offended can easily forgive the offender. If two-sided, one or both may take responsibility and/or forgive</td>
<td>The offender may regret the behavior while the offended may have difficulty forgiving the offender. If two-sided, one or both may have regret and difficulty forgiving</td>
<td>The bully blames the target, while the target wants the bully to stop and may suffer damage that will take much healing to repair</td>
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<td>Often can easily be resolved without intervention/mediation. Ongoing conflict that escalates to include rude and/or mean behavior may need mediation through the talking circle process.</td>
<td>Intervention/mediation may be needed. Social skill building could be beneficial. Talking circle process may also be used if both parties agree.</td>
<td>Needs to be addressed with intervention and should NOT be ignored. Talking circle process should be used if both parties agree.</td>
<td>Cannot be resolved through mediation but rather the bully must be stopped through intervention. Healing circle techniques could be used if both parties agree.</td>
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Athletic Directors are always looking for surveys, statistics and reports that highlight the value of education based sports, clubs and activities. Sometimes real life people get over looked in the numbers. I want to share a short story about once such “number.” To set this story in our context of this year I need to let you know that as I approach a new school year I try to establish a theme. I ask myself how can we as the Warrior Athletic Department make this year stand out for our students. This year I settled on the phrase, “See me for what I can become.” We can often find ourselves seeing only the weaknesses of our students, athletes and teams. They seem to stick out. We forget to see them as what they can become. In part, because seeing what they can become takes more work and more purpose. Frankly, many of you got to where you are today because somewhere along the line a coach, adviser or teacher saw you for something you could become and it shaped you in that direction. They saw you for what you could become not what you were at that moment in your life. The excerpt below is from an essay a young man submitted to me a while back. To get full appreciation a context is necessary. This young man arrived at our high school from our middle school with a propensity for disruptive behavior that landed him on our Assistant Principal’s radar. He had one small meeting with the Assistant Principal early in his freshman year and he never had any further behavior incidents. I watched him develop as a member of the tennis and cross country teams. Although I tracked the young man through his high school career; I did not know the value that he placed upon his athletic experiences. I found his essay moving as I connected his personal growth to his athletic experiences.

“When I was a freshman, I thought that to be successful I had to prove myself to others by finishing first and getting the best grades. Anything less than a win felt like complete failure. During the first weeks of cross country, I lagged behind the other runners. Meet after meet, I was disappointed with my finish, so I started training year round. It took two years, but my times eventually improved. I was proud of what I accomplished.

My change in attitude also brought success in school. Though I had always been a good student, I had struggled with motivation. Having seen the difference extra effort made in sports, I applied it to my homework. I began to set small goals for myself and make better use of my time. My stress level went down and my grades stayed high - all due to my change in attitude. Though I’m not the best athlete, I push myself to be the best athlete I can be. I might not be the smartest kid, but I earned honor roll recognition each report card. Learning to work hard has helped me become a leader in sports and in the classroom. No matter what I’m doing - whether it’s math homework, practicing tennis, or working at my job - I push myself and those around me to go the extra mile because I know it pays off in the end.”

This is a real story, a real student. It is not a survey or statistic. It is a story of a young man whose involvement in high school Co-Curricular activities made the difference between success and failure in the classroom and his personal life. This is why Athletic Directors, coaches and advisors do what we do. West High School is one of the finest high school staffs I have had the pleasure of working with. And they can say in a loud voice, “Yes, Co-Curricular activities are making a difference in the lives of our kids!”
DON’T FORGET TO USE OUR
PRIDE PUMP AT RIISER
ENERGY ON STEWART AVENUE ACROSS
FROM MCDONALD’S!

Wausau West Athletics/Activities is participating in the Buffalo Wild Wings “Home Team Advantage Program.” Ten percent of your total bill will be donated back to Wausau West, which goes towards the athletic program for student athletes. You can mention “Team M” when you go to Buffalo Wild Wings to participate in this program.
## 2019-20 HEAD COACHING STAFF & PHONE NUMBERS

### Fall Sports

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