



## Wausau West ~ News and Views

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Having completed our first quarter of the school year, I feel compelled to compliment our students. This year we have been working on providing additional experiences involving Academic and Career Planning, improving our attendance and reducing dress code issues. I am proud to say that our students have responded well and we are on our way to continuous improvement in the respective areas. Seeing and interacting with our students continues to be a highlight of the school year for me and the West staff. Each day we are thankful that our families have chosen Wausau West. Thanks for your help in supporting your children and our school.

In early November we celebrated our Veterans and specifically Veterans on our West team -- Mrs. Sladek, Mr. Erdman, and Mr. Brown. I would like to once again thank our Veterans here at West and throughout our nation for their dedicated service. A special thanks goes out to Jayden Pieper, Ryan Volkers, and Thomas Erwin for their playing of Taps on Veterans Day -- they were outstanding!

As we look ahead, it is time to begin planning for next school year. Students currently in grades 9-11 and their parents **will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment with their Homeroom Advisor on February 6, 2023 to review and finalize course selections. More information to follow.**

**Parents of eighth grade students** planning to attend Wausau West High School will be receiving information regarding the registration process in early January 2023. We are excited to welcome you to Wausau West! Eighth grade parent night is January 9, 2023.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Wausau West staff, I would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family. As the winter and holiday seasons continue, our wish for you is continued good health, safety, and happiness. Enjoy this time with your family.

Jeb Steckbauer,  
Principal



## Important dates for 8-11 grade students who will attend Wausau West in 2023-2024

<b>January 9-13, 2023</b>	8th grade students make course selections for 2023-2024
<b>January 9, 2023</b>	8th graders visit from John Muir, Horce Mann, & private schools
<b>January 9, 2023</b>	8th grade Parents' Night - 6:00 p.m. - Auditorium
<b>January 9, 2023</b>	Students will receive Semester II schedules in homeroom
<b>January 11-13, 2023</b>	Final Exams
<b>January 16, 2023</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY</b>
<b>January 17, 2023</b>	Conflict Resolution Day
<b>January 24 - February 3</b>	Students in grades 9, 10, & 11 continue to discuss course selections in homeroom
<b>February 6, 2023</b>	Advisor/Advisee Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m. and course selection finalized

### Parents and 8th grade students, it's time to start thinking about high school course registration

Below are some **IMPORTANT DATES and ACTIVITIES** that will assist both students and parents in this important process.

**8th Grade School Visit:** Scheduled for **Monday, January 9, 2023**, eighth grade students from John Muir, parochial schools, and home schoolers will be touring Wausau West and visiting department leaders in the elective areas. This will provide students the opportunity to ask questions and see what Wausau West High School is like. While students are visiting Wausau West, the West Counselors will explain the registration process, and will be available throughout January to assist with the registration process.

**8th Grade Student Registration:** January 9-13, 2023, is the 8th grade student registration period. 8th grade students will make course selections for their freshman year. Contact your Wausau West Counselor to answer questions during the 8th Grade registration process in January.

**8th Grade Parents' Night:** Parents are invited to meet with department leaders on **Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the West High Auditorium. This evening is planned to help you assist your student in course selections. We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to Wausau West High School. After a brief presentation by the elective departments, all department chairs will be available to answer your questions in the Commons area.

## ADVISOR/ADVISEE Night Monday, February 6, 2023

Advisor/Advisee Night is a time for high school parents and students who are currently in 9th, 10th and 11th grades to meet with their homeroom advisor to discuss goals and finalize course selections. During the week of **January 9th** a message will be sent home to schedule a time to meet between 4:00-8:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023.

The following questions will help generate discussion with your child prior to Advisor/Advisee Night:

1. Have you signed up for the courses that are required for next year?
2. Are you taking elective courses of high interest and rigor appropriate?
3. Have you thought about what you would like to do after you graduate?
4. If you're thinking of college or technical college, do you know what courses you need to meet admission requirements?
5. What courses can you take to help you prepare for your future?
6. Have you read the Career Pathway information and course descriptions in the **Career Planning/Course Registration Handbook**?

## PLANNING 2023-2024 COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

When planning course registrations for next year, please keep in mind our graduation requirements. Full details are available in the Career Planning and Course Handbook. A few specific reminders follow:

- Required to earn a minimum of three years (three credits) of mathematics.
- Required to earn a minimum of three years (three credits) of science.
- Required to earn a minimum of three and a half years (3.5 credits) of social studies.
- Required to take a financial literacy course which can be fulfilled by any of the following courses:
  - Personal Financial Management – Business Education Course
  - Money Matters - Family Consumer Sciences Course
  - Economics - Social Studies Course
- Civics test is required in Wisconsin. The social studies teachers will be providing more information in class.

## COURSE REGISTRATION MATERIALS

2023-2024 course registration materials will be distributed on **Monday, January 23, 2023**. Students will have 15 calendar days to determine their course selections. This process **concludes** on Advisor-Advisee Night, **Monday, February 6, 2023**.

**WAUSAU WEST 4 YEAR PLAN (23 credits required)**

**GRADE 9**

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

	Course	Grade	Credit		Course	Grade	Credit
1	English 9		.50	1	English 9		.50
2	US History I		.50	2	US History I		.50
3	Science		.50	3	Science		.50
4	Math		.50	4	Math		.50
5	Elective		.50	5	Elective		.50
6	Elective		.50	6	Elective		.50
	P.E. 9		.25		P.E. 9		.25
			Total Semester 1 Credits =				Total Semester 2 Credits =

Cumulative Credits = \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 10**

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

	Course	Grade	Credit		Course	Grade	Credit
1	English 10		.50	1	English 10		.50
2	US History II		.50	2	US History II		.50
3	Science		.50	3	Science		.50
4	Math		.50	4	Math		.50
5	Elective		.50	5	Elective		.50
6	Elective		.50	6	Elective		.50
	P.E. 10/Health		.25/.50		P.E. 10/Health		.25/.50
			Total Semester 1 Credits =				Total Semester 2 Credits =

Cumulative Credits = \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 11**

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

	Course	Grade	Credit		Course	Grade	Credit
1	English		.50	1	English		.50
2	World History		.50	2	World History		.50
3	Science		.50	3	Science		.50
4	Math		.50	4	Math		.50
5	Elective		.50	5	Elective		.50
6	Elective		.50	6	Elective		.50
	P.E.		.25		P.E.		.25
			Total Semester 1 Credits =				Total Semester 2 Credits =

Cumulative Credits = \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 12**

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

	Course	Grade	Credit		Course	Grade	Credit
1	English		.50	1	English		.50
2	Social Studies (S1 or S2)		.50	2	Elective		.50
3	Elective		.50	3	Elective		.50
4	Elective		.50	4	Elective		.50
5	Elective		.50	5	Elective		.50
6	Elective		.50	6	Elective		.50
	P.E. (S1 or S2)		.25		P.E. (S1 or S2)		.25
			Total Semester 1 Credits =				Total Semester 2 Credits =

Cumulative Credits = \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Literacy Requirement Met = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Civics Test Requirement Met = \_\_\_\_\_**

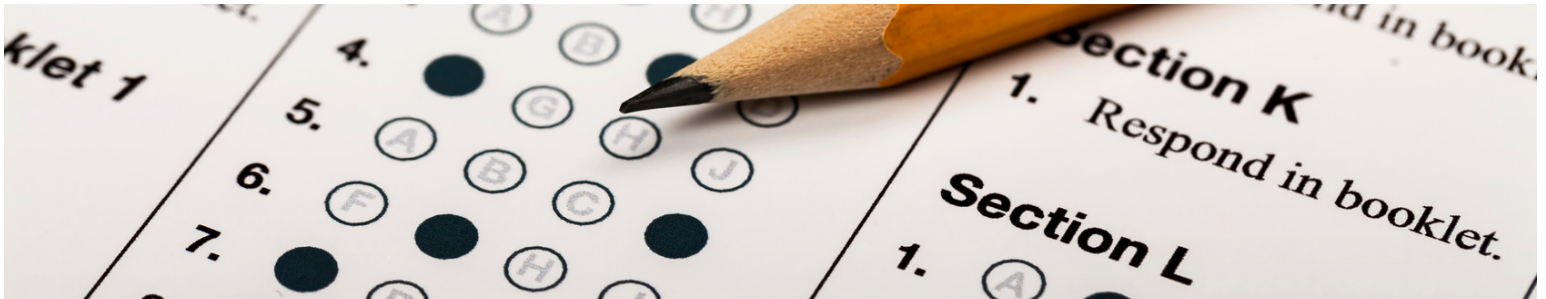


## COURSE SELECTION 2023-2024

The key to successful course selection begins with thoughtful planning. Parents, please take the opportunity to discuss career/work goals and aspirations with your son or daughter. Consider their interests, talents, and work habits. A visit to our outstanding Career Center can also make this exploration even more meaningful.

Wausau West offers a tremendous variety of course offerings. Please work proactively with your student to help select courses that support their interests, strengths, and areas of exploration. The Wausau West handbook is a very good resource for information on career planning and course descriptions. Parents and students will receive an electronic copy of this registration handbook during the week of January 23. We will also have this available on our Wausau West website. A limited amount of paper copies of this handbook will also be available in the Counseling office.

It is important to invest careful thought into this process, as later course changes and drops are done only if it meets criteria. Please refer to the registration dates on page 2 of this newsletter.



## ACT Information for Juniors

Now that our school year is well underway, we thought it important to share an update on the Wisconsin State Assessment Program and how that program affects our juniors. We are sharing this information now to make you aware of our preparations and plans as they relate to the junior assessment, the **ACT exam**, which will be taken in March by all public school juniors in the state of Wisconsin. The ACT has typically been a college admission test for students interested in attending college following their high school career. Though it will still serve students interested in post-secondary education, it will also serve as an accountability measure for Wausau West.

This online test will be given on the morning of **March 7, 2023**. As we near the testing date, additional information will be made available to parents and students about timing, expectations, and preparation for this exam. Included are answers to frequently asked questions and the Wausau West ACT test preparation schedule.

## ACT Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost to parents/families for Juniors taking the tests on March 7, 2023?	No, the state will be picking up the cost.
What if my student already took the ACT, do they still have to take it on March 7th?	Yes, ALL Juniors in the state need to take the ACT test on March 7, 2023. The scores on the March ACT will also be used by each school for accountability purposes.
If a student chooses to take the test again, can he/she do it for free on the designated make-up day (April 11, 2023)?	No, all juniors will be tested only once by statewide testing protocol. If a student wants to re-test, the payment for the test will fall to the family and must be taken on national test dates.
Can students take the ACT test multiple times?	Yes, students can re-test at the family's expense.
What if my student is ill on March 7, 2023?	The make-up date is April 11, 2023.
Can a student's test score from the March 7, 2023 test date be used for college admission?	Yes it can, if you are testing under standard test administration or if you are identified as a special education student testing with ACT approved accommodations. Students using accommodations other than ACT approved will not be able to use their scores for college admission.
Can the student's test score be used for admission into a technical college?	Yes. For example, NTC uses the ACT scores and if a student has a composite of 18 or higher they will gain acceptance for admission into their college.
What if a student does not plan to go to a 2 or 4 year college, do they still need to take the ACT test?	Yes, the March ACT test score will be used for school accountability purposes.
How will colleges receive the scores?	When students fill out the pre-test information they will be able to select four colleges to receive their scores. Additionally, colleges will use the students' highest ACT test score.
Can I get more information on what types of questions are on the ACT?	Students can go to <a href="https://actstudent.org">actstudent.org</a> to find practice questions. <b><i>There will also be optional (but highly encouraged) subject specific sessions offered throughout the month of January &amp; February to interested students. Additional resources are available on the <a href="#">Counseling website</a>.</i></b>

**ACT or SAT**

Juniors and Seniors planning to attend college should speak to their assigned counselor to obtain information about these standardized tests for college admission. Parents, please urge your child to get this valuable information SOON!

## ACT

### 2022-2023 TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION Deadline	LATE REGISTRATION Deadline
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

Registration Site: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## SAT

### 2022-2023 TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION Deadline	LATE REGISTRATION Deadline
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Registration Site: <https://mysat.collegeboard.org>

**WEST HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 502417**



# Seniors

## Local Scholarship Application Due Soon



Every year many of our local institutions give scholarships to Wausau West students. If you are a senior in the **top 25% of your class**, this opportunity is for you.

The application window for local scholarships will be **February 10-22, 2023**. **Qualifying students will receive an email with a link to the online application when it becomes available.** Applications must be submitted by midnight on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023** with **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All applicants must also participate in a ten-minute interview with the scholarship committee. Information regarding the student applicant is very pertinent to the committee in their task of scholarship selection. The scholarship committee consists of faculty members and counselors from Wausau West. Scholarships will be based primarily on academics, character, and school involvement.

Scholarships will be presented at the **Senior Awards Program on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in the auditorium.

### College Credit Programs

#### Early College Credit Program/Start College Now

Interested in taking classes at UW-Stevens Point, Wausau Campus with the Early College Credit Program or Northcentral Technical College with the Start College Now Program while still a high school student? Please visit the [Wausau West Counseling website](#) for the appropriate application and eligibility information, and see your counselor for more information or clarification. Students must be in strong academic standing, and on track with West's graduation requirements. Both programs have strict application deadlines, and eligibility requirements. Not all students will qualify.

#### DEADLINES:

- Summer 2023/Fall 2023 semester - March 1, 2023
- Spring 2024 semester - October 1, 2023

See Mr. Kelter regarding any questions about eligibility or the application process.

## AP Registration Timelines 2022-2023

PLEASE READ IF TAKING AN AP CLASS THIS YEAR

The following is a timeline of events that AP students should follow in order to participate in AP Testing in the spring. The cost will be \$100/exam if registered by November 1, 2022. Late registrations can be completed until March 14, 2023 with an additional \$40 late fee (\$140/exam).

- **Now** - students create a College Board account ([myap.collegeboard.org](https://myap.collegeboard.org)) for access to curriculum materials and test questions throughout the school year
- **January 18, 2023** - Last day to request testing accommodations through the College Board
- **February 1 - March 1, 2023** - Students register and pay for 2nd semester classes (AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics) through Total Registration
- **March 14, 2023** - Last day to register and pay in full for a year-long course with a \$40 late fee (\$140)
- **May 1 - 12, 2023** - AP testing. Schedule can be found [here](#)
- **July 2023** - Students access test scores through their College Board account

**STUDENTS WILL BE ACCESSING AND UTILIZING TWO DIFFERENT WEBSITES FOR THEIR AP JOURNEY!**

### Step 1: COLLEGE BOARD



- [myap.collegeboard.org](https://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 2023, students request free exam reports be sent to colleges
- In July 2023, students will log into their College Board account to see AP test results

### Step 2: TOTAL REGISTRATION



- [totalregistration.net](https://totalregistration.net)
- Create a Total Registration account which includes parent information
- Register and pay for AP exams
- 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 in full (\$100/exam) by November 1, 2022
- Registration for full-year classes can be done up to March 14th with a \$40 late fee for a total of \$100 + \$40 per test

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) UPDATE

Wausau West offers 17 different AP classes which span a range of disciplines and interests. Advanced placement is a nationally recognized program that offers high school students exposure to college-level curriculum and the opportunity to earn college credit. According to [apcentral.collegeboard.org](http://apcentral.collegeboard.org), students who score a 3 or higher on an AP exam experience higher academic success than their non-AP peers and are much more likely than their peers to graduate from college on time.

### Wausau West AP Classes

*(see the registration booklet for requirements and prerequisites for each class)*

Art - Drawing, 3D Art & Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Literature, German Language, US Government & Politics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, US History

### ***A big congratulations goes out to our 2021-2022 AP Scholars:***

#### AP Scholar with Distinction

**Students who have averaged 3.5 or higher on all exams taken AND score a 3 or more on at least 5 exams.**

Grace Albee	David DeLoye	Carl Knaack	Ryan Rasmussen
Joseph Berens	Jack Ecke	Ellise Markevitch	Mia Schuler
Nicholas Breuing	Fletcher Haggerty	Naomi Nygaard	Isabelle Sunby
Luke Brown	Haley Hopperdietzel	April Pupp	Sophie Wokatsch



AP Scholar with Honor

**Students who have averaged 3.25 or higher on all exams taken AND score a 3 or more on at least 4 exams.**

Daniel Allen	Andy Dao	Jo Ann Fortenberry	Garrett Gauger
Nathan Hartman	Christopher Kirsch	Gaven Lange	Matthew Monnot
Jack Saari	Alexis Schauls	Lillie Sunby	Max Theiler
Wesley Wendling			

AP Scholar

**Students who scored at least a 3 or more on at least three exams**

Jack Berens	Claire Butalla	Morgan Damp	Zachariah DeByle
Braden Dickas	Ruby Edmondson	Samantha Federici	Alicia Goetsch
Caden Gruber	Brooke Heise	Isaac Johns	Nicholas Knezik
Charlotte Knihtila	Kaden Leischer	Cole Lozon	Sophia Madej
Abbey Meyers	Sophia Pessig	Desirae Rausch	Maxwell Reinardy
Caleb Tuley	Mason Voigt	Alexis White	

# HOMECOMING 2022

## Homecoming Spirit Trophy Results:

1st -- Freshmen -- class of 2026  
2nd -- Seniors -- class of 2023

3rd-- Juniors -- class of 2024  
4th -- Sophomores -- class of 2025

## Did you know...

- The Freshmen had the highest rate of spirit day participation! 68% dressed up throughout the week! The Freshmen also won the categories of Community Spirit and Warrior Spirit. It's been 16 years since a Freshmen class won the spirit trophy.
- Wausau West Warriors showed their Community Spirit by competing in our class penny war. This year, students DOUBLED the amount donated last year, bringing our total to \$3,526.16 (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!). All the money raised goes to our Wausau West Food pantry! Amazing job, Warriors!

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## A fun Homecoming requires a Team Effort

### The following helped make Homecoming 2022 possible!

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| • Homecoming Coordinator, Elayna Clark   | • ALL Fall Athletes, Clubs, and Coaches          |
| • Athletic Director, Jason Foster  | • DECA and Advisors, Carl Hert and Taryn Fuller  |
| • Blue Gold Assembly M.C., Paul Linzmeyer  | • FFA and Advisor, Michelle Heeg                 |
| • D.J., Bill Haling  | • Dance United and Advisor, Choua Xiong          |
| • Wausau West Key Club and Advisor, Monica Borreson - assembly games & the dance | • Cheer Team and Coach, Dana Rasmussen           |
| • Phys. Ed Teachers who officiate assembly games                                 | • Concert Chorale and Director, Kevin Ruhl       |
| • Football Team and Coach, Matt Johnson  | • Homecoming Class Advisors & Dance Chaperones   |
| • Pep Band and Director, Dan Emerson   | • All Homeroom Advisors                          |
| • Josh Her, Audio Visual Department  | • Commons Decoration and Spirit Staff Judges     |
| • Warrior Mascot -- ???  | • West Custodial Staff                           |
| • 2022 Homecoming Court  | • Main Office Staff, particularly Brittany Tesch |
| • Court Advisor, Lori Keene  | • Business Office Manager, Kathy Folino          |
| • NHS and Advisor, Jacque Schremp  | • Police Liaison Officer, Jeff Schremp           |
| • Student Council and Advisor, Maureen Wagers                                    | • Our supportive Administrative Team             |

**Finally, thanks to the Wausau West Student Body for their participation, creativity and sportsmanship!**

## Homecoming 2022 Court



(Front L to R): Mackenzie Bautch, Abby Names, Hannah Baumann, Ashley Danielson,  
**Homecoming Queen, Crystal Thao**  
 (Back L to R): Caleb Tuley, Thomas Erwin, **Homecoming King, Thaison Chandavong**,  
 Beckett Teske, Eli Wagers

## Career Center

**STUDENTS, CHECK YOUR EMAIL!** Students are encouraged to check their Wausau School District email regularly to stay up-to-date on happenings in the Career Center. College, military, and community organization visitors will be announced via email and announcements. Additionally, job and volunteer opportunities and field trip announcements may also be sent via email.

**COLLEGE & MILITARY VISITS:** Representatives from colleges, universities, and the military will visit the Career Center throughout the year. Students should watch for advertisements and emails to learn when representatives will be in the Career Center, and make it a point to stop by the Career Center to learn more about their post-secondary options.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE:** All male students must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Students may register as early as three months after their 17th birthday. This is not a school requirement, it's the law. Failure to register will affect a student's ability to receive financial aid, job training, or gain citizenship. Registering with Selective Service is easy and only takes about two minutes. Visit Ms. Pickar in the Career Center, go online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov), or pick up a registration card in the Career Center or at any post office.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please contact Kay Pickar, Career Center Coordinator, at 715-261-0853 or [kpickar@wausauschools.org](mailto:kpickar@wausauschools.org) to schedule an appointment or ask questions related to career planning, college, or employment.

## Wausau West DECA

Wausau West DECA membership is over 150 students and counting for the 2022-2023 school year. DECA prepares students to be academically prepared, community oriented and professionally responsible experienced leaders. Our tenth annual Trick or Can event on Halloween was an amazing success with 80 DECA members participating in this event giving back to the Wausau community. DECA members dropped off collection bags a week before Halloween and picked them up on Halloween (for contactless pick-up) to collect non-perishable food items for the Women's Community. This year West DECA collected over 6,500 non-perishable food items! Wausau West DECA has also partnered with Make-A-Wish Wisconsin to raise funds for a local boy in the community to make his wish come true. Numerous fundraising events will be happening in October, November and December. In October we kicked the event off with "Catches for a Cause" at the football game versus DC Everest. DECA Officers had carnival games and a miracle minute at the event. Catches for a Cause raised \$2,683.55 and we are well on our way to grant the Wish! As we head into December and January DECA students will begin to prepare for the competition. The DECA District II Career Development Conference will be held at Mid-State Technical College on January 6, 2023. Students will take a 100 question exam and complete two role plays and present their presentation to a judge. The top scoring students will then advance onto State in March and have a shot at Internationals in April in Orlando. For the latest news and to check out our local business partners, check out our website at <http://wwdeca.wix.com/wausau-west-deca> or follow us on Instagram @wwdeca.







**The Womens Community, Inc.**  
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Thank you [Wausau West DECA](#) for making us the recipients of your Trick or Can drive! 🍊

This donation gets our pantry that serves victims through 6 months ❤️







## Celebrating French Culture

The Wausau West French Club went to Rib Mountain Elementary on Friday, October 21 to celebrate French Culture. Students in grades 3-5 were able to eat crepes, make marshmallow Eiffel Towers, learn colors, numbers and animals. It was a fun time for all!





## World Languages Fair



October 22, 2022

25 students from Wausau West/East were able to experience the World Languages Fair at the UW-Stevens Point campus on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Activities included crafts, dancing, language lessons and food. The trip was sponsored by the Wausau West Global Language department and chaperoned by Kara Torkelson.



## Attendance Updates

**Students NEED to sign IN and OUT at the Attendance Window when they are arriving late to school (after 7:45 a.m.) and leaving early from school (before 3:00 p.m.). Including using your off campus privileges.**

Communication between home and school is of utmost importance for the Attendance Office. The following is a list of acceptable reasons your student may miss school:

- Personal illness
- Funerals and religious services as requested by the parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Professional appointments that could not be scheduled outside of the regular school day
- Serious personal or family crisis
- Student is not in proper physical and/or mental condition to attend school in accordance with Wisconsin Statue 118.15(3)(a)
- Suspension from school

Students will be excused for the above reasons only when a parent/guardian gives an explanation of the cause of the absence. Please call the Attendance Office by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. If this is impossible, please call or send a note with your child on the day of their return to school.

Parents/guardians are allowed to excuse their child for part of, or the entirety of, ten days per school year without a medical note. If your child is absent from school for more than ten days, you will be asked to furnish a medical excuse. Absences excused with medical notes are excused without using the ten days previously mentioned. Family vacations or activities must be pre-arranged through the Attendance Office prior to leaving. In such cases, the student must complete an Anticipated Absence form.

### WSD Continuous Nondiscrimination Notice

The Wausau School District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Federal law prohibits discrimination in education and employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability. Anyone who believes that the Wausau School District has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, may file a complaint with the WSD Equity Director at the Longfellow Administration Center, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-0359, or by telephone at 715-261-0500.

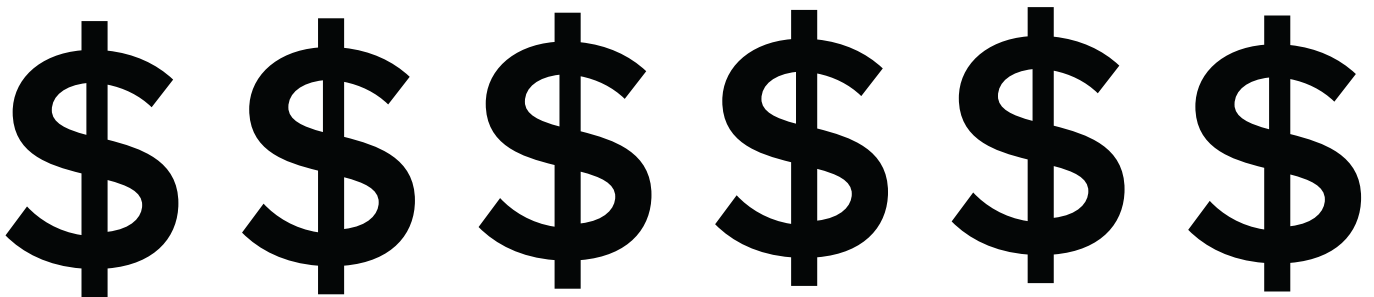
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## Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl 2022

Students from the Business & Marketing Department competed in the annual Wausau Region Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl sponsored by Asset Builders of America, Inc. The Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl is a financial literacy challenge for high school students in the area, with students competing in a wide range of financial literacy topics that align with state standards.

Wausau West students Amber Frostman, Nadia Marciniak, Caleb Tuley, Aidan Vachowiak, Lexi Wergin and Sophie Sinz participated in this year's challenge. Amber, Caleb and Nadia placed fourth overall in the competition! Great job Warriors!





## Microsoft Office Specialist Certification

Congratulations to the following Microsoft Office students from Wausau West High for earning their Microsoft Office Specialist Certification in Microsoft Word. Microsoft Office Specialist certifications demonstrate that students have the level of skills necessary to proficiently use key office programs required in today's industries. Many more students will earn certifications in PowerPoint and Excel exams throughout the semester. Special thanks to Northcentral Technical College for their financial support with these programs.



Grant Russell

Landon Sneider

Bradyn Woller



## WEA Member Benefits Student Art Contest

Eleven finalists were selected from over 100 student submissions from across Wisconsin based on the theme “Life is full of magical moments.” Students could submit pieces of art that focus on capturing an uplifting moment. Ellise Markevitch, a 2022 graduate, and Allison Seanor, a current senior, were selected as finalists.

The “Best in Class” award is named in memory of Loeymae Lange. Allison Seanor received the Best in Class award and a cash prize.



Allison Seanor



Artwork by Ellise Markevitch



## 2022 Featured Muralist Artists



Moani by Colleen Wilcox  
Reproduced by Ella Keefe  
Grade 10



Happiness Koi Dance by Marcia Baldwin  
Reproduced by Peighton Frederick  
Grade 10



Swirling Current by Patrick Markle  
Reproduced by Charlotte Knihtila  
Grade 12



Sunflower in July by Marcia Baldwin  
Reproduced by Ellise Markevitch  
2022 Graduate



Octopus Madness by Colleen Wilcox  
Reproduced by Lindsey Lucht  
Grade 12





Do you like to volunteer? That's all Key Club does. We help volunteer in our school, other schools, and the community. If you haven't joined Key Club yet, students can join any time. We meet every other Thursday in room 318, before school or after school. We meet at 7:20 am or 3:05 pm for a few minutes to see what events are available for students to volunteer at. If you can't make the meetings, the clipboards in 318 have the events listed, and Key Clubbers can stop by to sign up when they get a chance. To become a member, you just need to fill out the membership form and transportation memo. Key Club dues are \$15, and you can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like. You can see Mrs. Borreson, the Key Club Advisor in 318 if you have any questions.



## West Music Department Updates



### All-National Honor Ensemble

Congratulations to West High Senior Emma Senanayake for being selected to the National Association for Music Education (NAME) All-National Honor Ensemble!

The Honor Ensemble took place in early November in National Harbor, Maryland, representing the top-performing high school musicians in the United States.

So much more than a musical showcase, the program is a comprehensive and educational experience. The 2022 ensembles met under the leadership of top conductors in the field of music education.



## WSMA All-State Honors Ensembles

Congratulations to all of the Wausau West students on their outstanding performances with the Wisconsin School Music Association All-State Honors Ensembles. WSMA State Honors Music Project provides musically accomplished students with an opportunity to rehearse and perform with the nation's finest conductors in a professional, highly disciplined setting. Selected through a rigorous audition process, students are challenged to perform at their musical best throughout the short rehearsal period, which culminated with a performance in October in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Music Conference held in Madison each year.

The WSMA Honors Concerts will be broadcast on your PBS station on the following dates:

- Monday, December 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 1:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 10:00 p.m.

Tune into your NPR radio station to hear the performances on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

### Students participating in the WSMA Honors Ensembles include:

#### High School Mixed Choir:

- Emma Senanayake

#### High School Jazz Ensemble:

- Ryan Hoganson - Bass
- Levi Mathias - Trombone

#### Middle Level Honors Band:

- Madeline Kelter - Clarinet

#### Middle Level Honors Orchestra:

- Emma Huggenvik - Double Bass
- Michael Marzu - Double Bass

#### Middle Level Honors Choir:

- Kaitlyn Butler
- Addison Fochs
- Nicholas Xiong



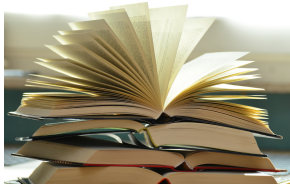
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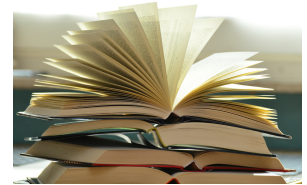


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### Wausau West Library



Traveling in the next two months? The library has SORA which includes magazines, audio books, and eBooks. Digital materials can be downloaded on phones or Chromebooks for off Wi-Fi viewing. To get started, go [apps.wausauschools.org](https://apps.wausauschools.org) - click on SORA - log in with your school credentials - then choose Wausau West for your school. Browse for books, magazines or audio books. When you find one you like, click "borrow". Your item will be found on the "my shelf" option when you go back into SORA. Items take a few minutes to download. Be sure to keep your device on Wi-Fi until it is finished downloading.

The library main webpage is <https://sites.google.com/wausauschools.org/wausauwest/home>.

Feel free to contact me with any questions Jenny Eder at [jeder@wausauschools.org](mailto:jeder@wausauschools.org).

## Health Services

**IMPORTANT: If your child is feeling ill during the school day, please have them report to the health office. We will contact you to make arrangements for them to be picked up or sent home.**

### Information regarding your child and illness.

*Please follow these guidelines from the Wausau School District for illness:*

Masks are optional within the Wausau School District, so if you prefer to send your child to school with a mask, you are more than welcome to do that.

*Here's what else you need to know:*

- If your child is sick (COVID-19 or something else), keep them home.
- If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, we recommend they get tested

#### **We accept PCR, Rapid Antigen, and home tests.**

- If the test comes back negative, they can return to school when they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and their symptoms are improving.
- If they test positive, we recommend that they quarantine for 5 days from their symptom onset. **So what does that look like?** The first day of their symptoms is considered **DAY 0**. Once **5 days** have passed, they are cleared to return to school on **DAY 6**. when they return, we recommend they wear a mask until **DAY 10**.

**Reminders: All medication, prescription or over the counter, (i.e., ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, cold medication) must be kept in the health office during the school day. Students may carry emergency medication, inhalers and diabetic supplies. They also may carry cough drops, if needed.**

Thank you from Wausau West Health Services!

Tracy Pupp, Health Aide: 715-261-0851 or [tpupp@wausauschools.org](mailto:tpupp@wausauschools.org)

Sydney Nielsen, School Nurse: 715-261-0914 or [snielsen@wausauschools.org](mailto:snielsen@wausauschools.org)

Office Hours: 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days







## Nutrition Services

### Negative Meal Accounts

- School Messenger messages will be sent out to all households to let you know if your child's meal account balance is negative. Please send money with your child in a prepayment envelope that includes your child's name. This envelope can be given to the kitchen staff at your child's school. Parents may visit [www.Paypams.com](http://www.Paypams.com) to create an online account for your child where you can add money to their meal account using a credit card as well as view purchases made.
- Middle School and High School: Ala carte privileges are suspended once the meal account goes negative, a reimbursable meal only may be charged on a negative account, until the account reaches a negative \$20.00; at which time the student will need to bring a cold lunch meal from home until the negative balance is corrected or cash is brought in to pay for the hot lunch meal that day. No student eligible for a free or reduced meal may be denied a lunch, even if the student has a negative account balance greater than negative \$20.
- **See Paypams ([www.paypams.com/onlineapp](http://www.paypams.com/onlineapp)) to complete an online meal application to see if you qualify for FREE and REDUCED Meals.**



### Wausau School District Inclement Weather School Closing Information

For more information about the  
Emergency School Closing Plans and the  
First Student Bus Arrive Times  
[click this link](#)

# YEARBOOK

## ORDER YOUR 2022-2023 YEARBOOK NOW

Place and pay for orders in the Wausau West Business Office or through the Parent Portal fee page. Please choose the optional fees tab:

- ⇒ \$53 for a Yearbook
- ⇒ \$55 for a Yearbook with your name engraved on it
- ⇒ A very limited number of extra books will be ordered.
- ⇒ Reserve your copy NOW! ←

## SENIOR YEARBOOK MESSAGES

Still want to submit a senior message for the yearbook? We will take senior message orders until our pages are full. Don't delay, submit materials today! Questions?

Email: [westpublications@wausauschools.org](mailto:westpublications@wausauschools.org) or call: 715-261-0876

## YEARBOOK & MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT SALE

Publication Lab students are currently accepting local business advertisements for placement in the Warrior's Word magazine and the Aurora yearbook. If you are interested in placing an advertisement in either publication, please email: [westpublications@wausauschools.org](mailto:westpublications@wausauschools.org) or call 715-261-0876 for information, fees, and a contract.

*Congratulations!*

## PUBLICATION LAB AWARDS

Kettle Moraine Press Association ALL-KEMPA (Top Award) - Aurora Yearbook  
Northeastern Wisconsin Press Association - Blue Ribbon - Aurora Yearbook



WINTER GALA COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS:

# *Starry Night*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

DANCE 7PM TO 11PM

AT CENTRAL WISCONSIN

CONVENTION AND EXPO CENTER

10101 MARKET ST. ROTHSCILD, WI

TICKET PRICE - \$20 EACH

TICKET INCLUDES: DJ, APPETIZERS, PHOTO AREA



**Wausau West High School ~ Guest Permission Form**  
**Winter Gala ~ Saturday, January 7, 2023; 7:00-11:00 pm**  
**Deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

**Instructions:**

- Fill out the information below completely.
  - West student information in the gray section below
  - Guest student information in the white section below
- ***You will need an approved guest form before you can purchase a ticket for your guest***
- Only 1 guest per student
- Middle School students are not allowed to attend Wausau West School dances
- Guest of high school age, or who have graduated and are not older than 20 years, are eligible to attend dances
- Guest's picture ID is required at the door

**West Student Information:**

Student Name:	
Phone Number:	
HR Teacher:	

\_\_\_\_\_  
**West Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone #**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date****Guest Information:**

Guest Name:	
Guest Phone #:	
Guest Age:	
Grade:	
School Attending:	

**Guest Student's Agreement:** I agree to conduct myself in a manner which exhibits appropriate language, dignity, and respectful behavior towards others. I recognize that this is a school sponsored activity and that I am bound by the policies, laws and procedures of the Wausau School District. This includes the total abstinence of the use/sale of alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, or controlled substances prior to, while in attendance, or associated with this activity. I further agree to follow any rules or recommendations given by any administrator, faculty and staff, or adults who are supervising this activity. I understand that violation of this agreement will result in immediate expulsion from this activity, possible police referral, parental contact, and my being banned from attending any future Wausau West High School sponsored activities.

**Guest Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guest Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone #**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**School Information:** I certify that the above named student is in good standing both behaviorally and academically. I recommend this student for approval to attend the above named activity of Wausau West High School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guest Administration/Principal Signature**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone #**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

☐ **Approved**   ☐ **Denied**   **Wausau West Administration:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Yes, may attend the dance**   ☐ **No, may NOT attend the dance**



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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.



# 2022 - 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## December

- 07 Winter Sport & Club Photos
- 12 Winter Concert - Grand Theater - 7:00 p.m.
- 23-31 Winter Break - No School**

## January

- 01 **Happy New Year - No School**
- 02 Classes Resume
- 07 Winter Gala
- 09 8th grade visit to West
- 09 8th Grade Parents Night - Auditorium - 6:00 p.m.
- 11-13 Semester 1 Final Exams
- 16 No School - Professional Learning**
- 17 Conflict Resolution Day - Fieldhouse

## February

- 06 Advisor/Advisee Night - 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 17 No School - Professional Learning**

## March

- 06 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 07 ACT Testing - Juniors - All Day
- 11 Art Show - Commons - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 11 Spring Fling Dance - TBD
- 13-17 Spring Fling Week
- 15 Spring Club & Track Photos
- 17 Battle Royale - Fieldhouse - 8:00 a.m.
- 20-24 Spring Break - No School**
- 27 Classes Resume
- 29 Forward Exam - 10th Grade

## April

- 07 No School**
- 12 Wall of Excellence - Auditorium - 7:00 a.m.
- 15 Bandstock - Auditorium - TBD
- 20 ACT Aspire - 9th & 10th Grade only
- 29 Prom - TBD

## May

- 12 Pop Concert - Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Pop Concert - Auditorium - 4:00 & 8:00 p.m.
- 15 & 16 Pop Concert - Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Senior Awards - Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.
- 24 West Graduation - TBD
- 29 No School - Memorial Day**
- 31 Finals Day 1

## June

- 01 Finals - Day 2
- 02 Finals - Day 3
- 02 Students' Last Day
- 05 Teachers Last Day



View the WSD 2022-2023 [Calendar](#)



**The main office will be closed December 23-30, 2022.  
Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!  
See you in 2023!**

