

August 2024



# Newsletter

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## Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

### A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Input

As the calendar flips to August, I want to thank those who participated, assisted, taught, organized, or supported our summer school programming during July. We hosted many enriching and academically supporting sessions throughout the summer through our K-8 summer school session and many other athletic and fine arts programs. The efforts of our staff and the participation of our students was outstanding.

The conclusion of our summer school programming and the start of our high school fall co-curricular season is a sure sign that the 24-25 school year is right around the corner! As we prepare to kick off another exciting school year, I sincerely thank everyone who participated in the district survey. Your valuable input is instrumental in shaping our future initiatives and ensuring that we meet the needs and expectations of our community. We are committed to transparency and will share the survey results publicly soon. Stay tuned for more information on how your feedback is helping us make meaningful

improvements.

Our custodial and maintenance staff have been busy this summer. They have worked hard on several projects throughout the campus to enhance the learning environment and ensure the safety and comfort of our students and staff. Some of the key projects include redoing the window wells on the high school located along East Hamlin Street, resurfacing the high school and Heider Center parking lots, resurfacing the tennis courts, and installing new flooring in the first- and third-grade wings of the elementary school. We are excited about these improvements and believe these budgeted and strategically timed projects are necessary to ensure that we are maintaining the beautiful campus that we all know and love.

With the new school year just around the corner, we are filled with anticipation and enthusiasm. Our dedicated teachers and staff will return to school the week of August 19th in preparation for our students. Many staff members have been doing summer curriculum work and preparing diligently to welcome our students back to a

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year of growth, learning, and new opportunities.

Mark your calendars! The first day of school will be the week of August 26th. Freshman orientation will occur on Monday, August 26th, with the rest of our students returning on Tuesday, August 27th. As Denise Witmer stated, "A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean, and anything can happen." We can't wait to see our students' smiling faces as they return to campus. Please check our website and stay tuned for further details regarding specific start dates and back-to-school events.

As always, we encourage you to stay connected with us

through our website and social media channels for the latest updates, news, and activity schedules. Your involvement and support are not just appreciated, but they are crucial to our success. We look forward to another fantastic year together, knowing that we can count on your continued support.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Here's to a wonderful and productive school year ahead!

Warm regards,  
Ryan Rieber  
Superintendent



**The School District of West Salem is now using Stopfinder to share transportation schedules! The app will go live Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

### **What is Stopfinder?**

Stopfinder is the all-in-one parent app that allows your school district to share your student's transportation schedule, announcements, and more. Stopfinder works with your district's transportation software to provide you the most accurate schedule information as quickly as possible.

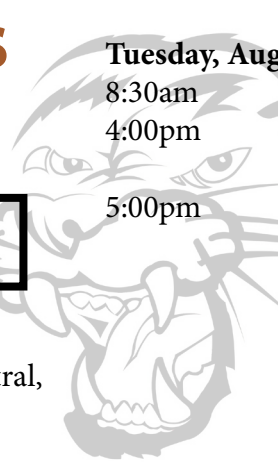
Stopfinder is secure and only for registered users. Your school will send you an invitation providing access to log in to the Stopfinder app. Invitations will be sent through email.

Stopfinder is available anytime for Stopfinder Subscribers. View your student's schedule from your mobile device. Share student schedules with caregivers and family members and view announcements and notifications in the Stopfinder Message Center.

**Check your email for a Stopfinder invitation and visit the App Store or Google Play to download Stopfinder.**

Questions about Stopfinder? Visit <https://stopfinder.com>  
Contact the Bus Garage at (608) 786-4356

# Calendar of Events August



## Athletic Events

### Friday, August 16, 2024

10:00am Football: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Central, Ellsworth & Mauston @ West Salem High School

### Monday, August 19, 2024

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Central @ Central High School

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Logan @ Logan High School

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Eau Claire North @ Eau Claire North High School

### Friday, August 23, 2024

1:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, DeForest, Eau Claire North, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Menomonie, Milton, Onalaska, River Falls, Viroqua & Winona Senior High School @ Multiple La Crosse Locations

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School

### Saturday, August 24, 2024

9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Central, DeForest, Eau Claire North, Holmen, Logan, Luther, Menomonie, Milton, Onalaska, River Falls, Viroqua & Winona Senior High School @ Multiple La Crosse Locations

9:00am Tennis: Girls JV Invitational vs. Luther, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie & Tomah @ La Grange Elementary

10:00am Volleyball: Girls JV/Varsity Scrimmage vs. Altoona, Central, Cochrane-Fountain City, Eau Claire North & Logan @ Eau Claire North High School

10:00am Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Black River Falls, Eau Claire North, Marshfield, Medford, Menomonie, Rice Lake, River Falls & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

@ Menomonie High School

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

8:30am Volleyball:

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tomah @ La Grange Elementary

5:00pm Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Aquinas, Bangor, Black River Falls, Brookwood, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, Durand-Arkansaw, Hillsboro, Kickapoo, Logan, Luther, Marshall, Viroqua, Westby, Weston & Wisconsin Dells @ Westby High School

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Hol/Ona/Aq @ UW-La Crosse

### Thursday, August 29, 2024

4:00pm Tennis: Girls Varsity Match vs. Assumption @ West Salem High School

6:00pm Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ UW-La Crosse

7:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Regis @ Regis High School

### Friday, August 30, 2024

10:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Bloomer, Eau Claire North, Medford, Onalaska, Onalaska Luther & Unity @ Altoona Tennis Courts

12:00pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, D.C. Everest, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Grafton, Green Bay Southwest, Holmen, Houghton, Kaukauna, Kewaskum, Kingsford, Little Chute, Luxemburg-Casco, Mosinee, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripon, Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's Springs Academy, Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca, & West De Pere @ Community First Champion Center

7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School

Calendar of events continues on next page...

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### Saturday, August 31, 2024

- 8:00am Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Appleton East, Aquinas, Bay Port, D.C. Everest, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Grafton, Green Bay Southwest, Holmen, Houghton, Kaukauna, Kewaskum, Kingsford, Little Chute, Luxemburg-Casco, Mosinee, New Berlin West, Newman Catholic, Notre Dame, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripon, Seymour, Sheboygan Falls, St. Mary's Springs Academy, Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca, & West De Pere @ Community First Champion Center
- 9:00am Tennis: Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Altoona, Bloomer, Eau Claire North, Medford, Onalaska, Onalaska Luther & Unity @ Altoona Tennis Courts
- 10:00am Cross Country: Boys & Girls Varsity Invitational vs. Boscobel, Central, Dodgeville, Fennimore, G-E-T, Luther, Mauston, Onalaska, Prairie du Chien, River Valley, Sparta, Tomah, Westby & Wisconsin Dells @ Maple Grove
- 4:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Coulee Christian @ West Salem High School

### Band Events

### Friday, August 30, 2024

- 6:30pm Band Night with 7th & 8th Grade Bands @ Home Football Game

### Elementary School Events

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

- 8:00am First Day of School

### Middle School Events

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

- 7:50am First Day of School

### High School Events

### Monday, August 26, 2024

- 7:45am First Day of School for All Students  
Students Report @ Scheduled Times by Grade Level

### Pool's Last Day

The pool's last day open for the season will be Sunday, August 18th.

Please remember to check the lost and found for any items you may have left behind this summer. All items left will be donated or thrown away. Thanks for a great season! We'll see you next year!



## CLASS OF 2025: IT IS YOUR TIME

Senior year is finally here! We have an important yearbook deadline to keep in mind. Each senior needs to submit the following photos:

### 1. Yearbook Portrait

This photo is a traditional, formal head and shoulders pose. You may use this same portrait for everything if you would like.

**\*No full-length poses, hats, props, “misty” filters, or distracting backgrounds.**



### 3. Baby Photo

This photo will be used to morph into the “big kid” photo for the Senior Slideshow. The best morphs are created using baby photos where the baby’s face is the dominant part of the photo.



### 2. Times of Our Lives

This may be less formal.



### 4. Senior Photo for Slideshow

This photo will be the photo that the baby photo morphs into for the slide show. It can be the same photo used for the Yearbook or Times of our Lives if you would like.



Photos due:  
Friday, Nov. 15,  
2024

Submit **300 dpi jpeg** photo(s) via email to [armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:armstrong.andrea@wsalem.k12.wi.us)  
Please label photos with the student name and publication - ex. JoeSmithYearbook.  
Labeled hard copy photos can be dropped off to room 241 - silver box.

# 2024-2025 Registration Information and Reminders

## Elementary School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 13th** from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jostens will be here to take student pictures at this time. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Elementary School Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 21st from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## 4K

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1st 2024, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so. There is a morning and an afternoon session of 4K offered Monday through Thursday each week.

## Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1st, 2024, please call the Elementary Office (786-1662) ASAP to register your child, if you have not already done so.

## Middle School

Online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Middle 5th-8th grade students will start August 1st. If you are unable to register online, in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, **August 13th** from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Jostens will be here to take pictures at this time. Please plan on attending! Middle School Open House will take place on Tuesday, August 20th from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## 8th Grade W.E.B. Leader Training

August 12 & 13, 2024

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MS Gym

Meet in the gym each morning with a water bottle, a pen/pencil, and some light snacks (no nuts or peanut/peanut butter allowed). Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) for the activities. You will receive information about expectations such as report time and attire for the 5th grade orientation day during your training.

## 5th Grade W.E.B. Orientation

August 14, 2024

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MS Gym

Wear comfy clothes (no skirts) and leave your bags, backpacks, hats, and phones at home...travel light! The purpose of this orientation day is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the fifth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students will be eating a school-provided lunch with their leaders that day.

**\*Please do not drop your student off early as there is no supervision available\***

We can't wait to meet your child!

The WEB Coordinators,

Amber Coe, Nicole Shrake, Whitney Folkers and Heather Jehn

# 2024-2025 Registration Information- and Reminders

## Middle School Marching Band & Color Guard Camp

This year's camp is for ALL 7th & 8th Graders enrolled in band or color guard this fall. There is no registration.

### Camp Times

Wednesday, August 14th - "Crazy Hat/Headwear Day" (no helmets or masks)

12:30-1:30 p.m. - Color Guard & Drums (No bells)

1:30-5:00 p.m. - Full Band & Color Guard

Thursday, August 15th- "Who Are You" Day (wear something that represents a favorite activity, sport, or hobby that you are into)

7:30-8:30 a.m. - Color Guard & Drums (No bells)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Full Band & Color Guard

Friday, August 16th - "School Spirit Day" (you know what to do!)

8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Full Band and Color Guard

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## High School

High school registration is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 6th** from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the high school commons. Jostens will be here to take student pictures at this time. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

## Link Crew Freshman Orientation

### Link Crew Freshman Orientation

August 26, 2024

7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

WSHS Gymnasium

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will be serving as leaders and mentors to the freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students should wear comfortable shoes and clothing, as this will be an active day! Part of the day will be spent at the school forest, so please plan accordingly. Lunch will be served at this event. Students are expected to attend and stay for the duration of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Link Crew Coordinator Jamie Olson ([olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:olson.jamie@wsalem.k12.wi.us)).

# 2024-2025 Health Information and Reminders

## Medication at School

[Medication forms](#), which are available at most major clinics and will be available at registration and [online](#), are required for the following:

- All prescription medications that need to be given during school, including inhalers carried by students (must be signed by the parent and the physician).

State statute and school district policy do not permit any prescription medications to be given at school without a **written statement signed by the physician and the parent or guardian**. This includes the use of inhalers, as well as epi-pens; students may not use or carry any prescription medication without written permission from their physician. Medication needs to be in its original container and properly labeled. Please do not send medication in a baggie or an unlabeled bottle, as it cannot be given.

A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed, and a new one is needed for each school year.

During online registration, you will be able to sign that certain over the counter medications may be given at school. For scheduled, daily medications, a signed medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. This form must be signed by a parent and the prescribing provider. A separate medication form is needed for each medication and for each child. If you feel your child may need any over the counter medication during the school year, please check with the school nurse for availability. \*Availability is not guaranteed. Please send medications if needed. Over the counter medication may not be stored in backpacks. All over the counter medications that may need to be given during school that are **not** electronically signed off on at registration also require a signed medication form.

Substances that are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a medical practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian.

## Student Immunization Law Age & Grade Requirements to enter the 2024-2025 School Year

### Ages Pre-K through 4 years:

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 polio, 1MMR\*\*, 3 Hep B\*\*,  
1 Varicella\*

### Grades K and 1

4 DTP/DtaP/DT (1st dose after 1st birthday), 4 polio,  
2MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Varicella\*

### Grade 5

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 3 Hep B,  
2 Varicella\*

### Grades 6-12

4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 polio, 2MMR, 1 Tdap, 3 Hep B, 2  
Varicella

### **\*Note the changes from DHS on the next page for 7th & 12th graders**

\*Varicella is the chickenpox vaccine. Chickenpox  
disease history is also acceptable.

\*\*MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella. Lab  
evidence of immunity is also acceptable for MMR  
and also for Hepatitis B.

Any student not up to date by the 30th day of school  
may be excluded from school by state statute. What  
you need to do to avoid exclusion is:

- Provide school with month, day and year of the required immunizations
- Have your child immunized OR
- Sign a [waiver](#) (online & also available from School Nurse office)
- In the event of a communicable disease outbreak, such as measles, children who are not vaccinated are often required to stay home from school and school-related functions until the outbreak ends or they get vaccinated, for their safety.



# 2024-2025 Health Information and Reminders

## Important Vaccine Updates from the School Nurse

On May 20th, 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS 144.01) announced updates to the immunization requirements for children in childcare centers and schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

### Key Changes:

1. Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement: Students entering 7th grade must receive the MenACWY vaccine, and eligible students entering 12th grade need a booster dose. If you are unsure whether your student meets these requirements, please contact your medical provider.
2. Chickenpox Vaccine Exemption: Newly enrolled students can no longer use a parent's report of chickenpox to claim exemption from the varicella vaccine. A diagnosis from a qualified healthcare provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) is required. Past reports by parents of a history of varicella/chicken pox are still valid.
3. Existing exemption options in place for all vaccines still apply: Forms can be found on our website by going to "District" > "District Information" > "School Health Services" English Vaccine Record/Waiver, Spanish Vaccine Record/Waiver, Hmong Vaccine Record/Waiver (The exemption portion of this form is at the bottom of the form).
4. Outbreak Definitions Update: The definitions of "substantial outbreak" for childcare centers and schools have been revised to align with CDC definitions, including the addition of chickenpox and meningococcal disease.

Once your student has received the required vaccinations, please forward the records to your student's school office to update their information. You may obtain this information on MyChart, directly from your students' provider, or you can find this information Wisconsin Immunization Registry portal for parents. Please send a picture/screenshot to 608-451-1185. Please remember to include your name and the student's name in the message. Alternatively, please fax this information to the appropriate school for your student(s) or email the information to: [wsnurses@wsalem.k21.wi.us](mailto:wsnurses@wsalem.k21.wi.us).

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Elementary School Fax: 608-786-3415

Middle School Fax: 608-786-1081

High School Fax: 608-786-1273

In Health and Wellness,

Kate Brohmer BSN, RN

School District of West Salem

District School Nurse

District School Nurse Cell: 608-451-1185

District Nurse Email: [brohmer.kate@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:brohmer.kate@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

Health Offices' Group Email [wsnurses@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:wsnurses@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

# 2024-2025 School Nutrition Information

## 2024-2025 School Nutrition Prices

Breakfast	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$1.80	FREE
Middle	\$2.00*	FREE*
High	\$2.15*	FREE*
Adult	\$2.75*	N/A

Lunch	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary	\$3.10	\$0.40
Middle	\$3.30*	\$0.40*
High	\$3.45*	\$0.40*
Adult	\$4.35*	N/A

\*Extra Entrees and second breakfasts and lunches are offered at the Middle and High Schools only. An extra breakfast entree is \$1.75, and an extra lunch entree is \$2.75. Extras are not covered by the Free or Reduced Plans and require funds in the account in order to purchase.

Milk Break	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
Elementary (K-4th)	\$0.35	FREE

Ala Carte Milk or Juice	Full Pay	Free/Reduced
	\$0.60*	\$0.60*

\*Ala carte items are not covered by the Free or Reduced Meal Plans and require funds in the family food service account in order to purchase.

## 2024-2025 Free & Reduced Application Information

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now being accepted and can be submitted online, downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting Emily Klunk, Director of School Nutrition at (608) 786-3078.

Letters for qualifying families are mailed to the Parent/Guardian(s) on file.

## Updated Food Service & Fee Management Payment Options

Our online payment processing vendor, RevTrak, has an updated and streamlined look for paying for school meals and class and activities fees. You will follow the same steps by logging into your Skyward Family Access account and clicking “Fee Management” or “Food Service” and then “Make a Payment.”

This will open a new window where you will be able to add money to your lunch account and pay your fees at the same time. Simply click “Food” and select the amount you would like to apply to your account and add to cart. You can repeat the same steps with any Class Fees as well.

There is also a new option called “Auto Replenish” which will add a specific amount you designate to the food service account when the balance reaches a particular amount. This is completely optional. Ex: You set up your student’s account to add \$50.00 each time the balance drops below \$5.00.

Once you have all of your food service and fee payments added to your cart, click “Checkout” and proceed to payment.

**\*Remember, all service fees are waived through the month of August!**

# 2024-2025 School Nutrition Information

## New School Menu Program!

The Food Service Department is pleased to introduce My School Menus by Health-e Pro – a mobile app and interactive, online menus. My School Menus allows easy access to complete nutritional information for the school meal program – anytime, anywhere.

### Features of My School Menus

- Complete list of all food choices available to students
- More accurate nutrient data for menu items tied to the actual products being ordered
- Ability to Build-A-Meal and create customized meals
- Ingredient information for certain menu items
- Allergen identification by filtering menu items
- Dietary preference identification showing symbols identifying foods
- Translation to 180 languages using Google Translate



Simply download the app from the App Store or the Google Play Store, enter West Salem School District, and select the school and menu you would like to view!

Questions? Contact Emily Klunk, Director of School Nutrition at (608) 786-3078 or [klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

*My School*  
**MENUS**



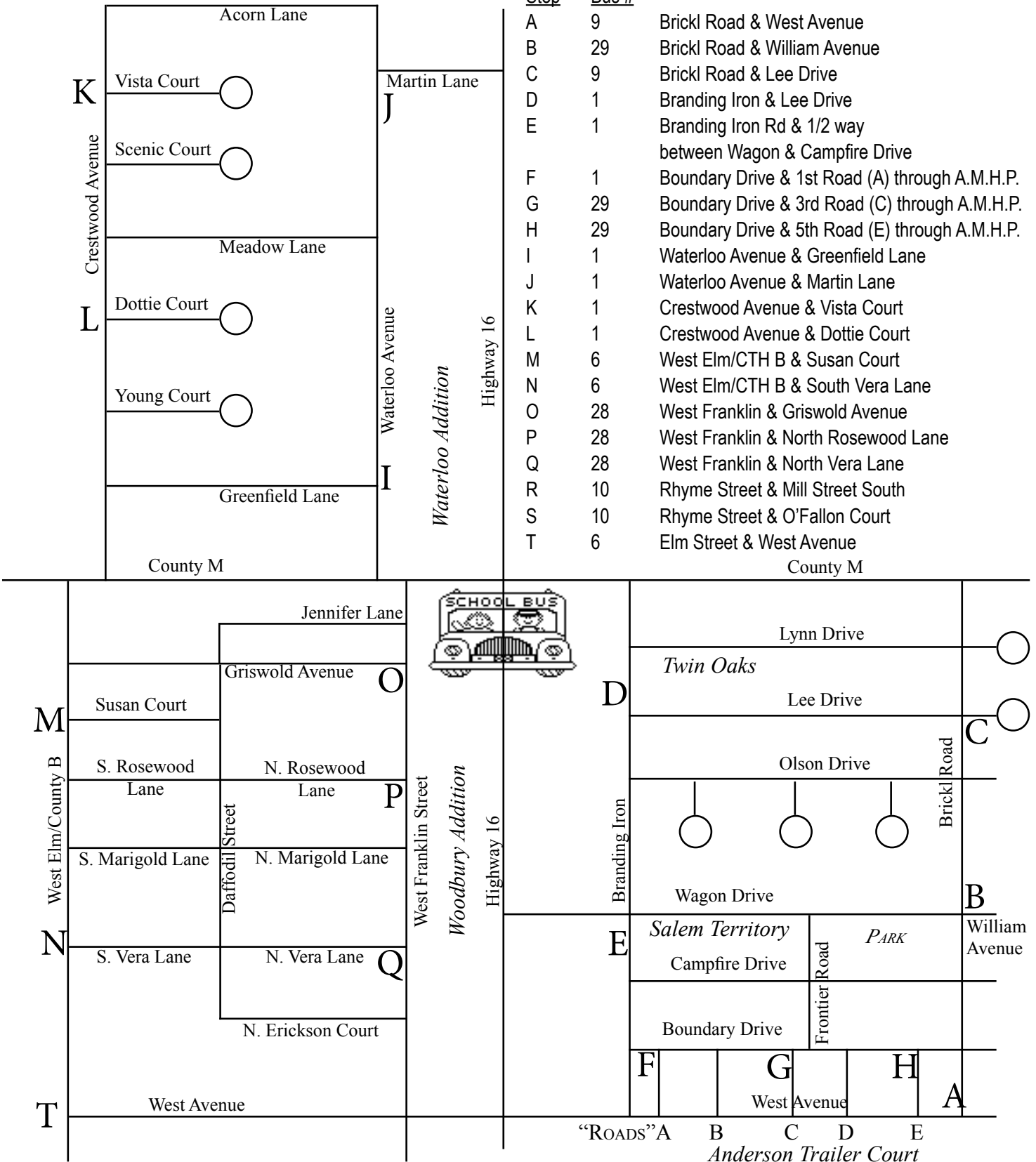
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# TRANSPORTATION

## Village Bus Stops

The stops are as follows: (same stops, different letters)

Stop	Bus #	
A	9	Brickl Road & West Avenue
B	29	Brickl Road & William Avenue
C	9	Brickl Road & Lee Drive
D	1	Branding Iron & Lee Drive
E	1	Branding Iron Rd & 1/2 way between Wagon & Campfire Drive
F	1	Boundary Drive & 1st Road (A) through A.M.H.P.
G	29	Boundary Drive & 3rd Road (C) through A.M.H.P.
H	29	Boundary Drive & 5th Road (E) through A.M.H.P.
I	1	Waterloo Avenue & Greenfield Lane
J	1	Waterloo Avenue & Martin Lane
K	1	Crestwood Avenue & Vista Court
L	1	Crestwood Avenue & Dottie Court
M	6	West Elm/CTH B & Susan Court
N	6	West Elm/CTH B & South Vera Lane
O	28	West Franklin & Griswold Avenue
P	28	West Franklin & North Rosewood Lane
Q	28	West Franklin & North Vera Lane
R	10	Rhyme Street & Mill Street South
S	10	Rhyme Street & O'Fallon Court
T	6	Elm Street & West Avenue



**THIS PLAN WILL BE ON TRIAL FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AND CHANGES MAY HAVE TO BE MADE.**



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## DRIVERS ASSIGNED VEHICLES

- A. Tauscher .....#1
- A. Devenport.....#2
- K. Bina .....#5
- K. Morgan .....#6
- S. Stach .....#9
- A. Arnold.....#10
- C. Friet .....#11
- G. Lafky .....#12
- B. Gorniak.....#14
- T. Lord.....#15
- B. Kortbein.....#16
- A. Bakke .....#20
- M. Johnson.....#23
- S. Tauscher .....#24
- D. Day .....#25
- C. Bockenfeld .....Para
- OPEN.....Para

## Emergency Radio Stations for school delay or closing information

- WIZM - 1410 A.M.
- Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.
- WRQT - 95.7 F.M.
- WKTY - 580 A.M.
- KCLH - 94.7 F.M.
- KQEG - 102.7 F.M.
- WLXR - 104.9 F.M.
- WQCC - 106.3 F.M.
- WLFN - 1490 A.M.
- WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
- WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
- WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
- WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
- WXOW - TV-19
- WKBT - TV-8

## Evening Pick-up

Coulee Christian School	Bus #6	3:00
Christ-St. John's Lutheran School	Bus #15	3:00
Coulee Christian High School	Bus #15	

## Morning Drop off

Coulee Christian School	Bus #9
Coulee Christian High School	Bus #15
Christ-St. John's Lutheran School	Bus #9

## School Times

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Elementary	8:00	3:08
		3:10
		3:12
Middle	7:50	3:10
High	7:50	3:10
Christ-St. John's Lutheran	8:00	2:55
Coulee Christian School	8:10	3:00

All students catching buses at stops listed should be at those stops by 7:20. Drop-off in the evening will be carried out by the same bus and will range from 3:20-3:40. For the first few weeks, many changes are possible due to child distribution and other factors. **Please be patient!**



village stops 7-2024.indd

2024-2025 ~ Bus Loading at Elementary



## Creativity on Display

Mrs. Staebell's summer school art-classes channeled their creativity and used their artistic skills to create a colorful mural in Mr. Hubing's office! We think it adds the perfect splash of color! Excellent job, Panthers!



# District Announcements



## Annual Trek along the Ice Age Trail

For the sixth year, a group of 15 of our incoming 8th grade students, along with Mr. Baker, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Olson, and Mrs. Jarosh ventured out on a 34 mile trek along the Ice Age Trail in northern Wisconsin. Students spent a week practicing their camping and survival skills around campus and Lake Neshonoc before spending four days on the trail in varying conditions. Armed with their mosquito nets and walking sticks they were pushed to the max as they hiked through muddy, rough terrain. After long days of hiking, they pitched their tents, and set up camp where they learned to start and cook on a campfire. They also encountered lots of wildlife and some interesting fungi! They ended their trip with a visit to Martino's Restaurante in Stanley where their reward for finishing their hike was a delicious personal pizza. Regardless of some of the discomfort, students and staff alike had a great time building memories that will last a lifetime and they can't wait until next year!



## School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Erik Peterson, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~ 786-9998
- Bob Gollnik, Director ~~~~~ (612) 720-1852
- Caitlin Wilson, Director ~~~~~ (608) 780-3836

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



# District Announcements

## Heider Center



### Heider Center Mainstage 2024-2025 Tickets

Individual tickets for all shows will go on sale on Monday, August 12th at noon on the heider center website ([www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)) and at the box office starting at 1:30pm.

**Box Office Hours**  
Monday & Thursday: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Open Everyday 1:30-4:00 pm the week before a show  
[www.heidercenter.org](http://www.heidercenter.org)

**1ST ANNUAL HEIDER CENTER  
BARN BASH & CHILI COOK-OFF**  
Sunday, Oct. 13 | 3pm-7pm | Horstmann Homestead & Event Barn

Calling all Chili cooking experts! Join in the Chili competition at the **1st Annual Heider Center Barn Bash and Chili Cook-Off**, a major fundraising effort for the continued support of the Arts. All proceeds will go to supporting our Community Education, Children's Educational outreach programs, and our annual Heider Center Senior Scholarship program.

This event will take place on Sunday, October 13th from 3:00pm-7:00pm at the Horstmann Homestead Farm and Event Center in West Salem.

We are now currently accepting **COMPETITORS** for the chili cook-off! Please go to <https://forms.gle/xmfFWQaB6V56nV56nV56nV56nV56nV56n> or visit the Heider Center website and click on the Chili Cook Off link to sign you or your team up to compete! Hurry, as we only have 20 spots open. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili.

The day will be filled with wine auctions, 50/50 raffles and more, plus, musical guests from the Twin Cities, "INCOGNITO" will be performing all afternoon as well.

### Looking for Important Dates?



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



### Summer School Fun!

Our students were full of smiles at summer school, learning, playing, and soaking up the sunshine with friends! From indoor games to visits to the fair, we want to thank our dedicated staff for providing lots of fun enrichment opportunities for our students!



# School District of West Salem

## School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 24, 2024

### Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

#### Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on June 20, 2024.

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Sean Gavaghan led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Erik Peterson recited the District Mission Statement.

#### Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, Bob Gollnik, Catherine Griffin, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Heidi Horton, Ben Wopat, Crystal Becker, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Caitlin Wilson, Bob Minard, Mike Malott, Jessa Hickey, and Brennon Anderson.

#### Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, T. Grosskopf seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Written and Oral Reports

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

Human Resource updates: the resignations of paraprofessional Kelsey Arttus, custodian, Chester (Todd) Brown, paraprofessional Megan Forrestal, paraprofessional Alaina Govek, paraprofessional Adilene Rojas, and Wyatt West-middle school cook.

#### Connection with the Community

There were no student board reports to present.

#### Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Gloria Thompson was read.

A thank you note from Sareece Sackett was read.

#### Public Comments – None.

#### Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, B. Gollnik seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2024;
- the invoices to be paid;
- the resignation of Lionel Karyea as a high school resource teacher;
- to hire Emily Callinicos as a 1.0 FTE middle school ID teacher;
- to accept the donations for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe fund from: Jenna Umberger, Corey Marney, Michelle Migala, Tami Mullikin, April Rogers, Ron Schmidt, Laura Skemp-Deal, Sarah Weber, Katharine Papke, Sarah Allen and Brittney Major
- to accept the administrations co-curricular recommendation for Josh Brewer-assistant high school football coach, Scott Johnson-volunteer high school assistant football coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion/Action Items:

Superintendent Rieber and members of the Superintendent's Cabinet Team presented a Strategic Plan update. No action was taken.

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to approve the Food Service Agreement with the School District of Bangor for the 24-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Assessment – discuss survey and future work sessions. E. Peterson moved. B. Gollnik seconded to set August 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m. as a Special Board Meeting date to review survey results. E. Peterson and B. Gollnik withdrew their motion. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

#### Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the evaluation and setting the wage for 2024-25 for the superintendent.

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:02 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; B. Gollnik, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Closed Session

#### Adjournment

T. Grosskopf moved, S. Gavaghan seconded to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

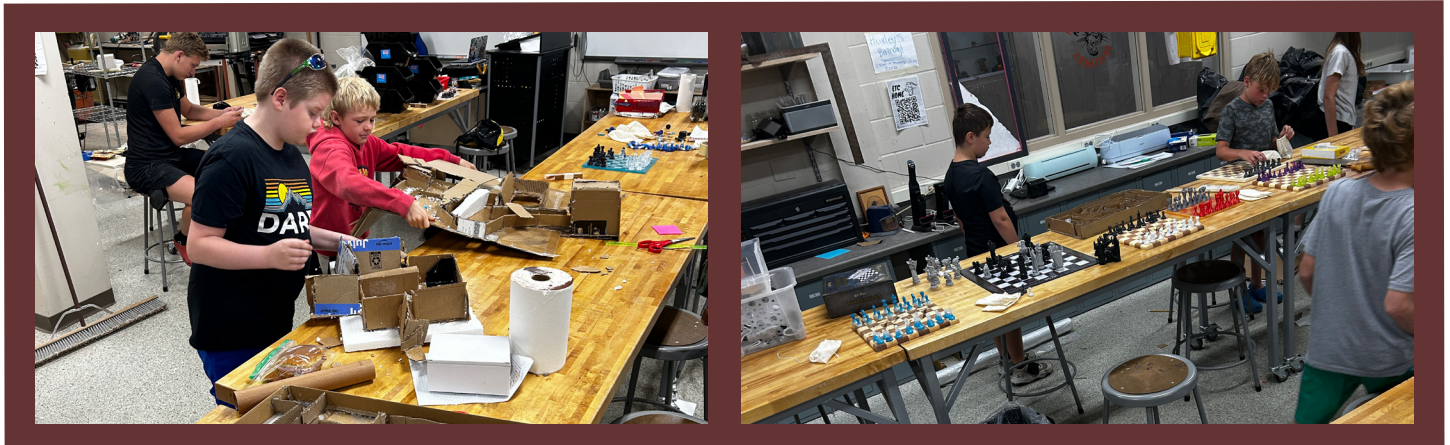
Erik Peterson, Clerk



## STEAM Adventures

Mr. Shrake's STEAM adventures class put their science, art, and math skills to work to create some amazing projects during summer school! They started off by designing scaled marble mazes on grid paper and then built them to scale using cardboard. Their designs ranged from simple lines to complex two-story mazes. For the second year, students were able to design their own chess boards and pieces. They let

their creativity flow as they got to fully customize their pieces with epoxy and resin and some students even elected to laser engrave their wooden boards with their own designs that they created on Canva! They did an excellent job combining their artistic and academic skills to create some incredible projects!



### Did You Know?

The inside of a cucumber is 20 degrees cooler than the outside during the summer!



Check out videos and photos of the innovative things happening in your student's classroom at our district Facebook page and Twitter page. Our social media features videos of student activities, teacher features, classroom selfie photos, etc...

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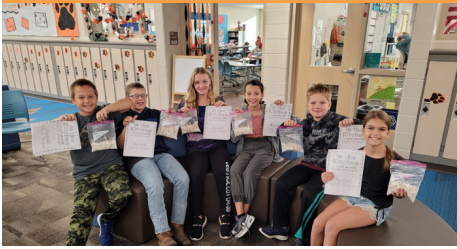


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\*click Calendars and then  
\*click Coulee Conference/Mississippi Valley Conference  
You can also set yourself up to receive automatic text or e-mail notifications for any of the activities listed OR subscribe to RSS.



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