

West Bend School District Update

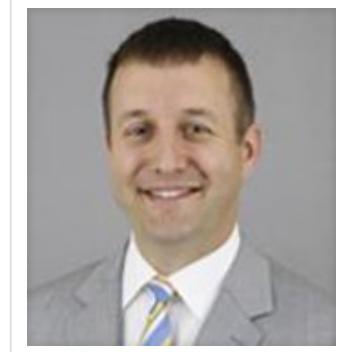
April 19, 2023

First Meeting for New Board Members is 24th

The first meeting for the new members of the West Bend School Board is on Monday, April 24. June Kruger, Kelly Lang, and Dr. Chad Tamez won seats on the board in the April 4 election. Many thanks to Nancy Justman, Joel Ongert, and Tonnie Schmidt, who did not run for reelection, for their six years of service on the board.

Pollatz is New Principal at Green Tree

Nathan Pollatz will become the principal of Green Tree Elementary School on July 5. Pollatz was most recently the principal of Dr. Jones Elementary School in the Racine Unified School District. Prior to serving at Dr. Jones Elementary, Pollatz was the assistant principal at Gilmore Fine Arts Middle School in Racine for five years. Before he was an administrator, Pollatz taught history at the high school level for six years. The principal position at Green Tree opened when Jennifer Potter became executive principal of West Bend East and West High Schools in November 2022.



Autism Awareness Event

The 5th Annual Autism Awareness Soup Night is on Monday, April 24 from 4-6 p.m. in the East High School Cafeteria. Purchase a bowl made by WBSD art students and then try soups from local restaurants. All proceeds are donated back to the WBSD special education program.



Dolphins Celebrate 60th Year; Perform Next Week

Not only are West Bend East and West two of the very few high schools to have a synchronized swim team, but their team (the Dolphins) is celebrating its 60th year! Both boys and girls are training hard for the upcoming Diamond Edition of the Dolphins Synchronized Swim team performances. Plan to attend a performance at the West Bend High Schools pool on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.; Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for students; \$8 for seniors; and \$6 for children under 5. Tickets can be purchased on [GoFan](#).



Student Competing with USA Team

Payson Werth, a sixth-grade student at Silverbrook Intermediate School, was recently selected to the US National Youth Pom team. She will represent the United States with 17 other young ladies who are ages 11-14 and come from Southeast Wisconsin at the ICU World Championships on April 19 and 20. They are the only team representing the US!



WSMA State Honors Project Auditions

There are several WBSD students who were among the few in the state to audition for the elite Wisconsin School Music Association's State Honors Project. WSMA State Honors Project provides musically accomplished students with an opportunity to rehearse and perform with the nation's finest conductors. The Silverbrook students who auditioned include Maggie House, Grace Becker, and Maria Kimmller. The high school musicians and singers who auditioned include Chloe Bauer, Gregory Farmer, Shay Feiter, Haley Hubert, Grace Last, Elena Lohr-Kougl, and Norah Petersen.

Give a Grad a Shout Out

One of the items East and West seniors receive at the graduation ceremony are Grad Grams: personal notes of encouragement and congratulations. Grad Grams are free and easy to complete, just fill out an electronic form on the [WBSD website](#) or download one from the same webpage to decorate and handwrite a note.



All Grad Grams are due by May 26. All the "grams" for each graduate will be assembled into booklets and given to them at the graduation ceremony. The goal is to have a booklet for

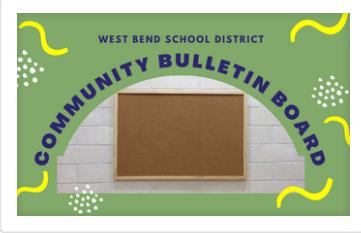
every graduate so please send this information to anyone who may know one of the graduating seniors: friends, neighbors, employers, etc.

Keep in Mind: Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The West Bend East and West High Schools Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes the outstanding athletic tradition at the high schools by inducting former West Bend High School, West Bend East High School, and West Bend West High School athletes, coaches, and distinguished athletic program contributors. Nominations are due on August 25. Forms are available on the [website](#). The induction ceremony is held before the Homecoming football game.



Keeping Kids Safe Online Handout: Access the [informational handout](#) used at the Keeping Kids Safe Online meeting with WBSD staff and West Bend Police Department.



Community Bulletin Board

There are various camps and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

MOWA Summer Activities
Host an Exchange Student
West Athletics Chasin the Chill
Summer Spanish Camps
YMCA Summer Day Camp
YMCA 23-24 Before- and After-School Daycare
Champions Summer Daycare
Summer STEAM Camp at UWM-WC
All Around the Bend Business Showcase
Camp Superhero
GED Class for Spanish Speakers
Learn English Classes
Family Center of Washington County Newsletter

Athletics:

West Bend East Boys Basketball Spring Clinic
YMCA Summer Baseball
YMCA Summer Youth Conditioning
West Bend West Boys Basketball Summer Camp
West Bend East Girls Basketball Youth Clinics
FC Wisconsin Soccer Camps
West Bend West Girls Basketball Clinic
West Bend East Volleyball Clinic
West Bend Youth Football Registration
West Bend Little League Registration
West Bend West Volleyball Clinic



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