

West Bend School District Update

February 8, 2023

Fentanyl Awareness Lectures

View the life-size exhibit of a teen's bedroom depicting the red flags that can signal drug or alcohol use when you attend a free lecture series called Fentanyl: Facts, Fiction, and Future. The next lecture takes place on Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m. and covers overdoses with a presentation by the West Bend Fire Department and others.

[This series](#), sponsored by MPTC, Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department, Washington County, Aurora Health Care, Froedtert, and Elevate, has two additional free lectures on February 16 and February 23 and is held at the MPTC West Bend campus.

Teacher Wins Award

Congratulations to Karen Wysocky, music teacher at Green Tree Elementary, for winning a certificate of excellence in general music instruction from CIVIC MUSIC MKE, an organization that supports music education and provides performance opportunities for young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area.



Karen taught choir at West Bend East and West for 30 years before retiring in 2016. At that time, she directed women's choirs at UWM and supported WBSD choral programs. The students of the WBSD are so fortunate that she "unretired" in 2020 and has taught music at Green Tree since that time. [Learn more](#) about Karen's extensive professional background in the award announcement.

High School Athletics Update

[Bowling](#): This past week West senior Hailey Koebrel qualified for the high school bowling state championships taking place on March 3.

Dance: At the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches State Championships last weekend, the East dance team took fifth in the division two kick and the West team took eighth in the division one poms.



Wrestling: The West and East wrestling teams dominated the North Shore Conference Championships on February 3. The West wrestling team won the championship for the first time in 10 years and the East team took second.

Boys Swim and Dive: The boys co-op swim and dive team finished third in the North Shore Conference Championships. In addition, the 200m Medley Relay team of Drew Gundrum, Weston Keppert, Will Tibbitts, and Wesley Aleithe broke a West High School record that had been in place since 1984.

Girls Hockey: The Lakeshore Lightning Girls Hockey team, which is the co-op team that includes players from East and West, is holding a Hockey Fights Cancer night on Friday, February 10 at the Ozaukee Ice Center in Cedarburg. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

WADA Honor

The East and West Athletic Departments recently presented Bob Holquist with the Distinguished Service Award by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

The award is presented to a person who is recognized in the school and community as a supportive leader who assists in maintaining athletics as an integral part of the total educational program. Bob taught physical education at the West Bend High Schools for 33 years. He was also a basketball coach for 37 years and a football coach for 17 years. Today, Bob supervises the Fitness Center and has for the past 13 years.





Partnering to Learn

High school teachers Mr. Bentdahl and Mr. Johnson took a group of high school students to Badger Middle School to talk about class offerings.

Students Sharing

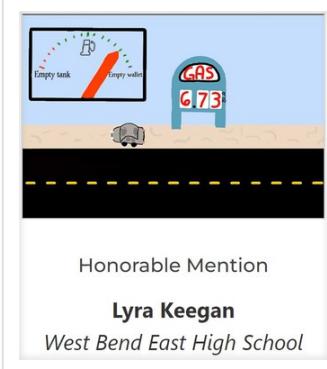
They discussed the technology and engineering education programs and worked together to build toothpick and marshmallow bridges that had to support a load.

Hands-on Projects

High school students also showed Badger students some photography tips and completed a photo scavenger hunt in Badger.

Cartoon Winner

Lyra Keegan, an East sophomore, received an honorable mention award for her editorial cartoon in the 2022 Wisconsin Civics Games Contest through the Wisconsin Newspaper Association. Lyra now has the opportunity to have the cartoon published by a newspaper in the state.



Honorable Mention

Lyra Keegan

West Bend East High School

Upcoming Events

Art show: During the month of February, the West Bend Community Memorial Library is displaying art from our high school students.

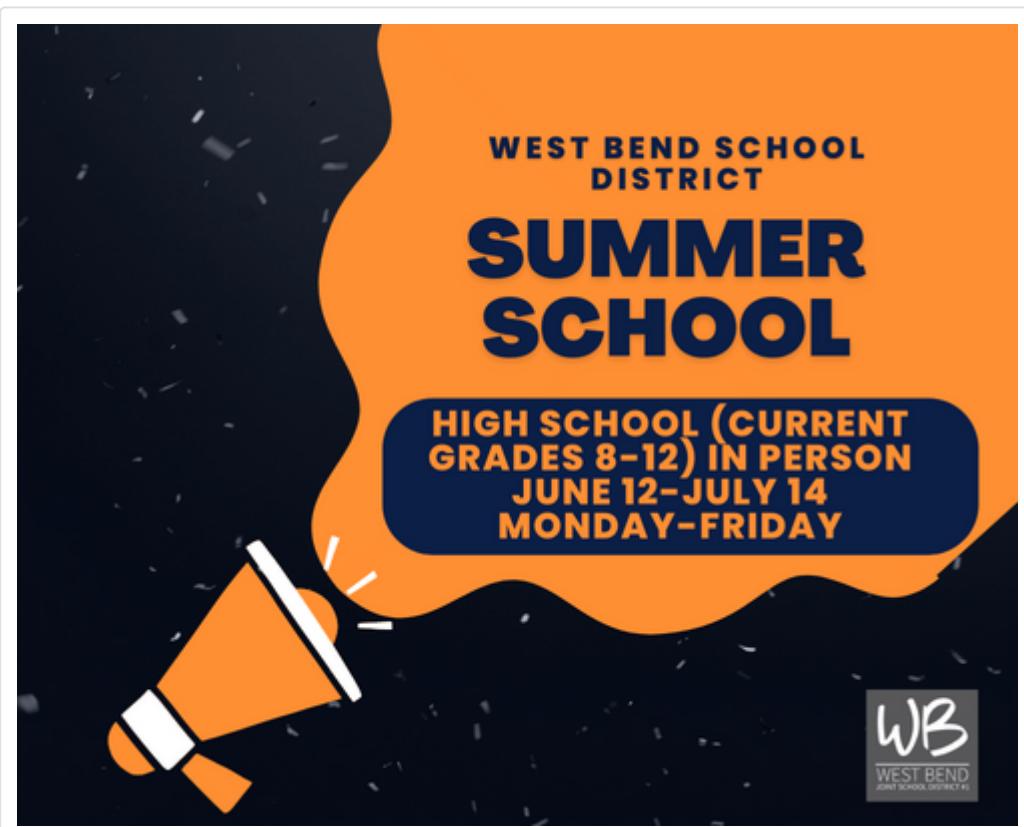
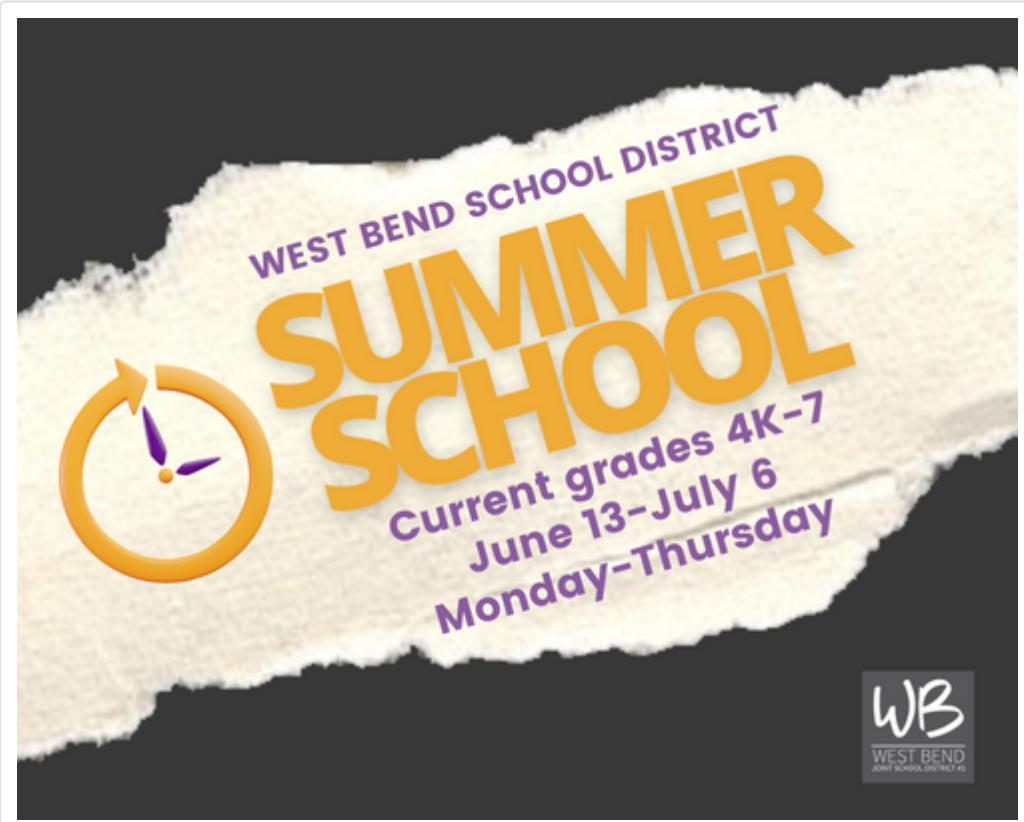
Anastasia the Musical: Next week high school students will present Anastasia the Musical on February 17, 18, and 19. Tickets are available on [GoFan](#) or at the door.

All-District Orchestra Concert: The All-District Orchestra Concert is on Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m. in the high school fieldhouse. The free event features the Silverbrook 5th and 6th grade orchestra, the Badger 7th and 8th grade orchestras, and the high school orchestras. All district orchestra students will play one combined piece.

6th Annual Black History Month Celebration: The WBHS Multi-Cultural Club and the WBHS Black Student Union will present a free event celebrating Black History Month on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center. The event will feature Alafia Drum and Dance Collective.

Summer School Save the Dates

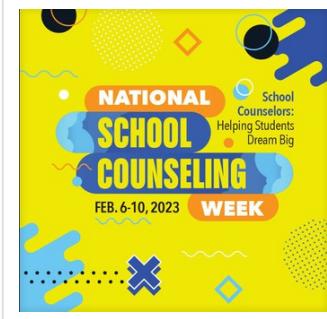
Registration for 2023 Summer School opens for students in grades 8-12 on Monday, March 6 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for students in grades 4K-7 opens on Monday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m. Registration is completed in Skyward.



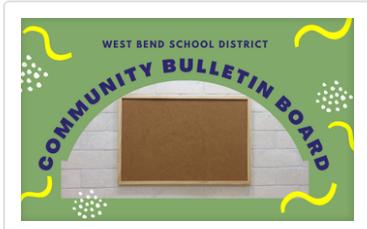
Thank You Counselors

It's National School Counseling Week 2023 (Feb. 6-10), sponsored by the American School Counselor Association. This week we highlight the essential contribution of the 17 school counselors in the West Bend School District and the tremendous impact they have in helping students. Our sincere appreciation for:

Erica Becker
Elisa Biertzer
Angela Borst
Sarah Braunschweig
Tami Faebling-Slayton
Anne Kieslich
Laura Westergaard
Shawn Becker
Allison Mayer
Diane Pearce
Matt Coyle
Juliana Delgado
Jennifer Hanni-Schmitz
Kris Kemp
Nicole Miller
Kara Phillips
Stephanie Stuve



Community Bulletin Board



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

Boys & Girls Club Teen Lock In
Boys & Girls Club grades 3/4 and 5/6 Co-ed Volleyball
Fentanyl: Facts, Fiction, and Future Lecture Series
Camp Superhero
Kettle Moraine Geological Society KMGS Rock and Gem Show
MOWA February Events
Youth Impact Club's Day of Hope Event
Anastasia the Musical
GED Class for Spanish Speakers
Learn English Classes
West Bend East Volleyball Clinic
West Bend Youth Football Registration

West Bend Little League Registration
West Bend West Dance Youth Clinic
West Bend West Volleyball Clinic
Black History Month Event
WBHS Art Show
Richfield Baseball and Softball Registration
West Bend School District Night at the Milwaukee Power
2023 Optimist Club Oratorical Contest
GoRiteway is Hiring
Family Center of Washington County Newsletter



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