

# West Bend School District Update

March 15, 2023

## A Message from Jen Wimmer

Families,

You and your family members can assist in making our schools, district, and community a positive environment for all students. I ask that you please talk to your child(ren) about the importance of never using derogatory terms towards other people under any circumstances. Students in the West Bend School District learn the pillars of the WBSD Way, of which one is Be Respectful.

### **Behaviors of Concern**

As I engage with regional leaders as well as our own principals, we discuss issues facing students we serve and behaviors of concern as they emerge. We want to reinforce our district expectation that no one should be using biased, hurtful, or offensive language. Whether spoken, written, sung as part of a song, said directly to someone or overheard—words cause harm. Racial comments and/or other forms of hate speech will not be condoned. Students will face disciplinary action if they are found to have used this type of language.

Behaviors of concern also include students' perception that they have been given permission to repeat racial slurs in certain circumstances or with specific friends. Please remind your child(ren) that they cannot give or receive permission from other students to use hurtful language. Additionally, there are reports of students engaging in behavior outside of school that encourages the use of unacceptable language, photos, etc. while others video record and then share with a wider audience. In these cases students who receive and share inappropriate videos, chats, etc. may also receive consequences.

### **Reporting**

Students and families are encouraged to report incidents directly to a school administrator for investigation and follow-up. We also have [two additional tip lines](#) to support students and families when they "see something, say something." Behavior reports are further monitored by our Student Services Department administrators. If you have already contacted the school

principal and would like additional follow-up, please contact Emily Melstrand, Director of Student Services, at [emelstrand@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:emelstrand@wbsd-schools.org) or 262-335-5409.

### **Student and Family Education**

To further support student and family understanding, we will be planning to reinforce digital citizenship lessons and information for students and will schedule guest speakers for families to help grow understanding of various aspects of social media. As we plan these opportunities, we will keep you informed.

With this message, I want to ensure that families are made aware of developing concerns and our commitment to swift action when investigating and handling inappropriate behavior. There is no place for this type of language or other harassing language or behavior in the West Bend School District and it will not be tolerated. We greatly appreciate your partnership and our partnership with both the Jackson Police Department and the West Bend Police Department and our School Liaison Officers. Behaviors and/or language that threatens or creates an unsafe environment will result in law enforcement involvement. Feel free to reach out to your school administrator(s), Director of Student Services, or me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Wimmer, Superintendent

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## **Additional Information on Reporting**

There are two additional reporting services used by the West Bend School District. Please review the details of each below.



### *SpeakUP for Safety (West Bend School District)*

West Bend School District students or their family members can use this service to report items of concern to the school district. Feel free to report any threats, concerns about student safety or well-being, or a safety issue in the schools, buses, or events via email ([speakup@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:speakup@wbsd-schools.org)) or text/call (262-357-3530). With SpeakUP for Safety, when a student reports a tip the monitoring company will evaluate the report 24/7 and 365 days a year. It will send an email to WBSD administrators for non life-threatening reports. If there is an emergency situation it will call local law enforcement or WBSD administrators.

### *Speak Up, Speak Out (State of Wisconsin)*

With Speak Up, Speak Out Wisconsin, when a person needs help, anyone can report a tip via the Speak Up Speak Out app or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 (1-800-697-8761) to get a live dispatcher. (No text messages are accepted.) It is a way to get important information directly to law enforcement, such as threat reporting, threat assessment consultation, critical incident response, and general school safety guidance.

## Staff Awards: Deadline to Nominate is Friday

Nominations for the Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards and Support Staff Awards must be submitted by Friday, March 17. Community members, staff, and students can submit nominations to recognize outstanding contributions of West Bend School District staff. Learn more and access the nomination form [on the website](#).

## Summer School Registration Open

Summer school offers many fun and interesting classes for students to expand their interests. Just a few of the classes for students entering 1st or 2nd grades include Camp Read, Awesome Art, Be Fit and Well, and Backyard Wildlife. For students entering 3rd or 4th classes include Full STEAM Ahead, Fun and Games, Fund with Foods, Mad Scientist's Workshop, and Puppets and Marionettes.



**Summer school registration is now open for all grades. Check out the [detailed course guides](#) for more on these classes and many more. The guides also have busing and timing information.**

## Spring Break/Building Hours

Spring Break for students and staff is Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31. The Education Service Center at 735 S. Main Street, West Bend, will be open during the break from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.





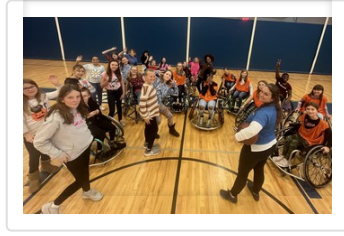
## Jump into a Career

JA's Jump Into Your Future at Decorah helped students learn about careers. Captain Kenny Asselin from the WBFD explained firefighting.



## Behind the Scenes

East and West students in Mr. Bentsdahl's class have been creating create video announcements.



## Competing in Wheelchairs

Silverbrook students tried basketball while in wheelchairs prior to their Family Night event that featured a game with the Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association.

# Final Days of Literacy Resource Review

The Fountas and Pinnell Interactive Read Aloud and Joyful Writing materials recommended for 4K literacy are still available for anyone to review at the West Bend Memorial Public Library through Friday, March 17. Contact Jaime Malsom at 262-306-7125 or [jmalsom@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:jmalsom@wbsd-schools.org) or Matt Durant at 262-335-5471 or [mdurant@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:mdurant@wbsd-schools.org) with questions.

## Do You Have Plans TONIGHT? Go to a Free Concert!

# *Chamber Music Concert*

Wednesday, March 15th

7:00pm, FREE!

The Old Courthouse Museum  
at the Tower Heritage Center  
(320 S. 5th Avenue)

*Featuring WBHS student chamber  
ensembles and a guest performance  
from a UWM Brass Ensemble.*

WEST BEND



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EXCELLENCE WITH PRIDE

Silverbrook/Badger Musical: Tickets for Sale at the Door  
(cash only)



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# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



**March 17 ~ 7:00 PM**

**March 18 ~ 7:00 PM and 3:00 PM**

**March 19 ~ 1:00 PM**

SILVER LINING ARTS CENTER 1305 E. DECORAH RD., WEST BEND, WI 53095



## TICKETS

**ADULTS \$10**

**STUDENTS/SENIORS \$8**

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR CASH ONLY

# **WEST BEND**

## **ROCK N' JAZZ FEST**

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**3.23.23 (6:30pm)**

**Silver Lining Arts Center**

**Featuring...**

**Silverbrook Viking Attack,**

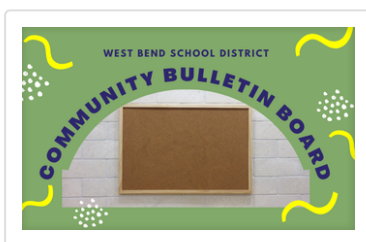
**Badger Jazz, West Bend Brass Band**

**w/ special guest...**



**The B.C.**  
**Brass Band**

**Free! (but donations encouraged)**



## Community Bulletin Board

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

Champions Summer Daycare  
 Summer STEAM Camp at UWM-WC  
 Online Glee Club Class  
 All Around the Bend Business Showcase  
 Camp Superhero  
 GED Class for Spanish Speakers  
 Learn English Classes  
 GoRiteway is Hiring  
 Family Center of Washington County Newsletter

### Athletics:

West Bend West Boys Basketball Summer Camp  
 West Bend Rush Learn Lacrosse Events



WCYHA Try Hockey for Free  
FC Wisconsin Soccer Camps  
Allenton Youth T-Ball and Softball  
West Bend West Baseball Clinic  
West Bend East Volleyball Clinic  
West Bend Youth Football Registration  
West Bend Little League Registration  
West Bend West Volleyball Clinic  
Richfield Baseball and Softball Registration




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