

# West Bend School District Update

March 22, 2023

## A Message from Jen Wimmer

Families,

This newsletter contains information regarding communication. I have been alerted to concerns that are being shared anonymously through private social media groups. Unfortunately, this means I do not have contact information for these individuals or access to share information directly with those who have expressed concerns. While many things circulate online, social media has also falsely attributed something to an individual teacher and leaves the impression that all students are being assigned a specific book.

I am sharing information through our newsletter regarding an English Language Arts assignment in question. At the 7th and 8th grade levels students participate in in-class book clubs. Prior to the start of a new in-class book club, families are provided with a list of available books and further opportunity to direct their child's book selection. The book *The 57 Bus* was on such a list, but not assigned to students in our classes. The book was available and there are a small number of students who have selected to read this text and work in small groups based on their book selection. Students were given an assignment to create an infographic regarding the book they selected. The infographic will not be posted in halls.

At any time, feel free to contact our district to share feedback or ask questions. If you are unsure of who or how to contact someone or want to speak with me directly, please feel free to reach out (see links below for contact information). I am happy to provide you with information that you can use on your social media platforms when provided the opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Jen Wimmer, Superintendent

## Communication

If you have questions, feedback, or concerns about something related to the West Bend School District, the district schools and staff would welcome direct communication. Tips for effective communication are shared both below and on our website.

[Effective Communication](#) from our website.

Here are additional helpful links:

[Staff directory](#)

[School phone numbers and principals](#)

[District administration contact information](#)

[Stay Informed](#) page of the website to review newsletters, press releases, and WBSD News articles.

Families may receive direct communication from teachers with further detail regarding what their child(ren) are learning. Further opportunities are provided for parents/guardians to provide direction to either their child or child's teacher regarding learning. For example, families may choose to opt in/out for all or part of human growth and development lessons, they may further restrict or direct their child's choice in Literature Book Club book selections, etc. Families are encouraged to connect with teachers or school administrators directly with any questions or requests regarding participation.



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The West Bend School District strives to be quickly responsive to questions and concerns from the families it serves and members of the community. If you have a question or concern, the first step is to contact a person who can help. Follow the tips below for the most effective communication.

**1 REGARDING MY CHILD**  
Please first contact your child's teacher. Many questions and challenges can be resolved in the classroom. You may contact your child's teacher by phone or email using our staff directory on the website at [west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us). If you still have concerns after contacting the teacher, contact the school principal.

**2 A SCHOOL RELATED ISSUE**  
Please contact the school's main office for school-related issues. If you have a further concern, contact the principal or assistant principal. A list of phone numbers is available on the website at [west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us) or in the [District Office Information](#).

**3 A DISTRICT RELATED ISSUE**  
The Superintendent, Board of Education, teaching and learning, facilities, business, and transportation will provide timely information and responses. Contact them at 262-306-3800 or [wb3@west-bend-schools.org](mailto:wb3@west-bend-schools.org). Other staff members are listed on the website at [west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us).

MAIN DISTRICT PHONE: 262-306-4800

## 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.



## All Bands in One Place

All the co-curricular bands in the West Bend School District will perform at the West Bend Rock 'n Jazz Fest on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center.



Join Silverbrook's Viking Attack Pep Band, Badger's Jazz Ensemble, PULSE (high school), and WB3 (high school) for this entertaining showcase. This concert will also feature a guest performance from West Bend's own BC Brass Band. BC Brass Band is a lively 10-piece brass band featuring West Bend Bands alumni.

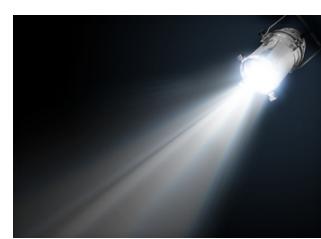
# Vantage Point News: School Liaison Officers

Four West Bend Police Officers serve as school liaison officers for the West Bend School District and have been an integral part of the safety of the schools. Their efforts to keep students and staff safe also include establishing relationships and being good role models. [Read more about the SLOs.](#)



## Spotlight On...Moving Toward a Health Care Career While in High School

West Bend East and West High Schools have a wealth of opportunities for examining and preparing for career and college goals. In the next several weeks, the opportunities for high school students will be featured in this newsletter. We invite you to learn more on the [East](#) or [West](#) websites.



Health care: Soon, students in the Biomedical Innovations class at West Bend East and West High Schools will make a presentation to the scientists at the UW-Milwaukee Great Lakes Water Institute. It will be the culmination of months of work studying the dangers posed by rip currents in Lake Michigan. This class and others in the Project Lead the Way program is an innovative way for East and West students to examine a career in health care. [Read more.](#)

## Summer School is Cool

Students entering grades 5-7 in fall have a variety of Summer School classes to choose from. Whether it is Books and Beyond, Art, Basegames, Escape from Summer School, STEM, or Sports Galore, the classes cover many interests. [Review the guide](#) on the Summer School webpage for even more classes for these grades and others.



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



## Fair Park's Jump into Your Future

At JA Jump into Your Future Career Day at Fair Park, students learned about a variety of professions.

## Teamwork for Artwork

High school students in Mrs. Halopka and Mrs. Hintz's classes teamed up to make St. Patrick's Day craft projects.

## Wearing Green

Students at McLane dressed in their best green outfits for St. Patrick's Day.

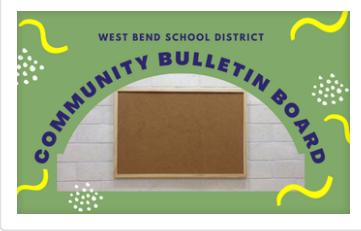
## Funds Presented to Charities

On March 17, West Bend East and West High Schools students and representatives from local businesses and civic groups presented donations to the six charitable organizations highlighted as part of the 19th Annual Charity Week, February 27 - March 4. Charity Week raised the highest dollar amount ever collected in a single year since the inception of the event in 2004 – \$51,500. [See photos from the check presentations.](#)



## Explore Businesses

The West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce is holding the All Around the Bend Business Showcase on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Acuity Fieldhouse of the West Bend High Schools. This event gives West Bend businesses and organizations an opportunity to showcase their products and services. The Chamber is planning on about 100 vendors including small businesses, large corporations, and nonprofits.



# Community Bulletin Board

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

Kids Free Fishing Clinic  
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  
WCYHA Try Hockey for Free  
FC Wisconsin Soccer Camps  
West Bend West Girls Basketball Clinic  
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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