WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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District Art Show is May 4-30

The Hub in West Bend will be full of amazing artwork by West Bend students beginning May 4 and running through May 30. While you can see the art anytime The Hub is open, make sure to attend the show opening celebration event on Thursday, May 15 at 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be food available to purchase.



New WIAA Rules Changes

Last week, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) approved several changes, of which two are particularly noteworthy for their direct impact on student-athletes. Our athletic directors will learn more from the WIAA and will meet within their conferences to understand implications for any changes and will then further communicate with student athletes, families, and coaches. Below is information from the WIAA:

Approval of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Opportunities:

1. Members voted to allow student-athletes to engage in NIL activities, aligning Wisconsin with more than 40 other states.
2. Students may now earn compensation based on their personal brand, provided the activities are not directly associated with their school, team, conference, or the WIAA.

3. Safeguards were included to prevent the use of NIL as a tool to encourage school transfers.

Expansion of Summer Coaching Contact:

1. Members voted to expand the window for voluntary summer coaching contact across all WIAA-sponsored sports (except football).
2. The new windows are June 1-30 and July 7-31, with a required no-contact period from July 1-6. In addition, football coaching must still conclude one week prior to the official start of fall practice.

Several Curriculum Resources Available for Review

Several potential new curriculum resources are available at the Education Service Center and West Bend Community Library for review. To see the times review is open, go to the website. The resources include:

- TC Video 2: Video: Digital Communication & Production 5th Edition and Adobe Premiere Pro Classroom in a Book (2024 Release)
- TC Accounting 1 and TC Accounting 2: Fundamental Accounting Principles 25th Edition, QBQ! The Question Behind the Question, Flipping the Switch: Unleash the Power of Personal Accountability Use the QBQ!
- TC Computer Literacy: Test Out Microsoft Office Pro
- TC Automotive 1, 2, & 3: Fundamentals of Automotive Technology 3rd Edition
- Math: Math Medic AP PreCalculus
- Social Studies: American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP Course (2nd Edition)

School Board News

Update on Status of Referendum Projects



The West Bend School District has prioritized the safety and security improvement projects at Green Tree and McLane Elementary Schools, therefore, work will begin this summer on secure entrances, window and door replacements, bathroom upgrades, and other capital maintenance projects at these schools. Specifically, work will begin in June, immediately after school is complete.

This news and updates on the design of the new Jackson Elementary School were given during the West Bend School Board meeting on April 28 by district staff and project partners EUA and Findorff. **In addition, coming soon is a WBSD Design and Construction newsletter with updates and details.**

Extensive site analysis for the new Jackson Elementary has been conducted to help establish the new school's location on the district-owned property in Jackson south of Main Street on Jackson Drive. In addition, the interior and exterior design process has featured engaging with the Jackson

staff, families, and students. Great progress has been made on designs, and at the May 27, 2025 school board meeting, EUA and Findorff will present the first look at the preliminary exterior and interior design concepts for the new school.

Recap of April 28 Meeting

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on April 28. Melanie Ehrgott was welcomed back to the board for her second term and Joe Pichler was welcomed as a new member of the board after the April election.

The board recognized several longtime staff members who are retiring this year. They included Marietta Bailey, Tracey Gross, Sally Heuer, Andy Kasik, Michele Laufer, Rob Michels, and Jason Penterman. They also approved the Consent Agenda with Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, Contracts, and Retirements. Several reports were given during the meeting:

- Referendum Update
- Superintendent's Report
- Curriculum Committee Report

The board discussed Board Operations; Board Officers, Terms, and Election; Review Board Committee and Delegate Assignments; and School Board Meeting Calendar 2025-2026. The board also took action on the 2025-2026 Staffing Plan and 2025-2026 Employee Contract Renewals.

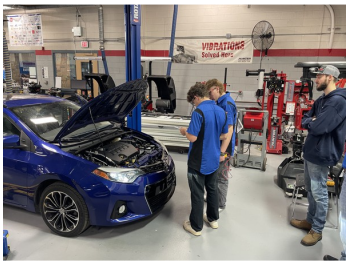
Student and Staff Achievements

Students Place Well at Automotive Competition

Recently, high school students Connor Trahan and Maximus Costa placed third out of 16 teams in the annual Waukesha County Technical College automotive competition. For their efforts, both boys won more than $2,000 in tools and prizes including a new Cornwell tool box.







Jackson Art Teacher Wins Award

Angie Schlitt, art teacher at Jackson Elementary, was awarded the Art Education Leadership Award from Artsonia. The award honors pioneers in the art education community who inspire their peers and engage their students in art.



Artsonia is the world's largest collection of student art, published by teachers and students from around the world. It allows family members to view the student art online, leave comments, and order keepsakes featuring the artwork. Angie is one of only 15 teachers to receive the award out of the thousands that use Artsonia.

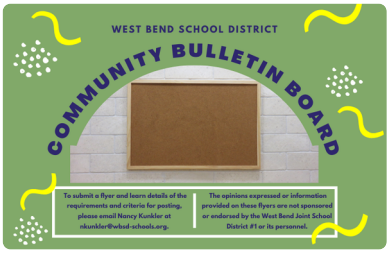
Badger Youth Impact Club Uses Grant for Good



Earlier this year, the Youth Impact Club at Badger Middle School received a $500 grant from the Green Bay Packers Community Impact Project to service projects that impact their school, neighborhood, or community. The club promotes positive mental health so they created "Lift Kits" for all students at Badger. Students will be able to give one to a classmate if/when that peer needs a "lift." The “Lift Kits” will include water, snacks, inspirational stickers, fidgets, and inspirational messages. The goal would be that every student receives one by the end of the year.

Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board



There are various events and activities available on the WBSD’s Community Bulletin Board!

Current:
Trail Sharks Mountain Biking Team Info Meeting
Grit Girls Mountain Biking Event
Youth and Family Project Volunteer Corps
Casa Guadalupe Resource and Health Fair
Kettle Moraine Symphony Concert
West Bend High Schools Comic Con
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
Youth and Family Project Christmas in July Event
Friends Inc: What Were You Wearing Exhibit

Summer 2025:
Boys and Girls Club Silver Lining 5K

Classic Green Reunion
Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Outing
West Volleyball Camp
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
NAMI Washington County Summer Art Therapy Groups
Volunteer Center Camp Superhero and Team Leaders for Camp Superhero
EAA Summer Air Camp for Kids
YMCA Summer Day Camp Registration (now in Jackson too)
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp
Champions at Fair Park Champ Camp
4H Summer Day Camps
YMCA:
Hiring Summer Camp Counselors
Summer Programs Registration
Before and After School Daycare
Free Swim Lessons
Mini Explorers Camp
School's Out Day