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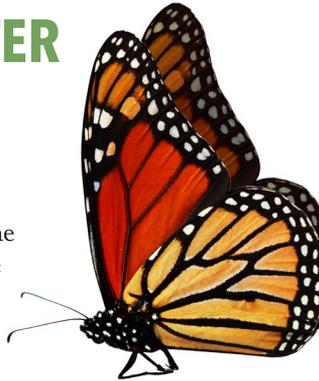
Second-grade students at Gretchko Elementary recently received a special visit from two members of the Michigan state legislature in Lansing – Senator Rosemary Bayer and Representative Brenda Carter.

Senator Bayer and Representative Carter attended a special, student-led presentation on the importance of the monarch butterfly. Students also shared the importance of having the monarch butterfly officially named as Michigan's state insect and what that might mean for the butterfly's conservation.

The two legislators received handwritten notes and pictures from students at Gretchko earlier in the school year and decided to visit the school to update students on the legislative movement to have the

monarch butterfly be named as the official state insect.

Karen Meabrod, Gretchen Elementary teacher, said, "Efforts to have the Monarch become our state insect have been echoed by West Bloomfield students for a few years now. Their request has had the support of adults too. The West Bloomfield School District, West Bloomfield Township, the city of Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake all passed resolutions supporting the Monarch as our state insect."



DISTRICT ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION GATEWAY

The district is pleased to offer a new enrollment system for in-district residents looking to enroll their child for the first time. The Registration Gateway will allow district residents to enroll their student(s) in a much more efficient manner than in years past.

The Registration Gateway will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and walk families through the enrollment process in a simple yet comprehensive manner. Upon completion of the gateway, families will know the necessary forms and items they will need to bring with them to their enrollment interview.

Enrollment interview appointments can take up to 30 minutes and will be scheduled once the Registration Gateway has been completed.

To access the Registration Gateway and the district's new Enrollment Center by visiting www.wbsd.org/parents/enrollment.

The Registration Gateway is only for in-district families enrolling their student(s) in the West Bloomfield School District for the first time. Current families will still be asked to update the student and family information through the district's student information system, Powerschool each summer.



2020-2021 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE/STEAM

The district will once again be participating in Schools of Choice for residents of Oakland County. The application window will also coincide with applications to participate in the district's S.T.E.A.M. program.

The 2020-21 window will run from January 13 to February 11, 2020.

For more information and to apply, please visit www.wbsd.org or call (248) 865-6453.



COLLABORATION

A KEY SKILL FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

By Gerald Hill, Ph.D., Superintendent and Deanna Barash, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

Almost every school is responding to calls to reinvent education to better prepare students for a global society and a rapidly changing economy. We have to start with the “why”.

We need passionate, creative problem-solvers to address the challenges of the future. Knowing this, how can we realize our vision to be the premier educational experience in delivering a real-world, forward-thinking program for the global leaders of tomorrow?

In the West Bloomfield School District, we recognize that in order for our students to be successful in the new global economy, we need to help them be so much more than a test score. We also recognize that no two children are the same, nor should they be. We strive to help our students come to their own “a-ha” moments in ways that support each one as a whole person while also fostering the skills and qualities that are important to their futures.

Ultimately, what is needed to align our teaching and learning with our district’s mission and vision is to paint a portrait of a West Bloomfield graduate, which identifies the dispositions and skills our graduates should possess. Our Portrait of a Graduate empowers our community of learners and educators to be innovative and to make decisions that help the district to build upon its tradition, mission, and vision.

This fall, we developed a student self-assessment and an educator

assessment around Collaborator by asking the following questions, **why assess collaboration and why is collaboration important?**

According to [Reference.com](#), the answer to that question is: “In collaboration, there is an increase in the understanding of diverse perspectives with the development of higher-level thinking as one of the important results. The coordinated efforts of many can accomplish more than the efforts of one or a few separately. Collaborative learning and group work engages deeper learning, social skills, contextual understanding and levels of activity. Oral communication and self-management is fostered with collaboration. Collaborative learning also fosters responsibility, self-esteem and retention in students.”

Adding to this is [Corey Moseley’s article, “7 reasons why collaboration is important”](#) which lists the following benefits to learning how to collaborate effectively:

1. It helps us problem-solve
2. Collaboration brings people (and organizations) closer together
3. Collaboration helps people learn from each other
4. It opens up new channels for communication
5. Collaboration boosts morale across your organization
6. It leads to higher retention rates by creating a cooperative atmosphere important to people
7. Collaboration makes us more efficient workers

In the West Bloomfield School

District, students are collaborating when they work in pairs or groups to discuss an issue, solve a problem, and/or create a product; students are collaborating skillfully when they resolve controversy and conflict through negotiation. We are asking students from kindergarten through 12th grade to think about their skills as a collaborator, assess themselves on a set of criteria and identify how they might grow their capacity. Teachers will meet with each student, review their self-assessment and provide feedback to them. This process also models collaboration, communication, contribution and critical thinking. We are excited to implement our collaborator feedback cycle and look forward to sharing our students’ growth with parents, staff and the West Bloomfield community.

As we encourage each student to work collaboratively it is important to keep in mind what [Julius Dobos](#) noted in the article, **“Collaboration and Teamwork in the Creative Industry”**: *Working as a team is like a puzzle; every member has a unique shape that becomes a part of the big picture. Being able to experience the role of each and every puzzle piece... helps each individual realize his/her own role and that role’s importance in the entire project.*

As our students refine their collaborative skills, they will become more confident, productive and happier individuals able to contribute positively to their learning and to the betterment of their local and global communities.



BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS STAR CERTIFICATES

The West Bloomfield Board of Education recently awarded Star Certificates to staff members at Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School during the October 2019 Board of Education meeting. The Board thanked these staff members for everything they do for students and families in West Bloomfield.

The **Abbott Middle School Justice Team** is a group of educators dedicated to educating students on the importance of social justice through monthly after school meetings. About 22 6th-8th grade students were invited to be a part of the Social Justice Club after going through an application process. The Social Justice team then works to spread their message about social justice to the rest of the school through events and activities throughout the school year.

An example of their efforts is evidenced in the school's Culture Fair. The Social Justice Team started this event with the intent of bringing families together with members of the West Bloomfield Community in a thoughtful and inclusive manner. The fair features an evening of food, fun and entertainment. Last year's fair attendance was over 300!

Amy Hughes, Abbott Middle School principal, said, "This group walks the walk and talks the talk around social issues

and continually looks to educate and support all students' needs. This group allows students to have a voice in guiding the agenda of our Social Justice club."

Jennifer Birmelin, Orchard Lake Middle School, positively represents our district by going above and beyond to provide students with opportunities that they otherwise would not have. She also makes her subject area come alive by routinely helping students to make the connection between the mathematics they learn in their classroom and the math that is applied to the real world.

To create learning opportunities for her students, Ms. Birmelin recently started a "Lunch and Learn" series for her students where community members present on a topic related to mathematics to students during their lunchtime. Thus far, she has welcomed to her classroom Marnese Jackson, an environmental and climate advocate, and Moses Fridman, a Ford engineer.

Stasi Mortimore, Orchard Lake Middle School assistant principal said, "Ms. Birmelin is a positive role model for her students, demonstrating respect for self, others and the school. She is motivated, kind, focused, and always has a student's best interests in mind."



WATSON ELECTED TO WBHS COACHES HOF

The West Bloomfield School District Athletic Department recently recognized another member of their prestigious coaching fraternity when WBHS principal Pat Watson was elected to the West Bloomfield High School Coaches Hall of Fame earlier this fall. Mr. Watson is the eighth member of this illustrious group of coaches and educators who have dedicated years of service to the student-athletes of the West Bloomfield School District.

In 1995, Mr. Watson's unwavering devotion to athletics led

him to accept an impressive three coaching positions at West Bloomfield High School in one year. Mr. Watson would go on to coach a remarkable 47 individual teams at West Bloomfield High School during his tenure.

WBSD Athletic Director Eric Pierce said, "We cannot express the level of gratitude we have for all of Coach Watson's contributions to the history of West Bloomfield Athletics. He has truly made a positive impact on the lives of the thousands of students he has interacted with throughout his tenure in education."



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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NAMES 10 SEMIFINALISTS AT WBHS

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. West Bloomfield High School was honored by having 10 students selected as semifinalists in the 2020 competition.

The district's 2020 semifinalists are Ishan Biswas, Ali Hakim, Kyler Hwa, Aryan Kamath, Tejas Kode, Dhiya Krupashankar, Raj Mulherkar, Sundee Ravella, Isaac Smith, and Avrokin Surnilla.

Ishan Biswas is the son of Boisali and Arunava Biswas. He is interested in studying computer science at the University of Michigan after high school. Ishan is captain of the varsity tennis team and a member of Model United Nations, DECA, HOSA, and National Honor Society. He is also a

biomedical engineering intern at the University of Michigan.

Ali Hakim is the son of Sakina and Sajid Hakim. He is planning on attending the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, or the University of Colorado-Boulder to continue his education. Ali is a member of the boys varsity tennis team, Chemistry Club, Health Science Club and Interact Club.

Kyler Hwa is the son of Karen Zhang and Ian Hwa. He is interested in studying biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan after high school. Kyler is heavily involved in the HOSA and DECA clubs at WBHS.

Aryan Kamath is the son of Manjula and Srinivas Kamath. He is interested in studying computer science at the University of Michigan, Purdue University-West Lafayette or Michigan State University after high school. Aryan is the captain of the boys varsity tennis team, vice president of Finance in

DECA, vice president of the Interact Club, co-president of the West Bloomfield Indian American Student Association, and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Tejas Kode is the son of Pavani Movva and Prasad Kode. He is interested in studying economics and data science at either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University after high school. Tejas is captain of the school's swim team and a member of DECA, the Interact Club and the National Honor Society.

Dhiya Krupashankar is the daughter of Rohini Nedadur and Ganesan Krupashankar. He is interested in attending the University of Michigan to study mechanical engineering after high school. Dhiya is a member of the varsity tennis and cross country teams as well as involved in the Health Science Club, Student Government and the Chemistry Club.

Raj Mulherkar is the son of Priyanka

and Tushar Mulherkar. He is interested in attending Brown University, Northwestern University or the University of Pittsburgh to study medicine after high school. Raj is captain of the cross country team, a member of the swim and dive team, and a member of DECA. He is also president of the National Honor Society, IASA and the Ping Pong Club.

Sundeep Ravella is the son of Bharathi and Prasad Ravella. He is interested in studying engineering after high school at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University or Purdue University. Sundeep is a member of the cross country team, Coding Club, DECA and the National Honor Society.

Isaac Smith is the son of Shari and Fred Smith. He is interested in studying physics and math at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago or the California Institute of Technology. Isaac is a member of Laker Express, EARTH Club, and is a math and science tutor.

Avrokin Surnilla is the son of Karuna and Gopi Surnilla. He is interested in studying biochemistry at the University of Michigan after high school. Avrokin is on the cross-country team, Chemistry Club, Health Science Club, Model United Nations, Indian American Student Association, Debate Club, and National Honor Society.

The district is also proud to recognize the eight WBHS students who were announced as Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Those students are **Mitchell Carroll, Tanmay Deshmukh, Armaan Grewal, Abbaas Hakim, Isaac Mintz, Kirshna Raghavan, Ayushi Uppal, and Joshua Witt.**



For more information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit www.nationalmerit.org.



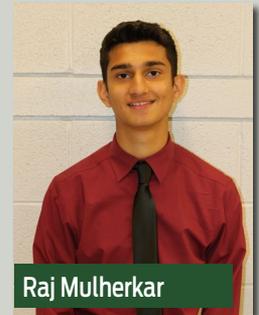
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STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN

SUMMER READING CONTEST

The West Bloomfield Township Public Library once again hosted its Summer Reading Contest in 2019. Library officials were in attendance at the September 2019 Board of Education meeting to recognize the five top readers from each one of the district's schools.

Elementary

At the elementary level, 398 students participated with the group reading 8,790 hours.

■ Doherty Elementary had 97 participants reading 1,646 hours. The top five readers were:

- Julian Massa
- Olive Greenbaum
- Ryuki Iida
- Elise Jentlie
- Eilla Malott

■ Gretchko Elementary had 84 participants reading 1,875 hours. The top five readers were:

- Ian Norred
- Ayden Hammerick
- Zoya Giri
- Maya Bagri
- Denis Pepa

■ Roosevelt Elementary had 88 participants reading 3,186 hours. The top five readers were:

- Anthony Pawlety
- Zuhair Mirza
- Marta Glick
- Owen Calvin
- Hannah Pawlety

■ Scotch Elementary had 48 participants reading 869 hours. The top five readers were:

- Albion Pepa

- Isabella Hanna
- Benjamin Donnelly
- Barron Orton
- Alyson Hammerick

■ Sheiko Elementary had 81 participants reading 1,214 hours. The top five readers were:

- Giovanni Massa
- Rebekah Kim
- Ethan H'ng
- Adrianna Jentlie
- Kaitlyn Tan

Middle School and High School

At the middle and high school levels, 167 students participated with the group reading 8,628 hours.

■ Abbott Middle School had 57 participants reading 2,357 hours. The top five readers were:

- Ryan Norred
- Madison Hanna
- Fima Glick
- Arnav Kamath
- Victor Babbitt

■ Orchard Lake Middle School had 55 participants reading 2,501 hours. The top five readers were:

- Nadrah Mirza
- Adedayo Adebayo
- Rikuto Iida
- Rene Sanders
- Daniel Kim

■ West Bloomfield High School had 55 participants reading 3,770 hours. The top five hours were:

- Malimi Kamath
- Humaid Mirza
- Adrianna Sagmani
- Amulya Setlur
- Elijah Burlak



DISTRICT BREAKS GROUND ON WBMS

The district recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new West Bloomfield Middle School which is set to open to students for the 2022-23 school year. District Board members, administrators, bond team members and local municipal leaders were on hand to celebrate this momentous step in the construction of the new school.

Several current fifth-grade students were also in attendance to help in the proceedings. These students will be members of the inaugural eighth-grade class when the



school opens.

This new, 21st-century middle school would be constructed with both current and future instructional needs in mind. The building will have a capacity of 1,200 students. Instructional programs and the physical spaces will be designed in a way to support smaller learning communities, (i.e. grade-level families and collaboration areas).

In addition to being a state-of-the-art instructional facility, the new middle school will provide expanded co-curricular space for athletics, fine/performing arts, and enrichment opportunities for all students.

West Bloomfield Middle School will bring together the student and staff populations from both Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School into one middle school campus, which will undoubtedly be a gem of the West Bloomfield School District.

For more information on the building and the rest of the 2017 bond projects, visit www.wbsd.org.



HUGHES NAMED WEST BLOOMFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The West Bloomfield School District is proud to announce that Amy Hughes, current principal of Abbott Middle School, has been appointed to the position of principal at the new West Bloomfield Middle School. Ms. Hughes was recommended to the position at the West Bloomfield Board of Education meeting on September 23.

Her vision for the new West Bloomfield Middle School includes incorporating project-based and student-designed learning, where students' natural curiosity and creativity lend themselves to authentic and innovative thinking. Also, recognizing the important role that

social-emotional education plays in helping students in

the middle develop crucial life skills that go beyond academics.

"I am proud to be appointed to the position of principal of West Bloomfield Middle School," Hughes said. "I am excited and honored to be a part of not only the opening of a new building, but the creation of a state-of-the-art learning space, where we will have the unique opportunity to engage our students in authentic, real-world learning at the middle school level. I look forward to merging the students and staff from Abbott MS and Orchard Lake MS and building upon the strengths of both schools, as we evolve into this next phase of combining our two communities."

Ms. Hughes has been a member of the West Bloomfield School District family since 1994, when she joined the staff at Abbott Middle School as a math and science teacher. She then became the building's assistant principal in 2001, where she served in that role for four years. Ms. Hughes was then appointed to the position of principal at Abbott in 2005.



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DISTRICT BANDS CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL FALL

The West Bloomfield Laker Marching Band concluded another successful season on October 26 at Lakeland High School. The band's 2019 show was called "Wild" and was based on the children's book, "Where the Wild Things Are".

Noah Dyer, WBSD Director of Bands said, "The effort level that we saw every day was unmatched, and everyone involved gave their best effort to make each day better than the last."

The band programs at Abbott Middle School, Orchard Lake Middle School and West

Bloomfield High School have also been hard at work throughout the fall. The WBHS bands performed at the Prism Concert on October 16 and are getting ready for the Winter Concert on December 17. The top bands from Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School will join the WBHS



bands for this concert event. The combined 7th and 8th-grade bands will perform in concert on December 18 at Abbott Middle School.

Recently, band students from OLMS traveled to Ann Arbor for the University of Michigan's annual Band-O-Rama show. OLMS band students also attended a performance from the American Federation of Musicians Local 5 Brass Quintet in November.

The award-winning Winter Guard, Winter Percussion and Jazz Band are all kicking off their upcoming seasons in the weeks ahead. Each group looks forward to another successful winter and spring of performances and competitions.

Save the Date:

- Winter Percussion Show at WBHS: Saturday, March 7, 2020
- Winter Guard Show at WBHS: Sunday, March 22, 2020

WBHS CELEBRATES HOMECOMING 2019

West Bloomfield High School celebrated Homecoming for the 2019-20 school year on October 4 with a week's worth of activities and events, including spirit days, a pep assembly, parade, dance, spirit competitions, and of course, the football game.



The Laker football team was victorious in their matchup with Rochester Adams HS by a score of 30-6.

The theme for Homecoming 2019 was "Space: WBHS is out of this World!"

Jacob Nafso and Morgan Barbat were crowned Homecoming King and Queen as part of the celebration. The rest of the 2019 Spirit Court



included:

- Seniors: Morgan Barbat, Samson Jaent, Teia Kinner, Jusden Laury, Jacob Nafso, Shanaya Ross
- Juniors: Jack Turpen and Rave Andrews
- Sophomore: Brandon Poplar and Nadia Smith
- Freshman: Makayla Adams and Anna Lockwood

As part of the festivities, the school also held its annual Mr. WB pageant competition where students were able to showcase their style, skills, and aspirations, with Andrew Hill taking the top spot.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Celine Foster

After graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2017, Celine Foster attended Stanford University to study

Science, Technology, Society (an interdisciplinary major that provides students with a liberal arts education for the 21st century) and Psychology.

At Stanford, Celine has served for the last three years as the elected president of Stanford's Class of 2021. In that role, she has established programming revolving around mental health and wellness, sexual assault prevention and social bonding.

Celine has also worked as a member of Stanford Women in Business, the largest pre-professional organization on Stanford's campus; as Vice President of Marketing; and as the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. In addition, Celine has worked on community service projects as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and has given back to first-year students by working as a freshman RA in Alondra House.

These extracurricular pursuits allowed Celine to develop further leadership skills, which led to two sophomore internships – at Facebook in Austin, Texas, as a Global Marketing Solutions Intern; and at Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm in Chicago, as a Building Entrepreneurial Leaders Intern.

Celine's future aspirations are to work in the field of consulting and attend business school in a few years.

"West Bloomfield High School was an amazing outlet for me to explore different clubs and career paths, through organizations like Law Club and Teen Court, which enabled my college self to dive headfirst into academic, extracurricular, and professional pursuits," Celine said.



Amanda Wigler

After graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2016, Amanda moved to Durham, North Carolina to study at Duke



University. She majored in Political Science with a concentration in Political Institutions and minored in Psychology. During her undergraduate summer vacations, she gained valuable work experience through various internships. She worked as a legal intern for Revlon in Manhattan, as a paralegal intern for the personal injury firm Shulman & Hill in Brooklyn, and as a research intern for the International Code of Conduct Association in Geneva, Switzerland.

While at school, she was involved in the Chabad House for Jewish Duke students, played on the Women's Club Lacrosse team, tutored at the Durham Literacy Center, worked for the Political Science Department, and served as the Chief Financial Officer of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta.

In the fall of 2020, Amanda will begin her legal education at Duke University School of Law. She is planning to study both corporate and criminal law, as her plan immediately following graduation is to work for a firm in New York City. Her ultimate life goal, however, is to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. She hopes to clerk for federal judges during her law school summer breaks and eventually end up working in the federal court system in Washington, D.C.

"West Bloomfield High School provided me with the opportunities necessary to jumpstart my career," Amanda said. "Aside from providing a phenomenal primary education, West Bloomfield High School let me explore who I was as a person and broadened my many interests. It was here that I fell in love with lacrosse through playing on the varsity team, developed my leadership skills through the Mentorship and Leadership classes, and learned to love learning. I am truly grateful for my time at West Bloomfield High School and would not be where I am today without it."

Alumni Spotlight Suggestions?

Celine and Amanda are examples of the amazing Alums we have from our district! Do you know of any West Bloomfield

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and Management
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Cards are non-transferable and may only be used by the registered senior.

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Locations: Abbott and OLMS Middle Schools

Times: Mon.-Fri. After school - 6:30 p.m.

After School Supervision 6th through 8th Grade

All after school programs include games, gym time, homework table and arts and crafts. Students must be registered to use flexible, drop-in services.

Kid's Klub and Tween Time students receive a 10% discount for After the Bell Craze classes if class falls on a scheduled Kid's Klub or Tween Time Day. Special rates apply if more than one child is enrolled. Fees are billed one month in advance and due by the 15th of the month prior. NO refunds for unused days. Questions/or need help with registration? Please call (248) 865-6468

FREE Preschool

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a tuition-free, state-funded program for qualifying families. Participants must meet income guidelines. For more information to see if your child qualifies please call (248) 865-6466.



Spots Still Available

Three-Year-Old Preschool and Four-Year-Old Preschool. Early Childhood Programs Registration fee: \$60 for residents and \$120 for non-residents. We offer both full-day and half-day programs. Please call (248) 865-6466 for registration information and availability.

Early Childhood, Kids Klub and Tween Time
Coordinator: Laura Poxon

Registration and Information: (248) 865-6466

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Using SMARTER Goals to Eradicate the Weight

Do you have trouble keeping weight off? Do you gain back more than you lose? Instead of losing the weight, learn a simple plan to eradicate it. Register with your email information so you can receive materials and login information. Must have a computer.



Using SMARTER Goals to Eradicate the Weight (Ages 18+) 4 weeks
#2309 Tues. 10:00-11:00 a.m. 1/21-2/11 \$99

Location: Online Class: Computer Login information will be emailed to you at start of class.

Instructor: Dawn Hanford, Journey Health Coach and Master Level Teacher

Breathing and Meditation for Stress Relief

This program is appropriate for adults who are tired and stressed, including those looking to slow down, be kinder, less reactive and those interested in starting a meditation practice. No prior meditation experience necessary.



Breathing and Meditation for Stress Relief (Adults) 6 weeks

#8888 Sat. 9:30-11:00 a.m. 1/4-2/8 \$165

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Carrie Zarotney, Certified Human Potential Coach, Nurtured Healing

Shift Your Life - Habit Change Program

Your life is the sum of your habits. If you don't like something, you can change it. There is no need to beat yourself up if you have tried to change something for the mythical 21-day timeframe and it just didn't work.

Shift Your Life - Habit Change Program (Adults) 11 weeks, omit 2/19
#8889 Wed. 10:00-11:00 a.m. 1/8-3/25 \$299

Location: J&S Building - 7071 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100, West Bloomfield

Instructor: Carrie Zarotney, Certified Human Potential Coach, Nurtured Healing

**DON'T DELAY...
REGISTER TODAY!**

The most common reason for class cancellation is low enrollment.



ENRICHMENT & RECREATION

How to Write a book in 30 days and get published

Don Staley is a #1 best selling author who shares ideas, tips & strategies to encourage, motivate, and inspire you to get your book started

and done a lot QUICKER and EASIER! Material Fee of \$25 payable to instructor night of



class includes books, materials & supplies.

How to Write a book in 30 days and get published (Adults, 18+)

#2267 Tues. 3/3 \$50

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Don Staley, Author

Vision Board Class

Have a bucket list for the New Year? Set your 2020 goals and resolutions in motion by creating your personal vision board to take home. Material fees included.

Vision Board Class (Young Adults & Adults)

#8890 Thurs. 6:00-7:30 p.m. 1/23 \$35

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Abrakadoodle



Saturday Morning Yoga

In this class Kelly will help you slow down, quiet the mind, and walk away from each class feeling peaceful. Whether you're a beginner or have been practicing yoga for years, this class is appropriate you!

Saturday Morning Yoga (Young Adults & Adults) 6 weeks

#8891 Sat. 8:45-9:45 a.m. 1/18-2/22 \$65

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Kelly Scott, Certified Life Coach and Yoga Instructor

Buying and Selling Your Home

Learn the true "realities" and mistakes of buying and selling property in today's ever-changing market..the good stuff that you may not see on the internet! Attendees will receive a free credit report, along with valuable real estate insight.

Buying and Selling Your Home (Adults)

#2325 Tues. 6:30-8:00 p.m. 3/24 \$15

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Mary Rettig, Associate Broker/Realtor REMAX Classic and Timothy Merritt, Mortgage Consultant Ross Mortgage

Medicare 101

She's been heard on WJR Radio, seen on WDIV's Live in the D, at the BenefitsPro Expo, PlanStronger TV and more. She routinely leads Medicare classes for financial advisors, CPAs and the public.

Medicare 101 (Adults)

#2331	Wed.	6:30-8:00 p.m.	1/29	\$20
#2332	Wed.	6:30-8:00 p.m.	2/26	\$20
#2333	Wed.	6:30-8:00 p.m.	3/11	\$20

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Joanne Giardini-Russell, Medicare Guru, Owner Boomer Health Group

Winter Walking

No instructor necessary! Young or old, most walkers just don't want to be cold! Get your daily 10,000 steps in the halls of West Bloomfield High School. Maps available with a quarter mile path. Registration is required, complimentary class.

Winter Walking (Adults) omit 2/17

#2327	Mon.	6:00-8:00 p.m.	1/27-3/23
	Wed.	6:00-8:00 p.m.	1/29-3/25
	Sat.	9:00-11:00 a.m.	1/25-3/28

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Ancestry: Finding Your Family Tree

Are you interested in learning more about genealogy and your family tree but don't know where to start? Whether you are just getting started, or need an innovative approach, this class will provide you with the tools you need to make your family tree journey more enjoyable and successful.

Ancestry: Finding Your Family Tree (Adults)

#8892	Wed.	6:30-8:30 p.m.	3/4	\$30
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Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Jeff Hinkle

Retirement Planning

What does your financial road map look like? In this 2-week course, thoroughly explore how to maximize your investments and retirement plans, minimize taxes, and preserve your estate for your heirs. Tuition includes a spouse/guest to attend at no additional charge (workbook will be shared).

Retirement Planning (Adults)

#2377	Tues.	6:30-9:30 p.m.	1/28 & 2/4	\$49
#2378	Sat.	9:30-12:30 p.m.	2/1 & 2/8	\$49

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Kurt Fillmore

If you have a special skill or talent, share it with the community by teaching a class or making a presentation. If you have ideas or suggestions for classes or programs you would like to see offered in the future, call (248) 865-6467

Track & Field Clinic

Introduction to various running and field events, such as sprints, distance running, relays and long jump. Drills and exercises will enhance new and current skills.

Track & Field Clinic (Ages 8-14) 6 weeks, omit 2/18

#3068	Tues. & Thurs.	6:00-7:30 p.m.	1/21-2/27	\$100
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Location: West Bloomfield High School, Upstairs in Hallway (not outside on Track)

Instructor: Coach Pete Hill

Tidying Up: The KonMari Method™ with Kate Sood

Do you feel overwhelmed by the clutter in your home? The presentation will detail the KonMari Method and its curriculum to leading a tidy life. You will learn about the many benefits (both physically and mentally) of using this method to declutter and how to fold just like Marie!



Tidying Up: The KonMari Method™ with

Kate Sood

(Young Adults & Adults)

#8893	Thurs.	6:00-7:30 p.m.	1/30	\$25
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Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Kate Sood, Certified KonMari Consultant, Simply Tidy

Oakland County Women's Self Defense Awareness Training

The training will provide basic prevention, self-defense knowledge, and physical skills along with the mental ability to recognize and formulate choices during life threatening and/or dangerous situations. Training is complimentary. Monetary donations accepted to Mission Oakland charity. Closed-toe shoes are required. Written permission is needed for participants 14-18 years of age.



Women's Self Defense (Young Adults & Adults)

#8894	Sat.	9:00-1:00 p.m.	2/22	Free
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Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Mah Jongg

For all beginning students or those wanting a refresher. The National Mah Jongg League rules are followed, and the yearly card will be available to purchase for \$9 at the first class; please let us know if you already have your own card. Don't wait to sign up - 20 person maximum; 4-person minimum. Registration deadline: January 6, 2020

Mah Jongg (Adults)

#8895	Wed.	7:00-10:00 p.m.	1/15-2/5	\$40
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Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Robin Kaufman

ADULT EDUCATION-ELS

Dawn Hanford, Coordinator
 J&S Office Center 7071 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 100
 West Bloomfield, MI 48322
 Registration and Information (248)539-2390

Winter 2020 English as a Second Language Class Schedule

FREE! Evening ESL Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

J&S Office Center

Jan. 6 - Apr. 28 Mon. - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

*\$50 registration fee. Bring picture I.D. and Social Security Number if you have one.

FREE! Morning ESL Beginner ONLY*

Orchard Lake Middle School, 6000 Orchard Lake Rd.

Jan. 6 - Apr. 28 Mon-Thurs, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*\$50 registration fee. Bring picture i.d. and Social Security Number if you have one.

Tuition Classes**

Morning: 9:30-12:00 p.m.

2 Days@ \$225 4 Days@ \$435

Afternoon: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

1 Day@ \$95 2 Days@ \$175

Session 3: Jan. 6 - Feb. 13 (No school 1-20-makeup)

Session 4: Feb. 24 - Apr. 9 (No school 3-30-4-2)

Session 5: Apr. 13 - May 21

Level II Tues.-Thurs. 9:30-12:00 p.m.

Level III Mon.-Wed. 9:30-12:00 p.m.

Advanced Speaking/Pronunciation
 Tues. 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced Writing Workshop
 Thurs. 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**No refunds after first day of class. Missed days can be made up during the SAME session daytime or evening. Open to residents of all school districts. Classes cancelled due to weather will not be rescheduled. Open registration for all classes except book club—rates are prorated after first week.

Book Club for Advanced Students

For One More Day by Mitch Albom (purchase book before class)

“A novel about the family we love and the chances we miss...”

Instructor: Paula Konfara

Mon. (12 weeks) Beginning Jan. 13 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$225



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Community Education Office

Administration and Communication Services (ACS)
 5810 Commerce Rd.
 West Bloomfield, MI 48324
 Phone: (248) 865-6462

Registration— Easy ways to register

1. Online at wbcommed.org
2. In person at the Community Education Office
3. By phone at (248) 865-6462



Facility Rentals

Come on in! West Bloomfield School District Community Education welcomes the use of school facilities by the community. Several indoor and outdoor facilities are available to residents and non-residents on a rental basis.

UGOTCLASS Online Certificates and Courses

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#2426 Online 2/3-2/28 \$195

Google Analytics

If you are not reviewing your website statistics, then you are missing several key opportunities to profit from your website traffic. This course, aimed at non-technical users, will take you through all the key techniques and how to use website analytics using the world-standard Google Analytics, a free online tool.

#2437 Online 2/3-2/28 \$195

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Spring Break Camp 2020

Campers will explore their creative side, exercise and have fun with friends! Sign up for one day or all five!



Spring Break Camp 2020 Mon.-Fri.

#2660 Ages 4-12 9:00-3:00 p.m. 3/30-4/3 \$170

#2606 Early Bird 7:00-9:00 a.m. 3/30-4/3 \$35

#2607 Late Stay 3:00-6:00 p.m. 3/30-4/3 \$60

Location: Administrative & Community Services (ACS)

Instructor: West Bloomfield School District & Community Education Staff

New and exciting Summer Camps Coming Your Way! Look for the Summer Camp Listing in the Spring/Summer Catalog – Available Late Winter/Early Spring 2020

Kite Tutoring SAT Prep

Kite Tutoring's SAT Prep course consists of 37.5 hours of prep time which includes 30 hours of instruction, 3 proctored full length exams, and course material.

Curriculum will be unique based on the strengths and weakness of each students. Maximum of 12 students.

Kite Tutoring SAT Prep (Ages 15-18) 8 weeks, omit 2/18

#2046 Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-8:00 p.m. 1/21-3/12 \$599



Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Kite Tutoring

Drama Kids

It's curtains up for Drama Kids! Creative expression through fun drama activities that will build confidence and social skills.

KinderKids (Ages 4-5) 8 weeks, omit 2/17

#2330 Mon. 5:30-6:15 p.m. 1/27-3/23 \$150

Drama Kids Grade: 1-5 8 weeks, omit 2/17

#2330 Mon. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 1/27-3/23 \$150

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Drama Kids, Pam Kornfeld, Director

SATURDAY SPUNK

Youth Basketball League

Boys and girls will enjoy this league play format. Sessions will start with a 15 minute warm up with drills and agility exercises followed by game play. Teams will be set according to age and skill level. Sign up with your friends! Volunteer coaches needed! Call (248) 865-6462 to volunteer.

Youth Basketball League 6 weeks

#6560

Grade 1-3 Sat. 9:00-10:00 a.m. 1/25-2/29 \$139

Grade 4-6 Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m. 1/25-2/29 \$139

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Coaches Jeremy Denha and Ryan Watson, West Bloomfield High School

TRUE Martial Arts

Personal goals will be set and TRUE's dedicated instructors will help them achieve these goals! Students will meet new friends and learn a one of a kind martial arts curriculum in a fun, safe and judgement-free environment. Please call TRUE Martial Arts at (248) 706-0000 for start dates and prices.

Martial Arts

Grasshopper Karate Ages 4-7 Sat. 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Kids Karate Ages 7-12 Sat. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: TRUE Martial Arts - 6363 Orchard Lake Rd. West Bloomfield

Director: Matthew Sikora

The Sports Club Gymnastics

Caterpillars (Ages 3-4) 12 weeks

#3004 Sat. 9:30-10:15 a.m. 2/8-4/25 \$192

Starflies (Ages 4.5-6) 12 weeks

#3007 Sat. 10:15-11:00 a.m. 2/8-4/25 \$192

Girls Recreational Gymnastics (Ages 6-12) 12 weeks

#3010 Sat. 9:30-11:00 a.m. 2/8-4/25 \$322

Location: 6343 Farmington Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

West Bloomfield Aqua Club

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Founder/Team Leader: Nim Shapira, 2-time Olympian swimmer, who raced in the 2008 & 2012 Olympic Games. Nim has been a member of the National Team of Israel since the age of 15.

He has competed at all international levels including the Maccabiah Games, European Championships, World Championships, and the Olympics.

West Bloomfield Community Education is pleased to continue our partnerships with Aqua Club to bring state of the art curriculum, staff and expertise to our Aquatics Program.

Learn to Swim—Group Lessons (starting at 2 months old)

FREE lessons for kids 3-6 months

Duration 30 min. 1 lesson per week, 4 weeks

Ratio 1:3 for levels 1-3, ratio 1:4 for levels 4-7

One on One Lessons (all ages)

Duration 30 min. 1-3 times per week

Ratio 1:1



Junior Competitive Swim Team

Duration 1-2 hours 3-4 times per week

Senior Competitive Swim Team

Duration 6-12 hours 5-6 times per week

Please visit www.aquaswimclub.com for all registration information. Questions? Contact info@aquaswimclub.com for swimming lessons, Mike@aquaswimclub.com for swim team or call us at (248) 403-0364.



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 Your community youth baseball & softball association

Baseball, T-Ball, and Softball programs for
 boys & girls age 5-14 and all skill levels

NFWB is a 100% volunteer run non-profit organization serving the
 West Bloomfield and Farmington communities

For registration visit:
www.NFWB.com

For information, registration, or sponsorship opportunities
 contact us at www.NFWB.com or 248.865.6392


 An advertisement for International Driver Testing (IDT). The top part shows a road stretching into the distance with the IDT logo and text 'INTERNATIONAL DRIVER TESTING'. Below this is a yellow box with the text 'DRIVING SCHOOL NOW OPEN'. Underneath the yellow box, it says 'DRIVER'S EDUCATION (SEGMENT 1 & 2) TEENS & ADULTS' and 'WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 4925 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI 48322'. At the bottom, it says 'AUTOMOBILE & MOTORCYCLE TESTING Road Skills Testing for Adults and Teenagers' and 'To register or view class schedule please visit... InternationalDriverTesting.com 248-535-5855 • idtestingllc@gmail.com'.