

WB SUMMER CAMPS OFFER FUN IN THE SUN

The West Bloomfield Community Education Department once again offered a wide variety of fun-filled experiences for students during the summer months.

Summer Day Camp

More than 65 campers per week participated in summer day camps at Roosevelt Elementary for 10 weeks. Campers enjoyed language arts, math, hands-on learning, Spanish, karate, computers, and outdoor activities including daily walks to Willow Beach. Campers also participated in the West Bloomfield Township Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Greg Kelser's Basketball Camp

Campers had the chance to learn the game of basketball from Greg Kelser, former professional basketball player and voice of the Detroit Pistons. More than 100 campers dribbled, passed, practiced

and developed sportsmanship. Participants also learned various drills and exercises along with shooting and playing techniques to improve skills.



Pat Watson's Basketball & Baseball Camp

Camps were led by West Bloomfield High School principal Pat Watson and focused on various drills, fundamental skills and having fun. Every camper truly felt like a winner!

Bridge 6

The program created a smooth transition for students making the change from 5th grade to 6th grade in the fall. Campers focused on English, Language Arts, Math and positive peer relationships. Campers also built work skills, study habits and self-esteem for success

Ed Ready Math

EdReady Math is an effective tool for math intervention and independent learning.

6th-8th-grade students prepared for grade-level expectations as well as college and career aspirations.

WBSD RANKS AS A TOP SCHOOL DISTRICT IN MICHIGAN

The West Bloomfield School District was recently ranked as one of the top school districts in the state of Michigan by Niche, an online school district ranking site that combines data analytics and community feedback to create their rankings and report cards for school districts as well as individual schools.

Niche ranked the district #23 in their 2020 Best School Districts ranking for the state of Michigan. Niche also awarded the district with an overall letter grade of "A".

The 2020 Best School Districts ranking is based on

rigorous analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, public school district ratings, and more.



WELCOME TO AN EXCITING YEAR!

Welcome to what will prove to be an exciting and dynamic year of learning, developing and achieving for all students in the West Bloomfield School District. As we continue implementing the 4Cs (collaborator, communicator, critical thinker, contributor) comprising our Portrait of a Graduate, we are enthusiastic about the possibilities that another year of teaching and learning brings for each child. Our overarching goal is for all students to demonstrate these characteristics throughout their time in the West Bloomfield School District and to be able to utilize them after graduation.

Teaching & Learning/Talent & Leadership Development

If you've ever wondered what dedicated educators do over the summer, or on early release days, the answer is clear, - they refuel, recharge and increase their professional capacity in order to enable students to achieve at their utmost capacity.

In preparation for meeting this goal, teachers and administrators have worked hard over the summer months to increase our collective capacities as teachers, learners, leaders and student advocates. Teachers at all levels participated in professional development activities in the areas of literacy, science, math, as well as other curricular areas. This fall, all schools will be using the practices of Capturing Kids Hearts, a program designed to enhance positive, respectful and caring relationships between and among students, teachers, support staff and principals. In the important area of mental health, we've scheduled noted researcher, Jessica Minihan, author of The Behavior Code: A Practical Guide to Understanding and Teaching the Most Challenging Students to assist us in developing effective strategies for reducing student anxiety and defiant behaviors.

Additionally, the administrative leadership team, composed of central office administrators, curriculum facilitators/coaches, principals and assistant principals

had the great opportunity to experience "Back to School – The Menlo Way" a full day leadership workshop provided by Menlo CEO, Rich Sheridan and his capable staff at Menlo Innovations (www.memloinnovations.com). The keynote address, "Joy in Our Schools, What Our Students Need" set the tone for the workshop that presented tools for project-based learning, planning and tips on building a safe, collaborative and positive culture. At Menlo, they are passionate about spreading their message of JOY. That message is consistent with our emphasis on building positive, joyful learning cultures within the West Bloomfield School District.

Resources for Learning: Finances and Facilities

It goes without saying that to achieve our goals and build positive learning cultures, we need adequate financial resources and modern, safe and up-to-date school facilities. I have great news to report on both fronts. Our financial health continues to improve. Just a few years ago, we struggled because fund equity balances were below 5% and so we constantly looked for ways to balance the budget in order to avoid crippling deficits. Difficult financial choices often jeopardized optimal teaching and learning conditions. Those tough decisions are now paying off. For the third consecutive year, we will meet our School Board's target of having at least a 10% General Fund balance. We're entering the 2019-20 school year with an estimated 16.9% General Fund balance. This level of financial health increases our ability to attract and retain high quality employees, which ultimately, attracts and retains families in our school district, thus leading to greater financial security. By design, we are in a positive cycle of financial health and enrollment stability.

Thanks to taxpayers approving a \$120 million bond proposal a few years ago, we continue, on the facilities front, to make much needed improvements to our school

buildings. Following last summer's extensive projects at WBHS, Sheiko and Doherty, this summer, the bond funds enabled us to remodel and redesign several more schools, including the following:

- **West Bloomfield High School** (Phase 2 of 3) – added an auxiliary gym, renovated the pool area, redesigned the weight room and dance room, resurfaced the main gym and added new bleachers, installed new roofing and fire alarm systems, purchased new Smart Interactive Flat Panels for the classrooms, added 800 new Chromebooks as well new classroom charging lockers for those computers
- **Scotch & Gretchko Elementary Schools** – added security card access and security cameras, HVAC improvements, total building refresh including floors, paint, doors, new auxiliary gym at Gretchko, new fire alarm systems, new Smart Interactive Flat Panels in classrooms, new classroom charging lockers and new classroom audio systems
- **Sheiko Elementary** – new playground structure and new classroom charging lockers
- **Roosevelt Elementary** – new classroom charging lockers and redistribution of Interactive Flat Panels in classrooms and new flooring on stairs

Thank you. Your tax dollars are having a major impact on the teaching and learning environments at each of our schools.

I invite you to see for yourself the exciting things happening in our schools on a daily basis. Please contact any school principal to arrange a tour and stay informed of school district news by visiting our newly redesigned website: (www.WBSD.org). Wishing everyone a great school year!



DISTRICT CONTINUES SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

The West Bloomfield School District recently hosted another successful year of Academic Summer School offerings at Orchard Lake Middle School. The program offered 10 classes for credit recovery or grade recovery with 172 students participating. Of those participating students 50 of them were also enrolled in more than one class.

A new opportunity with Academic Summer School came through a partnership with Michigan Virtual Online Academy. The partnership allowed for another eight students to take classes for credit advancement online.

Students had the opportunity to advance their academic careers through academic advancement in:

- Physical Education
- Health
- Bridge 9
- Algebra I A & B
- Civics
- Economics

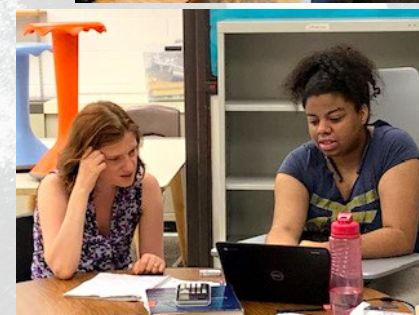
Essay writing and SAT prep were also offered to students as enrichment opportunities.

Students were also treated to a special visit from Michigan State Football legend and Super Bowl Champion, Greg Jones. Jones spoke with the students about being a scholar-athlete, making healthy choices, and what it takes to set yourself apart. He encouraged students to always take the time to learn new things and constantly be striving to outwork the competition.

Avary Marshall, WBHS senior, said, "I walked into summer school not really being close or even knowing the kids in my classes and now I am going to walk out with new friendships that I can take into the new school year at WBHS as well."

Jordan Houser-McMiller, WBHS junior, said, "Summer school was a great experience for me. As I start school, I feel more confident and know the importance of applying myself. I am really grateful for my summer school experience."

Blaine McDowell, Academic Summer School assistant principal and teacher at Abbott Middle School, said, "Summer School is so much more than a second chance or improving a grade. It's about new friendships, gaining confidence, learning how to build relationships with teachers and staff, and starting the school year with a positive mindset. The students at West Bloomfield Academic Summer School hold a special place in my heart. They are truly amazing young people with bright futures ahead of them!"





SUMMER BOND WORK UPDATE

This summer featured extensive work in several buildings around the district as a part of the 2017 bond program. The buildings receiving the most amount of work this summer included Gretchko Elementary, Scotch Elementary and West Bloomfield High School. Smaller projects were also completed at Roosevelt and Sheiko Elementary. Work on these projects began late in the 2018-19 school year and should be concluding within the next couple of months.

A breakdown of projects at Gretchko and Scotch Elementary Schools include:

- School Security improvements
 - Security Card Access
 - Security Cameras
- HVAC improvements

- Building refresh, including floors, painting, doors
- New fire alarm system
- New Smart Interactive Flat Panels in learning spaces
- New Classroom Audio
- New Auxiliary Gymnasium addition at Gretchko (to be completed in fall 2019)

A breakdown of projects at West Bloomfield High School include:

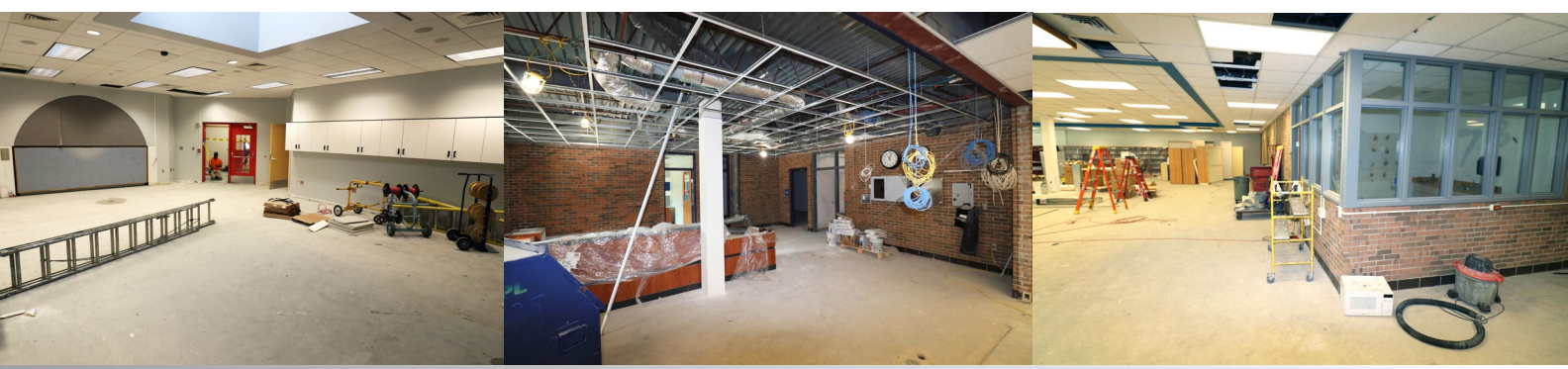
- Upgrades to the pool area, weight room and dance room
- Resurfacing of main gymnasium and addition of new bleachers
- New roof sections
- New fire alarm system
- New Smart Interactive Flat Panels in learning spaces

- New Auxiliary Gymnasium addition (to be completed in fall 2019)

Roosevelt Elementary received new flooring in the stairways and Sheiko Elementary received a new playground structure and a roof replacement.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Scotch Elementary on Sept. 24 prior to their Open House at 6 p.m. The entire community is invited to attend and help celebrate the completion of bond work at Scotch. Ribbon-cutting dates will be set for Gretchko and WBHS once work is completed in those buildings.

Thank you to the entire community for your support of our students and providing state of the art facilities to enhance student achievement.



PLAN TO ATTEND THE PARENTING EDUCATION FAIR ON NOV. 2

Parents, educators, teachers, administrators and childcare workers are invited to the Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Rd., Commerce Twp., MI 48382.) This parenting education event is a partnership with Farmington Public Schools, Novi Community Schools, Oakland Schools, Oakland Community College, Walled Lake School

District and the West Bloomfield School District.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Brooks Gibbs. He is an award-winning social skills educator who teaches students, parents and teachers how to build emotional resilience and live by the Golden Rule, and is the author of Raise Them Strong. Over 2,500 schools have hired him to speak allowing him to reach two million

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PARENTING EDUCATION FAIR

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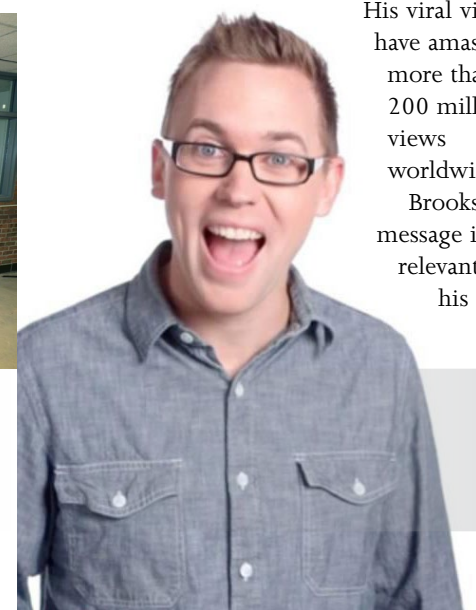
students face-to-face. His viral videos have amassed more than 200 million views worldwide. Brooks' message is relevant and his

delivery is very entertaining. For more information on Brooks Gibbs, visit his website: www.brooksgibbs.com.

In addition to the keynote presentation, there is an opportunity to attend up to three breakout sessions. There are tracks for parents of pre-K-5 graders, 6-12 graders and all levels. The subjects encompass parenting effectively; internet safety and screen time limits; coping skills for kids; food tips for picky elementary eaters through high schoolers; saving for college; talking to your children about racism; talking to your children about drugs/alcohol; resolving conflict in the home, and more.

Dr. Gerald Hill, WBSD superintendent, said, "The global world we live in today is challenging. Coupled with the high expectations, uncertainties, and the constantly changing environment our children grow up in, we need to support our parents and students with improved communication, dialogue, and assistance with a myriad of issues. That is exactly what the parenting fair is about, supporting each other to be the best parents we can be."

Platinum Sponsors for this event include the Chaldean News and Walled Lake PTAs and PTSA Council. Childcare will be available during the entire event. Food trucks will be on-site during the lunch break.



2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE

- **August 12:** Board Study Session
- **August 26:** Board Meeting
- **September 9:** Board Study Session
- **September 23:** Board Meeting
- **October 7:** Board Study Session
- **October 21:** Board Meeting
- **November 11:** Board Study Session
- **November 25:** Board Meeting
- **December 9:** Board Study Session
- **December 16:** Board Meeting

All regular Board Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the iCenter at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323, unless otherwise posted according to Board Policy #0160.

All Board Study Sessions are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in Room 119 at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Board Study Sessions are tentative dates and may be canceled.

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LAKER ATHLETICS - FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

As we turn the calendar to the start of the 2019-20 school year, we look ahead to another stellar fall sports season. In order to prepare for the excitement of cheering on our Lakers, we are previewing the sports teams and athletes that will be competing this fall.

Boys Soccer

Last year's team finished the season as OAA Blue Division Champions with a record of 7-5-6. As a result, the team has moved up to the stronger OAA White Division and will look to compete for League and District titles in 2019.

This year the boys soccer team will see a lot of new faces with the team graduating 10 seniors last year. This will be a good mix of young talented players as well as some solid senior leadership. Key returning players for 2019 are three-year starters Brian Synowiec and David Martin. These seniors will also be joined by Sverre Sears, Michael DuFresene, Santiago Myers, and Saleh Muraad as senior leaders with experience. These seniors along with Jake Ward and Hudson Williams will lead the offense. Elijah Burlak will return in goal to help the defense along with Matthew Lee.



Boys Tennis

The team is prepping for another strong year with a ton of core players being seniors this year. Last year's head to head record was 7-2-1 with the team finishing 2nd place in the OAA white division winning the Port Huron Northern Tournament. All state honorable mentions were presented to Jacob Strome and Sahith Shankar last year at 1 doubles.



The team welcomes freshman, Matt Gordinier to a group led by last year's captain Aryan Kamath.

The team's goal for the season is to win the OAA white conference and to make states for the third year in a row.

Equestrian

The team is looking forward to building on a solid season in 2018 which saw them finish in 3rd place in Division 1.

Co-captains junior Alana Quirindongo and senior Aanya Belsare look to lead a 2019 team which returns six riders. This year's squad is focused on making it to regionals this year.



Football

The team is coming off an impressive 9-3 record last season which saw them once again make a deep run in the MHSAA playoffs which saw their season end in the Division 1 Regional Finals. The Lakers have made the postseason each of the last five seasons and will look to make it six in 2019.

Key returners on Ron Bellamy's 2019 squad include seniors CJ Harris, Makari Paige and Cornell Wheeler. The Lakers will also feature junior Donovan Edwards in the backfield this fall. Donovan is the No. 3-ranked running back in the nation's 2021 recruiting class, according to 247Sports' composite rankings.

The Laker football team is looking to put all of the pieces together in 2019, get back to Ford Field and bring home a state championship.



Girls Cross Country

The team is hoping to build on their 7th place finish in the league in 2018 through continued hard work and dedication to preparation in 2019. Key returners are Sara Filby and Nayan Mullabhotla.



Girls Golf

The 2018 season saw the team finish in 3rd place in the OAA Blue Division, this year the team expects to compete for top spot in the league thanks to returning six golfers for 2019.

Returning golfers in 2019 include junior Alisha Sanghvi and sophomore Sophia Babbitt.

The team will focus on continuing to give their best effort



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as a team and playing each hole/shot to the best of their abilities.

Volleyball

Last season was a truly historic one for the Laker Volleyball team. Their overall record was impressive at 29-16-1 and the team went 7-0-0 in OAA White Division play. The team will move up to the OAA Red Division and expect to be competitive as they face a new level of competition.

Key returners for 2019 include seniors Lauren King and Delaney Lambert as well as juniors Grace Allread and Juli Davis.

The team will continue to trust the process and focus their training around strong defense and serve receive, aggressive serving, and playing smart on offense.

Good luck to all of our Lakers this fall! Be sure to come out and support all of our teams and athletes as they compete to be the best they can be!



DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW PAY STRUCTURE FOR 2019-20

West Bloomfield School District will be adopting a new fee structure for pay-to-participate for athletics starting with the 2019-20 school year. The new structure applies a one time fee for athletics while allowing student-athletes to participate in multiple athletic opportunities from this fee. This is a change from the tiered structure that West Bloomfield School District had used for years, which required students to pay based on the number of sports they participated in each year.

High School Level:

Regular Rate \$325

Free/Reduced Lunch Rate \$160

Middle School Level:

Regular Rate \$225

Free/Reduced Lunch Rate \$110

A family cap of \$800, still applies for all athletes in the family, including both Middle School and High School Level. It is a "true" family cap. For more information, contact the athletic office at 248-865-6743.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ONCE IN A LIFETIME SUMMER TRIP



Summer vacation is the perfect time for students to experience the world around them. A group of students from West Bloomfield High School recently took that message to heart and participated in a once in a lifetime travel opportunity and expanded their collective horizons.

The group of 15 WBHS students traveled to New Zealand and Australia for a trip from June 20-July 4 which fully immersed them in the cultures of the two countries.

Highlights from the group's trip to New Zealand included:

- A visit to a Marae building in which those with Maori heritage hold celebrations to learn about their culture and traditions from elders. Students learned about traditional greetings like the Hongi and traditional displays of Maori heritage like the Haka.
 - An evening rainforest walk by flashlight and visit to Tane Mahuta, the largest kauri tree in the Waipoua Forest that is estimated to be between 1,250 and 2,500 years old.
 - Stargazing taking full advantage of a different night sky perspective. Students claimed the stars appeared closer and they were treated to a clear view of the Milky Way galaxy.
 - A boat ride to the famous Bay of Islands and went to Waitangi Treaty Grounds to learn about how the island of New Zealand was colonized.
- Highlights from the group's trip to Australia included:

- Close encounters with local wildlife including photo sessions with kangaroos outside the group's cabins in Noosa, Australia.
- Canoeing in the Everglades and afternoon tea in the forest.
- An off-roading trip to Fraser Island, an island made entirely of sand, it's aboriginal name is Kauri which means paradise.
- Surfing at Surfer's Paradise & the iconic Bondi Beach.
- Climbing the Harbour Bridges in Sydney at night.
- Touring the famous Sydney Opera House and taking in a performance of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as they performed

Beethoven No. 5.

- Taking the "Vegemite Challenge" and learning how to play the didgeridoo.

A benefit of the trip was students learning to step outside of their comfort zones and open themselves up to new experiences. Students not only had the ability to experience different cultures and meet new people but they also had the chance to reflect on where they see themselves fitting into the world at large.

Thank you to Molly Marshall, Julie Abeska and Taylor Strobridge of West Bloomfield High School for serving as group leaders and chaperones for this trip. Their efforts helped make this once in a lifetime experience possible for our students.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Laurel Ruza is currently attending the University of Michigan Law School

following many amazing experiences in politics. After graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2011, she attended undergrad at the University of Michigan and graduated from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy with her Bachelor's Degree in 2015.

In addition to attending one of America's most highly respected schools of public policy, Laurel was elected as the school's representative on the University of Michigan's Central Student Government and served as the Vice Speaker of the Assembly. While at U of M, she spent her summers in Washington, D.C. interning for U.S. Senator Carl Levin, working at the Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division and interning with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. She also interned with the Finance Team for Gary Peters' campaign for U.S. Senate.

After graduation from U of M, Laurel joined Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign at the Headquarters in Brooklyn, NY, working first in the Research Department and, later, for the Surrogates Department. As part of the Surrogates Department, she worked with elected officials, celebrities, and public figures who wanted to campaign in battleground states on behalf of the campaign.

In 2017, Laurel began working in Washington, D.C. for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the arm of the Democratic Party that works to elect Democratic members to the House of Representatives. She worked in fundraising and coordinated an individual donor fundraising program that supported over 70 of the most targeted races across the country. Laurel spent a year and a half in this position in Washington, D.C. before moving back to Michigan in the Fall of 2018 to pursue her law degree at the University of Michigan.

Alumni Spotlight Suggestions?

Laurel and Ryan are examples of the amazing Alums we have from our district! Do you know of any West Bloomfield High School Alums you'd like to see in the spotlight? If so, please email alycia.chase@wbsd.org with their contact info and a brief background.



Ryan Eaton is currently working in Washington, D.C. with Quicken Loans as their

Director of Federal Government Affairs. After graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2012, Ryan attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. At Michigan, Ryan majored in Political Science and minored in American Culture. Ever since working on a Congressional Campaign before his Junior year in high school and running a State Representative Campaign right after high school, Ryan knew that Political Science was the track that he wanted to pursue.

Ryan graduated from the University of Michigan in December 2015 with a B.A. in Political Science. While in college, he continued to pursue internships, working during his sophomore year at an internship with Quicken Loans at their headquarters in Downtown Detroit with their Fresh Start Credit Team. He then applied for and was accepted to the prestigious "Michigan in Washington" program. This is a competitive program where top applicants are selected to live, work, and study in the heart of Washington D.C. Ryan was able to connect with the Quicken Loans Government Relations Team and worked for them during the week while taking a full college course load. He also spent some time researching and writing a paper about how home appraisals were affected by legislation after the housing bubble burst in 2007. Most of Ryan's time in D.C. was spent attending congressional hearings and helping to lobby congressional staff members on issues important to Quicken Loans.

Currently, as the Director of Federal Government Affairs for Quicken Loans, Ryan spends his days keeping up with the rapid pace of Washington, D.C. and travels the country for conferences, fundraisers and special events. Ryan and the Government Affairs Team have been helping Quicken Loans Chairman Dan Gilbert with his efforts to restore Detroit to what it once was, educating members of Congress and their staffs about what the company is doing in the Motor City and advocating for Congress to pass good legislation.



WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

DAILY SCHEDULES

Abbott MS	7:50 a.m. - 2:42 p.m.
Doherty Elementary	8:25 a.m. - 3:17 p.m.
Gretchko Elementary	9:15 a.m. - 4:07 p.m.
Orchard Lake MS	7:50 a.m. - 2:42 p.m.
Roosevelt Elementary	9:15 a.m. - 4:07 p.m.
Scotch Elementary	9:15 a.m. - 4:07 p.m.
Sheiko Elementary	8:25 a.m. - 3:17 p.m.
West Bloomfield HS	7:10 a.m. - 2:03 p.m.
Transition Center	8:30 a.m. - 3:22 p.m.

**Early Release will move dismissal up exactly one hour in each building.*

SAFELINE PHONE NUMBERS

Abbott MS	248-865-3672
Doherty Elementary	248-865-6002
Gretchko Elementary	248-865-6572
Orchard Lake MS	248-865-4482
Roosevelt Elementary	248-865-6622
Scotch Elementary	248-865-3282
Sheiko Elementary	248-865-6372
West Bloomfield HS	248-865-6722
Transition Center	248-539-0601

*Report absences between the hours of 6 p.m. and the start of the next school day by calling your building's **Safeline**.*

2019-2020 CALENDAR

September 3	First Day of School (Full Day)
September 16	Early Release
September 23	Early Release
September 30	No School for Students or Staff
October 7	Early Release
October 9	No School for Students or Staff
October 14	Early Release
October 21	Early Release
November 4	Early Release
November 11	Early Release
November 12	Evening Conferences-HS only
November 13	Evening Conferences-MS only
November 14	Evening Conferences-EL only
November 15	Half Day/P.M. Conferences
November 18	Early Release
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Early Release
December 9	Early Release
December 16	Early Release
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 13	Early Release
January 20	MLK Day - No School
January 22	Half Day - HS Only
January 23	Half Day - All Levels
January 24	Half Day - All Levels
February 3	Early Release
February 10	Early Release
February 17-18	Mid-Winter Break
February 24	Early Release
March 2	Early Release
March 9	Early Release
March 16	Early Release
Mar. 30-Apr. 3	Spring Break
April 6	Early Release
April 10	No School for Students or Staff
April 20	Early Release
April 27	Early Release
May 4	Early Release
May 11	Early Release
May 18	Early Release
May 25	Memorial Day - No School
June 1	Early Release
June 12	Half Day - HS Only
June 15	Half Day - All Levels
June 16	Student Last Day - Half Day
June 17	Teacher Last Day - Records

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The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Mr. Eric Whitney
Assistant Superintendent
for Talent Development
and Management
5810 Commerce Road
West Bloomfield MI 48324
248-865-6424

Facility Rental

The West Bloomfield School District offers the use of their schools with indoor and outdoor facilities available to the community on a rental basis.

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Seniors 62+ Get Free Admission to District Events!

Laker Senior Gold Cards are available for our West Bloomfield School District senior residents.

Gold Cards allow senior citizens who are just 62+ to attend school district events such as plays, athletic games and musical performances FREE OF CHARGE.

Laker Senior Gold Cards are available at district schools and at the Administration and Community Services Building, 5810 Commerce Road, West Bloomfield MI 48324.

Cards are non-transferable and may only be used by the registered senior. Gold Cards may not be used for facility use, room rentals, tuition-based programs or MHSAA Tournament events. The Laker Gold Card must be presented at the ticket booth in order to receive a complimentary ticket.



WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION FALL 2019



www.wbsd.org
Click on **DEPARTMENTS**, then click on
COMMUNITY EDUCATION
(248) 865-6462



Preschool Academy Mission

- To provide your child with a strong foundation for lifelong learning and inspiration to excel
- To focus on academics as well as social-emotional development
- To introduce your child to a first school experience in a warm, safe and nurturing environment
- To design curriculum focused on math, language arts, pre-reading, science and social interaction
- To prepare your child for kindergarten, building upon the child's knowledge and creating an atmosphere for academic success

and continued social development

- To introduce your child to a literacy-rich environment with opportunities for hands-on engagement, writing, dramatic play as well as math and science activities

Staffing

All teachers have at least a 4-year degree and participate in continuing education/staff development. We utilize the proven effective, research-based High Scope Curriculum which emphasizes active student engagement and participation to a high degree. Teachers and staff are culturally diverse, providing

for a wide range of understanding children's backgrounds. We also have a low student to staff ratio to allow for more individualized and small group attention.

Programming

3 Year Old Preschool and 4 Year Old Preschool Available

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.

FREE Preschool

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a 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.

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

Registration and Information: (248) 865-6466

Kids Klub

Before and After School Child Care: Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Kids Klub is an enhanced program where children can participate in arts and crafts and/or use the time to study or read. Students must be registered for a consistent, weekly schedule per month to use the flexible, drop-in Services.

LOCATIONS: All Elementary Schools
TIMES: Mon.-Fri. 6:45 a.m. - start of school and after school - 6:30 p.m.



Tween Time

After School Supervision 6th through 8th Grade

Daily activities include games, gym time, homework table and arts and crafts. Students must be registered to use flexible, drop-in Services.

LOCATIONS: Abbott and OLMS Middle Schools
TIMES: Mon.-Fri. After school--6:30 p.m.

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



Sports Club Gymnastics

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



Caterpillars

(Ages 3-5) 12 weeks

#3002 Mon.	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 11 - Jan. 27	\$192
#3003 Wed.	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 13 - Jan. 29 (omit 12/25 & 1/1)	\$160
#3004 Sat.	9:30-10:15 a.m.	Nov. 16 - Feb. 1	\$192

Starflies (Ages 4 ½-6) 12 weeks

#3005 Mon.	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 11 - Jan. 27	\$192
#3006 Wed.	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 13 - Jan. 29 (omit 12/25 & 1/1)	\$160
#3007 Sat.	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Nov. 16 - Feb. 1	\$192

Girls Recreational Gymnastics (Ages 6-12) 12 weeks

#3008 Mon.	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 11 - Jan. 27	\$322
#3009 Wed.	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Nov. 13 - Jan. 29 (omit 12/25 & 1/1)	\$268
#3010 Sat.	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Nov. 16 - Feb. 1	\$322

Track and Field Clinic

Location: West Bloomfield High School
Instructor: Coach Pete Hill

Focus is on proper technique/form for running/jumping with emphasis on benefits of long term training.

Introduction to Track and Field (Ages 7-14) 8 weeks

#3068 Tues./Thurs.	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Oct. 1 - Nov. 21	\$120
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Chess Wizards

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Specially designed, fun classes cater to all levels of ability. Chess enhances cognitive development, improves mathematical and verbal skills and increases academic performance.

Chess Wizards (Ages 5-12) 8 weeks

#2350 Sat.	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Oct. 5-Nov. 23	\$150
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Martial Arts

Location: TRUE Martial Arts 6363 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (Inside Orchard Mall)

Students will learn physical fitness, the importance of respect, self-discipline, perseverance and self-defense. Students will also set and meet personal goals, make new friends and learn martial arts in a fun, safe, judgement-free environment.



Grasshopper Karate (Ages 4-7)

Sat.	12:30-1:00 p.m.
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Kids Karate (Ages 7-12)

Sat.	9:30-10:30 a.m.
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Please Call TRUE Martial Arts for start dates and prices

Director: Matthew Sikora

Phone: 248-706-0000

Youth Basketball League

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructor: Pat Watson, Principal WBHS

Boys and girls will enjoy this league play format. Players will be placed on teams and experience practice and game play each week. 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 7 weeks, omit 11/30

#6560

Grade: 1-3	Sat. 9:00-10:00 a.m.	Oct. 26-Dec. 14	\$139
Grade: 4-6	Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.	Oct. 26-Dec. 14	\$139

West Bloomfield Aqua Club

Location: West Bloomfield High School

West Bloomfield Community Swim Club is excited to partner with Aqua Club to bring its staff, curriculum and expertise to our Aquatics program. Founder, Nim Shapira, 2-time Olympian swimmer in the 2008-2012 Olympic games, has been a member of the National Team of Israel since the age of 15. Nim competed at all International levels including the Maccabiah Games, European Championships, World Championships and Olympics. Your child will learn to swim and enhance skills while learning from well-experienced staff.



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

FREE lessons for kids up to 6 months

Duration 30 min.

1 lesson per week, 4 weeks

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

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 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





Mostly Mozart

Instrumental Music Program

Mostly Mozart Youth Violin

Location: Scotch Elementary

Instructor: Sasha Bezak

Begin the adventure into the art of violin playing with enjoyable songs and guided, professional instruction. All lessons are based on the Beginning Traditional Violin Method completely aligned with the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association. Sixteen lessons include violin, music stand, book and all other supplies and equipment. Class is limited in size, so be sure to register early.



Mostly Mozart (Ages 5-11) 16 weeks

#3098 Tues./Thurs. 8:00-8:50 a.m. Sept. 24 - Nov. 14 \$300

Kite Tutoring SAT Prep

Location: West Bloomfield High School

Instructors: Kite Tutoring

Coursework consists of 37.5 hours of prep time which includes 30 hours of instruction, 3 proctored, full-length exams and course material. Small class size allows for interactive lectures and personalized curriculum. Curriculum will be unique based on strengths and weaknesses of each student.



SAT Prep (Ages 15-18, 12 students max) 8 weeks

Mon./Wed. 3:30-6:00 p.m. Oct. 7 - Dec. 2 \$599

West Bloomfield Adult Education ESL Fall 2019

Dawn Hanford, Coordinator

J&S Office Center 7071 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 100 West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Registration and Information (248) 539-2390

FREE! Evening ESL Levels I, II, and III *

J&S Office Center

Sept. 3 - Dec. 17 Mon. - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

FREE! Morning ESL Beginner ONLY *

Orchard Lake Middle School, 6000 Orchard Lake Rd.

Sept. 3 - Dec. 19 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.

1 Day@ \$115 2 Days@ \$225 4 Days@ \$435

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

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

Session 1: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18 (6 weeks)*

Session 2: Oct. 21 - Dec. 6 (6 weeks-omit 11/25 - 11/29)*

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

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

American Culture/Current Events
Fri. 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.

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(ACS)

5810 Commerce Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI 48324
Phone: 248-865-6462

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Fax: 248-865-6461

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

