



STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES PREPARE FOR UNUSUAL YEAR

The 2020-21 school year started on August 25 in the West Bloomfield School District with K-8 students participating in the district's hybrid-learning plan, returning to in-person instruction through half-day cohorts, four days per week. Students at West Bloomfield High School started their school year learning via remote instruction with the hopes of transitioning back to in-person instructions during the second semester of the school year.

Brand new for 2020-21 was our Lakers Online program, the district's 100-percent online instructional offering for the entire school year. The response to Lakers Online was massive, with nearly 1,800 students and over 70 teachers embarking on this journey to transition the same high level of instruction online for the 2020-21 school year.

We could not be more pleased with how this school year has started. While there have been bumps along the way, we want to express our sincere gratitude to our students, staff and families for their continued support and grace during this unprecedented time in education.

We are WB Strong, and we will continue to succeed together.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UNVEILED

Sheiko Elementary recently unveiled the school's very own Little Free Library for members of the school and West Bloomfield community to enjoy. Sheiko's library was made possible through the efforts of School Board members **Ken Ferguson** and **Cristina Elsen**.

Sheiko's Information and Technology Specialist/Literacy Coach, **Shahenda Vannostrand** has already filled the library with books from the Scholastic Rewards program.



2021-2022 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE/STEAM INFORMATION

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 2021-22 window will run from mid-January to mid-February 2021.

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



OAKLAND EARLY COLLEGE RECOGNIZED BY STATE

Oakland Early College (OEC) was one of 41 high schools across Michigan that produced outstanding FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion rates and was recognized by Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN).

The College Cash Campaign, a FAFSA

completion initiative from the Michigan College Access Network, ran from November 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020. During that time, 49,128 FAFSAs were filed by 2020 graduating seniors in nearly 400 participating Michigan high schools.

Oakland Early College's FAFSA completion rate was 88 percent as of

March 1, 2020. By July 1, 2020, that rate had increased to 94 percent.

"I want to congratulate all of the schools that exceeded their FAFSA completion goal and every student who filled out their form," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said.



RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

By Gerald Hill, Ph.D., Superintendent

*The data cited in the article was accurate as of press time and is subject to change.



– GUIDANCE AND FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING

On October 2nd, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic are no longer valid. Since then, I've received numerous emails from parents requesting an update on the West Bloomfield School District's Return to Learn Plan. Some parents would like us to immediately open our schools for in-person learning in all grades, K-12. Other parents, given the current increase in COVID-19 cases, are strongly urging us to exercise continued caution. Because of the many viewpoints, I want to review how we are implementing our Return to Learn plan and what guidance and related factors are being considered as we determine the most appropriate, safe, healthy and educationally sound learning model to follow.

From a legal perspective, the fact that the MI Supreme Court struck down the 1945 statute that Governor Whitmer used in issuing her Executive Orders related to COVID-19, does not impact the West Bloomfield School District's educational plans. Our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and our Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan were both approved by our Board of Education in response

to the legislatively enacted law, Public Act 149 of 2020, not Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders. Public Act 149 mandates that school districts develop educational plans addressing how to safely and effectively provide educational services for students during this pandemic. The Board of Education has the obligation and authority to adopt policies to educate all students while keeping our stakeholders safe. Consequently, unless or until we receive additional guidance from lawful authorities, we have the responsibility to maintain the safety protocols articulated in our Board-approved Return to Learn Plan which was required as part of the MI Safe Start, a plan approved by the legislature. We also work closely with and follow guidance from the Oakland County Health Department (OCHD).



OCHD has issued the Guidance for In-person Instruction that helps determine when it is safe to offer in-person instruction.

One of the challenges, however, is that the guidance provided by MI Safe Start and that provided by Guidance for In-person Instruction are not consistent. For example, the MI Safe Start plan categorizes COVID-19 spread risk in terms of 6 phases. The OCHD Guidance for In Person Instruction categorizes COVID-19 spread risk in terms of 6 risk determination factors.

One can compare/equate the two guidance systems as follows:

MI Safe Start Plan (State)	Guidance for In-Person Instruction (OCHD)
1-Uncontrolled Growth	E-Highest Risk
2-Persistent Spread	D-Very High Risk
3-Flattening	C-High Risk
4-Improving	B-Medium High Risk
5-Containing	A-Medium Risk
6-Post Pandemic	Low Risk

By the OCHD's County Level Risk Determination levels, our area is currently in Level E- Highest Risk (150 or greater cases per million; 20% or greater positivity with guidance calling for "Consider remote instruction in entire district").

In addition, we also receive a Weekly COVID-19 Report from OCHD. This report lists trend data including: total confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases; average daily cases; percentage of cases hospitalized; positivity percentages; health care capacity; and testing, tracing and containment of COVID-19. The latest report received November 18th shows Oakland County at the E-Highest Risk level. There were 8,511 cases in the past week and a positivity rate of 13.85%, with data trending sharply upward. Consequently, we expect to be in fully remote instruction at least through January 15th. As we continue to monitor the data on a weekly basis, if our area were to

improve to a level D or C, we'd consider going back to our hybrid instructional model at that point. The hybrid model is described below:

- Hybrid Instruction (a blend of in-person and virtual learning) for Grades K – 8
- Virtual learning for Grade 9 – 12
- Self-contained special education classes for all levels taught in-person
- Lakers Online (optional totally virtual learning) for K – 12

All of the previously mentioned plans, guidelines and reports can be found on our district website at, www.wbsd.org.

Looking forward to this coming spring, if we get to Phase 4 or 5 or Risk Levels B or A, we can seriously consider in-person learning for all grades, K – 12. In the meantime, we continue to study the COVID-19 trend data, analyze what's working and what needs improvement in our current educational plans in order to prepare thoughtful, forward-thinking actions, including either going totally remote or returning to face to face learning for all students.

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for your continued patience and understanding as we work to navigate these complicated and ever-changing conditions. The health, safety and welfare of students and staff remain our top priorities.



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LONGTIME SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

Former West Bloomfield Board of Education member Randi Sakwa recently retired from her position on the Board of Education after 10 years

of service. During her tenure, she helped guide the district through some of the most challenging and successful years in our district's history. She was instrumental in strengthening our financial health, repairing many relationships, and re-investing in our technology, curriculum, classroom libraries, and our support systems for students, teachers and staff.

Ms. Sakwa served three terms as board president, three terms as board vice president and two terms as board secretary



in her illustrious career.

"Ms. Sakwa brought a force of energy and light to our district," said Stacy Brickman, WBSD Board of Education president. "Her

passion is energy. She stayed focused on what was best for kids. Ms. Sakwa is a champion for building a collaborative, inclusive and strong community. We all know that school board service is truly a selfless responsibility and to do it well, it takes a true commitment. Ms. Sakwa did it well and is a model for us all."

Dr. Gerald Hill, WBSD superintendent added, "As Ms. Sakwa leaves us and moves on to life's next adventure, we would

like to thank her for her commitment, her passion, her energy, and her light that she has always shined on our school district."

WEST BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE

The West Bloomfield School District Board of Education recently announced the appointment of Christy Forhan to the Board's vacant board

seat. Ms. Forhan was appointed to the

position of Trustee during the Board of Education's special meeting on September 14, with a unanimous 6-0 vote. Ms. Forhan will serve the remainder of the seat's term until December 2022.

Ms. Forhan has volunteered in the West Bloomfield School District since 1995. In that time, she has served the school district community in a multitude of capacities.

"My focus has always been on improving our schools, enhancing experiences for our students, supporting our staff, and

promoting the district," Ms. Forhan said.

"My husband and I chose to raise our children in West Bloomfield, in large part, because of the quality of the public schools. I want to ensure all West Bloomfield

students benefit from the same outstanding education that my own children received."

Stacy Brickman, Board of Education president, said, "On behalf of the West Bloomfield Board of Education, we welcome Ms. Forhan, and we look forward to serving the students, staff and families of West Bloomfield with her. Ms. Forhan has made an outstanding contribution to our school district over the past two decades. I have been fortunate to serve alongside Christy on many

district-level initiatives and know her to be a creative problem solver, analytical, fiscally responsible, and a hard worker who possesses the highest level of integrity."



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2021

- **January 11:** Board Study Session
- **January 25:** Board Meeting
- **February 8:** Board Study Session
- **February 22:** Board Meeting
- **March 8:** Board Study Session
- **March 22:** Board Meeting
- **April 12:** Board Study Session
- **April 26:** Board Meeting

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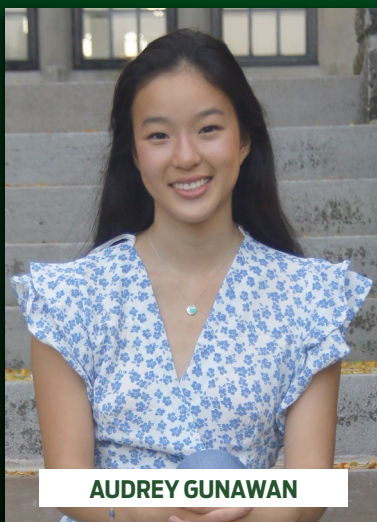
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WBSD ANNOUNCES

2021 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SEMIFINALISTS

The West Bloomfield School District is proud to announce that four West Bloomfield High School students have been named semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. The district's 2021 semifinalists are **Audrey Gunawan, Mahmood Khattab, Shayl Pokle, and Amulya Setlur.**

Audrey Gunawan is the daughter of Madeleine and Sukiwi Gunawan. She is interested in studying biochemistry at the University of Michigan after high school. Audrey is Student Government President, Model United Nations Head Delegate, and Orchestra Concertmaster. She is also the founder and president of the GIDAS Research Club.



AUDREY GUNAWAN

Mahmood Khattab is the son of Razan Bitar and Nidal Khattab. He is interested in studying biomedical engineering and going to medical school after high school. He is applying to University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Mahmood is President of MSA, Activities Chair of Chem Club and Student Representative of HOSA.



SHAYL POKLE

Shayl Pokle is the son of Surekha and Sachin Pokle. He is interested in studying engineering or medicine after high school at the University of Michigan or Michigan State

University. Shayl is a member of HOSA, Chem Club, Stocks Club, and the National Honor Society.

Amulya Setlur is the daughter of Shamala Narasimhan and Raghavan Setlur. She is interested in studying medicine after high school and becoming a neurologist. Currently, she is considering University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Johns Hopkins University, and Dartmouth College as she continues her education. Amulya is involved with the Chemistry Club, Biology Club, and HOSA at WBHS.



MAHMOOD KHATTAB



AMULYA SETLUR

The district is also proud to recognize the three WBHS students who were announced as Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Those students are **Kylie Roth, Aayush Shah, and Raksha Sridharan.**

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 (PSAT/NMSQT) – a test which serves as an initial screen

of more than 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The West Bloomfield Township Public Library once again hosted its Summer Reading Program in 2020. Despite the unprecedented circumstances over the course of the summer, the West Bloomfield Township Public Library had tremendous support from students in the West Bloomfield School District. Below is a list of the West Bloomfield students who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program:

Doherty Elementary School - Alek Prifti, Emma Calvin, Ella Malott, Lincoln Malott, Karin Sanada, Julian Massa, Evelyn Dunne, Rina Toyama, Sara Toyama, Liam Boyle, Kenzie Boyle, Vincenzo Clemente, Sahasr Medisetty, Keigo Oura, Natan Bagdasarian, Meredith Worrel, Marius Semelagne, Sofia Barach, Eva Bilkey, Kosuke Yamazaki, Nora Nisula, Vijay Karthick, Dominic Phillips, Natalie Randall

Gretcho Elementary School - Sophia Roth, Grayson Davis, Michael Davis, Maria Harfouch, Mia Harfouch, Hugo Murrmann, Hadley Roth, Denis Pepa, Elizabeth Donnelly, Elias Reamer, Mason Philleo, Eleonora Duvnjak, Ayden Hammerick, Kamila Zinkovska, Daniel Foust, Abigail Clough, Zoey Zohoury, Lucy Zawalski, Aya Salman, Austin Flory, Petra Duvnjak, Paige Winkler, Quinn Winkler, Elijah Dooley, Sidney Jarco, Elizabeth Zawalski, Elizabeth Thiry, Kabir Giri

Roosevelt Elementary School - Owen Calvin, Anthony Pawlety, Kiera Maury, Phillip Brown, Zuhair Mirza, Aarush Shah, Miriam William, Siri Challa, Manard Kahill, Adya Priya, Hannah Pawlety, Olivia Brown, Kairav Joshi, Lena Maury, Aaron Reinke, Marta Glick, Lilliam Gutierrez, Bennett Nisula, Sabrina Phillips, Rebecca Sullivan, Quinn

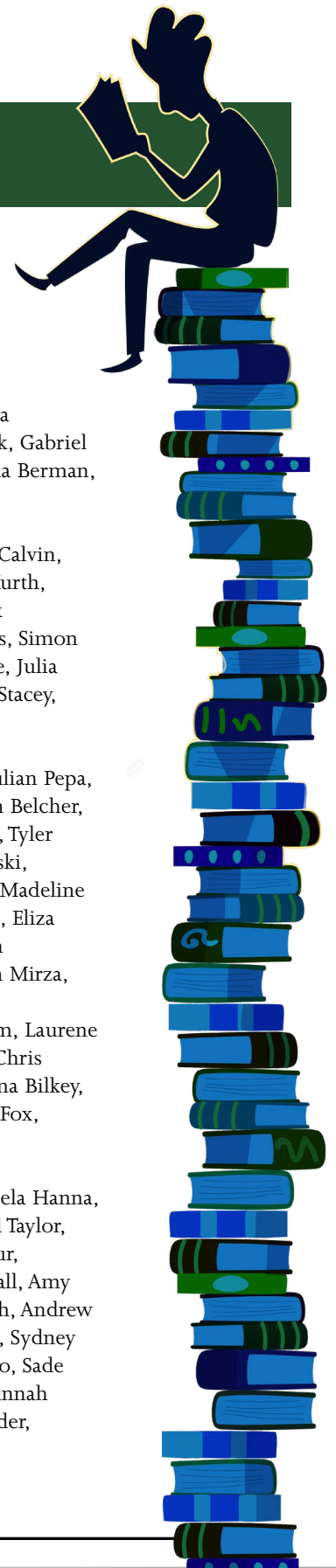
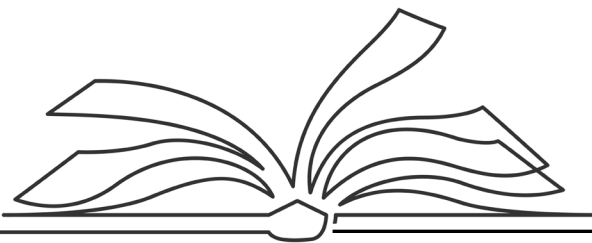
Whitmer, Hailey Jarco, Danielle William, Mary Whitmer, Adriana Kubat, Zoya Giri, Justin Guo, Ryder Cornett, Adelynn Farms, Jayla Ganaway

Scotch Elementary School - Albion Pepa, Peyton Dooley, Barron Orton, Angela Hanna, Max Wakeford, Alyson Hammerick, Gabriel Reamer, Graham Kubiak, Stella Saxe, Olivia Berman, Vivian Saxe, Paige Schepper, Derek Rubio

Sheiko Elementary School - Adalyn Calvin, Fabrizio Clemente, Rebekah Kim, Oscar Kurth, Francesca Clemente, Giovanni Massa, Max Brockdorf, Madison Rogers, Aubree Harris, Simon Semelagne, Brandon Mayle, Braylon Mayle, Julia Bilkey, Sophia Stacey, Haruhi Iida, Sienna Stacey, Ryuki Iida, Kasey Jackson

West Bloomfield Middle School - Julian Pepa, Benjamin Donnelly, Teruki Iwao, Katheryn Belcher, Izzie Wakeford, Ethan Brown, Bryce Abbo, Tyler Brockdorf, Kaitlyn Tan, Branislav Stojanovski, Isabella Clough, Sela Kubiak, Juan Lopez, Madeline Costa, Vladimir Stojanovski, Victor Babbitt, Eliza Sokoli, Maximillian Quirindongo, Median Bamarhool, Dinesh Senthilnathan, Nadrah Mirza, Mariana Kahill, Haven William, Harshitha Sankaranarayanan, Daniel Kim, Eli Measom, Laurene Semelagne, Natalie Weissman, Sora Park, Chris Abbo, Andia Orouji, Wenton Yatooma, Anna Bilkey, Namya Garg, Puja Ravi, Rikuto Iida, Sean Fox, Median Bamarhool

West Bloomfield High School - Angela Hanna, Adrianna Sagmani, Humaid Mirza, Rachel Taylor, Lily Goodman, Elijah Burlak, Amulya Setlur, Adedayo Adebayo, Sama Khan, Riley Mehall, Amy Measom, Hannah Measom, William Pfauth, Andrew Sagmani, Anthony Sagmani, Justin Karana, Sydney Peretto, Clementine Goodman, Keigo Iwao, Sade Brown, Rave Andrews, Malini Kamath, Hannah Zawaideh, Shane Donovan, Brooke Desnyder, Madilyn Bottrell, Eesh Garg



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Do you know of any West Bloomfield High School Alums you'd like to see in the spotlight? If so, please email alicia.chase@wbsd.org with their contact info and a brief background.



MANU MALHOTRA
WBHS Class of 1991

Dr. Malhotra is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital (HFWBH) and the Northwest Market. In his current role, he is responsible for providing clinical leadership to advance innovation and growth, optimize patient safety and quality, and enhance efficiency of care for HFWBH and other clinical sites in Oakland County.

Dr. Malhotra is an Emergency Physician and former Medical Director of the Henry Ford Hospital Emergency Department in

Manu Malhotra, MD, graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 1991. Dr. Malhotra earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Economics, his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio, and an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Malhotra is the Chief Medical

Detroit. He has led numerous patient safety and quality initiatives and has been the principal investigator on several research studies evaluating health care delivery and process improvement.

Dr. Malhotra is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at Wayne State University and a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is a member of several local and national societies and serves on many state and local boards/committees.

Dr. Malhotra credits many of his teachers at West Bloomfield High School with helping him to achieve many successes in his career.

"There were a lot of key players during my time at WBHS who contributed to my post-graduation trajectory," Dr. Malhotra said. "At the risk of forgetting some very important people, I would mention Mr. Leider, Mr. Fornell, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Faber, Ms. Silverstone, Coach Brandell, Mr. Townley, and Srs. Venitilli and Pilot."

He continued, "I would mention that I always appreciated the very inclusive environment and respect for diversity that was fostered for the students at WBHS, even decades ago when I was a student."



EVAN SEIGERMAN
WBHS Class of 2006

and the Arts. Prior to his appointment at Credit Suisse, he worked as VP for US Biopharmaceutical Equity Research for Barclays, and an Associate Analyst for Biotechnology Equity Research for Deutsche Bank. He also worked as a strategy consultant to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

Evan is responsible for Credit Suisse's coverage of US Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical stock, including major companies such as Gilead, Regeneron, Amgen, and Biogen. He is regularly featured in the Press, including a recent interview in the

Evan Seigerman graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 2006 and is currently a Director and Senior Equity Research Analyst covering the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sectors at Credit Suisse in New York City.

After graduating WBHS, Evan attended the University of Michigan where, in 2010, he earned both a BBA in Finance and Accounting from the Ross School of Business and a BA in Spanish Language/Literature from the College of Literature, Science,

Washington Post on remdesivir – Gilead's antiviral drug for COVID-19; the PBS NewsHour, discussing COVID-19 vaccine pricing; and several CNBC articles discussing the Biotechnology Sector. His franchise provides insight and quantitative analysis to institutional investors. He also manages a team of three junior research analysts, to support his work.

Evan recognizes the impact that his experiences at WBHS have had on his career to this point. This is especially true of staff members who set him on the path toward success.

"Specifically, Mrs. Jackie Evola's AP Economics classes truly sparked my interest in business and finance," Evan said. "I fondly remember her sage advice encouraging me to learn accounting as soon as possible, given its importance in all of business. I also credit Dr. Joe Brandell, Mr. Chris Sturgill, and Mr. Steve Palizzi, among my many excellent teachers. These teachers and their respective classes allowed me to develop a set of foundational skills that I use every day at work."

He also credited his experience with the Medical Mentorship program, theatre program, Spanish classes and more with helping him succeed.

"In short," Evan said, "my teachers at WBHS laid a solid foundation that allowed me to succeed while at the University of Michigan and in my career today."

ROTARY WORKS TO GET MASKS FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES



The West Bloomfield School District recently accepted a donation of 160 FDA-approved N-95 masks from the Rotary District 6380. The donation was made possible through the Rotary District 6380's 100K Mask Challenge.

These masks will be used by school district personnel in a variety of capacities, including quarantine containment room staff within each school, self-contained classroom staff and more.

"The Rotary Club of West Bloomfield, along with most of the 53 Rotary clubs in District 6380, have contributed funds toward this worthy project," said Dr. Gerald Hill, WBSD superintendent and immediate past president of the West Bloomfield Rotary Club. "We are grateful to our local Rotary Club and Rotary District 6380 for this generous donation. These



masks will help keep our students, staff and families safe as we work each day to do what's best for kids."

The project goal is to donate 100,000 masks to frontline workers. Currently, the District 6380 has purchased and donated almost 60,000 N-95 masks. In order to raise additional funds for the purchase of 100,000 masks, Rotary District 6380 is now selling customized non-medical grade Rotary Masks in sizes ranging from child to adult.

Through a partnership with GLOW, a women's empowerment organization, the masks are made by women in India, helping them become financially independent all while providing high quality, protective face

coverings at an affordable price.

To support Rotary District 6380 in their mission, visit www.rotary100k.org to make a purchase or donation, or contact rotary100k@gmail.com to learn more.



PROJECT SEARCH CELEBRATES GRADUATES

The 2019-20 Project SEARCH interns at Henry Ford Hospital – West Bloomfield were recognized for their achievements during a drive-thru graduation event on August 27. The recognized students included:

- Evan Davis - Birmingham
- Mike Samueloff - Walled Lake
- Michael Niesluchowski - Walled Lake

- Miller Karageanes - Birmingham
- Emily-Ann Hauser - Novi
- Patrick Harmon - WBSD
- Nick George - Birmingham

Leah Mattise said, "This group of interns was incredibly flexible with all that happened during their tenure at Project SEARCH. Prior to COVID, upon returning back from winter break in January, there was a water main break in

the hospital, which affected our classroom, so we had to move each day to available space for instruction. Hospital departments the interns rotated through were endoscopy, surgical recycling, kitchen prep, linens, patient transportation, pharmacy/physical therapy, ICU Alcove stocking, Labor and Delivery."



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RENOVATIONS TO SPORTS' FIELDS CONTINUE

As a part of the district's Building and Site Sinking Fund, renovations to the varsity baseball and varsity softball fields at the West Bloomfield High School began in June. In addition, improvements were also made to the practice fields to install drainage and irrigation systems.

New fencing has been installed around both fields including reconfiguring field dimensions and bullpen areas. As of now, both the softball and baseball field improvements have been completed with both fields receiving new backstops and full synthetic turf on the playing surfaces.

Upgrades at the softball and baseball fields consist of:

- New backstop netting and knee wall
- New foul poles and outfield fence
- Full synthetic turf field

New bullpens with synthetic turf system:

- Upgrades to the Practice Field:

- Drainage improvements
- Irrigation modifications
- Lawn restoration

Turf System:

- Sprinturf
 - UltraBlade 42 DFE Extreme
 - Sand & Rubber infill



FALL 2020 WBMS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The construction crews working on the site of the new West Bloomfield Middle School had a busy fall, with exterior work beginning to slow down as work transitions indoors for the colder months ahead.

Building progress on the site included additional roofing and supports being constructed to encapsulate the auditorium/cafeteria section of the building while work on the gymnasium continued to take shape. Work also began on the learning pods at the rear of the building, which will serve as the building's instructional spaces for students.

Construction of offices and spaces at the front of the building also took shape as construction stretched into the fall and early winter.

As the colder months approach, work will transition indoors to begin the expansive infrastructure, which will be necessary to bring these 21st century learning environments to life.

"We are thrilled with the progress our crews have

made to start this school year and eagerly await the opening of our newest building in the fall of 2022," said Kyle Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations.





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It is the policy of the West Bloomfield School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, religion, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination in employment or any of its programs or activities.

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

Director's Message

Winter, 2021

We all know the phrase, "Time flies when you're having fun". Well, 25 years have flown by for me. After two-and-a-half decades as Director of Community Education for the West Bloomfield School District, and prior to that, 13 years as Director of Parks and Recreation for West Bloomfield Township, I will be retiring this December. Thirty-eight years in a community I have come to love and respect.

I could fill up at least three pages if I attempted to name all the people I would like to thank. I am truly grateful to all those who have so positively impacted my life and all the friendships I have made over the years.

West Bloomfield is a beautiful community with an exemplary school district. It is hard not to take for granted everything offered in West Bloomfield – the natural beauty of the landscape and the people; its diversity; its respect for quality education; and its commitment to making West Bloomfield a welcoming, inclusive community.

It is a wonderful place in which to work.

Your Community Education department staff continues to work hard to support our PreK – 12 students with high-quality academic and enrichment programs, along with offering numerous enrichment classes for adults. I hope you and our students will continue to take advantage of these valuable opportunities.

It has been both professionally and personally rewarding to have worked in West Bloomfield and to, hopefully, have made contributions beyond the walls of our school buildings.

Thank you sincerely for all that you have given to me. Truly, I have received more from you than what I have been able to give to West Bloomfield.

WB....forever in my heart.

Joey Spano





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Joey Spano, Director of Community Education



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Kids Klub/Tween Time

Kids Klub/ Tween Time is before and after school childcare for children enrolled at ALL Elementary Schools: Doherty, Sheiko, Roosevelt, Gretchko, and Scotch. Tween Time is offered at West Bloomfield Middle School Abbott Campus. Kids Klub/ Tween Time is offered Mon./Tues. and Thurs./ Fri; Kids Klub/ Tween Time is closed on Wednesdays. Kids Klub opens at 6:45 a.m. until the start of the school day, and afternoon Kids Klub/ Tween Time begins at dismissal until 6:30 p.m. All Kids Klub/ Tween Time programs offer safe sociability, games, homework tables, and open-ended activities.



Cloud Care

Due to the unique circumstances of the school year, Cloud Care is being offered to families in addition to the regular Kids Klub/ Tween Time hours. We are proud to offer Cloud Care Mon., Tues. and Thurs., Fri. during the school day for children in Cohort A or B. Cloud Care is closed on Wednesday. Cloud Care offers socialization with peers, open-ended choice time, enrichment activities, and daily assistance with assigned virtual learning components for children. Cloud Care is offered at all elementary schools and the middle school.

Tuition is billed one month in advance and is due on the 15th of the month.

For more information on registration and tuition for Kids Klub/ Tween Time and Cloud care, contact Collette Goestenkers (248) 865-6468 or collette.goestenkers@wbsd.org

FREE Preschool

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a tuition-free, state-funded program for four-year old children. All qualifying families must meet income guidelines; additional risk factors may apply. Programs located at Scotch and Sheiko Elementary. For more information and to see if your child is a candidate, please call (248) 865-6468.



Tuition-based Preschool –Spots Available

Spots are still available for full and half day three-year old and four-year old tuition based preschool; as well as Little Lakers the multi-age virtual preschool program that is offered during this unique time. Face to Face programs available at



ACS, Gretchko, and Sheiko. All early childhood programs utilize the HighScope curriculum and teach the child for their development. Contact Collette Goestenkers (248) 865-6468 collette.goestenkers@wbsd.org for registration and tuition information.

Early Childhood, Kids Klub and Tween Time

Coordinator: Laura Poxon

Registration and Information: (248) 865-6466

ADULT PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

UGOTCLASS Online Certificates

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Introduction to Data Analysis Certificate

Looking for a basic understanding of how to analyze data in a business setting? Businesses look for candidates with an understanding of how to analyze the data they have been collecting; this course will help you start on that journey. The class is a total of 16 hours, over one month.

#2454 Adult Online 2/1-2/26 \$195

Intermediate Data Analysis Certificate

Many business decisions involve comparing groups for differences. For example, would men and women prefer different product features? Does product recognition relate to subsequent product purchase? This course will introduce you to the statistics behind these group differences and relationships. In addition, you'll learn how to work with ratings, graphs and user-friendly reports of statistical results.

#2456 Adult Online 3/1-3/31 \$195

Advanced Data Analysis Certificate

Take the guesswork out of important company decisions and make decisions based on the statistically significant information. Whether your business is home-based or a large company, this class will take you to the next level where important decision-making is concerned.

#2457 Adult Online 4/5-4/30 \$195

ADULT ENRICHMENT & RECREATION



How to fix ANYTHING & Everything via Zoom

Ask a licensed builder and follow along as Jason teaches you how to fix your leaky faucet, tile repair, caulking, even a running toilet. Reading and material list will be emailed.

#9091 Young Adults & Adults

Wednesdays 7-7:45 p.m. 1/13-2/10 \$70

Instructor: Jason Helka, Licensed Builder



Stitch, Sip, and Socialize via Zoom

Grab your unfinished handiwork or start something that has been on your to-do list, a cup of your favorite tea or coffee and socialize. Materials not included.

#9092 Adults

Mondays 1-3 p.m. 1/11-2/8 \$25

Instructor: Robin Kaufman

Home Selling and Buying Tips

Zoom in and learn the ins & outs of preparing to SELL or PURCHASE a home/condo. An overview of selecting a Realtor, preparing your home, steps in selling/buying and preparing your finances to make a move in today's real estate market

#2325 Adult/Young Adults 18+

Tuesday 6-8 p.m. 1/12 \$15

Wednesday 6-8 p.m. 2/10 \$15

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Mary Rettig, Associate Broker, RE/MAX Classic

College and FAFSA Planning Virtual Workshop

Join us for an in depth view on how to navigate the college process. Learn about opportunities to save money by increasing your financial aid and how to complete the FAFSA correctly, leveraging it to your advantage so you maximize your financial aid.

#2038 Young Adults & Adults

Thursday 6:30-7:45p.m. 1/21 \$10

Tuesday 6:30-7:45p.m. 2/9 \$10

Thursday 6:30-7:45p.m. 3/18 \$10

Tuesday 6:30-7:45p.m. 4/13 \$10

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Will Alford, Education Planning Resources



PLEASE NOTE – WINTER 2021

We are following the State of Michigan guidelines for in-person instruction. You can learn more about our response to COVID-19 at www.wbsd.org/health-and-wellness/covid-19-resources

YOUTH MOVEMENT & ENRICHMENT

Tumble Bunnies

Keep your bunnies active and moving this winter! You will be sent a link each Monday for 8 weeks to a prerecorded video, play the video when it's convenient for you and your child. Course offerings include Ballet, Cheer, Music, Gymnastics, Zumba, Hip Hop and All Sports.



Ages 3-5 and 6-8

Date & Time: Your Choice with video link, approximately 30-40 minutes 1/18-3/8 \$80

#9059 Ballet #9060 Cheer Bunnies
#9061 Music #9053 Gymnastics
#9055 Zumba #9057 Hip Hop #9054 All Sports

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Tumble Bunnies

Online Chess Class

Same exciting curriculum, now available online! Select from private or group lessons in a safe and secure platform. Use tactics and strategies to level up your game!



Grades K-6th with multiple skill levels: Proud Pawns, Nifty Knights, Brilliant Bishops (Intermediate), and Rad Rooks (Strong Intermediate). Class times and dates vary, for more information and to register visit: www.chesswizards.jumbula.com

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Chess Wizards

The Power of Drawing

We're celebrating the New Year in style – Young Rembrandts Winter lessons are kicking off with Groovy Giraffes, a detailed Scorpion and a delicious Ice Cream Sundae. We will also have some fun with a Pop Art Frog as well as a complex Art History piece! Artists will be learning core art skills while boosting self-confidence and social development.

#8000 6-12 years old
4 weeks On Demand 1/1-1/31 \$64

#8000 6-12 years old
8 weeks Live Virtual Thursdays 1/14-3/4 \$95

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

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, let us know.

Kids Karate

True Martial Arts classes are a fun and exciting way for your child to learn important life skills! We give them the tools they need to grow into positive youth adults and beyond. Cost includes uniform.

#2125 7-12 years old

Fridays 4:15-5 p.m. 1/8-2/5 \$130

Location: Zoom

Instructor: True Martial Arts

Drama Kids

Interactive creative drama right to your home! Classes will teach acting fundamentals like projection, articulation, dramatic movement and improvisation while engaging in active and imagination character-building and group scene work. Students will learn from an award-winning curriculum, specifically designed for online learning. This session will end with a recorded presentation for parents to view at home!

2330 (omit days 2/15-2/18)

Grades	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
K-2	M	4:30-5:20 p.m.	1/25-3/22	\$112
3-5	M	5:30-6:20 p.m.	1/25-3/22	\$112
3-5	Tues	3:30-4:40 p.m.	1/19-3/23	\$126
3-5	Tues	4:30-5:20 p.m.	1/19-3/23	\$126
2-5	Wed	4:30-5:20 p.m.	1/20-3/24	\$126
3-5	Thur	4:30-5:20 p.m.	1/21-3/25	\$126

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Drama Kids

Acting Academy

This online **interactive** drama course, exclusive to teens and tweens, will include a wide range of higher-level activities that promote self-expression, communication, and creative thinking. Classes will expand on acting fundamentals such as vocal basics, dramatic movement, and improvisation while diving deeper into more complex acting techniques like script analysis, character development and physicality. Students will learn from award winning interactive curriculum specifically designed to be experienced online. This session will end with a recorded presentation that parents can view at home.

#2330

Grades	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
6-11	Tues	5:30-6:20 p.m.	1/19-3/23	\$126

omit 2/16

Location: Zoom

Instructor: Drama Kids



ADULT EDUCATION/ESL

Dawn Hanford, Coordinator

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Winter 2021 English as a Second Language EVENING ESL! BEGINNER MORNING ESL!

Register now for ESL Levels I, II, and III

January 11- April 29

Students 18 and older are welcome from any district. Call to schedule an appointment.

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

English as a Second Language Tuition Classes

6 Weeks: 2 Days \$225, 4 Days \$425

Winter Session 3: January 11 - February 19 (Omit 1/18, 2/15-16)

Advanced English

Monday/Wednesday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Pronunciation and Conversation

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Winter Session 4: February 22 - April 16 (Omit 3/29-4/2)

Advanced English

Monday/Wednesday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Pronunciation and Conversation

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Winter Session 5: April 19 - May 28

Advanced English

Monday/Wednesday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

Pronunciation and Conversation

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

American Customs and Manners! (Online)



Winter Session 3: January 12 - February 22

Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.

\$95

(Login Detail upon registration.)

Winter Book Club

12 Weeks: January 11 - April 16

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Mondays 12:30-3 p.m.

\$225



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Registration— Easy ways to register

1. Online at wbcommed.org
2. In-person at the
Community Education
Office (please call first)
3. By phone at
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