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## Mr. Svitak to Retire at the Close of the 2020-21 School Year

As Mr. Svitak wraps up his final year as Wausau East's Assistant Principal of Programming and Special Education before retiring, we would like to thank him for 24 years of dedication and service to the students and staff of East High.

Mr. Svitak's friendly but fair approach to students made him someone they could trust and count on for both academic and personal guidance. Because

> of his sincere concern for them and his understanding of their backgrounds and perspectives, he was an advocate for countless students over the years. He truly impacted many lives in a positive way!

Let's not forget his sense of humor! Whether



Mr. Svitak in his younger days at the "Old East."



Mr. Bushman and Mr. Svitak

it was getting a pie in the face during homecoming pep rallies, supervising athletics, plays, musicals and dances, or.... dancing and singing with Dr. Peck in the main office and hallway, he made a good day even be

Dr. Peck in the main office and hallway, he made a good day even better! Mr. Svitak was not afraid to crack a joke or bust a move which always brought a smile to students and staff. We will miss him and his lightheartedness.

Mr. Svitak: We hope you enjoy your retirement - golfing, traveling, and all the new activities that await you. Congratulations on a wonderful career and best wishes for the next phase of your life!

Oh, and remember...Once a Lumberjack, always a Lumberjack!

#### Good times at East High! Thanks for the memories!



Mr. Coenen

Mr. Pataconi

Mr. Svitak

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# **Homecoming 2020-2021**



King and Queen: Thomas Euting and Kit Kronberger



Kit Kronberger



**Thomas Euting** 

Carter Cygan



TJ Condon



Elsie Ambord



Lea Ratanawong



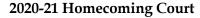


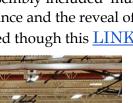
Max Novak

Even with COVID restrictions in place, we were able to celebrate homecoming and crown this year's king and queen. The elections for

court were open to all East students and many took part in voting for their favorite candidates. Our homecoming assembly included music from our band students, a cheer team performance and the reveal of the king and queen. The event was live streamed though this LINK







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Maddie Busig



## Zoro's Locker Food Pantry:

## **Highlighting the Many People Who Help!**

On a weekly basis, Zoro's Locker is sending food home to over 30 East High School families. The process of procuring, organizing, and getting the food to these families takes many hands. Although there are people who wish to remain anonymous, it is important to share and thank everyone publicly for what they do that is unseen by students, staff, and families of East High School.

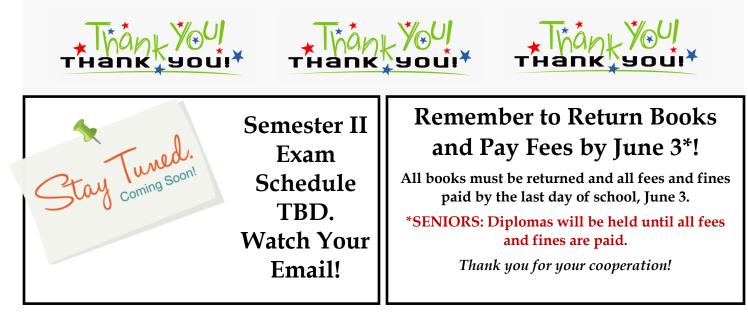
Last month, many different organizations and businesses were highlighted who help secure donations of food or money. We believe it is important to recognize everyone that helps make this process so wonderful for everyone.

- People at East, who when called upon, respond generously with donations of food or money. At some point in time, most students have these teachers, yet would not know that their help goes well beyond the classroom. For that, we thank you!
- People in the community, who when called upon, respond generously as well with donations of food or money. Again, they choose to remain anonymous. We thank you as well!
- People at East who prepare the bags and those who deliver the food every week, we thank you for all that you do to make East more inviting and inclusive.
- The organizer of the NCAA Basketball Bracket Fundraiser who created a fun opportunity to raise money for Zoro's, and congratulations to the winner as well!

Ken Zoromski, a long-time math teacher and volleyball coach at East who we honor with the name of Zoro's Locker, was not with us long enough. We live to honor his memory every week with the pantry. To him and his family, for their friendship, for their professionalism, kindness, thoughtfulness and love for teaching, we thank you!

We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer vacation and promise to be back in the fall with more bags of food.

If you wish to contribute food or money to the pantry, please contact the main office at Wausau East at (715) 261-0650. They will point you in the right direction to make a donation.



## *Notes From the Director's Chair Return to the Forbidden Planet*

The East End Players (EEP) were able to produce a radio adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in time for the holiday season and to have it broadcast locally. As this era of coronavirus continues, we were also able to produce another evening of One Act plays in March.

Thus, Wausau East High School and the EEP are proud to present our annual (late) spring musical. This season, we have dusted off a production which inaugurated the Auditorium in the new East building! I can still say it's "new", can't I? Even though it's been 16 and a half years ... Therefore, I will keep you in suspense no longer; *Return to the Forbidden Planet* will be the musical in mid-May.

This musical parody is sometimes touted as "Shakespeare's forgotten rock 'n' roll masterpiece!" *Return to the Forbidden Planet* is based in part on the classic 1956 science fiction film classic, *The Forbidden Planet* and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, which incidentally, the movie is also based on the same Shakespeare play! There will, of course, continue to be socially distanced seating within the confines of the Auditorium. However, it is our sincere hope that we can sell some tickets to the general public for our live performances. Otherwise, a prerecording of the show will be available to patrons of the EEP through a streaming service. Details to come!

So, "once more onto the breach" as the EEP will continue to strive and present quality theatre here, on the eastside!

## **Important Information**

- Performances will be Friday and Saturday, May 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 15 & 16 at 1:00 p.m.
- All seats will be \$15. If we can, tickets will be made available for purchase prior to performance week (May 10-14).
- All performances will take place in the Auditorium.

\*For more information, please contact Terry Riska at Wausau East at 715/261-0650, ext. 23317.



## **East High Vocal Music Program to Present Annual Variety Show: East Side Story**

The Wausau East Vocal Music Program will be presenting its annual Variety Show: East Side Story (In abbreviated form) on Wednesday, May 19, in conjunction with the annual C.A.F.E. festivities occurring throughout the building the same evening. Limited seating will be

available due to COVID social-distancing restrictions, and masking requirements remain a focal point of our district safety protocols. A freewill offering is both encouraged and appreciated to cover our production expenditures. A virtual performance will be aired during daytime school hours for the staff and student body the next day, May 20. We hope you are able to join us!

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## Wausau School District Summer School 2021

Hosted at Wausau West High School: 1200 West Wausau Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401

For students from both Wausau East and Wausau West

Summer Learning 2021: Session One: June 8 - 24



**Session Two:** June 28 - July 15 (no classes July 5) Classes are Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at **Wausau West** <u>Free breakfast and lunch are provided!</u>

Please contact your student's school counselor for additional information regarding summer school.

#### East High

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Our Wausau East High counselors will also be reaching out to those students who could most benefit from Summer School, and they will assist in seeing to it that students with credit deficiencies are pre-registered. Registering onsite on Day 1 of either the June or July session is also allowed!

For more information: Parents and Students, please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for a printable copy of registration materials, and access to the Course Description Handbook.

## Wausau East Key Club

Key Club has been actively assisting First Presbyterian Church with their food pantry for the past couple of months. We plan to continue helping them as it is a great way to support our community and we would love your help!

When: 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 26

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant Street, Wausau

If you can help, please sign up: <u>CLICK HERE</u>



## **Upcoming Blood Drive**

This past December, Key Club hosted a successful blood drive through the

American Red Cross at the YMCA. Key Club will host a second blood drive at Wausau East; however, to ensure participants' safety, it will only be available to staff and students.

When: Thursday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Wausau East Gym

Parental Consent Form: CLICK HERE

Sign Up Form: CLICK HERE



## **Officer Elections**

If you are interested in planning and running events and volunteering within the community, please consider running for a Key Club Officer position.

**<u>CLICK HERE</u>** for Officer Election Packet

## Attention!

Last month, Key Club members reached out to Horace Mann 8th graders and are planning community volunteer opportunities with students interested in participating in Key Club next year.

Stay tuned for more information!

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DECA

## DECA Students Represent Wausau East Well at State!

Wausau East had ten students qualify for and participate in the State DECA competition this year. Kaosheng Chang, Tiffany Smail, and Emily Juedes all medaled in their respective competitive events. Each student did an amazing job of representing Wausau East. In addition, Ian Masanz, Sam Moses, Alaina Berres, Logan Fike, Adam Symmank, Makenzi Gale, and Lillie Zaitz also did a great job at the State competition.

Typically, the State competition is held at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; however, due to COVID, the event was held virtually this year. In addition to competing in a written marketing test and role play, students had the opportunity to partake in leadership sessions, listen to speakers, and more.

In a year that has been unlike any other, the ten students who participated deserve a tremendous amount of respect for going above and beyond to compete to the best of their abilities. This would have been an easy year to pass on participating but these students demonstrated great determination and resilience. Great job Kaosheng, Tiffany, Emily, Ian, Sam, Alaina, Logan, Adam, Makenzi, and Lillie!

If you would like to support our Wausau East DECA, Business, and Marketing students there are several ways you can do that. East DECA is looking for individuals and businesses who would like to become DECA Partners. The money raised helps pay for competitions, travel expenses, class resources, and much more. All partners who donate will be recognized in several publications, including on our school store website.

Another way you can support DECA is by shopping at Wausau East's official school store, the Jack Shack. One hundred percent of the proceeds go back to support DECA and Business students.

Our DECA members will also be participating in five hours of community service this spring. DECA members will be doing yard and highway cleanup. If you'd like to pledge money for our students to do charity work, we would greatly appreciate your support!

Thank you for your support during these difficult times. If you would like to become a DECA Business Partner or support us in other ways, please contact the Wausau East DECA Advisor, Trevor Knight by emailing him at: <u>tknight@wausauschools.org</u>



Kaosheng Chang



**Emily Juedes and Tiffany Smail** 



## Sending Your IB Transcripts to a University 2021

Many parents of IB students will want to notify the registrar of their child's IB exam scores which will be available after July 6. This can be done in two ways. First, the student can submit a "Request for Results of Service Form" through the IB Coordinator before May 21.

When exam results are released July 6, they will be made available to institutes via an IB secure website, or will be mailed a paper transcript of grades if the institution does not make use of this electronic service. A candidate's first six requests will be accepted without charge if submitted before the **May 21 deadline**. Of this six, no more than one institution can be selected from Canada and <u>one institution from the US</u>.

After July 5, IB graduates can request that their results are sent to a university directly by completing the appropriate transcript request form electronically or sending it to the address provided on the form. A fee will be charged for each additional request that is submitted regardless of whether any previous requests have been made on your behalf. For further information on how to submit a request, please visit <u>https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/requesting-transcripts/</u> This site includes a clear 2:18 video which describes the process.

To submit your transcript request electronically, please visit: <u>rrs.ibo.org</u> Under no circumstances should candidates reveal their PIN to universities or admission centers.

The IB transcript of grades will display the student's full name, date of birth, the name of the school they attended, the subjects which they were registered for and the grades achieved for each subject.



## Project-Based Learning Finishing Strong and

## **Offering Summer Courses**



While the Project-based Learning (PBL) department is completing the fourth quarter conducting two new operations as well as our other ongoing operations, we are also preparing for two summer school course offerings. Operation Pod Cast is moving forward with multiple "beta" versions of podcasts being reviewed before final production begins. Operation Act 31 is trying to complete a pared down version of the documentary begun last year before year end, and Operation Operant Conditioning is moving into the live experimentation phase.



Emma Peaslee, Intermediate PBL

One of our two new operations is Operation Chick Flick (in our Advanced PBL course), which is focused on raising live chicks and designing/building a cost-effective coop for an urban setting. The other is a continuation of Operation Mobile Greenhouse (in our Fundamentals of PBL course) built last year under the auspices of Operation YES (Youth Entrepreneurial Studies), where the mobile greenhouse growing environment is being compared to an indoor setting to determine the effectiveness of the mobile greenhouse in nurturing starter radish, lettuce, and green bean plants.

We are also excited to be offering two summer <u>for-credit</u> courses. Each course will run for three weeks, with the first session running from June 8 - 24, and the second from June 28 - July 15. The daily schedule for both sessions runs 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday and classes will take

place at **Wausau East**. Students successfully completing each course will earn .5 credit, which will free up time in their 2021-2022 schedules to take other courses.

Each of the two courses will be offered both sessions. The first course is entitled Operation Triple T (Tech Talk and Training), which will be an intensive overview of information technology and terminology, the "care and feeding" of personal computers, and an introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The second is entitled Operation AV (Audio Video), where students will learn the essentials of audio and video recording/filming, editing, and broadcast production, with the possibility of publishing their work on the Internet or other media outlets. Enrollment for these courses will be limited, so please check out the <u>wausauschools.org</u> website for enrollment information, or if you would like to enroll your child(ren) in one of our summer courses, please contact the department chair/teacher Oliver Burrows by email at <u>oburrows@wausauschools.org</u> or call him at (715) 261-0650 extension 23106.



Dylan Hull, Fundamentals of PBL

## Wausau East Counseling & Career Center News

## **Important Reminder for Seniors**

Please remember to write a THANK YOU note if you are awarded a scholarship this year!



## Attention Juniors! It's time to gear up for your *FINAL YEAR* at Wausau East High School!

The East counselors and Career Center coordinator presented a virtual Junior Parent Night at the beginning of April, outlining the steps and options you need to take as a senior.

The presentation was emailed to all juniors and their parents. It can also be found at: Junior Parent Night Presentation

## Senior Class Schedules

Current juniors will meet with their counselor in May to review their senior class schedule.

Counselors will review classes, graduation requirements, and post-secondary options before next year.

As always, be sure to contact your guidance counselor with any questions, comments or concerns.

## Wausau East Career Center

- Looking for A summer job? Volunteer experience? Career and college information? The Career Center has all the resources to help!
- Summer is a great time to create a resume that includes your job experience, volunteer experience and relevant coursework.
- Sophomores and juniors take a college tour. Check online to find out when and how the tours will be offered this summer at the college you're interested in.
- Graduating seniors, if you have questions regarding your financial aid report or about college, call the Career Center or stop in.

### **Counseling Department Staff**

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#### ACT & SAT Summer Dates

Juniors considering post-secondary education can take the ACT or SAT.

#### Test Dates:

**ACT: Register online at: <u>www.act.org</u>** June 12, 2021/Regular Registration: May 7, 2021 July 17, 2021/Regular Registration: June 18, 2021

**SAT: Register online:** <u>www.cllegeboard.org</u> June 5, 2021/Regular Registration: May 6, 2021

Students planning to attend the University of MN Twin Cities or Marquette University are required to take he ACT + Writing. Students are responsible for checking with their college's admission office for testing requirements.

## What is UW Help?

**UW HELP** is your guide to the College Process. It includes the Admission Process, Preparing Students for College, UW-Campus Profiles, Financial Aid options, Majors offered at each campus, and more!

Check out the UW Help website at: www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/contact

In addition, you can check out the **UW-Journey app** which helps students determine which UW-System campuses best meet their needs and interests, at

www.uwjourney.wisconsin.edu

## Juniors: Summer is a GREAT Time to Take a Campus Tour!

## WI Private College Week

July 12-17, 2021 More information is available on their website: <u>http://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/private-college-week</u>



**UW-College Tours: College tours** are offered throughout the summer. The dates and times are available online at: <u>https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/prep-for-college/campus-tours-visits/</u>

**The Wisconsin Technical College System** offers more than 500 programs awarding a two-year Associate degree, one- and two-year technical diplomas, short -term technical diplomas and certificates. Check out all they have to offer at <u>www.wistechcolleges.org</u>

## NTC-Northcentral Technical College Updates:

#### New Distance Learning Courses for 2021-22

For those of you who are part of a distance learning network, we'd like to you to know that NTC is offering three new classes this year:

- · Introduction to American Sign Language (fall)
- English Composition I (fall)
- · Introduction to Diversity Studies (fall)

To register your students, please reach out to your CWETN/CESA10 distance learning contact!

#### Reminder: The Branch Academy - Now Accepting Applications

NTC is once again partnering with the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce to offer 2021-22 juniors and seniors the opportunity to apply for this summer's 2021 Branch Academy. This fantastic experience gives students a chance to earn college credit, showcase talent in front of business and community leaders and engage with other students while solving challenging problems. Apply online at: <u>www.thebranchwi.com</u>





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