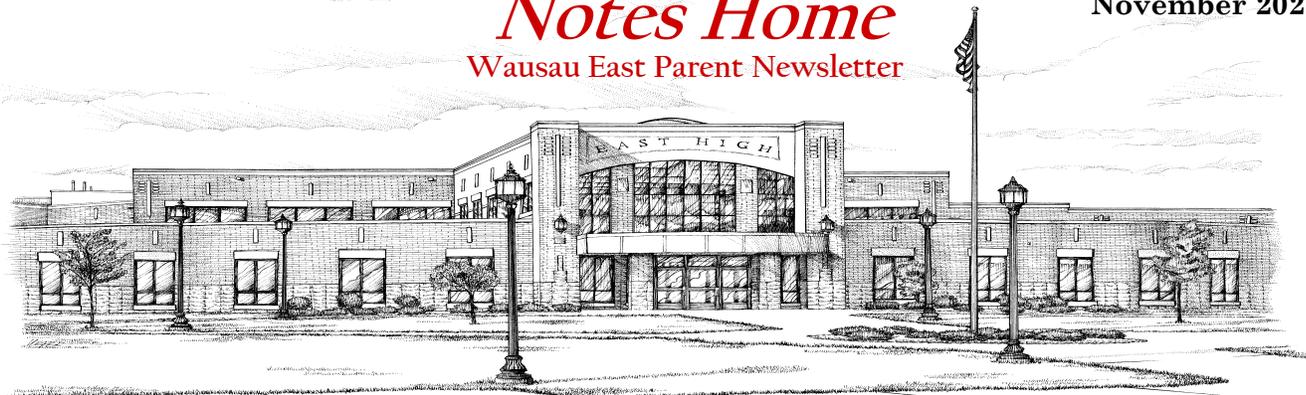


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Wausau East Parent Newsletter

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Rob Hughes and I have been a teacher at Wausau East for over 20 years. It has always been on my heart to help people who are struggling. I know this motivation comes from the memories of strangers who helped my family when I was growing up, with food, clothes, and even Christmas presents one year. It is with that motivation that I ask you to give a \$10 donation to put a turkey, or ham, on the table of a struggling family this Thanksgiving.

Last year, the turkeys and hams were shared with Wausau East, Wausau West, John Muir Middle School, Horace Mann Middle School, Wausau NTC Alternative High School, Wausau PEER Program, Jefferson Elementary, Grant Elementary, EEA Charter School, DCE High School, DCE Middle School, Rothschild Elementary, The Women's Community Center (a center for abused women and children), The Neighbors' Place, the Salvation Army, Covenant Community Church (a community food pantry), and the Elk's Club.

If you are able to donate, here are some options for doing so:
Online: Wausau School Foundation- donate to "Food for Hope"

Mail or drop off a check to:

Wausau School District
415 Seymour Street
Wausau, WI 54403

OR
Wausau East High School
2607 N. 18th Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Please indicate "Food for Hope" or "Turkey Drive" on the memo line.

Here is the history of our turkey/ham drive:

2016- \$1,539
2017- \$2,674.24
2018- \$5,100.90
2019- \$7,000
2020- \$10,538.58



Our motto is "We Are You" with the idea that we are all in this together; we all want to give others support - give them "Food for Hope". With your help we can and will make a difference again!

Thank you for all you do, and for the difference you are making in the lives of others!

Rob Hughes, Wausau East Educator
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We Welcome Another New Face to Wausau East!



KRISTINE LEONARD
Special Education Paraprofessional

My name is Kristine Leonard. I started as a special education para at Wausau West seven years ago. I worked at West for four years then went to Everest at the middle school and elementary level. I am glad to be back working with high school students in the Wausau School district.

I have been married to my husband for 25 years and have four children. Our two boys are out of the house; one is an engineer working in Waukesha and one is stationed in Italy in the U.S. Army. Our daughters are 14 and 16 and attend Northland Lutheran.

I enjoy watching my kids sporting and 4-H events, walking our dogs, digital scrapbooking and spending time with family.

A Few More Pictures from Homecoming!



Preparing for hall decorating



Arial view of games assembly

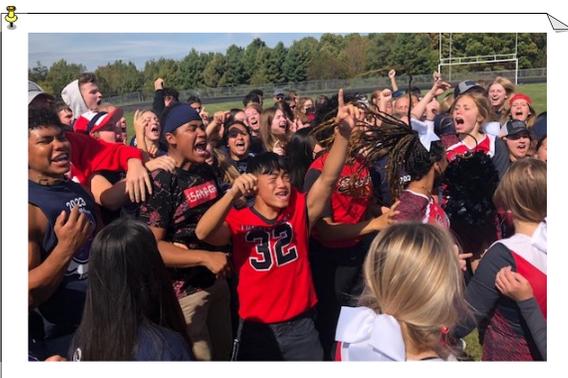


Art contest - 9th Grade



King and queen reveal

Games assembly



Cheer team



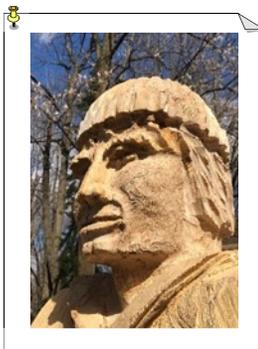
Gift of Lumberjack Carving Created for Wausau East!

If you've been in the main foyer of East High recently, chances are you've been greeted by the 7+ foot Lumberjack at the end of the hall! This work of art was created and donated by Mr. Mike Clark. Here is his story...

This project was started in October of 2019 and finished June of 2021. The log, donated by T&E Tree Service, is an ash, 24" diameter at the top and 76" tall. It was recovered from a home in the northern Wausau area.

A professional chainsaw carver once told me, "as long as you have a day job, carve whatever you want." So in 2018, I carved an 8' blue jay. I did it for the challenge. I had no plans for it until I learned the mascot of the Merrill Senior High School is the blue jay. Naturally, I had to donate it. Since my wife, Paula, and my two sons are alumni of Wausau East, a Lumberjack had to be my next big project. I knew from the start that matching the look of the Wausau East lumberjack would be difficult, so I decided to aim for a more authentic look - tall, skinny and poorly dressed. I wanted him to look like he was leaning forward to take a step.

Carving has been described as an exercise in failure recovery. The lumberjack proved that true. I wanted him 8' tall, but the log was too short, so I glued and pinned part of another log to the top. Keeping proportions correct on a carving like this is difficult. At one point, I had the perfect head, but it was too large for the body, so I had to make it smaller. The ax was originally carved from the same log - until I discovered the handle wasn't centered on the ax head. I made a new ax which, as it turns out, is more authentic to what this guy would have had.



The staff and students of Wausau East extend a hearty Lumberjack thank you to Mr. Mike Clark for this wonderful gift!



Lumberjack Core Values: **Compassion**

Brenna Smith of Western Illinois University has this to say about compassion: “To be compassionate is more than simply telling someone that you care. To be compassionate is to feel deeply for another person as they experience the ups and downs associated with life... That frame of mind makes it easy to treat others with love, compassion, empathy, and understanding.”

Our school community is vibrant and diverse, with people of many different backgrounds and ideas. One of the great things about being a Lumberjack is our opportunity to engage with our peers and to demonstrate acts of compassion. Below are a few easy ways to connect with one another.



Challenge yourself to smile more.

This is a small action that can have a huge impact on someone else.



Open the door for someone.

Think about the last time someone held a door open for you. Chances are you were grateful to the person because it was one less task to worry about as you were moving to your next destination.



Say 'thank you.'

Manners matter! Incorporate the phrase 'thank you' into more of your routine activities.



Take the time to really listen to others.

Put forth an effort to just listen to what others have to say around you.



Say encouraging words.

Sometimes it feels like the world is absorbed in negativity. Use your voice to tell people what they are doing right.

**COMPASSION
MATTERS**

Notes from the Director's Chair

Mamma Mia!

What can one say about *Mamma Mia!* that hasn't already been said? It's an international phenomenon, with a Broadway run that spanned 14 years, has been adapted into two movies, with all three versions being smash hits. Now The East End Players are giving a go at this worldwide hit!

ABBA's greatest songs are woven into a sunny tale set on a Greek island. On the eve of her wedding, a bride's quest to discover her father's identity brings three men from her mother's past back to the place they last visited 20 years ago ... In his review from Entertainment Weekly, critic Owen Gleiberman wrote, "Perhaps the single most ecstatic musical to open on Broadway since A Chorus Line. Mamma Mia! leaves you uplifted, enraptured and feeling like a number one!"

In the *New York Times*, reviewer Ben Brantley said, "Mamma Mia! is terrific fun." This school version of *Mamma Mia!* is among the most popular musicals in recent theatrical history; it's a show you simply can't afford to miss!

Performance dates are: Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m., with all performances being held at the Wausau East High School Auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens and non-East students; tickets may be purchased by going to: spicket.events/wausaueast or at the door.

For additional information, please contact Terry Riska, Director of Theatre at East, by calling 715/261-0650, ext. 23317.

Dredging up fond memories of the mirror-balled 1970's and 80's, while filling the audience's head with over two dozen infectious ABBA hits like "The Name of the Game," "S.O.S.," "Knowing Me, Knowing You" and the haunting melody that opens and closes the show, "I Have a Dream," *Mamma Mia!* is guaranteed that audiences will leave the theater saying, "Thank You for the Music," having enjoyed this superior "Super Trouper" of a show!

Wausau East Apprenticeship Program

Youth Apprenticeship is a rigorous one or two year statewide program that combines academic instruction with paid on the job learning. Students can participate junior and/or senior year, earning two elective credits per year. If you are looking for an opportunity to learn real world skills, please reach out to Mrs. Cayley, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator. Office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Room C121. Email works too! mcayley@wausauschools.org



REMINDER

Yearbooks must be purchased by February 1.

The cost is \$57 and can be paid in the Business Office or on Infinite Campus.



Annual Senior Picture

The Senior Class of 2022 will have their annual photo taken on Wednesday, November 3, between 2:35-3:00 p.m., in the gymnasium. Order flyers were distributed prior to the picture being taken. If you would like to place an order, please bring the flyer back on November 3. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Hollander at 715-261-0651.

Reminder: Attention Graduating Seniors and Parents/Guardians

Graduation 2022 will be here before we know it, so now is the time to start thinking about graduation. Josten's will be here on Wednesday, November 3, between 2:35 - 3:00 p.m., in the gymnasium to present seniors with an informational packet and answer any graduation questions. Seniors will be asked to take this informational packet home and share with parents. Josten's will be here on Wednesday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., to take orders. A \$30 deposit is suggested to place an order. Extra graduation packets will be available in Student Services if seniors are unable to attend on November 3.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Hollander at 715-261-0651.

Class Ring Information

Josten's will be here on Wednesday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., to take ring orders. A \$30 deposit is suggested to place an order. Packets will be available in Student Services if sophomores, juniors or seniors are interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Hollander at 715-261-0651.

CLASS OF
22



Health Services Reminder

Please remember to monitor your child's illness symptoms. If your child is kept home or sent home from the health office with COVID symptoms, we will require a PCR COVID test. Students will be quarantined for 10 days or until we receive a negative PCR COVID test result or alternate diagnosis. Paper copies or screenshots of results are required. Students who return without their negative test result or alternate diagnosis information, may be sent home until proof is provided. They may turn paper copy results to the health office at East, email results to npeters@wausauschools.org or Fax results to 715-842-0423. Wausau School District COVID information can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please contact the health office with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Nancy Peters
School Health Aide
715-261-0678
npeters@wausauschools.org

Julie Welch
District Nurse
715-261-0713
jwelch@wausauschools.org

Join DECA!!

WE NEED YOU! DECA is still looking for members to join. Wausau East DECA has a lot to offer our members this year! Students who join DECA will have the opportunity to meet new students and socialize at DECA meetings and social events. DECA members will also have the option of competing in various Business and Marketing competitions and have the opportunity to get out in the community. DECA is a great way to meet new students, build business relationships, have fun, develop skills and give back to your community. If you're interested in joining, please contact Mr. Knight, at: tknight@wausauschools.org , or one of our DECA Leadership Team members.



It's not too early to start shopping for the holidays!
The JackShack is your one-stop store for all of your Wausau East apparel.
Perfect for students, alumni, and parents!

Stop by the store or order online for pick up at the store:
www.wejackshack.com

All proceeds go back to the store, DECA students, and Business classes.
Get your apparel and support Wausau East students!





News from the IB

The Purpose of the Upcoming Internal Assessments

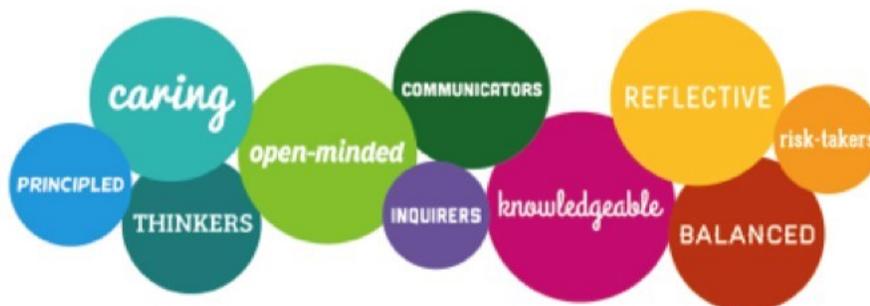
The internal assessment is an integral part of each IB course and is mandatory for both SL and HL students. It enables students to demonstrate the application of their skills and knowledge and to pursue their personal interests, without the time limitations and other constraints that are associated with written examinations. The internal assessment skills are taught as part of the regular classroom experience and could result in a research paper, portfolio, laboratory report, or oral commentary and presentation. Parents, it is important to understand the significance of this paper. In addition to being a major part of the student's IB grade it is also a significant part of the class grade.

The internal assessment is graded by the student's teacher and is entered as a class grade in the teacher's grade book. This grade is often considered a major class assignment as the research skills are taught throughout the curriculum. However, IB requires that the papers from the students who will be testing in May be sent to them to evaluate how closely the instructor stays to the IB rubric; if the teacher grades too severely or too leniently, the examiner moderates the entire class's score to make sure the IB standards are maintained worldwide. These scores then become 20-30% of the student's final exam scores that are issued in July following the May exams.

If you would like to see information about the internal assessment for a specific subject area visit the IB World School section of East's webpage under the heading, 'IB at Wausau East'. Click on the name of the course in the [Course Offerings & Descriptions](#) page.

The [Internal Assessment](#) Calendar for Wausau East can also be found in the IB at Wausau East section of our website. It is important that parents communicate with their child so that they can keep track of the student's progress and help them meet the formative steps in the internal assessment process.

If you have any questions about internal assessments or the IB program, feel free to email Darlene Beattie at dbeattie@wausauschools.org or call her at 715-261-0650, ext. 23248.



Wausau East Counseling & Career Center News

WEF - Still Some Dates Left!

Wisconsin Education Fairs is excited to offer In Person College Fairs and Virtual College Fairs. Students and families will have access to over 150 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools. Live chat, meet other students, schedule visits, explore videos, and narrow down your college search. Log online <https://www.wefs.org/fair-schedule/> for more information and register to attend.

Attention Senior Parents

On September 29, the East Counseling Dept hosted a Senior Class Meeting to help seniors with post-secondary planning. With the following [Senior Planning Meeting](#) presentation, counselors and Mrs. Gauger helped prepare students for their next adventure after leaving high school - whether it will be entering college, the workforce, and/or the military. Topics we discussed were how to:

- narrow down a college and the application process
- request a transcript
- apply for financial aid
- find scholarships
- resume and career exploration
- general tips to have a successful senior year

Please be sure to ask your child about their post-secondary plans. If your child missed the meeting, they can see their school counselor or Mrs. Gauger for additional assistance.

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Financial Aid for College

In order to be eligible for federal loans, work study, or grants, students must complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). This is an online application that is required every year and submitted to the US Federal Government. Once the application is received, the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is determined and a Student Aid Report is generated. From there, the information is forwarded to the student's colleges of choice and the colleges respond with a financial aid offer for families to review for acceptance or denial. The Federal Student Aid office outlines 6 main steps to receive federal aid:

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| 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 |
| Get Prepared | Complete FAFSA® Form | Review Student Aid Report | Respond to Aid Offer | Receive Aid | Renew Your FAFSA® Form |
| Gather the documents you'll need. | Apply early to maximize your aid. | Make corrections, if necessary. | Accept the aid you want. | Get your aid from your school. | Reapply each year. |

There are many resources to help students through the financial aid process. In October, East seniors and parents received an email outlining these resources. **There will also be a Senior Seminar on financial aid in the Career Center on November 12, 2021.** Your child can attend during a resource center to get help on this topic.

If you still have questions regarding financial aid, feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office of the college you plan to go to or attend a College Goal Wisconsin event. College Goal Wisconsin events are completely free; financial aid experts from area colleges are readily available to answer specific questions and walk you through completing the FAFSA. Please visit [College Goal Wisconsin](#) for more information and to register for an upcoming event: Nov 2 (at NTC), Nov 3 (virtual), or Nov 10 (virtual).

Sophomore Conferences

Believe it or not, sophomore year is the perfect time to start formulating post-secondary plans. On October 15, our department went into US History 2 classes and had students complete the Matchmaker, a career interest inventory. The Matchmaker, through a series of questions, identifies careers and career clusters that are good fits for students. The Matchmaker results will help guide students as they select their junior classes in January, which is right around the corner. If your child missed this activity on Oct 15, please have them stop in the Career Center.

In November, Counselors will be inviting sophomores and their parents to a Sophomore Conference to review: Matchmaker results, transcripts, GPA, credits, and registration for junior year. At this conference, we will also start formulating a tentative post-secondary plan. This is the first step of many that counselors do to help students prepare for life after high school. Please watch for a letter pertaining to Sophomore Conferences to come home in November.

Mid-Term Graduates

If your student is planning on graduating after first semester, he/she must meet with his/her counselor to verify credit status and complete the Mid-Term Graduate Request Form. Forms must be returned to your child's counselor by December 1, 2021. If you have questions, please contact school counselor, Jason Beal at (715) 261-0664.

ASVAB

On November 30, 2021, the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be offered at Wausau East. The ASVAB is a voluntary, free career aptitude test designed for students who plan to enter the military upon graduation OR for students who simply want to learn how their skills and interests match hundreds of occupations. The ASVAB assessment and interpretation will take approximately three hours. If you have questions or would like to sign-up, see Mrs. Gauger in the Career Center.

College and Military Visits

Representatives from colleges, universities and the military continue to visit the East Career Center throughout the year. Stop in to meet with the representatives and learn more about their post-secondary options. Students should check the [Career Center Events](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Selective Service

All males must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Students may register as early as three months after their 17th birthday. This is not a school requirement, it is the law. Failure to register will affect a student's ability to receive financial aid, job training or to gain citizenship. Registering with Selective Service is easy and only takes about two minutes. <https://www.sss.gov/register/>

Scholarships

The Career Center has numerous scholarships posted. Stop in often to see what is available. Several scholarships are also posted on the [East Scholarship Page](#).

Contact Information

Questions on career planning, employment or colleges can be directed to:
Cathy Gauger, Career Center Coordinator, 715-261-0657 cgauger@wausauschools.org

Students, Check Your Email!

Information from the Counseling and Career Center will be emailed to your school email. This is the most reliable way to keep you informed. Students are encouraged to check it regularly!

We're Hiring!

**Educating for the Future,
One Child at a Time**

**Regular, substitute,
and support employment
opportunities available**

For more information about
Wausau School District
employment opportunities, please
visit Human Resources at

**www.wausauschools.org
or call 715-261-0500**



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Upcoming Events

[Click Here](#) for the
2021-22 East High Calendar

November

- 12-13 East End Players Present, "Mama Mia", 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
13-14 East End Players Present, "Mama Mia", 1:00 p.m., Auditorium
24 Non-contract Day, **No Classes**
25-26 Thanksgiving Break, **No Classes**
30 ASVAB, 7:45-11:05 a.m.

December

- 7 Pre-ACT
20 Music Dept. Concert, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
22-Jan 2 Winter Break, **No Classes**

Reminder...
**DC/Philly/Boston Trip for
Grades 8, 9 & 10!**
**Registration and deposit
deadline is November 12!**
[CLICK HERE](#)
for details.

Mission Statement

The Mission of Wausau East High School is to positively impact the future by helping students reach their full potential in a rigorous learning environment of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence.

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