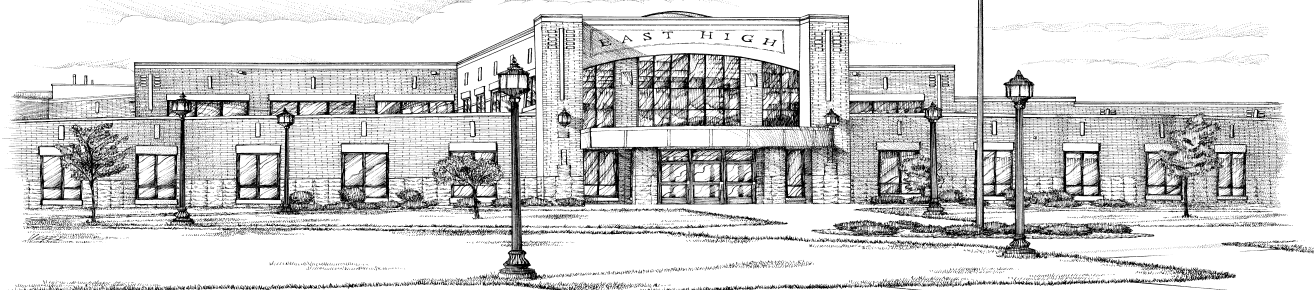


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## Wausau East Parent Newsletter

December 2021



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*Fellow Lumberjacks,*

*Please allow me to take a moment to wish a happy and safe holiday to all of our Wausau East families and community. We hope that all of you are doing well and are excited for the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022.*



*The 2021-22 school year has been filled with excitement as it has allowed us to take steps toward a more normalized school year. Although this year has continued to have its share of difficulties, I am proud to say that Wausau East continues to overcome the challenges in front of us. This is a direct result of our great students, excellent staff and supportive community. It has been wonderful to see our students, staff and community, interacting with each other and engaged in the process of learning and student growth. I am so proud of what our Lumberjacks are accomplishing and I look forward to seeing what our future holds.*

*We hope that this holiday season brings you much calm, joy and happiness. On behalf of the entire staff of Wausau East High School, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your family. We wish you only the best moving into 2022.*

*With Lumberjack Pride,*

*Cale Bushman,  
Principal*

## Notes From the Director's Chair

### Drama from the Golden Age of Radio

During the so-called "Golden Age" of Radio, from approx. 1930—1960, dramatic and comedic stories were written for, or adapted from other sources to be performed on the radio. After WW II, as broadcast television began to take over the airwaves, many of these radio shows were adapted for TV. Therefore, in this new age of the coronavirus, the East End Players (EEP) produced Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* during the holidays in December of 2020.

Having met with great success, we again plan to record this radio play adaptation using the transcript from the December 1939 "Campbell Play House" (as in Campbell soups) broadcast via the Orson Welles Archives at the Lilly Library located on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington. Through the generous donation of Riverside Productions and the Big Cheese 107.9, we will once more embark upon this "brave new world"!

### Important Information

Having met with great success last year, we expect to broadcast in December 2021 on Christmas morning on 107.9 FM, "the Big Cheese"! We're also hoping to work out all 'the bugs' so that people who are unable to listen to the show on the radio Christmas day, will be able to access a recording of it throughout the remainder of holiday season.

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



### We Welcome Another New Face to Wausau East!

KAYLA MCFARLANE  
Special Education Paraprofessional

My name is Kayla McFarlane. I went to River Falls High school and went to CVTC in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I love spending time outdoors and riding my unicycle (longest ride ever is 20 km). I love playing my Nintendo Switch (mainly Zelda and Mario). I love seeing new places and new states. I have a goal to visit every state before I hit 50 years old (I have 12 to go). My favorite subjects in school were science and art. My husband is the physics teacher at East and we have been happily married since 2013!!

### Zoro's Locker News

Zoro's continues to assist over thirty Wausau East families each week with groceries. We are grateful for the support of East families who have donated fresh ground beef, gift cards, and time to make this endeavor a success.

The Turkey Drive tradition took place again this year as well. Thanks to Rob Hughes' efforts, many people donated to this fund to purchase turkeys, hams, and sides for families throughout the Wausau area. We are proud to be a part of this yearly event!

A big thanks goes out to the following groups who donated food and/or money to Zoro's:

- Greenheck
- Petyon's Promise
- Wausau East Girls Swim Team
- East Homerooms
- Wausau East DECA
- Lamb's Fresh Market

*Thank you!*  
*You make a difference.*



## Ticket Sales

Dec 1-15, 2021  
Business Office

## Ticket Info

Single \$40  
Couple \$80

Includes:  
one formal photo,  
dinner and dance

Choose your table  
& meal upon  
purchase.

*Photos*  
5PM BLACKBOX  
EAST HIGH

*Grand March*  
6PM AUDITORIUM  
EAST HIGH

*Dinner & Dance*  
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~Joey, Highschool Student



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## Wausau East DECA Members Collect Over 1000 Food Items for Zoro's Locker!



Members of Wausau East's DECA program helped collect more than 1000 food items for our local food pantry, Zoro's Locker! All over Wisconsin, DECA members participated in Trick-or-Can. Students went out to homes in their community and left bags and a note that they were collecting food for a local food pantry. Generous community members filled the bags with non-perishable food items, and DECA members returned to collect the items.

Wausau East DECA collected food for Zoro's Locker.

Zoro's Locker is run

by Wausau East staff in memory of the late Wausau East teacher and coach, Ken Zoromski. Once a week, Wausau East staff deliver bags of food to families in need who have at least one student who attends Wausau East.

If you would like to make a donation to Zoro's Locker, you can at any time by contacting the school or by making an online donation at the Jack Shack website: [wejackshack.com](http://wejackshack.com)



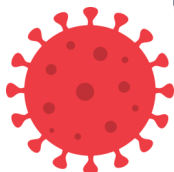
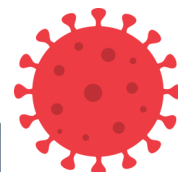
### WSD Inclement Weather/ School Closing Information

Click on the following links:

[Emergency School Closing Plans](#)

[Emergency School Closing First Student Bus Arrival Times](#)

[Important Notice for WSD School Bus Students and Their Parents](#)



Wausau School District [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

## Wausau East Youth Apprenticeship Program

Youth Apprenticeship is a rigorous one or two year program, that combines academic instruction offered at Wausau East with mentored, paid, on-the-job learning that makes real world connections for students.



## Save the Date for the IB Information Night

Parents of 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students (students also welcome!)

Wednesday, January 19, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

IB Information Meeting to find out more about the IB program and to have your questions answered:

- What does it mean to be full IB?
- Should my student take IB classes?
- What are the pros and cons of IB classes?
- How do colleges recognize the IB program?

Information about the IB program is also available in the [International Baccalaureate World School](#) section of East's webpage.

- There is information in the IB section that describes what the Diploma Programme is, how IB classes help in preparation for college, and how students can potentially earn college credits for their work in IB classes.
- The IB at Wausau East section of our website includes information about course offerings at East and an IB sequence of classes graphic that helps students plan their course selection for all four years of high school.

### Current Statistics:

- 91% of the East students who took IB exams were awarded passing grades in the May 2021 assessment session.
- 100% of last year's Diploma Candidates earned the highly respected IB Diploma from Geneva, Switzerland.
- 46% of our juniors and seniors are taking at least one IB course.
- 25% of our IB students are minority students.
- 26 IB students are Diploma Candidates taking 6 IB courses, the Theory of Knowledge Course, writing a 4,000-word senior thesis, and completing at least 150 hours of community participation and service.

If you have questions, please call or email Darlene Beattie at 715-261-0650, ext. 23248, or [dbeattie@wausauschools.org](mailto:dbeattie@wausauschools.org)





## WEHS HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Students in health class have been busy learning new skills. Students learned that health is more than physical wellness. They examined the 10 dimensions of wellness and took a deeper look at where they have strengths and areas for improvement. The next skill the students examined and applied was Accessing Accurate and Credible Information. **87 percent of 14- to 22-year-olds report that they research health questions online.**

*(Hopelab and Wellbeing Trust, 2018)*

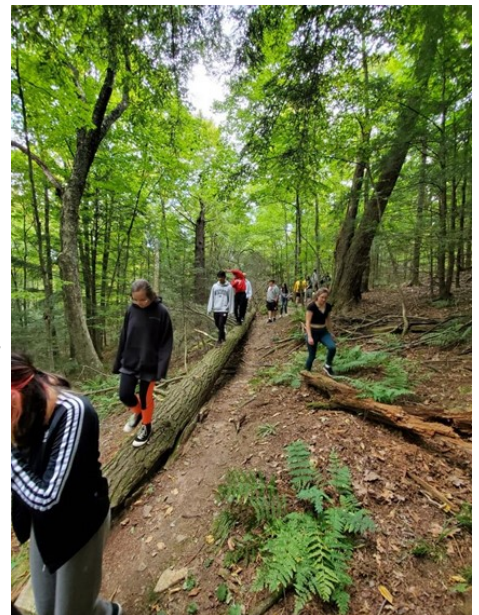
Students were given the tools to closely examine if a website meets the standard of both accurate and credible. Students demonstrated their learning in the form of a podcast, digital poster, or toilet talk. Next, students examined the skill of Analyzing Influences. They looked closer at who and what influences their choices and how those

influences impact their health.

Kristen Seidler (Wausau PD Victims Advocate) and Michelle Gleason (Peaceful Solutions Executive Director) were both guest speakers on Mental Health providing coping strategies and information on where to get help in school or the community for mental concerns as well as how to help a friend who may be suicidal.

Physical education classes are happy to be back in full swing. The Adventure Based PE students have enjoyed both outdoor and indoor activities including ziplining, rock wall climbing, the giant swing and many more. Net and Partner Games students have learned the basic skills and scoring of tennis and competed in a class tournament while Lumberjack Strength students have been working out using an online program and app called PLT4M. Our Adapted PE students have been improving their cardiovascular endurance while working out in the cardio room and have also been working on their balance skills with the use of an obstacle course and bicycles.

Lifetime Activities students have enjoyed the long, warm fall with many biking and hiking adventures. They were also fortunate to have the opportunity to learn self-defense, archery, yoga, meditation, and dance. Stay tuned for photos from goat yoga.



## Wausau East Counseling & Career Center News

### ACT Information

As a junior, your child will be taking the ACT on March 8, 2022. The ACT test is a mandatory state assessment that many colleges and universities use to determine admission and scholarships as well. To help prepare our students for this test, we are offering several optional test prep workshops and a mandatory practice ACT test on Dec 7, 2021.

Wausau East Counselors are hosting ACT test prep sessions on Thursdays during Intervention/Enrichment times from 2:30 - 3:00p.m. Students can choose to attend any or all test prep sessions. Topics we focus on include: ACT test format, tips and strategies, time management, subject specific strategies and utilizing Method Test Prep, our test prep platform. Method Test Prep is available to all juniors through Xello. Our last session will be on March 3, 2022.

The ACT practice test will be held on Dec 7, 2021 and the ACT Test will be on March 8, 2022, both held during the regular school day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor.

### Counseling Department Website

We have worked to update our [East Counseling Website](#) so that parents and students can get important information relating to academic, personal and career topics. Please visit our website to get pertinent information relating to personal concerns, academics/testing, career options and post-secondary planning. If your child has not yet solidified post graduation plans and you need assistance with this, please have them stop in the Career Center or see their counselor.



### Attention Sophomore Parents

The East Counselors are hosting sophomore conferences with students and parents that began in late November and will continue through January where we begin the process of academic and career planning. Topics

include high school and career goals, transcripts, graduation requirements, career planning, Matchmaker results, standardized testing and selecting junior/senior courses.

Please watch for a letter to come home with an appointment scheduled for your child's resource center. If your child has not completed the Matchmaker yet, they can access the Matchmaker through Xello or stop in the Career Center if they need help.

### Counseling Department Staff

Name, Title & Phone # Alphabet

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### Scholarships

[WEHS Scholarship Page](#)

Seniors are reminded to research and apply for scholarships to help pay for college. Now is the time to spend a few hours a week on submitting applications. Not sure where to start? Visit the Career Center for help! Most scholarships will require documents such as a high school transcript and letter(s) of recommendation. Ask your teachers now to write letters. Use the [Request a Letter of Recommendation Form](#) to help your recommenders.





[Wisconsin Education Fairs](#)

There are still a few Wisconsin Education Fairs available to attend, including virtual options. WEF is a resource for students to explore colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools. Log on to the link above for more information and to register to attend.

Virtual WEF	12/1/2021	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Virtual WEF	3/2/2022	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Waukesha North High School	3/7/2022	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Madison Area School District	3/7/2022	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fond Du Lac High School	3/10/2022	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Virtual WEF	4/6/2022	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Virtual WEF	4/27/2022	5:00-8:00 p.m.



*We Wish All of Our Lumberjack  
Families a Wonderful Winter Break!*

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*All Wausau East Offices Will be Closed  
December 23 - January 2.*

*Happy Holidays!*

# Upcoming Events

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

## December

- 7 Pre-ACT
- 20 Music Dept. Concert, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 23 -
- Jan 2 Winter Break, All Offices Closed, **No Classes**

## January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 8 Junior Girls
- 12-14 Exams
- 17 Inservice, **No Classes**

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## **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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