

# Notes Home

November 2022

## Wausau East Parent Newsletter



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***Important Message from the  
Attendance Office :***

**If you plan to pick up your  
student early from school,  
please send a note with  
him/her to drop off in the  
Attendance Office before the  
school day starts.**

**This will limit the number of  
disruptions to the classrooms.  
Thank you!**

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 help put a turkey or ham on the table of our financially struggling students and families 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, Wausau EEA Charter School, Jefferson Elementary, Grant Elementary, Hawthorn Hills Elementary, Stettin Elementary, John Marshall Elementary, GD Jones Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, 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 Elks Club.

If you are able to donate, here are some options for doing so:

**Option 1- Online: Wausau School Foundation- Please pick "Food for Hope"**  
[Wausau School Foundation](http://Wausau School Foundation)

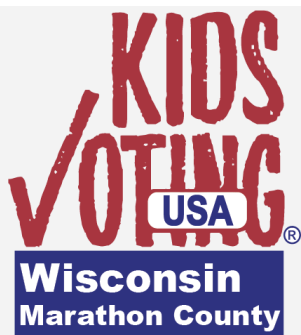
**Option 2- Mail or drop off a check at Wausau East High School, made payable to Wausau East- "Food for Hope"**

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 once again!

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

*Rob Hughes,*  
[rhughes@wausauschools.org](mailto:rhughes@wausauschools.org)





Kids Voting Marathon County is a non-partisan organization that works with local schools, businesses and organizations to encourage civic engagement and involvement in students and people of all ages. Kids voting sponsors various activities like mock political conventions and mock student polls in area schools to help introduce students to voting and how the political process works. Kids Voting Marathon County is run by a Board of Directors made up of a variety of people representing local businesses and organizations as well as retired and current teachers, administrators and professors. This year they will again be sponsoring mock elections alongside the real midterm election on November 8. Area teachers will facilitate this activity at their schools to introduce students to the election process and how it works. Wausau East will be holding ours in the Social Studies department and the poll will be run by the students from Mr. Olson's Government class.



## National Apprenticeship Week is November 14 - 20, 2022

Have you checked out Youth Apprenticeship opportunities at Wausau East?

The Youth Apprenticeship program is a one- or two-year elective statewide program that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job work experience in a chosen field. This program helps high school students (grades 11 & 12) prepare for careers while they are still in high school, developing the technical and job skills employers are looking for. Youth Apprentices work a minimum of 450 hours at the worksite each year of their program and take related high school or college classes to enhance their worksite experiences. Students must meet grade and attendance expectations and can earn elective high school credit each year they are in the program.

If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Mrs. Cayley at [mcayley@wausauschools.org](mailto:mcayley@wausauschools.org) or stop by room C121 (DECA room) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

SAVE THE DATE!

## *Junior Girls Ball*



JANUARY 7, 2023

GREAT DANE BALLROOM

TICKETS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1!



## East End Players Proudly Present...



**A musical comedy whodunit from the creators of *Chicago* and *Cabaret*!**

November 18 & 19 – 7:00 p.m.

November 19 & 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Wausau East Auditorium

Tickets on sale October 14!

Reserve seats in advance at [WausauEast.booktix.com](http://WausauEast.booktix.com) or purchase at the door before each show.

East students receive one free ticket with their school ID.

**Caution – This show uses prop firearms, gunshot sound effects, and fog.**

CURTAINS School Edition is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. [www.theatricalrights.com](http://www.theatricalrights.com)

## Nutrition Services

Negative Meal Account Reminders:

- ♦ School Messenger messages will be sent out to all households to let you know if your child's meal account balance is negative. Please send money with your child in a prepayment envelope that includes your child's name. This envelope can be given to the kitchen staff at your child's school. Please visit [www.Paypams.com](http://www.Paypams.com) to create an online account for your child where you can add money to their meal account using a credit card as well as view purchases made.
- ♦ Middle School and High School: Ala carte privileges are suspended once the meal account reaches a negative balance. A reimbursable meal only may be charged on a negative account until the account reaches a negative \$20, at which time the student will need to bring a cold lunch meal from home until the negative balance is corrected or cash is brought in to pay for the hot lunch meal that day. No student eligible for a free or reduced meal may be denied a lunch, even if the student has a negative account balance greater than negative \$20.
- ♦ **See Paypams ([www.paypams.com/onlineapp](http://www.paypams.com/onlineapp)) to complete an online meal application to see if you qualify for FREE or REDUCED Meals.**





## Wausau East Library Receives Global Libraries Grant

The Wausau East Library proudly announces its receipt of the Global Libraries Grant through UW-Madison. In 2022, the Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) created this grant opportunity to support K-12 student engagement with internationally themed texts. Applicants like the Wausau East Library were able to select up to 30 copies or titles from the thematic lists provided on the [IRIS website](#). The lists have been curated by the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), School of Education, UW-Madison and include priority themes of migration, human rights, global health, climate, and global Islam. In total, 55 books were awarded to Wausau East with an approximate value of \$1000.

To honor the grant requirements, the East Library will be highlighting the new texts in the library for students to preview as well as sharing the list with East staff. Most of these books qualify for the completion of the Global Certificate offered here at East. Ms. Hase, the East librarian, will continue to search for and apply for funding that increases the diversity of the collection, meets curricular needs, and promotes independent reading.

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#### Hours

Tues–Fri 9am–4pm

First Thurs of each month 9am–7:30pm

Thursdays during Birds in Art 9am–7:30pm

Sat–Sun Noon–5pm

Closed Mon & holidays, including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter, July 4, and Thanksgiving

Always-Free Admission

700 North 12th Street

Wausau, WI 54403

715.845.7010

[info@lywam.org](mailto:info@lywam.org)



## Wausau East Alumni in Birds in Art 2022!

Exhibit Open September 10 – November 27, 2022

Sean Russell, Wausau East class of 1997, currently has an artwork on display in this year's international exhibit, *Birds in Art 2022*! He is also returning to be an artist-in-resident at the museum this November and will be working directly with current East Art and WSD students. We are extremely proud of him and excited to welcome him back to Wausau!

Sean earned his Bachelor's of Fine Arts at UW-Stout & Master's of Fine Arts at the College of Southern Nevada.

He currently works as the Assistant Department Chair & Professor of Art & Art History at the College of Southern Nevada.

[www.seandavidrussell.com](http://www.seandavidrussell.com)



Seeds, 2022

Acrylic, photographic toner, metallic leaf, and glitter on wood panel  
18 1/2 x 18 1/2





## **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 a 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 me at [dbeattie@wausauschools.org](mailto:dbeattie@wausauschools.org) or call me at 715-261-0650, ext. 23248.

Thank you,  
Darlene Beattie,  
IB Coordinator

# Health Services

**IMPORTANT: If your child is feeling ill during the school day,  
please have them report to the health office.**

**We will contact you to make arrangements for them to be picked up or sent home.**



## **Information regarding your child and illness.**

*Please follow these guidelines from the Wausau School District for illness:*

Masks are optional within the Wausau School District, so if you prefer to send your child to school with a mask, you are more than welcome to do that.

**Here's what else you need to know:**

- If your child is sick (COVID-19 or something else), keep them home.
- If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, we recommend they get tested.

### **We accept PCR, Rapid Antigen, and home tests.**

- If the test comes back negative, they can return to school when they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and their symptoms are improving.
- If they test positive, we recommend that they quarantine for 5 days from their symptom onset.  
**So what does that look like?** The first day of their symptoms is considered **DAY 0**.  
Once **5 days** have passed, they are then cleared to return to school on **DAY 6**.  
When they return, we recommend they wear a mask until **DAY 10**.

**Reminder: All medication, prescription or over the counter, (i.e., ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, cold medication) must be kept in the health office during the school day. Students may carry emergency medication, inhalers and diabetic supplies. They also may carry cough drops, if needed.**

Thank you from Wausau East Health Services!

Nancy Peters, Health Aide: 715-261-0678 or [npeters@wausauschools.org](mailto:npeters@wausauschools.org)

Emilee Mootz, School Nurse: 715-261-0713 or [ehoerter@wausauschools.org](mailto:ehoerter@wausauschools.org)

Office Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. on school days



# Wausau East Counseling & Career Center News

## Attention Senior Parents

On September 14, the East Counseling Dept hosted a Senior ACP Class Meeting to help seniors with post-secondary planning. With the following [Senior ACP 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.

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.

## Mid-Term Graduates

If your student is planning on graduating after first semester, they must meet with their 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, 2022. If you have questions, please contact school counselor, Jason Beal at (715) 261-0664.



## Counseling Department Staff

| <u>Name, Title &amp; Phone #</u>                                        | <u>Alphabet</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>John Boulanger</u></b><br>Department Chair<br>715-261-0661        | A-F             |
| <b><u>Jason Beal</u></b><br>Counselor<br>715-261-0664                   | G-L             |
| <b><u>Manee Vongphakdy</u></b><br>Counselor<br>715-261-0667             | M-Si            |
| <b><u>Katie Gilles</u></b><br>Counselor<br>715-261-0663                 | Sj-Z            |
| <b><u>Gina Walters</u></b><br>Guidance Secretary<br>715-261-0677        |                 |
| <b><u>Cathy Gauger</u></b><br>Career Center Coordinator<br>715-261-0657 |                 |
| <b><u>Matthew Mitchell</u></b><br>School Psychologist<br>715-261-0959   |                 |
| <b><u>Sarah Nilles</u></b><br>School Social Worker<br>715-261-0668      |                 |

## Sophomore Conferences

On October 21, 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 21, please have them stop in the Career Center.

In November, Counselors will be inviting sophomores and their parents to a Sophomore ACP 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 in the ACP process to help students prepare for life after high school. Please watch for a letter pertaining to Sophomore Conferences to come home in November.



## 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                                 |
| <b>Get Prepared</b>                               | <b>Complete FAFSA® Form</b>                       | <b>Review Student Aid Report</b>                | <b>Respond to Aid Offer</b>              | <b>Receive Aid</b>                             | <b>Renew Your FAFSA® Form</b>      |
| <a href="#">Gather the documents you'll need.</a> | <a href="#">Apply early to maximize your aid.</a> | <a href="#">Make corrections, if necessary.</a> | <a href="#">Accept the aid you want.</a> | <a href="#">Get your aid from your school.</a> | <a href="#">Reapply each year.</a> |

There are many resources to help students through the financial aid process. In October, East seniors and parents received an email outlining these resources.

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, where 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 15 (at NTC).**

### ASVAB

On November 29, 2022, 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 & 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](mailto: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!



## Backyurjax Booster Club

Backyurjax Booster Club is selling Kwik Trip gift cards as a fundraiser. The card amounts are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, and \$500. These cards can be used at the pump or for any in-store purchases (excluding financial services).

If you are interested in purchasing any gift cards, please see your Backyurjax Sports Rep or contact Shelly Urmanski at 715-218-6916 or Julie Abraham at 715-581-6038. **The deadline for ordering cards is December 8.**

These make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers! All proceeds go to Lumberjack sports teams.



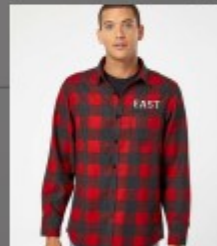


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EAST  
STUDENTS!**

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EXPECT 2-3 WEEK DELIVERY**



**[CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)**

# Upcoming Events

[Click Here](#) for the 2022-23 East High Calendar

## November

18-19 Fall Musical, *Curtains*, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

19-20 Fall Musical, *Curtains*, 2:00 p.m., Auditorium

23 Non-contract Day, **No School**

24-25 Thanksgiving Break, **No School**

## December

19 Music Dept. Concert, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

23 Winter Break Begins, **No School**

## January

2 Classes Resume

7 Junior Girls Ball, Great Dane Ballroom

11-13 Exams

16 Teacher Inservice, **No School**

16 Second Semester Begins

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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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