

BLACKHAWK BEAT

APRIL 2023
#WESTISBEST

ATHLETICS:

Saturday, April 1 - V Boys Volleyball, Blackhawk Invite @ 8am; V Baseball vs Metea Valley @ 10am
Monday, April 3 - V Badminton vs Romeoville - 4pm; V Girls Soccer vs Plainfield North & V Baseball vs Joliet West @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, April 4 - V Boys Tennis vs Romeoville @ 4pm; V Boys Track & Field TRI @ 4pm
Wednesday, April 5 - V Boys Volleyball vs Naperville North @ 5:30pm
Thursday, April 6 - V Baseball vs Plainfield East & V Girls Soccer vs Romeoville @ 4:30pm; V Boys Volleyball vs Plainfield North @ 5:30pm
Saturday, April 8 - V Boys Track & Field QUAD @ 10am
Monday, April 10 - V Boys Volleyball vs Naperville Central @ 5:30pm
Tuesday, April 11 - V Badminton & V Boys Tennis vs Plainfield East @ 4pm; V Boys & Girls Track & Field vs Yorkville @ 4:30pm; V Baseball vs Romeoville @ 4:30pm
Wednesday, April 12 - V Girls Track & Field TRI @ 4:30pm
Thursday, April 13 - V Boys Tennis vs Yorkville @ 4pm; V Softball vs Yorkville @ 4:30pm
Saturday, April 15 - V Boys Track & Field JOHN BELL INVITE @ 10am
Monday, April 17 - V Badminton vs Joliet Central @ 4pm; V Girls Soccer vs Plainfield East @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, April 18 - V Baseball vs Oswego East and V Boys Track & Field TRI @ 4:30pm
Wednesday, April 19 - V Badminton vs Oswego @ 4:30pm
Thursday, April 20 - V Softball vs Minooka and V Girls Soccer vs Yorkville @ 4:30pm; V Boys Volleyball vs Romeoville @ 5:30pm
Saturday, April 22 - V Baseball vs Dekalb and V Girls Soccer vs ACC @ 10am
Monday, April 24 - V Baseball vs Yorkville @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, April 25 - V Boys Tennis vs Oswego @ 4pm; V Boys Track & Field vs East Aurora @ 4:30pm
Thursday, April 27 - V Baseball vs Yorkville and V Softball vs Plainfield East @ 4:30pm; V Boys Volleyball vs Plainfield East @ 5:30pm
Friday, April 28 - V Girls Soccer vs Joliet Central @ 4:30pm
Saturday, April 29 - V Boys Tennis Tournament

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 4: Senior Meeting, 3rd Period, Auditorium
Friday, April 7: NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday
Wednesday, April 12: SAT/PSAT School Test Day
Thursday, April 13: Commencement Speaker Applications Due
Saturday, April 15: AFJROTC Military Ball, 7 pm
Wednesday, April 19: Commencement Speaker Voting, 5-Star
Wednesday, April 19: Cap & Gown Distribution, during lunches
Thursday, April 20: Cap & Gown Distribution, during lunches
Friday, April 21: WAHS hosts A+ Foundation: Distinguished Hall of Honor Event
Thursday, April 27: Something Rotten, 7 pm - ticketed event <https://sd129.thundertix.com/>
Friday, April 28: Something Rotten, 7 pm - ticketed event
Saturday, April 29: Something Rotten, 7pm - ticketed event

SCHOOL FEES: Contact the Bookkeeper, Mrs. Boyd, to see if you have any outstanding school fees. The Bookkeeper is located in between Activity & Athletic Offices. She is open before & after school and available during 4A thru 6B lunches.
Remember NO DANCE, PROM, or COMMENCEMENT TICKETS if fees are owed!
Email Mrs. Boyd at lboyd@sd129.org or call her at 630-301-5524.

#BLACKHAWKPRIDE

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH
SOCIAL MEDIA, YOUR SCHOOL

EMAIL & SCHOLOGY



@WAactivities



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Do you have suggestions on what we can do better here at WAHS? If so, stop in and see Mrs. Kegarise in the Student Activities Office or send her an email at ekegarise@sd129.org

DAILY
ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLUBS &
ACTIVITIES

West Aurora High School Presents:

SENIOR RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

We are asking seniors to submit information on their behalf, including a picture, their post-secondary plans, and a list of their accomplishments, honors, and awards. We would like you to be included, could you please fill out the Google Form linked below.



Form Submission
Due Date is
Friday, May 5th

2023

Commencement Ceremony
Name Pronunciation
Survey

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR NAME
IS READ CORRECTLY AT
COMMENCEMENT BY FILLING
OUT THE SURVEY BELOW!

SCAN ME:



PARADE OF graduates



Support the next generation of Blackhawk graduates by
visiting your elementary/middle school in your Cap &
Gown!

After Senior Celebration
Friday, May 19
SIGN-UP by WED. 5/17 HERE:



COMPLIMENTARY TRANSPORTATION TO COMMENCEMENT

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 3PM.



To reserve space on the bus
for this event, please scan
the QR Code.



Cap & Gown Pick-Up

Wednesday, April 19 &
Thursday, April 20
During Lunches
4th thru 7th hour

Call Herff Jones at 815-756-4743 if you
have not ordered and/or paid for
your Cap and Gown!



PURCHASE IN



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

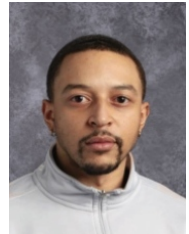
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MEET OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MR. BUCKLEY



I graduated from Aurora University in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. In 2001, I graduated from AU with a Master's Degree in Teaching. From 2001-2012, I worked in the Oswego School District at Thompson Junior High (2001-03), Oswego High School (2003-04), and Oswego East High School (2004-2012) teaching Social Studies. At Oswego East, I was also the Head Boys Basketball Coach, Head Boys Golf Coach, and Assistant Athletic Director. I have served as Athletic Director at West Aurora High School since 2012.

MEET OUR ASST. DIRECTOR OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, MR. STEPHENS



I graduated from Judson University in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. I graduated from National Louis University in 2019 with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, Administration and Supervision. I was a student teacher here at West High in the spring of 2014 and began teaching Physical Education here in the fall of 2014. From 2015-2021, I worked at Blackhawk Academy as a self-contained classroom teacher and started a Physical Education program for Blackhawk Academy. Throughout my time in education, I have coached middle school soccer (Jewel MS, 2016) and football (Jewel MS, 2018), and high school basketball (Aurora Christian, 2014-2021; Mercury Elite AAU, 2014-2021). This is my second year as the Assistant Director of Athletics, Extracurricular Activities & Student Engagement.



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ESTERMOO BEE BRODIE CARAGHER GABRIELLA CHAVEZ
KELSEY DANNER ABIGAIL DIETLIN KIEREN DUNCAN
AKONGNWA FONGU-ATEHKENG EMMANUEL GAMA WILLIAM GRAY
JAHIR HERNANDEZ LILA HOPKINS ELIJAH JACKSON NATALIE JARRELL
RICHARD JIMENEZ MATTHEW JOHNSON TYLER JOHNSTON
XAVIER KNOWLES ELISIO LISCANO ALEXANDER LOPEZ
JAYLEN LOVE AIDEN MASSARO EVAN MATKOVICH ANGELETTI MEDINA
DAVID MINARCIK MAYA MONEZE ANIK RAI MASON ROGERS
ANDY ROMERO ISAIAH SALGADO JAYLEEN SANCHEZ
TYLER SCROGGINS DOMINIC SERIO DEDRA TAITE CARTER VELEZ

SPORT ATHLETES



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THESE CLASS OF 2023
ATHLETES WHO
WILL BE COMPETING AT
THE NEXT LEVEL

- Fernando Aguilar * CoD * Football
- Lucas Aguirre * Elgin CC * Baseball
- Jasmine Angel * U of Dubuque * Track & Field
- Jamarion Bailey * Aurora U * Football
- Alison Blaskovich * Lindenwood * Hockey
- Ezekyel Brooks * Roosevelt * Football
- Kobe Coffey * Waubensee CC * Baseball
- Owen Hendricks * Carthage * Volleyball
- Hector Huerta * North Central * Soccer
- Tyler Johnston * CoD * Football
- Andrew Kolich * UW-Platteville * Football
- Sergio Lemos * CoD * Football
- Gino Martino * WashU * Football
- Bibi Mercado * Trinity Christian * Basketball
- Ryan Niedzwiedz * SIUE * Baseball
- Mason Rogers * Aurora U * Football
- Sam Stone * CoD * Football
- Blake Studdard * Elmhurst * Soccer
- Isabella Vargas * Lewis * Soccer
- Ethan Weaver * Carthage * Baseball
- Aspen Weeks * Flagler * Basketball
- Grace Weisse * Missouri State * Diving
- Trevor Zielke * Rose-Hulman * Football

as of 3.24.23

WAHS ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

- FALL** - CHEER, CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, GOLF, POMS, SOCCER - BOYS, SWIM/DIVE - GIRLS, TENNIS - GIRLS, & VOLLEYBALL - GIRLS
- WINTER** - BOWLING - GIRLS, BASKETBALL, COMPETITIVE CHEER, COMPETITIVE DANCE, SWIM/DIVE - BOYS, & WRESTLING
- SPRING** - BADMINTON - GIRLS, BASEBALL, SOCCER - GIRLS, SOFTBALL, TENNIS - BOYS, TRACK & FIELD, & VOLLEYBALL - BOYS

IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS OR
THREATENING BEHAVIOR TO
SECURITY OR YOUR HOUSE

DID YOU KNOW?

West Aurora High School has had in place a Threat Assessment Team for over 15 years. This team is comprised of administrators, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and school resource officers. The Threat Assessment Team meets weekly and will convene anytime there is an implied threat or acts of aggression. The Threat Assessment Team follows a threat assessment protocol that often includes safety plans. The goal of the Threat Assessment Team is to take any threat of aggression seriously with the end goal of keeping everyone safe at all times.