

WELCOME TO GOFAN, A NEW WAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR HOME SPORTING EVENTS

THE West Bloomfield School District is moving to an efficient digital ticketing service, GoFan, for all home games. We strongly encourage fans and spectators to purchase home game tickets in advance to avoid delays at the gate. Tickets will be for sale at the gate through credit card payment. However, we do not recommend utilizing this method as it will cause longer lines at the gate.

Cash will NO LONGER be accepted for ticket sales, but families can still use cash to purchase concessions.

To purchase tickets online, please use the following link: WBHS - <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI10121>

Many of our opponents use GoFan as well. Ticket sales for away games may also be accessible through the link above.

Admission details are as follows:

- Children ages 5 and under are free
- West Bloomfield residents 65 years and over with a Laker Senior Gold Card are free. Please show your Gold Card at the gate for entry. Senior Gold cards can be obtained from the WBSD Athletic Office or by calling (248) 865-6742.
- Individual tickets are \$5.00, plus a \$1.00 service fee
- Service fees are paid by the ticket purchaser. All sales are final.

Athletic Yearly Event Passes/Family Passes are available for WBSD families. The Family Pass is \$100 and admits up to four (4) family members into district home athletic events for that school year except for self-funded sports and MHSAA tournaments. The pass can be purchased at Jump Start or in the Athletic Office at West Bloomfield High School.

Thank you for supporting Laker Nation Athletics at West Bloomfield High School.

ATHLETIC NEWS



DIGITAL TICKETING SERVICE
2023-24



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

ONE of WBSD's favorite traditions is Family Fun Night! Family Fun Night will be held on September 8, 2023, at WBHS. This is a night where our students, staff, and families come together to celebrate this wonderful place we call home.


We hope you can join us to salute our military, police, and firefighters at this year's event. The evening kicks off at 5 p.m., with bounce houses, face painting, a dunk tank, a photo booth, a video game truck, police, fire, military vehicles and so much more. At 7 p.m. our mighty Laker varsity football team will face off against Stoney Creek. All activities are free and families that arrive in WB spirit wear get into the game for free! Learn more at www.wbsd.org.

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

12th Annual FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
5 P.M.



★★★ Saluting our U.S. Military, Police, & Fire Heroes ★★★



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN PRE-K

A child's first school experience can create a mix of emotions. Leaving their family for the first time in a new environment with unfamiliar faces builds an uneasy feeling for a four year old.

A child's early social and emotional relationships shape them for life. For young children, interactions with family members set the tone for how children see themselves, whether they feel comfortable migrating out into the world, how they get along with others, and how they begin to understand moral behavior.

While all areas of development are important in young children, West Bloomfield Preschool Academy teachers focus strongly on supporting the social and emotional aspects of their students. This helps to ensure those positive connections form between adults and peers in the classroom. Our program enhances these experiences, which deeply influence preschoolers expanding relationships and problem-solving skills at school and in the community.

Emotional learning can be defined as the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and self-regulate feelings. The West Bloomfield Preschool Academy takes pride in



following the HighScope curriculum, where teachers focus on nine key developmental indicators, or KDIs, in social and emotional development in hopes to guide early learners through those significant lifelong learning opportunities.

The KDIs include self-identity, sense of competence, emotions, empathy, community, building relationships, cooperative play, moral development, and conflict resolution (HighScope, 2014).

The goal for our students is to help children develop relationships, regulate their behavior and emotions, and talk about their feelings. When adults have appropriate expectations of children's development at preschool age, they will see greater achievements and overcome challenges in the classroom and at home. "When parents, informal community programs, and professionally staffed early childhood services pay attention to young children's emotional and social needs, as well as to their mastery of literacy and cognitive skills, they have maximum impact on the development of sturdy brain architecture and preparation for success in school." (National Scientific Council on the Developing Child).



BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2023



WBSD would like to wish the Class of 2023 the best of luck as they enter the next chapter of their lives. Thank you for your hard work,

dedication, and determination – you did it!

Take this time to explore, find something you love, and make a living doing it! Make us proud, mighty Lakers!

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

WEST Bloomfield School District is thrilled to announce that Blaine McDowell will serve as the next principal of Sheiko Elementary School.

McDowell has been a member of the WBSD community for many years, having taught at Sheiko Elementary and most recently serving as the dean of students at West Bloomfield Middle School.

McDowell is an outstanding educator who is dedicated to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment for all students. Her passion for education, strong communication skills, and collaborative approach will be invaluable as she leads our Sheiko school community.

McDowell earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Central Michigan University and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Marygrove College. She earned her Central Office Endorsement and Administrative Certification from Oakland University.



PLEASE join us in welcoming David Gardner to the West Bloomfield School District. He has been selected to serve as the new principal of West Bloomfield Middle School. Gardner most recently served as the principal of University High School for Ferndale Public Schools. Prior to that, he served as an assistant principal, counselor, and teacher at University High School.

Gardner earned his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education, his Master of Arts in Secondary English Education, and his Master of Arts in School and Community Counseling from Wayne State University. He received the ASCD Whole Child Silver Award in 2020-2021.

Gardner is widely recognized as a relationship builder and instructional leader. He has consistently demonstrated his commitment to student success throughout his career.

Gardner was introduced at the June 12 Board of Education meeting and has been busy getting to know the staff and his new building.



HONORING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS!

In every great institution, there are individuals whose unwavering commitment and dedication provide the foundation of that successful organization. In our beloved school district, we have been honored with remarkable staff members who have devoted their lives to nurturing generations of young minds for an incredible 30 years or more. Please join us in honoring and celebrating their legacy. Tracie Kreger

Dana Finneran
Julie Baeten
Ann Farrell
Julie Abeska
Sharilyn Smith
Jenifer Rosenwasser
Connie Fellman
Nancy Goldstein
Lisa Perri
Brenda Hanlon
Donna Cook
Juliann O'Brien
Lori Denniston
Brian Low
Kitrina Van-Meter
Julius Edwards
Karen Brody

Thank you for doing more than showing up day after day. Your enthusiasm, passion and genuine love for this district is remarkable.



WEST BLOOMFIELD
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ANUSHKA SARKAR WBHS Class of 2014

By Alycia Chase

AFTER graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2014, Anushka Sarkar went on to study at the University of Michigan, where she was elected to serve as the student body president from 2017 to 2018. In this role, Anushka represented nearly 50,000 students' interests, managed an \$800,000 budget, and led a 100-plus-person organization.

After college, Sarkar moved to Washington, D.C., where she first worked for a large global consulting firm advising the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services on communications and technology matters.

A passionate advocate at heart, Sarkar ended her tenure in the private sector and then spent a few years working for progressive economic justice campaigns across a wide range of issues. While working in this capacity, Sarkar and her colleagues unionized their workplace and successfully negotiated better compensation, benefits, and working conditions.

Anushka then left Washington, D.C. for New York City, where she spearheaded press, polling, and communications efforts for a national voting rights group. She was then named a 2022 Urban Leaders Fellow with the D.C. Justice Lab and D.C. Council, where she drafted legislation addressing police power and the school-to-prison pipeline in our nation's capital.

After several years of working on economic and democracy justice

issues, Sarkar decided to return to the classroom and is now a rising second-year law student at Fordham Law School in New York City. As a Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law & Ethics at Fordham Law, Sarkar is committed to championing workers' rights, freedom for incarcerated



people, and justice for people who cannot afford legal services. This summer, Sarkar was awarded a Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship and worked for the esteemed Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs in D.C.

Sarkar has published op-eds on democracy issues ranging from state voting rights legislation to U.S. Supreme Court expansion and led

national polling efforts to understand Americans' perspectives on hot-button issues.

How has WBHS helped Anushka?

Anushka Sarkar attended both Orchard Lake Middle School and West Bloomfield High School, and she credits a great deal of her passion for advocacy to the wonderful mentors she found at both schools. At every stage of her education in the West Bloomfield School District, Sarkar benefited from generous, smart, and passionate mentorship – both in and out of the classroom.

As a member of West Bloomfield High School's Speech and Debate Team, Sarkar learned how to research and formulate a compelling argument. As a member of the high school's Law Club and the county's Teen Court program, she shadowed and learned from a wide range of public servants and leaders who instilled in her and her peers a commitment to persistent advocacy.

Access to quality public education has meant the world for Sarkar. When she attended the University of Michigan, she reaped the privileges of the many AP course credits she was able to receive thanks to WBHS's rigorous academic curriculum.

Anushka's advice for current students:

Anushka Sarkar's primary advice for current students is simple: Become who you are at heart. In high school,

students spend a great deal of energy trying to figure out who they are supposed to be – how they should carry themselves, what they should be interested in, what they should say and wear, and where they should go to college. Sarkar believes that what you should do or say or become does not matter.

Her advice? Save yourself a lifetime of chasing fulfillment by simply honoring who you are at heart. If you are someone who considers yourself a creative person, don't disregard that part of yourself to prioritize other things that are not true reflections of you. Perhaps a full-time career in the creative arts is not possible for

everyone, but there are ways to incorporate those passions into your life – do that and don't let anything keep you from becoming exactly who you are meant to be.

Her second piece of advice is to remain curious. Life after school comes at you very quickly, and suddenly brief stretches of time that feel like weeks or months turn out to actually be several years. A decade after high school, many people wake up one morning and realize they have lost their spark and curiosity. There are countless great joys and sorrows in our world to learn from, explore, and transform – no one knows this better than high school students who

spend one hour studying classic Russian literature and the next learning the theory of gravity.

Bring that curiosity and intrigue with you into adulthood and carry it through every part of your life. You will find this often daunting and bleak world is actually much brighter and riper with possibility if you hold onto this sense of curiosity. Curiosity, after all, is another form of hope.

Anushka's third piece of advice? Find mentors and lean on them as much as they will allow you to. Ask your mentors to introduce you to more mentors! Not sure who to ask? You're welcome to start with Anushka: asarkar8@fordham.edu



WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

Calendar

2023 - 2024

August 28	First Full Day of School	January 17	Half Day - HS Only
September 1	No School	January 18	Half Day - All Levels
September 4	Labor Day - No School	January 19	Half Day - All Levels
September 25	No School	January 24	Late Start
October 11	Late Start	February 7	Late Start
October 25	Late Start	February 17 - 20	Mid-Winter Break
November 7	No School for Students	February 28	Late Start
November 14	Evening Conferences - Grades K-5	March 13	Late Start
November 15	Evening Conferences - MS Only	March 23 - 31	Spring Break
November 16	Evening Conferences - HS Only	April 3	Late Start
November 17	Half Day/Afternoon Conferences All Levels	April 24	Late Start
November 22 - 26	Thanksgiving Break	May 8	Late Start
November 29	Late Start	May 22	Late Start
December 13	Late Start	May 27	Memorial Day - No School
Dec 23 - Jan. 7	Winter Break	June 5	Half Day - HS Only
January 10	Late Start	June 6	Half Day - All Levels
January 15	MLK Jr Day - No School	June 7	Half Day - Student's Last Day
		June 10	Teacher's Last Day - Records Day

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time	Late Start Time	Half Day Dismissal Time
WBHS	7:30 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
Oakland Early College	8 a.m.	3 p.m.	9 a.m.	11:14 a.m.
WBMS, Roosevelt, & Transition Center	8:20 a.m.	3:12 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
Doherty, Gretchko, Scotch, & Sheiko	9:10 a.m.	4:02 p.m.	10:10 a.m.	12:12 p.m.
AM Early Childhood SE	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	9 a.m.	NA
PM Early Childhood SE	12 p.m.	3 p.m.	12 p.m.	NA

Report absences between the hours of 6 p.m. and the start of the next school day by calling the Safeline below:

Doherty Elementary - (248) 865-6002
Gretchko Elementary - (248) 865-6572
Roosevelt Elementary - (248) 865-6622
Scotch Elementary - (248) 865-3282
Sheiko Elementary - (248) 865-6372
WBMS - (248) 865-4482
WBHS - (248) 865-6722
Transition Center - (248) 539-0532

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2023/2024

WBSD Board Meetings are held in the iCenter at WBHS beginning at 7 p.m. Board Study Sessions are held at ACS beginning at 6:30 p.m.

September 11 – Board Study Session
September 18 – Board Meeting
October 9 – Board Study Session
October 23 – Board Meeting
November 6 – Board Study Session
November 20 – Board Meeting
December 4 – Board Study Session
December 18 – Board Meeting
January 8 – Board Study Session
January 22 – Board Meeting
February 5 – Board Study Session
February 12 – Board Meeting
March 4 – Board Study Session
March 18 – Board Meeting
April 8 – Board Study Session
April 15 – Board Meeting
May 6 – Board Study Session
May 20 – Board Meeting
June 10 – Board Study Session
June 24 – Board Meeting

West Bloomfield School District

Dept. of Public Relations and Marketing

248-865-6454

www.wbsd.org

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Our Mission:

"The Laker strengthens the vital relationship between West Bloomfield School District and the community by clearly communicating in a timely and relevant manner the many successes of our students, schools, and community."

West Bloomfield School District

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD

Superintendent

West Bloomfield High School

248-865-6720

Oakland Early College

248-522-3540

West Bloomfield Transition Center

248-865-6470

West Bloomfield Middle School

248-865-4480

Doherty Elementary School

248-865-6020

Gretchko Elementary School

248-865-6570

Roosevelt Elementary School

248-865-6620

Scotch Elementary School

248-865-3280

Sheiko Elementary School

248-865-6370

Notice of Nondiscrimination:

It is the policy of the West Bloomfield School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, religion, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination in employment or any of its programs or activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Eric Whitney, Assistant Superintendent for Talent Development and Management. 5810 Commerce Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48324. (248) 865-6424



**West Bloomfield Adult Education
English Language Learner (ELL) Center**

Dawn Hanford, Coordinator

J&S Office Center

7071 Orchard Lake Road, Ste. 100

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

(248) 539-2390

Contact melissa.mcdonald@wbsd.org for more information.

Sign up for Fall 2023 ELL Classes

PM Levels I, II, III, Monday - Wednesday 6:30-9 p.m.

AM Level I, Monday - Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Four months of ELL classes available!

Bring picture ID and Social Security Card (if you have one).

Registration fee is \$50.

Students 18 and older are welcome from any district.

Learn English, meet new people and make friends at your
West Bloomfield ELL class.

Join us today to improve your language and connect with
the community!

Registration Days: July 31, 2023 - August 31, 2023

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After September 4, call for more registration times and
class availability.

Class Schedule: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - Wednesday,
December 20, 2023

Tuition Schedule

Fall 2023 ELL Session 1: September 11 to October 18

(6 weeks, omit Sept. 25)

Advanced/Intermediate English

Mon./Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$225

Conversation/Pronunciation

Tues. 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. \$75

Fall 2023 ELL Session 2: October 23 to December 13

(6 weeks, omit Nov. 20-22)

Advanced/Intermediate English

Mon./Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$225

Conversation/Pronunciation

Tues. 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. \$75

Tutoring (by appointment)

Individual Reading Instruction High Level I, Level II

(6 1-hour sessions) \$175

Individual General Instruction

(4 1-hour sessions) \$160



Congratulations from the Oakland County Community and Adult Education (OCCAE) Awards Luncheon to West Bloomfield School District recipients.

- \$250 Mini Grant Award – Julie McIntosh, WBSD Adult Education ESL Teacher
- Community/School District Award – WBSD Parent Volunteer and Robotics Coach, Chris Haines

Thank you for serving our school community! The lunch was prepared and served by the Oakland Schools Culinary Arts Center students at the Clipboard Cafe in Royal Oak.



WBMS Robotics participated in the Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade. Community involvement and participation are some of their core values. Thank you for supporting our community!

Summer

2023

FUN © LEARN © EXPLORE



WBSD Community Education Summer Camp

Campers enjoyed the outdoor activities with Oakland County Mobile Recreation, onsite assemblies with the West Bloomfield Public Library, field trips, art, yoga, and karate classes.

Summer Camp Staff

A special thank you to our dedicated Summer Camp staff. They worked hard all summer at Gretchko Elementary School.



Start the school year off with a smile!



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