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**DECEMBER 2023****Q** EAST.WAUSAUSCHOOLS.ORG**2607 N. 18TH AVE.
WAUSAU, WI 54403****MAIN OFFICE HOURS
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715-261-0690****COUNSELING OFFICE
715-261-0660****ATHLETIC OFFICE
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PRINCIPAL,
PROGRAMMING & SPED
MRS. SUSAN HOLSTER****ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL,
STUDENT SERVICES,
MR. JASON SINZ****ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR,
MR. KURT VANDEN HEUVEL**

Hello Lumberjack Families,

My name is Luke Barth, and I am honored to serve Wausau East High School as your interim principal! Over the next year my goal is to continue to drive our Lumberjack traditions and strive for excellence. I hold education as the cornerstone of opportunity and collectively we can reach our goals as a Wausau East community.

My wife, Renee, and I have an adventurous family. When I am not at school, I can be found supporting our sons' athletic teams, sitting in a deer stand, casting for panfish, boating on the water, hunting with our German Shorthair, Kenai, or watching an event at Wausau East. Our family has a love for travel, all aspects of the outdoors, games, sports, and being actively involved in community events. We have lived in Alaska, snorkeled in the Caribbean Sea, caught walleye in Canada, and have experienced different cultures in many states/regions. Renee is a Wausau East graduate and former social studies educator, but has pursued building a career in photography. Renee B Photography was started 10 years ago, and she has not looked back. Our three boys are also a part of the Wausau School District. Kailer is at Wausau East as a 10th grader, Laken is in 8th grade at Horace Mann, and Becklin is a 5th grade student at Riverview Elementary. All three are actively involved in many co-curricular opportunities and look forward to getting involved in many more within the Wausau School District.

I have been actively involved in public education for the past 18 years and look forward to providing support, advocacy, and continuing initiative development with Wausau East High School. I began my career as a special education teacher within the Eau Claire Area School District in 2005 and then had an opportunity in 2012 to begin my administrative career. My administrative tenure has been the head principal for the Abbotsford Middle/High School and Bloomer Middle School. Most recently, I was an associate principal for the Eau Claire North High School, a position I held for the past seven school years and the past two school years at Wausau East.

Wausau East has a mission to "positively impact the future by helping students reach their full potential in a rigorous learning environment of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence". One of my goals is to work with all Wausau East stakeholders and drive success collaboratively and collectively for our students. I look forward to fostering positive relationships with the students, faculty, and families of Wausau East High School.

Lumberjack Pride!

Mr. Luke Barth

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Dear Lumberjack students and parents,

To students, never forget that you are capable of achieving greatness. Your dreams and aspirations are within reach, and with perseverance and dedication, you can bring them to fruition. Believe in your abilities, trust the journey, and never lose sight of your passion.

To parents, I want to acknowledge the tremendous support and dedication you have provided to your children. You have become teachers, mentors, and pillars of strength, guiding your children through uncharted territory. Your unwavering love and commitment have been the driving force behind their success.

As we enter this holiday season, let us take a moment to pause, breathe, and find inspiration in the simple joys that surround us. Let us cherish the moments spent with loved ones, appreciate the beauty of nature, and reflect on the lessons learned during this past year.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let us embrace the spirit of hope, gratitude, and compassion. Let us extend a helping hand to those in need, find comfort and solace in the presence of loved ones, and spread kindness wherever we go.

Parents, continue to be the guiding light for your children. Your love, support, and encouragement mean the world to them. Nurture their dreams, celebrate their successes, and remind them that you will always be their biggest cheerleaders.

Together, let us enter the holiday season with renewed hope, unwavering faith, and a spirit of unity. May the coming year bring joy, fulfillment, and endless possibilities for each and every one of you.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with love, peace, and inspiration.

With warmest regards,

Mr. Sinz



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Wausau East High School
Music Department
Winter Concert
Mon., December 18, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Free & open to the public
East Auditorium

The Concert for
Children's Miracle
Network

STEEM
for kids from 1 to 92

Accompanied
by Orchestra students
from Neenah
& Wausau

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 • SHOW 7:30PM

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Junior Girls Ball

Presents

In the Light of the Lantern

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Saturday

Jan | 13th | 2024

6:00 Grand March | East Auditorium
7:00 Dance | The Great Dane

2305 Sherman St. | Wausau, WI | 54403

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No Dinner. Snack & Appetizer Bar Provided



THE JUNIOR GIRLS BALL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR IN THE LIGHT OF THE LANTERN DANCE!

The Grand March will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the East auditorium followed by the dance at the Great Dane from 7:00-10:00 p.m. To bring a non-East student, you must fill out a guest form. Tickets will be on sale in the Business Office December 11-20. Cost is \$25 per person; \$50 for a couple and includes a photographer at the Grand March, appetizers, desserts, dance, and photo booth. Tickets are limited so be sure to purchase yours early!

A NOTE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Students, know that your second quarter attendance really matters. Students who earn 90% attendance or better for the quarter are eligible for Junior Girls. Any unexcused absences, class periods or days, count against your attendance record. Excused absences (parent, medical, funeral, and school based activities) DO NOT count against your attendance record. Again, the standard to earn dance eligibility is 90%. Any suspension during quarter two, in school or out of school, will also result in a loss of dance eligibility. Please do your best to make it to all of your classes every day!

SENIOR PICTURE OPPORTUNITY

Attention juniors and seniors...a local photographer has offered to take free senior pictures for students who would not otherwise have this opportunity. If you are interested, please reach out to Sarah Nilles, School Social Worker, at snilles@wausauschools.org or call (715)261-0668.



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A NOTE FROM THE WAUSAU EAST ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Students NEED to sign IN and OUT at the Attendance Window when they are arriving late to school (after 7:45 a.m.) and leaving early from school (before 3:00 p.m.). This DOES NOT pertain to students with Student Incentive periods on their schedule.

Communication between home and school is of utmost importance for the Attendance Office. The following is a list of acceptable reasons your student may miss school:

- Personal illness
- Funerals and religious services as requested by the parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Serious personal or family crisis
- The student is not in proper physical and/or mental condition to attend school in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 118.15(3)(a)
- Suspension from school

Students will be excused for the above reasons only when the parent/guardian gives an explanation for the absence. Please call the Attendance Office by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. If this is impossible, please call or send a note with your child on the day of his/her return to school.

Parents/guardians are allowed to excuse their child for part of, or the entirety of, ten days per school year without a medical note. If your child is absent from school for more than ten days, you will be asked to furnish a medical excuse. Absences excused with medical notes are excused without using the ten days previously mentioned. Family vacations or activities must be pre-arranged through the Attendance Office prior to leaving. In such cases, the student must complete an Anticipated Absence Form.

If a student needs to leave for any reason within the school day (7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), they should bring a written note from their parent/guardian indicating the time of dismissal/return and reason. That note should be brought to the Attendance Office by the student before school, to obtain a pass. If parents/guardians are unable to send a note, please call 715-261-0690 a day ahead or early in the morning on the day of the appointment and tell their student to check in with the Attendance Office to obtain a pass. We kindly ask that parents/guardians plan ahead and follow this procedure so classes aren't interrupted for last minute student pickups.

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](#)



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE IB INFORMATION NIGHT

- Who:** Parents of 8th, 9th and 10th grade students (students also welcome!)
- What:** IB Information Night
- When:** **Wednesday, January 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- Where:** **D110, Large Group Room**
- Why:** To find out more about IB and to have your questions answered

We will discuss the following questions: Should my child take IB classes? What are the pros and cons of IB classes? What does it mean to be full IB? How do colleges recognize the IB program?

CURRENT STATISTICS:

- 55% of our juniors and seniors are taking at least one IB course.
- 23% of our IB students are minority students.
- 84% of last year's juniors and seniors passed their IB Exams last May.
- 16 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.
- Last year, twelve of thirteen Diploma Candidates earned the highly respected IB Diploma from Geneva, Switzerland.



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HEALTH SERVICES NEWS

Information Regarding Your Child & Illness

IMPORTANT: If your child is feeling ill during the school day,

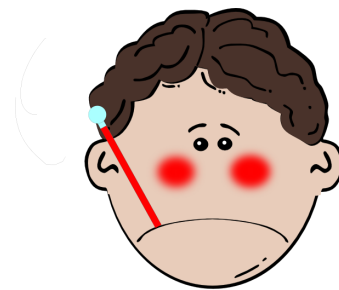
please have them report to the Health Office.

We will contact you (parent/guardian) to make arrangements for them to be picked up.

Please follow these guidelines from the WSD for illnesses:

Students may be excluded from school for communicable disease control for the following conditions:

- ◆ Undiagnosed or untreated skin rash or sores **that cannot be covered**
- ◆ Fever (temperature 100.4°F or greater or if behaviors such as excessive sleepiness or coughing which might be interfering with the student's learning). Child must be fever-free without fever medicine for 24 hours before returning to school
- ◆ Vomiting **more than once** in the previous 24 hours. Child must not have vomited in the past 24 hours before returning to school.
- ◆ Diarrhea **three times** in the previous 24 hours or child is incontinent (has an "accident")
- ◆ Upper respiratory illness with **frequent** cough/drainage
- ◆ "Pinkeye" (conjunctivitis) **if accompanied by fever, behavioral change or inability to avoid touching eyes.** (Antibiotics not required for return).
- ◆ Strep throat (until 24 hours after treatment has begun, or health practitioner approval)
- ◆ Students whose immunization status is not in compliance with the Wisconsin Immunization Law
- ◆ Students with known suppressed immunity may be excluded, for their protection, when cases of communicable disease (i.e., measles, chickenpox) occur in school



A reminder that 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, diabetic supplies, and cough drops if needed.

We are no longer tracking Covid cases in school or following any separate protocols for Covid. Please refer to the Wausau School District illness guidelines listed above when choosing to send your child to school with an illness. District absence policies will be followed for any illnesses.

Please contact the Marathon County Health Dept. for Covid information or if you have questions:



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

Emilee Mootz, School Nurse, 715-261-0713 emootz@wausauschools.org

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

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COUNSELING & CAREER CENTER NEWS



WELCOME BACK, MRS. CAYLEY!!

We're very happy to welcome Mrs. Cayley back to the Counseling Office! She will be with us through the end of the 2023-24 school year, and will work with students whose last names begin with M-Si.

Mrs. Cayley can be reached by email: mcayley@wausauschools.org or by calling 715-261-0667.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STAFF

<u>John Boulanger</u>	A-F
Department Chair	
715-261-0661	
<u>Jason Beal</u>	G-L
Counselor	
715-261-0664	
<u>Missy Cayley</u>	M-Si
Counselor	
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Counselor	
715-261-0663	
<u>Gina Walters</u>	
Guidance Secretary	
715-261-0677	
<u>Cathy Gauger</u>	
Career Center Coordinator	
715-261-0657	
<u>Matthew Mitchell</u>	
School Psychologist	
715-261-0653	
<u>Sarah Nilles</u>	
School Social Worker	
715-261-0668	

ACT INFORMATION

As a junior, your child will be taking the ACT on March 12, 2024. The ACT test is a mandatory state assessment that many colleges and universities use to determine admission and scholarships. To help prepare our students for this test, we are offering a mandatory practice ACT test on Dec 5, 2023.

In-person ACT prep sessions will be offered at school starting in January. Your student can stop into the Career Center or Counseling Office to sign up or for more information. Online ACT prep is available to your student by accessing Xello on their Chromebook and clicking on 'Methodize' in the bottom right corner of their homepage.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS

East Counselors will be hosting sophomore conferences with students and parents in late November 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 during your child's resource center. If your child has not completed the Matchmaker yet, they can access it through Xello or stop in the Career Center if they need help.

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. Students should use the [Request a Letter of Recommendation Form](#) when asking for a letter of recommendation from teachers/staff.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING THAT BENEFITS EAST STUDENTS!

WHEN YOU SHOP AT THE JACK SHACK, YOU NOT ONLY GET GREAT
WAUSAU EAST GIFTS FOR THE ONES YOU LOVE, YOUR PURCHASES
HELP SUPPORT STUDENT TRAVEL, FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND
MORE!!!



STOP IN DURING SCHOOL HOURS OR SHOP
ONLINE @ WEJACKSHACK.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 8 Independent Learning Day
- 18 Music Dept. Concert, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 25- Winter Break, **No Classes**
- Jan 1

All Wausau East offices will be closed for Winter Break.

JANUARY

- 2 Classes Resume
- 10-12 Exams
- 13 Junior Girls
- 15 Teacher Inservice, **No Classes**

FEBRUARY

- 1 8th Grade Tours
- 8 Registration Open House, 3:30-8:00 p.m.
- 15 Winterfest
- 17 Key Club Valentine's Day Dance
- 19 Teacher Inservice, **No Classes**
- 29 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

WAUSAU EAST HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

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.

WSD Continuous Nondiscrimination Notice

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