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September 2024

A monthly newsletter to families

Attendance:

920-492-2653

Main Office:

920-492-2650

Student Services:

(Counselors/
Student Records):
920-492-2652

Athletics & Activities

920-492-2734

Administration:

Principal: Mike Whisler

Associate Principal (Last Names A-L): Tori Adkins

Associate Principal (Last Names M-Z): Louisa Samples

Manager of Student Engagement: John Polkowski

Athletics & Activities Director: Chris Williams

Social Workers:

Last Names A-L: Janine Walch Blohowiak

Last Names M-Z: Anna Van Schyndel

Counselors:

Last Names A-E: Amanda Millan

Last Names F-L: Luke Felchlin

*Last Names M-R, Z: Elizabeth
Mueller*

Last Names S-Y: Ying Jing Vang

Upcoming Dates to Know...

Sept. 2: No School - Labor Day
Sept. 20: Homecoming Football Game
Sept. 20: Yearbook Signing Event
Sept. 21: Homecoming Dance
Sept. 25: Referendum Info Session w/
Principal Whisler

Oct. 2: National Custodians Day
Oct. 4: No School
Oct. 8: Picture Retakes (*lunch hours*)
Oct. 24: All-Choir Concert

Nov. 1: No School
Nov. 4-8: National School Psychology Week
Nov. 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 27: Newsies ALUMNI Preview
Nov. 27-29: No School



Mental Well-Being Resources

*You're important. You matter.
& so does your mental well-being.*

Please click the linked resources [HERE](#) from SW Social Workers to obtain resources which may help you and/or your student.

In the event of a suicidal crisis or emotional distress, **call or text 988** to connect with a trained crisis counselor immediately.



**If you would like a printed
copy of this newsletter, please
contact the SW Main Office.*

Algebra 1 Freshman created posters on the 1st day of school



The Art Club raised funds throughout the 2023-24 school year to help pay for a spring field trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Congrats to Morgan and Alexa for being 2 of the top 10 senior high school girls volleyball players on the 2024 Terrific 10!!! What a terrific honor!



SW Volleyball celebrated a victory vs. Menasha.



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Sept. 5, 2024) – United Soccer Coaches announced on Thursday the High School Team Academic Award winners, recognized for their exemplary performance in the classroom during the 2023-24 academic year.

A total of 291 soccer teams (116 boys, 175 girls) posted a team grade point average of 3.25 or higher, thereby earning the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for the 2023-24 academic year. Of that total, 33 schools had both their men's and women's programs recognized.

The team GPA is determined by adding every player's GPA, then dividing by the number of players.

School	City	State	Coach	Team GPA
Southwest High School	Green Bay	Wis.	Jay Draves	3.51



Let's Talk...Connect with School Staff!



Want to connect with school administration?

Please call the main office ahead to see if the principal or associate principal is available or if there's a need to schedule an appointment. School administrators are always available via email.

Want to have a conversation with a staff member?

If so, please reach out to them by phone or email to schedule a short appointment

Thank you for your assistance with scheduling appointments with staff ahead of time.

This will help us ensure that we are providing the best service possible to the students and families of Southwest High School.

Southwest Who's Who?

Administration Main Office Phone Number: 920-492-2650 Attendance Phone Number: 920-492-2653				Student Services Phone Number: 920-492-2652			
	Mr. Mike Whisler Principal Email Mike		Mr. Chris Williams Athletic & Activities Director Email Chris		Ms. Amanda Millan School Counselor Student Support A-E Email Amanda 920-492-2719		Ms. Janine Walch Blohowiak Social Worker Student Support A-L Email Janine 920-492-5582
	Ms. Tori Adkins Associate Principal Student Support A-L Email Tori		Mr. John Polkowski Manager of Student Engagement Email John		Mr. Luke Felchlin School Counselor Student Support F-L Email Luke 920-492-2718		Ms. Anna Van Schyndel Social Worker Student Support M-Z Email Anna 920-492-2709
	Ms. Louisa Samples Associate Principal Student Support M-Z Email Louisa				Ms. Elizabeth Mueller School Counselor Student Support M-R & Z Email Elizabeth 920-492-2717		Ms. Kaitlyn Stollberg School Psychologist Email Kaitlyn 920-481-9474
Career Center					Ms. Ying-Jing Vang *Student Services Department Head School Counselor Student Support S-Y Email Ying-Jing 920-492-2716		Mr. Jon Wiegert *Special Education Lead Teacher Email Jon 920-272-7222
	Ms. Melissa Hovanick-Larson Career Center Coordinator Email Melissa 920-492-2652		Ms. Lisa Schroeder Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Email Lisa 920-873-3057		Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk School Nurse Email Bonnie 920-272-7638		
	Mr. Sonny Soquet Career Coach - NWTC Email Sonny	Image coming soon	Ms. Nalani Bicoy Career Coach - UWGB Email Nalani 920-518-3767		Ms. Ma Vang Registrar Email Ma		

Meet Our New Staff!



Ann Irvine - DHH Interpreter

Jason Eastman - Paraprofessional

Jason Miller - Autism Focus Paraprofessional

Jennifer Herman - Paraprofessional

Kaara McHugh - Choir Teacher

Orpita Nilormee - Science Teacher

A Note From Principal Whisler...



You may have heard that at Southwest High School (and other GBAPS high schools as well) that *staff are enforcing the expectation that students are not using their cell phones or earbuds/headphones during instructional time*. This is not new; however, it is gaining some increased attention with students and families.



[School Board Rule 363.2 - Rule\(1\) - Procedures for Student Responsible and Acceptable Technology Use](#) outlines the acceptable use of technology by students, including their use of personal cell phones during the school day. In short, at Southwest High School, and other GBAPS schools, students are to be “*responsible for keeping their device(s) silent during instructional time, or completely turned off and put away to the extent otherwise required or directed.*” ALL Southwest High School students have been informed, as part of our first week activities, that personal cell phones, earbuds, and headphones are to be put away during instructional time - unless the instructor has provided permission for a specific instructional purpose.

Meeting this expectation, of having cell phones turned off and put away, is hard. I will be the first to admit this, and I shared my own struggles with students. However, there are a number of benefits to limiting this distraction during instructional time. Those **benefits include**, but is not limited to:

- **Increased academic focus;**
- **Reduced temptation to cheat and/or plagiarize;**
- **Reduced stress and anxiety;**
- **Increased collaboration and discussion with peers;**
- **Reduced reliance on the quick “Google Search” to answer a question or solve a problem;** and
- **Increased classroom participation and engagement.**

Limited student cell phone access and use during class time is once again gaining traction across the United States. Mostly because of the impact that these devices may have on student (and adult) mental health. Please take some time to talk to your student(s) about the school’s expectations around cell phone use and your expectations around cell phone use. These conversations just may lead to some interesting discussions.

If you have questions and/or concerns about Southwest’s cell phone use expectations, GBAPS School Board Rule 363.2 - Rule (1), or our process for addressing violations of these expectations, please feel free to email or call me at any time.

Thank you, and talk to you soon (but not on my cell phone during class)!

Mike Whisler, Principal



ATTENTION:
A CONCERNING
NEW TREND!



‘Chroming’

A concerning new trend known as “chroming” has surfaced on TikTok, resulting in multiple teenage deaths. Teens participating in this viral challenge record themselves inhaling spray paint or other toxic chemicals and post the video to TikTok using the hashtag #WhipTok or #Chroming.

Warnings for Students, Parents, and Educators:

1. **Health Risks:** Inhalants can cause long-term damage to the brain, heart, lungs, and other vital organs.
2. **Immediate Danger:** A single use of these chemicals can lead to sudden death by suffocation or heart failure.
3. **Social Media Influence:** Social Media challenges often downplay the risks and encourage dangerous behavior to gain views or followers.

Chroming is just one of many dangerous social media trends, but its deadly consequences show just how important it is for parents and educators to stay informed and take action to protect vulnerable teens.

For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/4cZ1nHM>.

From the Career Center...



College Visits for FALL 2024



UW Platteville will be visiting on Thursday, September 12th at 1:24 p.m. They will be meeting in the Career Center Conference Room.



Lawrence University will be visiting on Monday, September 23rd at 1:24 p.m. at the start of 7th Hour They will be meeting in the Career Center Conference Room.



Ripon College will be visiting on Thursday, September 26th at 11:30am. They will be meeting in the Career Center Conference Room.

Testing FALL 2024



ASVAB Testing - Wednesday, October 16th 7:30-11 a.m. in the Career Center Conference Room.



The Marines will be visiting on Monday, September 16th. They will have a table in the Commons during lunch times from 10:45 a.m. – 1:19 p.m., 4th, 5th & 6th hours.



UW Stevens Point will be visiting on Tuesday, September 24th at 1:24 p.m. (Start of 7th hour). They will be meeting in the Career Center Conference Room.



UW Eau Claire will be visiting on Thursday, September 26th at 1:24 p.m. (7th hour) They will be meeting in the Career Center Conference Room.



UW Oshkosh - College of Nursing will be visiting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 10:45 a.m. They will have a table in the Commons during lunch time starting at 10:45 a.m.

From Student Services...

Leadership Opportunity Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

RYLA is a three day leadership opportunity that focuses on personal and professional development.

This leadership opportunity is sponsored through the Green Bay Rotary Club. If you are interested please pick up an application from the SWHS Career Center.

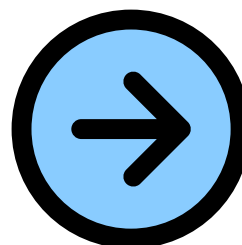
Senior Scholarships

Last year the Class of 2024 raised \$840,172. We are hoping to help the Class of 2025 raise \$1 million in scholarships!

More scholarships will be posted as we are notified of community or school specific opportunities. Please use the QR code below to access the Green Bay Schools Scholarship Guide & Resources



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Information



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Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide

Annual Updates for Current Students



Tool	Description
Log In	Log into Campus Portal using your user name and password. If you do not have a username and password, please contact the Help Desk at 920-448-2148 or servicedesk@gbaps.org to set up a Campus Parent Portal account. To gain access to the Parent Portal, you must provide the District with your student's birth certificate information for each enrolled student.
Annual Update	Annual Updates must be completed by the guardian of the student's primary household each school year to ensure that schools have accurate contact information for students and families. Follow the steps below. 1. Select "More" on the left hand side of the screen 2. Select "Update Contact Information" 3. Select "Current Student Registration" 4. Read all instructions and select "Start" 5. Carefully review and update any information throughout the module Complete this process immediately, even if no changes are needed, as updates were due before the registration event.

Input Requested! Parent/ Guardian Questionnaire

Southwest High School needs your help! Please share with us on how we are doing. This information will assist us in continuing to develop our school priorities related to Student Learning, Family Engagement, and School Climate and Culture. This is a confidential questionnaire. Thank you for your help!



Referendum Info Session
Meet with Mr. Whisler
Sept. 25 @ 6:00 pm
SW Auditorium

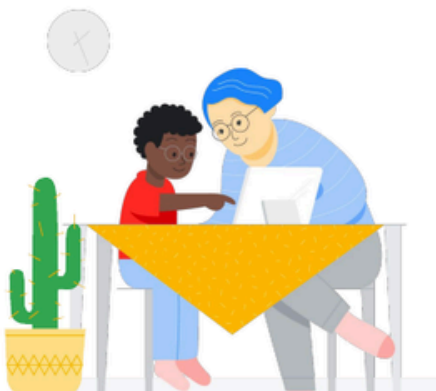
Review the Referendum
Fact Sheet
English
Spanish



Guardian's Guide to Chromebooks

What you've always wanted to know about Chromebooks in your student's classroom.

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What are Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are computers that are built to be secure and easy to use. They run on ChromeOS, a cloud-based operating system, which means that almost everything – files, apps, even your desktop – is stored online and is the same wherever you sign in. And that means never misplacing your files or losing work in progress – it's all right on the cloud. No Wi-Fi? Chromebooks can also store files locally and [work offline](#).

Currently this document is available in [Spanish](#), [English](#), and [Hmong](#). Please click the appropriate language to view the guide.



Parent & Guardian Resource for Canvas

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a guaranteed, viable and equitable educational experience for our students, we are excited to announce the adoption of Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) in Green Bay Area Public Schools.

Canvas LMS is a powerful and user-friendly platform designed to enhance the learning process and facilitate communication between teachers, students, and parents. Its features and capabilities will empower our educators to create engaging, interactive, and personalized learning experiences.

For the 2024-25 school year, most middle and high school courses will be using Canvas. Here are some key benefits of using Canvas:

- **Streamlined Communication**: Canvas provides a centralized communication hub, making it easier for teachers and parents to connect and stay updated on important information related to academic progress, assignments, and events.
- **24/7 Access to Course Materials**: Through Canvas, students and parents will have 24/7 access to course materials. This allows for better organization and planning.
- **Assignment Tracking and Grading**: Canvas enables parents to monitor their child's progress in real-time, view assignments, and track grades. This transparency fosters a collaborative approach to education.
- **Mobile App Compatibility**: Canvas has a mobile app that provides on-the-go access to the platform, ensuring that parents and students can stay connected and engaged even outside the classroom.
- **Submission and Feedback**: Students can easily submit their assignments through Canvas, and teachers can provide timely feedback and grades, promoting continuous improvement.
- **Personalized Learning Paths**: Canvas supports differentiated instruction, allowing teachers to tailor learning paths for individual student needs and strengths.

It is highly recommended that all Southwest parents/guardians take advantage of the Canvas parent portal. In order to set up your Canvas Observer Account, please review the attached resources: [English](#) [Spanish](#) [Hmong](#) [Somali](#)

OFFICIAL DIGITAL TICKETING PROVIDER
GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL



Buying tickets for Southwest varsity home games and events just got easier! **Visit our website** to learn more about digital ticketing through our provider - HomeTown Ticketing - and instructions will also be displayed at all events.



Bellin Health Tittletown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics is offering a service for high school and middle school athlete's with new injuries to see an orthopedic provider on Saturdays during the fall season Aug. 31st through Oct. 26th between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM, first come first served. Injury at tonight's sporting event? See a provider Saturday morning and get on the road to recovery, today. Bellin Health Tittletown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics located at 1970 S Ridge Rd, your comeback starts here!



Notes From
the School
Nurses

A guide to when my student should stay home from school.

[ENGLISH](#)

[SPANISH](#)

Note the updated immunization requirements attached below. High School has the requirement of the Meningococcal vaccine.

ENGLISH

Homecoming
Chaperones
Needed

[Click here to view and sign up via sign up genius](#)

***VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED***



The 2024 Homecoming Dance will be held on September 21st from 7:30pm-11pm at Southwest High School in the commons.

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone, coat check, and sell concessions at the dance.

We have each category split into 2 shifts 7-:15-9:15 and 9:15-11:00 p.m..

Please consider sharing your time so our students have a safe and fun filled evening.



Teens who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch can apply [here](#) to have their classroom and behind-the-wheel driver training paid for by the state. Students receiving grants may enroll in any driver education program offered by an authorized provider, such as a public school, CESA program, Tribal or private school, or **DMV-licensed driver training school**.



← Apply for Youth Apprenticeship by scanning this QR Code.



Youth Apprentice Coach Lisa Schroeder

South West HIGH OFFICE HOURS*

Mon- Friday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

Or by appointment

EMAIL ME IF I AM OUT OF THE OFF lschroeder@cesa7.org

*Hours subject to change due to appointments and meetings at other offices

SOUTHWEST TROJAN APPAREL

SHOP CLOS: SEP 19

Team Shop

Accessories

Equipment

Show your support for Southwest, your Southwest students and community with some new gear! Southwest apparel sale is now open. Orders must be placed by Sept 19 and all items can be picked up from the main office approximately 4-5 weeks after the sale closes.

[Click here to see the Southwest Apparel Store.](#)



Looking for Affordable Internet?

Use the Wisconsin Internet Discount Finder!

In seconds you can:

- Find internet providers where you live
- Find free or discounted internet service
- Get help applying for federal discounts

You already qualify for free or discounted internet service if you receive:

- Free or reduced lunch for your child
- SNAP / Foodshare
- SSI
- WIC
- Federal public housing assistance
- Badgercare / Medicaid
- Other federal benefits

Go to the Internet Discount Finder website at bit.ly/find-discount

Need help? Call the Wisconsin Internet Helpline: (608) 267-3595

The Internet Discount Finder is provided free of charge by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Access the Internet Discount Finder on your phone right now!

Just point your camera at the QR code below and press "qrco.de"



Or click the following link:
[Internet Discount Finder](#)



Yearbook Signing & Pickup Event for CURRENT AND 2023-2024 Southwest students will take place before our Homecoming game on September 20th.

